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Sanders grows as a person and a player after his son's birth; **PAGE 6**

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Brandon Heiss BG News

MARCH: Senior Liv Witte led a march against domestic violence to the county courthouse yesterday evening as a part of "Take Back the Night," sponsored by Vision, Cocoon Shelter, and other groups.

Marchers 'Take Back the Night'

Students and community protest to create abuse awareness

By Ashley Lumm
REPORTER

Holding their signs up high and chanting down Court Street, students wanted people to know they were taking back the night.

"Take Back the Night" is an event where both students and members of the community march for the stop of domestic violence and the victims involved. This year it included a pre-rally at the Union and a student march to the court-

house. It was followed by a survivor speak out where victims and victims' families shared stories and ended with a final march around the city.

According to Ivy Ickes, a safety advocate for Behavioral Connections and coordinator of this event, "Take Back the Night" was started in England by prostitutes who wanted to speak-out against the fear they had for the night. The first march in the United States started in 1978, where "night"

"This event focuses on sexual assault and domestic violence, while empowering the victims and survivors. It gives them a chance to speak-out in a way they never have before."

IVY ICKES, EVENT COORDINATOR

became a symbol for the end of domestic violence and rape. "This event focuses on sexual assault and domestic violence, while empowering the victims

and survivors. It gives them a chance to speak-out in a way they have never had before," she said.

One of the most power-

ful speakers was a woman named Patricia Rizzi. She told the story of how her daughter, Michelle Rizzi an alumna of the University, was brutally strangled by her husband Denis Salerno and left in a garbage dump. Patricia warned students "that if it could happen to Michelle, it could happen to anyone of you."

Denis Salerno was convicted to life in prison without parole, but now is appealing that sentence due to a lack of sufficient

evidence.

The pre-rally began at the Union Oval at around 6 p.m. Colorful T-shirts displayed powerful messages painted by survivors and their loved ones. The shirts were provided by the Wood County Clothesline Project. The group displays the shirts to bear witness for the people affected by violence and educate society of the importance of this increasing problem.

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Professor remembered

Memorial service at Union commemorates

By Laura Hoesman
SENIOR REPORTER

When he swept into his African studies class the afternoon of Tuesday Sept. 20, Professor Djisovi Eason brought with him the same essence he displayed in every other class - one of human acceptance and passion for his job.

The professor taught his class that day in his typical enthusiastic manner, students said. No one could have anticipated the events that unfolded later that afternoon.

Walking across campus after his class ended, the 56-year-old professor suffered a stroke and was rushed to St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, where he died early the next morning.

Students, faculty and community members were stunned. "When I heard the news, I was just in shock," said sophomore Marianne Hessel, who attended Eason's last class.

Hessel learned of Eason's stroke when her advisor, Professor Lillian Ashcraft-Eason was not in her office Sept. 21. Ashcraft, Eason's wife, was at the hospital with her husband, a secretary told Hessel. Later, Hessel was told that Eason had passed away.



DIISOVI EASON, PROFESSOR

MENTOR, PAGE 2

NAACP plans dress-code reaction

Students charge bars with discrimination based on contradictory enforcement

By Andrea Slivka
REPORTER

Action needs to be taken about the dress codes at downtown clubs, student leaders and faculty decided last night.

Leaders from the NAACP Black Student Union, Latino Student Union and Undergraduate Student Government came together in the Union to voice their opinions about the downtown dress codes, and to decide what their next step may be.

At the meeting, leaders discussed what actions could be taken to let the club owners know they are unhappy with the current dress codes.

Student leaders plan to inform the members of their groups about the issue and to ask for feedback from them. They also want to speak with the club owners about the issue.

Other options that were discussed include boycotts of the establishments with dress codes and possible legal action.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, The BG News ran a story about the controversy over the dress codes at Skybar Night Club and Uptown-Downtown, where students alleged the dress codes were discriminatory, while club owners said they were legal and just.

Attendants at last night's meeting were angry about both the enforcement of the dress codes, and their overall existence.

Jakell Wilson, president of NAACP, doesn't think that the dress codes are fair or necessary.

"It doesn't mean that everyone in a white T gets in a fight. Let's be

real," Wilson said.

Wilson also questions the choice of dress code rules that prohibit clothing deemed as "urbanwear," because of the music played at the clubs.

"You can't wear white T's but they play the song 'In My White T,'" she said.

Bettina Shuford, advisor for NAACP, called this aspect of the dress codes a double-standard, criticizing the promotion of this clothing on the club television screens — but stopping it at the door.

"If you're saying that gangs are a bad thing, don't promote it with the videos you're showing," she said.

Angelita Cruz-Bridges, lawyer for Student Legal Services, spoke to the assembly about the legal aspects of the issue and students' rights in this situation.

There are two parts to the legality of the issue, Cruz-Bridges said.

Businesses have the legal right to have dress codes, but dress codes must be applied indiscriminately.

Others at the meeting were in agreement that even if the dress codes are legal, they aren't really ethical.

Richard Anderson, assistant professor of psychology at the University, said the dress codes seem to be targeting a particular culture if not race.

It's embarrassing to live in Bowling Green and see the dress codes posted while walking downtown, Anderson said.

Doug Dorn, owner of Skybar,



Eric Steele BG News

LISTEN UP: Niki Messmore listens to Jackell Wilson head of the NAACP speak about club dress codes last night in the Union.

disagreed in an over-the-phone interview that his club's dress code is racist.

"I just think there's just a very distorted perception of what's going on," Dorn said.

He said the dress code is in place for safety reasons and to create an image based on the clientele wanted.

Like a restaurant, "if we are trying to uphold a certain image for our club and if they can't conform to that, then they can't come in," he said.

Dorn was adamant that the dress codes are legal and not

racist because they are applied to all patrons.

"If someone violates the dress code, and they come back not in violation of the dress code, they're going to get in," Dorn said.

In response to students' questions about a double-standard of what is played and what is banned, Dorn said, "we play all different kinds of videos. We play what's popular."

And not just urban apparel is banned. Cowboy hats are also against the dress code.

NAACP, PAGE 2

ISV opens chance to help critters

Volunteer company provides unique opportunities

By Candice Jones
REPORTER

Last summer, Senior Laura Berwell spent four weeks in Costa Rica helping endangered sea turtle hatchlings make their way home as part of an effort organized by International Student Volunteers Inc.

Berwell and other students from all around the country patrolled the beaches of this Central American country in the dark of night, tagging, measuring and observing the behaviors of critically endangered creatures in their first stage of life.

This week, University students who'd like to volunteer their time in a variety of foreign countries can learn more about International Student Volunteers Inc.

ISV representatives travel the country to talk to college students about ISV programs and recruit volunteers. Two recruiters — Nathan Mashman and Tony Church — have been on campus since Friday, trying to reach as many students as they can.

International Student Volunteers Inc. is an international non-profit organization that provides community service trips for students.

For the past 23 years ISV

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



PM Showers
High: 68°
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FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 59°
Low: 36°

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Partly Cloudy
High: 60°
Low: 35°

SUNDAY



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Clubs still attended

NAACP, FROM PAGE 1

Dorn also said he would take action if he learned that the club's dress code was not enforced properly.

But would the dress code ever change if students continued to support the clubs?

Hector Hernandez, president of Latino Student Union, thinks money could be a factor in the dress codes.

"If we were a community that was influential in their pockets, this dress code wouldn't be in place," Hernandez said.

But other attendees wondered if enough students would get behind a boycott to make it effective.

Derrick Jones, a BGSU residence hall director, said students seem to be more interested in going to clubs and being social than about how the dress codes affect them.

Aaron Shumaker, president of USG, also wonders how far

students will be willing to go to take action.

"Is our student body willing to not frequent their establishments or not dance there?" Shumaker said.

If students want to take legal action, Student Legal Services will help students who believe they have been discriminated against, Cruz-Bridges said.

Students can file a complaint with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, which investigates matters of alleged discrimination, she said. But the Commission needs specific names, dates, and details of what happened to be able to investigate the allegation.

Brian Dixon, political action chair of the Latino Student Union, was excited about the outcome of the meeting, and expects action to be taken — and changes to be made.

"I do get the feeling that this time the ball will not be dropped," Dixon said.

Student volunteers experience cultures

VOLUNTEER, FROM PAGE 1

has been taking students to Costa Rica, Australia, Dominican Republic and New Zealand. The trips are held during the summer and last for four weeks.

The first two weeks of an ISV trip is called The Volunteer Work Program. During this time students are able to work on the service project that interests them most.

Projects can range from sea turtle conservation in Australia to teaching Dominican Republic children English.

Adriana Skowron, a BGSU alumna, volunteered in the Dominican Republic last summer. She worked to build houses for families in need, and also with the children of the village.

Each student is required to do 80 hours of service during the trip. Last summer alone, participants did over 200,000 hours of work.

Once their service hours are completed, students spend the second two weeks of the trip on the "Outdoor Adventure Tour."

During this portion of the trip, students are able to participate in a variety of activities. In the past, students have been able to scuba dive, hike and skydive.

"The second week of the trip is jam-packed with crazy adventure," Mashman said.

Alexis Majorczyk, junior, traveled all over Costa Rica last summer and saw beaches, rainforests, hot springs and volcanoes. She was able to go horseback riding, whitewater rafting and snorkeling.

But for Majorczyk, being in Central America was a dream unto itself.

"It was amazing to be completely submerged in another culture," Majorczyk said.

Thousands of students from over 200 universities worldwide participate in the program each year.



Photo Provided
CRITTER CONTROL: Kangaroos are one of the animals student volunteers are able to interact with the International Student Volunteers, Inc.

Anyone is eligible to participate in the program, said Church, adding that they are looking for people who are eager to participate.

"We want people who want to learn as much as they can and who want to give as much as they can," he said.

The recruiters will hold informational meetings for any interested students on Thursday in Union 208, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing all day, every hour on the half hour. For more information go to www.isvonline.com.

Diverse groups cooperate to empower and educate women

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Messages included "Wood County wake-up, domestic violence affects us" and "Not gonna cry no more."

Senior Luce Tomlin-Brenner spoke for Mary Krueger, Director of the Women's Center, who was not able to attend the event. Along with the history of domestic violence and some various facts, some shocking statistics were found.

According to Krueger, one out of three high school girls and one out of five college women will experience some type of violence. This means that out of the 12,000 women on campus, over 2,000 students will be directly affected by domestic violence or rape.

Speakers went on to talk about warning signs of domestic violence and advised students who are dealing with violence themselves or know someone who is to get help.

Warning signs may include a need to control the victim, a history of violence and the need to become serious too fast. People who think they may be in an abusive relation-

ship should seek guidance immediately. However, people who think someone they know may be in trouble need to be careful of how they approach the victim. Helpful comments such as, "I'm sorry, I believe you," and "It's not your fault," can be vital when confronting a possible victim.

Vision, a student group that represents various views on sexual orientation, also presented. The group educated the audience on important myths and facts of domestic violence, and ended with the FBI statistic that a woman is beaten every 15 seconds.

Chanting phrases such as "Women united can never be divided" and holding their signs, students marched to the courthouse to meet with the rest of the community.

Seniors Rachel Dubord and Tasheena Barrientos strongly support "Take Back the Night."

"We feel it is important because a lot of people are not properly informed of domestic violence. We get to stand up for the victims," Dubord said.

"We are here as a university, a city, women and men, to speak out against domestic violence."

IVY ICKES, EVENT

and hospitals to help victims after being assaulted. Carol Gaudier, junior, volunteered to be an advocate for the night.

Ickes puts it simply, "We are here as a university, a city, women and men, to speak out against domestic violence."

For further information about domestic violence, contact The 24 hr Link Hotline at 419-352-1545 or 1-800-472-9411.

Beloved mentor inspired many

MENTOR, FROM PAGE 1

"I just remember being speechless," Hessel said, recalling Eason's love for his students and his work.

"He loved us all," she said. "We were like his own children. He had a great passion for what he taught, and I always enjoyed being in his class."

Hundreds of people attended Eason's memorial service Thursday in the Union Multi-Purpose room. The service included two of Eason's favorite things — music and people.

Traditional African drum music began the ceremony, followed later by a performance by the Central High School Gospel Choir. Numerous people also read tributes to the late professor. Ashcraft said the number of people at the memorial was very gratifying.

"You really can't know how somebody impacted lives, too often, until after the person dies, as in this case," Ashcraft said. "It was really quite interesting to me that so many people have said how he impacted their lives."

Eason came to the University in 1990 to study for his doctorate in American Culture Studies.

After gaining his doctorate in 1997, Eason began a project that would allow him to blend his love of African culture, music and people.

Called Educational Transformation through

Cultural Arts, the new program Eason directed was supported by Partnerships for

Community Action and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education.

As director of ETCA, Eason held weekly drum circles and planned the annual Odan Omo Enyan Children's Festival. Leading up to the festival each year, Eason would visit area elementary schools, teaching students African dances and music. The culmination of the students' learning each year was a gathering where the students performed dance steps and rhythms they had learned.

Eason was also a co-director of the Benin Cultural and Historical Tour, a study abroad program which was very popular among African studies students, according to Seneca Vaughn, a graduate student.

Vaughn, who said he was very close to Eason, made a documentary in 2004 of Eason's life. The documentary focused on Eason's time as a student civil rights promoter in Atlanta, following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Throughout his life, according to Ashcraft, Eason believed in the ideals of Marcus Garvey and King. In celebration of Garvey's birthday in 1985, Eason and Ashcraft married.

Eason was also very religious, adhering to both Christianity and traditional African beliefs, Vaughn said.

Those who knew Eason remember him as a welcoming and unique individual who was always very interested in people.

Ashcraft said her husband never let a deadline interfere with a warm personal greeting.

"He had a sensitivity toward people," she said. "He cared how they were feeling, and he dared to stop and linger to ask them, 'How are you?' and 'What's happening in your life?'"

Eason was also very intellectually curious and often was seen wearing traditional African garments as everyday clothing.

"He didn't conform to the norm," said Apollos Nwauwa, history professor. "He never wanted to be put in a box. He wanted to be free to explore."

Nwauwa, who was present at Eason's death, said Eason died the same way he lived — peacefully. "He died without a struggle, without a fight, and that signifies the peaceful nature of the man," Nwauwa said.

Kathy Farber, who worked closely with Eason as the director of PCA, said although Eason is no longer living, his essence is still very much alive.

"His spirit is so strong and he was such a kind person, that he is still here as far as I am concerned," Farber said. "He would be incredibly glad that all his peace and love and kindness are still here."

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CAMPUS

Singer visits campus

Opera star Marilyn Horne will spend several days training vocal students

By Coleen Casey
REPORTER

A select group of vocal students will have the opportunity to learn from internationally known opera singer, Marilyn Horne this week.

In her 50-year career Horne has performed in the world's greatest opera houses.

Horne has performed in New York City, San Francisco and Germany. She has built a career in opera, concert and recital.

In 1954, she was the voice of Carmen Jones in an Oscar Hammerstein recreation of George Bizet's famous opera, "Carmen."

Now focusing on her teaching career, Horne will spend several days training vocal students at the College of Musical Arts.

In addition, she will direct two classes that are open to the public.

Christopher Scholl, associate

professor of music performance studies, said that Horne's visit is causing much excitement among the students and staff of the music department.

"She is one of the few singers who is giving back by teaching young singers," Scholl said.

The music department's voice faculty chose the most advanced students to participate in the lessons.

Ellen Gartner is a music education major and is both nervous and excited to participate in the lesson. She said that she was surprised when she found out she had been chosen to be one of Horne's students.

"It's kind of scary, but it's a fantastic opportunity. The pointers she can give me on this will be amazing," Gartner said.

In 1994, she created the Marilyn Horne Foundation, an organization that is designed to help support young singers.

Horne is currently the Vocal Program Director at the Music Academy in Santa Barbara.

Since then, she has devoted

her time to teaching and helping vocal students succeed in their careers.

"Applied teaching is a tradition that passes on the knowledge from musicians to musicians for hundreds of years," Scholl said.

Horne began her career at a young age, and through the encouragement of her late father, she studied at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles with several distinguished vocal instructors.

In the late 1950s, she traveled to Europe to further her career, and has regularly appeared in many popular opera houses throughout the world.

Horne's last visit to Bowling Green was in 1996 when she performed a sold-out recital at the Festival Series on campus.

The first class will take place Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 7-9 p.m., and the second will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 2-4 p.m. Both will be held in Kobacker Hall at the Moore Musical Arts Center and admission is free to the public.



MARILYN HORNE

"GROUNDS TO GO"



Brandon Heiss BG News

TO GO: Kelly Wicks, owner of Grounds For Thought, makes up a specialty coffee at his newest location in Chilly's convenience store. "Grounds to go" is the newest location of Wicks's growing business.

get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
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9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Hurricane Relief Collection
Catholic Newman Club and the St. Thomas More University Parish Community is sponsoring a collection for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. St. Tom's will function as a drop-off site for the International Service of Hope Program (ISOH). Boxes will be placed in the res-halls for items or donations may be brought directly to St. Tom's (Across from Mac). Needed Items: Tarps/Ropes, Canned Fruit/Veggies, Canned Meats, Cleaning Supplies, Purchased Water Bottles, Flashlights/Batteries, Manual Can Openers, Bug Repellent, Toilet Paper, Hand Wipes, Baby Formula/Food and Diapers.
St. Thomas More University Parish, 425 Thurstin Ave.

7 p.m.

Silent Witness Domestic Violence Memorial
This project commemorates over 30 women in Northwest Ohio who have been murdered as a result of domestic violence. Life-sized silhouettes representing the lives of these women will be unveiled and their stories read as a way to mark the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. All are welcome to attend this solemn, yet powerful, wake-up call to Northwest Ohio. Sponsored by the BGSU Women's

Center and the Cocoon Shelter.
For more information contact: The Women's Center, 372-7227
St. Thomas More University Parish, 425 Thurstin Ave.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peter Gourfain Exhibition
Gourfain's stylized black and white woodcut and linoleum prints portray the human condition and make vivid comments on social justice in America. His works have been exhibited in solo shows at the Brooklyn and Elvehem Museums, and in exhibitions at the Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Art and the Jewish Museum in New York, among others. This exhibition is free and open to the public, and is made possible with support from the Ohio Arts Council.
For more information contact: Jacqueline S. Nathan, Gallery Director, jnathan@bgsu.edu
Willard Wankelman Gallery

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

6 O'clock Talk: The Day in the Life of a University President
Union 206

7 p.m.

Rolling Stone Guest Lecturer.
2005 Currier Lecturer: Evan Wright.
Evan Wright, a contributing editor to Rolling Stone magazine and author of "Generation Kill: Devil

Dogs, Iceman, Captain America and the New Face of American War," will speak. There will be a reception and book-signing to follow. Wright based "Generation Kill" on the series of magazine articles called "Killer Elites," which he wrote for Rolling Stone while an embedded journalist with a Marine platoon in combat on the front lines during the first days of the Iraqi war. Wright won the prestigious National Magazine Award for Excellence in Reporting for that series. "Generation Kill" is now being developed by HBO as a miniseries. In March 2005, the book received the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize for Exceptional Works of Nonfiction.
For more information contact: Dr. Victoria Ekstrand, 372-9544
Union 202A

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

American mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne will present a master class with voice students from BGSU's College of Musical Arts. Horne is the first recipient of the Helen McMaster Endowed Professorship in Vocal and Choral Studies at BGSU. No photos, video and/or recording is allowed during the actual classes. Free and open to the public.
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OPINION

STAFF EDITORIAL

Student groups progress on 'dress'

Now a week removed from The BG News in-depth article on alleged discriminatory dress codes in Bowling Green clubs, minority groups on campus are uniting for change.

We think it's impressive how NAACP, Black Student Union, Latino Student Union and Undergraduate Student Government came together last night to brainstorm on how they'll move forward to deal with this issue.

What's even more impressive is

YOU DECIDE

Do you support the actions of students groups like NAACP and LSU? Send an E-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

how University faculty members and a representative of Student Legal Services came to add their two cents on the legal arguments of both students, and club owners.

But if they really believe in this issue, now is the time to keep that momentum going.

Leaders of NAACP, BSU, LSU and USG cannot allow the dress codes issue to fall by the wayside, especially with fall break around the corner.

If public demonstrations against these clubs are the next step, they must be well organized from the very start.

The effort must be easily visible to the public, organized and carried out on busy weekend

nights, and protestors must display longterm dedication.

With the attention that this issue has received on campus so far, the first public demonstration will make or break the strength of these groups' cause — so there must be a good turnout.

And on the flip side, managers and owners of Skybar Night Club and Uptown-Downtown could make more of an effort to explain their side of the story to student groups who are up in arms over the dress code.

Though our conclusion differs, maybe there's a reasoning for the dress code that these students have failed to grasp, and all that's needed is a better explanation from the owners.

We think that regardless of the clubs' arguments for better safety because of the dress codes, they are in some way trying to shape the type of crowd that comes through their doors.

The logic behind banning white T-shirts and sideways ball-caps because of gang concerns —

while ignoring the proven trends of color-wear by gangs — just isn't there anymore. The clubs' logic is beginning to look more and more flawed.

But because these businesses continue to succeed with dress codes in place, management may not be able to see through the fog of this logic.

Until University students unite to publicly boycott dance clubs with these dress codes, a fog of ignorance will continue to loom over Main Street.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safety concern exists on other city roads also

After driving down Thurstin Avenue and talking with student leaders and faculty and staff members, I am very concerned about pedestrian safety with the "island" removed.

I attended the City Council meeting on Monday night and this issue was discussed. I would encourage Bowling Green to work with student leaders and talk with faculty and staff members who utilize the crossing to come up with a solution to increase safety for those seeking to cross the street.

While the crossing on Thurstin Avenue has become an issue, the crossing on Mercer Street

remains an issue. I would encourage City Council to examine ways to improve pedestrian safety for those crossing Mercer Street to go to the Intramural Fields, Alumni Center, or the parking lot for many on-campus residents.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite part of fall?



LAUREL GANS
FRESHMAN, FILM

"Season premieres. I'm especially obsessed with *Alias*."



CASEY MATHEWS
SOPHOMORE, AVIATION

"Raising pumpkins, except the year when I was 12 years old and someone stole 1,200 from me in one night."



STACY COOPER
SOPHOMORE, ECONOMY

"I like the smell of burning from fireplaces when I walk down the street."



JUSTIN JONES
SOPHOMORE, BIOLOGY

"The cool weather is good for jogging at night."

'Pro-war' label is a propaganda stunt

Are you anti-war? Or are you "pro-war"?

Do a survey of even those who enlist in the military, prepared to go to war to protect and defend their country, and I am almost certain they will tell you that they are not "pro-war." The whole concept of being pro-war versus anti-war is patently ridiculous.

This labeling is a propaganda stunt to frame those of us who support defending our country as warmongers. Well, so be it. Positive change has never occurred from waving a white flag or holding a die-in.

Quite obviously, one can be anti-war, but I have an argument with the entire "pro-war" idea. I am in favor of our country protecting itself by making sure those who have plans to destroy us are taken care of "over there" before they can make it over here. But like most rational human beings, I hate war.

Every time a soldier dies or is injured, I feel a profound sense of loss. But I understand that the loss of troops, no matter how devastating, is part of military conflict — and questioning our part in a conflict is more dangerous than staying the course.

Americans do not make a habit of walking around day and night, waving our flags and advocating war. We support the president, we support his policies, we support other people who have more knowledge than we do, and we support the strength of our country. Somewhere along the way, support for the war, which was our response to the deaths of nearly 3,000 people, turned us into violent warmongers.

This is in stark contrast to places like Iraq or Afghanistan, where every time an insurgent succeeds in taking American lives, locals can be seen parading around in the street celebrating. They are never called "pro-war." Instead, they are called "innocents" and the victims of the "pro-war" movement. So where is the origin of this "pro-war" accusation?

It is not just the groups of anti-war protesters who frame their counterparts as "pro-war." Even the media are in on the act.

On CBS's Web site, they frame a Support our Troops rally that occurred in Washington, DC on September 25 with the headline, "Pro-War Rally Draws Small Crowd."

In contrast, Cindy Sheehan and her anti-war, supposedly "pro-peace" rally were glorified.



DANIELLE WINTERS

Opinion Columnist

Only a liberal or anti-war activist would have trouble identifying this as bias on the part of the news media.

There are stories of Middle Eastern students who have packed up their lives to come to the United States — with a love and profound respect for this country. Instead of receiving the education of their dreams, some have been barraged with anti-American hate speech, some have been made to feel guilty about their liberation from Saddam Hussein, and some have returned home. What is happening to our country?

The so-called "pro-war" group offers public support of our troops. When the anti-war folks repeatedly degrade the purpose of a war that brilliant, capable, and driven men and women are fighting with their own ambition and desire, it doesn't exactly send the message of, "I support you," even if you feel the supportive message is to bring them home so not another one dies.

How about those that say "I support peace in Iraq" and advocate the removal of our troops because they are apparently inflicting incredible violence, or dying unnecessarily?

The fact that they profess to be anti-war, but anti-war is irrelevant. It's one in the same.

The insurgents have been fighting us more actively in Iraq because they see the anti-American sentiment of the mainstream media and the liberals — and that emboldens them. The same thing happened in Vietnam. Homeland dissent gives aid and fuel to the enemy.

Maybe I am wrong to support the war in Iraq.

Obviously, before our boots hit the ground in Iraq, there had never been any violence there — or that is what you would think from listening to the anti-war movement and our always reliable news media.

Saddam Hussein has been portrayed as a strong leader and good for the Iraqi people. You would think he never employed the use of "rape rooms," mass genocide, brutal beating

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Intelligent design is a viable science

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Creationism vs. evolution is no longer the only game in town. A new contender has arrived: intelligent design.

Since its inception, naysayers have rushed to condemn the theory as warmed-over "creationism in a cheap tuxedo," as Leonard Kravitz, a professor at the University of Kansas famously dubbed it. T

he denunciations of intelligent design are again being pounded out by the hour on computers across the country as a lawsuit against the Dover, Pa. school board has brought the issue back into the light.

Schools within the Dover district teach intelligent design alongside evolution. But eight parents in the school district are suing the school board, alleging that teaching intelligent design is a violation of the First Amendment's clause establishing separation of church and state.

The case boils down to: "Is intelligent design a scientific theory or a religious belief?"

The traditional Darwinian bulldogs have been quick to dismiss the theory as non-science. Testifying at the Pennsylvania trial, Robert Pennock — a professor of science at Michigan State University — dismissed intelligent design as a form of creationism that fails to follow the scientific method.

"As scientists go about their business, they follow a method," Pennock said. "Intelligent design

wants to reject that and so it doesn't really fall within the purview of science."

Pennock gives the standard response of those who attack intelligent design. They claim it isn't science and so has no place in biology, much less as a competing theory to evolution within the public school system.

Despite the astounding popularity of this criticism of intelligent design, it stems more from ignorance than a cold factual assessment. Intelligent design promoters have offered two criteria to determine whether an organism is a product of design.

First, Michael Behe posited the notion of "irreducible complexity." In his 1996 book *Darwin's Black Box*, Behe argued that certain organic mechanisms (like the bacterial flagellum) could not be produced through progressive random mutation and natural selection.

A flagellum requires all 40 of its parts to work; it would have had to evolve all of the parts at once in a giant leap, not through slow Darwinian steps.

Any organisms or mechanisms that exhibit irreducible complexity could not be produced through evolution and become candidates for intelligent design.

While intelligent design's first criterion is negative — showing the inadequacy of evolution — its second criterion explains how the theory can positively detect intelligent activity.

In his 1998 book *The Design Inference* (Cambridge University Press), William Dembski introduced the concept of "specified complexity."

"An event or object that conforms to an independently identifiable pattern and has a

low probability of occurrence is an example of specified complexity. For example, if you see a group of leaves on the ground arranged into your name, you assume it was arranged by something intelligent.

The probability the leaves just fell that way is infinitesimal, and the pattern is independently identifiable — it's your name.

What's more, scientists already use the principle of specified complexity. Archeologists use it to determine which stones are natural and which are tools created by humans. The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI)

uses it to look for intelligent communication among the surrounding noise of radio waves. It is also used in forensic medicine and cryptography.

These criteria — specified complexity and irreducible complexity — provide intelligent design with a clear method. Scientists test the theory by the criteria and see whether the evidence supports or refutes the theory the same way they can for other scientific hypotheses.

Notice that God hasn't been mentioned anywhere in this piece. That's because God is not a necessary part of intelligent design. Michael Denton, the scientist who jump started the movement, was an agnostic when he penned *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*.

Intelligent design is not just dressed up creationism. Those who continue to straw man the position undermine their own academic credibility. People who think dogma is only found in religion should think again.

Just dare to talk about intelligent design with any of your science professors. You'll get a case study in dogma real quick.

"God is not a necessary part of intelligent design."

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yellow and round,
they'd be lemons.NOT
NEWS
You could tell yourself that
it's news, but it's just not.

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Canadian culture no big surprise

Perhaps you've never been to Canada. Or perhaps you're reading this from Canada, maybe even from a Canadian jail (handy escape tip: walk out the front door).

Regardless, your amount of Canadian experience hardly matters now, because I was in Canada a few weeks ago and I "experienced" enough to last a lifetime, or at least until next weekend.

And where could I have been except the wonderfully beautiful, awe-inspiring city of Windsor? Haha, just kidding! Windsor, despite its many fascinating "cultural establishments" like "art museums" and "libraries" and "sidewalks with drunk people all over them," is not so much a city as it is a bunch of dirty bars.

So if we rule out every north-west Ohio college student's favorite international hangout, what's left? None other than that famous natural wonder to top all other natural wonders (at least in the "Overworks your bladder" category), Niagara Falls.

I'll spare you the nitty gritty history, but suffice it to say that the Falls were invented in 1847 by Napoleon Bonaparte's son as a way for both countries to make a ton of money off unsuspecting tourists. Still today, many people naively believe the huge waterfall is real and not man-made.

You will also find these people believing the earth is not flat and that "gravity" exists. I rest my case.

JIM
LEVASSEUR

Humor Columnist

Today the city of Niagara has grown so large it has not one, but two miniature golf courses in close proximity to each other, as well as other intellectually stimulating distractions like "Ripley's Believe It or Not, We Keep Your Money Either Way," various haunted houses, and, of course, several hot dance clubs.

I emphasize the hotness for one reason only: after 30 minutes of following the DJ's instructions to "shake what my mother gave me," my clothes were so drenched with sweat I was forced to retreat to the patio area to wring myself out.

Unfortunately "patio area" in French roughly translates to "smoke seven cigarettes at a time," and when a hundred people are trying to fit into a space more or less the size of a closet, there is a LOT of smoke.

So after several seconds, I had no choice but to make my way back to the dance floor, past countless tables filled with old men sitting motionless, beers in their hands, staring at (presumably) girls dancing.

And to be clear, when I say old, I mean really old, like 30 or 35. And they weren't just watching people dance, like, "Oh, how fun, dancing!" It was more of a

creepy "stalker-guy has nothing better to do but stare at the same girl for three hours" kind of thing.

Now, imagine an entire room filled with these guys. Oh yeah, and they're Canadian, which means they're using the Metric system. This is obviously infinitely worse than anything you'll find in America, because you girls have no response to "Hey baby, wanna check out my hockey stick? It's ten centimeters long."

Ladies, do not be fooled! All regulation hockey sticks are at least twenty-two centimeters long and made of genuine mahogany. If some Canadian guy wants you to check out his "hockey stick" he is probably not referring to an actual hockey stick, but rather something else, like his canoe.

If there's anything Canadians like more than canoeing around, it's singing their national anthem, which goes something like this:

*O Canada!
Our home, our snow-filled land
With beer numbing our senses
To the cold and lonely land.
And hockey high and low
Amuses us to and fro;
Until the cold winds doth blow
And our groins shrink, not grow:
O Canada,
How we love thee so!
Doesn't that bring a tear to
your eye? I know it does for me.*

On second thought, maybe that's just the Canadian bacon.

Hit on Jim at jlevass@bgsu.edu.

Violent loss inspires shock

I witnessed a murder two nights ago.

At the wee hour of two o'clock in the morning, I had settled into bed, pleased with a productive day of work, class and reading Modernist drama. At least, as productive as reading Modernist drama can be considered.

As I was about to embrace the realm of Morpheus, I was awoken with a start. A loud bestial scream was followed by a sharp report and the tinkling of glass. Now fully awake, I ran to the window to pinpoint the source of this unhallowed sound.

Then I saw it. A young man in an orange cap and shirt stood in the parking lot, next to the dumpster. My eyes trailed to the ground to see the broken remains of a television set. It was on its last legs. Had he dropped it? What was going on? My brain was too numb to understand what was transpiring before me.

When the man pulled a two-by-four out of the dumpster, I knew what was about to happen. This TV was about to become just another statistic, just another murdered appliance.

(For the police report, I'd like to state that I'm not sure if it really was a two-by-four. It was a long piece of wood, and the perpetrator called it a two-by-four, so I'm going with that terminology for the weapon).

J. MICHAEL
BESTUL

Humor Columnist

Stunned and unable to move, I watched as the villain roared with inhuman rage as he wielded the plank of wood like a pile driver. With a sudden, terrible motion, he brought it down onto the innards of the TV.

Somewhere, I swear I heard a soft orchestral piece playing in the background. In my mind's eye, a pixelated soul sped away as the pieces of shattered glass hit the ground in slow motion.

But this single act of murder wasn't enough for the depraved human — if you can call him by that name. Over and over, he brought down the two-by-four, turning murder into mutilation.

By the time he threw down the weapon and left, I could barely stand. I finally collapsed in a heap below the window, trying to calm my dizzy mind. But the terror began anew — twice more, the perpetrator returned to the TV set to mutilate it, kick it, turn it over and scream at it.

Eventually, I couldn't take the carnage any longer and passed out. The next morning I awoke with an emptiness in my heart. I went out to the corpse of that TV, and cradled it in my arms. Why would anyone do this, I thought as I wept to myself.

Was it anger issues that caused the young man to commit such a heinous act? Was he drunk? Was it an act of stupidity or an act of sickness, destroying the appliance simply for the perverse joy of hearing glass break? Or was it some combination of most of the above?

No, such answers were too simple. There must be a more contrived reason. Then I saw a commercial that filled my heart with dread.

Apparently, Texas Instruments has come up with some kind of DLP technology that makes TVs better. Their commercial shows people gleefully throwing out and destroying television sets. It ends with a hill of TV corpses.

At that moment, I knew the deep root cause for this horrible action. TV is to blame for this TV's murder. This young man must have been inspired to imitate that terrible commercial.

It is this reason that I implore the FCC to overstep its bounds even further than it already has, and put a stop to this murderous madness. Whatever controls are necessary, no matter how restrictive or pointless, please put them in place.

Don't do it for me. Do it for the young TVs, and the TV sets yet to be designed. I beg you.

J. Michael Bestul (best@bgsu.edu) would never hurt his TV. Good TV. As long as it keeps showing Packers' losses in crystal clear color, of course...

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Jelani Jordan honored
BGSU cornerback Jelani Jordan, senior, was named MAC East defensive player of the week.

Jordan intercepted a career-high two passes in a 70-7 win over Temple. He added five tackles and one tackle for a loss.

Guillen insists he was joking with fans

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said he didn't mean to offend the Indians or their fans with his choking gesture Sunday.

Guillen was "playing around with fans" when he wrapped his hands around his neck during a pitching change in the sixth inning.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Falcons struggle at Michigan Invitational

Falcons led by Carley Hrusovsky, Kari Liggett and Jessica McCann

By Adam Miezyn
REPORTER

There are few words that can explain the BGSU Women's Golf team's feelings about this past weekend.

Disappointment may be the best one to describe their seventh place finish at the Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor.

"This past weekend was a bit of a struggle for us but definitely not a failure. We struggled because this type of course was challenging but learning from it is a success," Amanda Bader.

BGSU shot a 54-hole score of 1028, which placed them in seventh. They finished with a final round score of 341.

Michigan won their own tournament, finishing with a score of 905.

"At practice we talked about how this weekend was a learning experience for us," said Bader. "None of us played to the best of our potential but we learned a lot out there and that is important as well."

BGSU was led by Carley Hrusovsky, who paced the Falcons with a score of 248. That score was good enough to give her an individual finish of 30th for the tournament.

Other Falcons who contributed to the effort were Kari Liggett (261, T-41st), Jessica McCann (263, T-42nd) and Amanda Bader (263, T-42nd).

When asked what the team needed to work on most before the next tournament, Bader said, "I think all of us feel that we need to work on our shorts games."

"That is such an important part of the game because no matter how bad you are hitting the ball, if you can chip and putt then you can still score well," she said. "If we can play well from 120 yards and in, then

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FOOTBALL

Sanders matures into leader

Fatherhood forces receiver to grow up, become a better player and person

By Sean Corp
SPORTS EDITOR

Steve Sanders is blessed with the size, speed and athleticism to be a dominant player in college football and to succeed in the NFL. But it is another blessing that has made Sanders the star player he is today.

It isn't the fortune of having a quarterback like Omar Jacobs throwing you perfect passes game after game. In fact, it doesn't have anything to do with football. Sanders' blessing occurred off the field.

He became a father.

"When I started I was very immature," Sanders said. "I thought the world revolved around me."

Coach Gregg Brandon said Sanders has come a long way in the five years he has been on the team.

"When Steve came into the program five years ago, he was kind of a misfit. He struggled early on to just be a Division I player," Brandon remembered. "He's really grown and matured."

Nothing changes your life like the birth of a child and, as is typical of a young man finding out that he's having a baby, Sanders was nervous.

Was he ready to have a kid? Could he be a great football player and still be a great father? Was life as he knew it over?

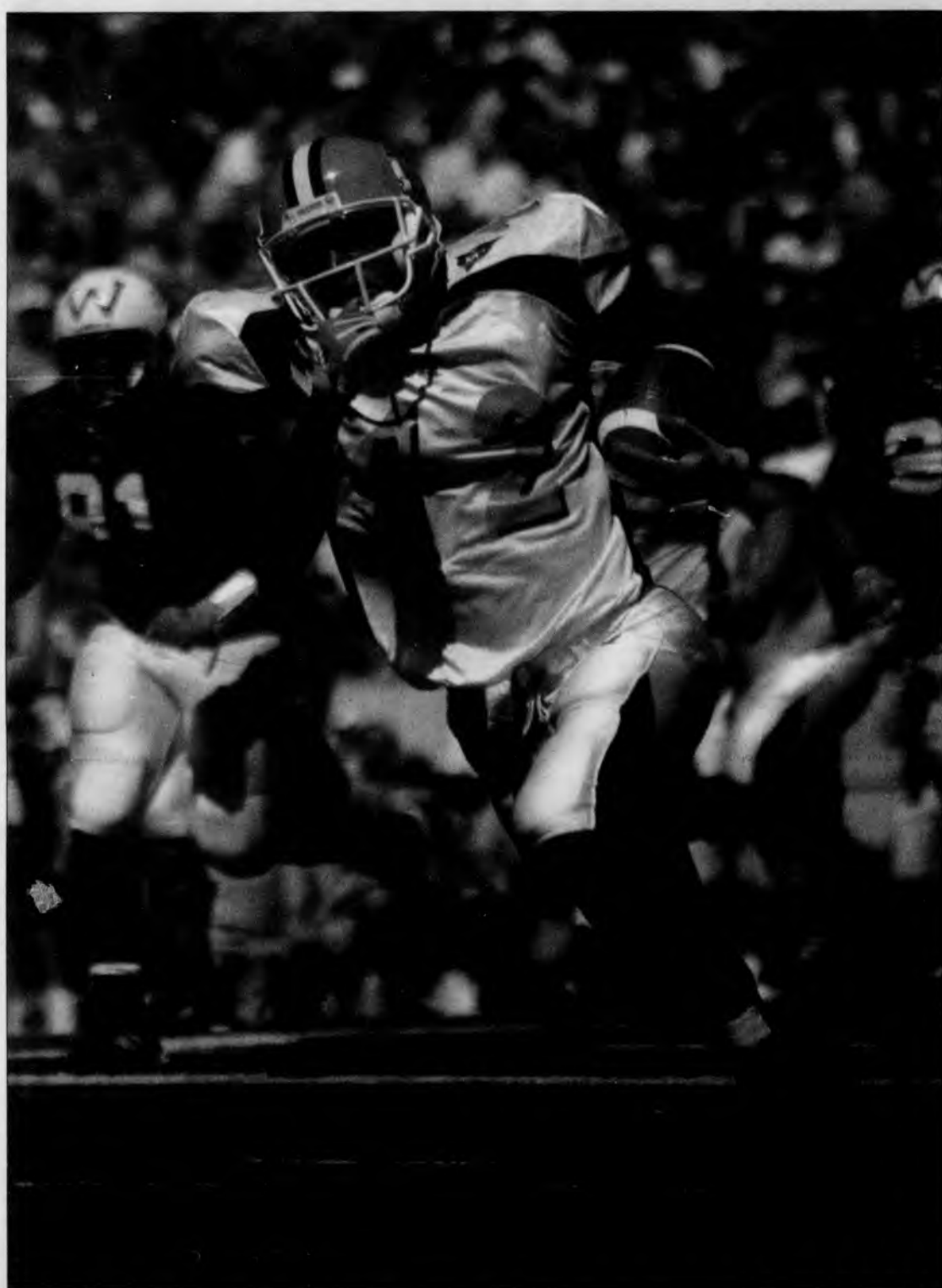
Sanders now realizes it is the best thing that has ever happened in his life, and it has made him an even better football player.

"A blessing in disguise," Sanders said.

Little Amir Sanders, 2, is a typical two-year-old according to Sanders: spoiled, cute, watches cartoons like "The Lion King" over and over again, plays with toys.



STEVE SANDERS SENIOR



Ben Swanger BG News

TAKING IT TO THE HOUSE: Steve Sanders is having the best season of his career. So far he has scored nine touchdowns and averaged more than 17 yards per catch. One of the reasons he has become a better, more mature player, is having a young son, Amir, according to Sanders.

MEN'S RUGBY

Teams dominates Wisconsin-Stevens Point in double-header

Rugger crush opponents by a total score of 98-15

By James Kuper
GUEST REPORTER

It has been said that losing is a disease. If so, then Wisconsin-Stevens Point could fill up an entire hospital wing when they play Bowling Green in rugby.

The Falcons defeated the Pointers in a doubleheader 39-15 and 59-0. The victories continued a string of futility for Stevens Point that has outlasted wars, presidential elections and natural disasters spanning 37 years.

The matches were the first of two pool play games for each team that will determine seeding position in November's Midwest regional of the National Collegiate Rugby Championship. The Falcon rookies also edged Ohio State vs. Marion in a thrilling 36-34 victory.

"I sensed a little apprehension with us coming off the loss to Ohio State and facing a nine hour drive to an opponent itching to break a long running losing streak," BG coach Roger Mazzarella said. "But it's these kinds of situations where the good teams suck it up and I'm proud of the way our guys approached the whole situation."

Adding a little to the apprehension was the fact that the game was going to be handled by Carla Cross, BG's first ever encounter with a woman referee. "I wondered how some of our guys would react to this little 100 pound wisp of a woman ordering them around," BG captain Aaron Slates said. "She was on the mark, decisive with her calls and easily the best referee we've had since the 2004 national championship matches. She can come down here and referee any time she'd like."

The first match started with a 13 minute-long sustained drive by the Falcons that netted them a mere three points on a penalty kick by flyhalf Derek Imes. Aided by penalties, the Pointers drove down the field on the kickoff to take a brief 7-3 lead on a try and conversion by their English fly half Chris Weiss.

The Pointer try obviously shook loose some of the cobwebs because center Zach Molnar gathered a loose ball, knocked loose in a clattering tackle by flanker Chris Campbell, and danced through the disorganized Pointer defense to touch down under the posts. Imes conversion put BG back on top of a 10-7 lead they would never relinquish.

A try by wing Ian Gagnon and a rare drop kick field goal by Imes brought the half to an end with BG on top 18-7.



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ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS: Hooker Eric Nutter set a new Falcon scoring record for his position against Stevens Point. Bowling Green won the double-header 39-15 and 59-0 respectively.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Ready for NIU, MAC play

By Heather Riedel
REPORTER

BGSU's men's soccer team will host Northern Illinois University on Friday for the first Mid-American Conference game of the season.

After their 3-2 loss against Loyola University-Chicago on Sunday, the Falcons took Monday off to recuperate, catch up on school work, and mentally prepare for their next game.

By yesterday, they were back on the field getting ready for their upcoming challenge, NIU.

"Monday was our day off and now we have to start to remove any distractions for Friday's game. This week we have to see what we need to work on because we are making some mistakes that we are getting punished for but they are playing very well," Coach Fred Thompson said.

Even though the Huskies are undefeated on the road, 4-0, the Falcons are confident they can put a stop to that streak.

The Falcons are undefeated at home with a 2-0 record.

"Northern Illinois is very strong defensively and they don't give up very many goals but we just have to focus this week on not letting them score on their set plays and getting ours done," said Thompson.

Though NIU has a strong older team, they face a group of BG players that work hard at every practice and are improving every game.

Bowling Green starts seven freshmen, including Justin Kim, who scored his first collegiate goal Sunday against Loyola, and Paul Shoemaker. Shoemaker has recorded 14 saves in the last two games.

The Falcons are led by senior captain, Dave Belfort. Also leading the Falcons is senior Omari Aldridge, who is currently on a five-game scoring streak.

"NIU does have an older team with a couple players who are a little bigger than ours but we just have to make

sure that our system matches up to their system," said Thompson. "We're in the rebuilding phase and we've got these guys for the future. We are working on getting them to finish games intelligently and purposefully."

As Northern Illinois travels to Bowling Green on Friday, they should beware that even though the Falcons continue to battle with a young team, their confidence level remains high due to support from family, friends and their school.

"The MAC is very tight. I don't really know if there's only one big rivalry. It's more about who's doing the best and let's go knock them out. This Friday's game is going to be a war but it's going to be fun," Thompson said.

"It will be fantastic to have the same support as we did Sunday from everybody. We just want to keep our undefeated record at home and [getting] as much support as we can will make it that much better."

Team learns from tough course

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our scores can be dramatically lower."

The team has a few weeks off to regroup before bringing the clubs out again.

The next time they hit the tees will be at the Bearcat Invitational in Cincinnati on October 24-25.

The team hopes to be hitting the ball better and clicking on all cylinders by then.

This year's team certainly believes in itself. Every tournament has had a different lowest scorer on the team, and that kind of balance is believed to be a good thing.

"We definitely have a very balanced team and our team does not have one player that can be called the 'best,'" explained Bader. "We all are at the same level with our golf games and I think that is important because it is then easier to help each other out."

"We all encourage one another to do well and that is what our team needs to be successful in the future."

Whoever leads the team, the Falcons hope it will propel them to win the Bearcat Invitational.



LINING UP THE PUTT: Jessica McCann, shown in a match against Toledo, was one of the leaders for the Falcons, shooting a 263 for 42nd place.

Once a brash young 'misfit,' Sanders now a vocal leader

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Strangely enough, he's even a fan of 70s sitcom "Good Times."

"He loves JJ," Sanders said laughing, referring to the character on the show that coined the catch phrase, "Dyn-o-mite."

Being a father changed Sanders' outlook on life instantly. "Some people don't see that I have different struggles on and off the field," Sanders said of fatherhood. "It made me want to become a better man than I was."

If that was his goal, it seems Sanders has succeeded.

The brash young man who, in Sanders words, went "from being a guy who just went out there and talked and didn't do anything, to now a guy who produces on the field."

Not that Sanders has stopped talking.

He is still quick to let his feelings be known. But instead of

talking about himself — his greatness, his ability, his superiority — he is talking to other players.

Talking about playing the game better, encouraging teammates when they do well and getting in their face when they make a mistake. Anything that helps the team.

"I think a lot of leadership goes with how you perform on the field and Steve's backing it up," Brandon said. "The thing I like about him is that he holds all the receivers accountable. He used to be one of those guys that wasn't doing the little things." Now he takes everyone not doing the little things to task.

Sanders credits his leadership and accountability with being a father.

"I think it gives me more of a leadership role on the team, because some of the guys know

I have a son and they see how I act," Sanders said.

Now he's acting like one of the most productive receivers in football.

He ranks third in the nation and first among receivers in scoring with 54 points. Ahead of him are Heisman hopeful Brian Calhoun, the bruising running back from Wisconsin Badgers and Paul Martinez, the kicker for the Oregon Ducks.

He also has nine touchdowns, ranking him second in the nation, again behind Calhoun.

Of the top 10 players in receptions in the MAC, Sanders has the longest average yards per catch at 17.5. He also ranks second in the MAC in receiving yards per game with 109.2, behind only Akron's Domenik Hixon.

He has scored two touchdowns in each of the last five games, dating back to last year's GMAC

Bowl victory over Memphis.

A big advantage Sanders has over other receivers is his size and strength. "He can go up in a crowd and catch a ball while getting his arms hit," Brandon said. "He can just go up and snatch [the ball]."

In Saturday's game he went down the middle of the field and leapt for a catch, taking a vicious hit to the ribs in the process. But he came down with the ball.

"I shrugged it off and just kept playing out there," Sanders said. "I realize I'm going to take some hits. I just go out there and play."

Sanders' big body, listed at 6-foot-3-inches and 197 pounds, is an asset he utilizes to its fullest effect.

"You can make a living going across the middle [of the field], that's what I always say,"

Sanders said. "Because you have some guys who are scared to go across the middle."

In order to take that punishment Sanders spent the summer with strength and conditioning coach Aaron Hillmann.

"I try and build my body up so that I can take hits like that," Sanders said.

He also used the summer to work on his hands, after a 2004 season where he felt there were about five balls, by his count, that he dropped. That was five too many as far as Sanders was concerned.

With the help of a jugs machine, he and other receivers would catch 50 or more balls per day. They would also contort their bodies in different positions, mimicking any situation they could find themselves in during the regular season.

"That way when we came out this season there wouldn't be any ball that we didn't already catch," he said.

And if it wasn't for the tutelage of players like Josh Harris and Cole Magner, as well as being forced to grow up because of having a child, he might not be enjoying the success he is today.

"It just made me cherish the little things more," he said. "I felt that I wasn't living for only me now."

If not for Amir's birth, Sanders may have been another college football player blessed with all the skills to succeed, but not the head or the heart to see it through.

Sanders thanks God for his "blessing in disguise" and it is not surprising. Having a child forced him to go from being a child to not only a father, but a man.

Rugby scores almost at will

RUGBY, FROM PAGE 6

Starting right where they left off, BG hooker Eric Nutter finished off a sparkling passing movement that saw the ball move the hands of flanker Brian Farrell, prop Joe Guba, flanker Chris Campbell, wing Ian Gagnon, fly half Derek Imes, Gagnon again and finally Nutter for the try. Nutter also scored on a long run off a lineout later in the half to set a new scoring record for his position at BG with five tries so far this season.

"Eric is an example of how the sport is evolving," commented Mazzarella. "The front row used to consist of these lumbering behemoths that beat you to a pulp in the scrums with their sheer size. Now, like Eric, the typical front row player is expected to be just as mobile as a flanker or center."

Scrum half Brian Knaupe scored BG's final try off a quick tap penalty that caught Stevens Point too busy arguing with Carla Cross's call to notice the resumption of the game. Imes converted all three second half

tries to give BG a 39-15 victory in the first match.

"We're obviously disappointed in the result," said Point's Weiss. "BG was good as usual, but I thought we'd have a little more to show for a hard week of practice."

The Pointers came completely untracked in the second match as BG scored virtually at will in a merciful referee shortened 59-0 Falcon victory. The Falcons stacked out a 14-0 lead in the first half on the strength of tries by rookie flanker Tony Brown and center Zach Bene and two fly half Mike Norton conversions.

In the second half, the Falcon backfield ran roughshod over a thoroughly disheartened Pointer squad. Bene tacked on another pair of tries and was joined in the end zone by eight man Rich Hines and fullback Ben Gutek with a pair of tries for each. Center Scott Wallace added a solo try and fly half Mike Norton banged in five more conversions.

The Falcons, now 12-2-3, will have their hands full this

weekend as they host both Northern Michigan and MAC rival Western Michigan in four matches on Saturday. Northern will be the second team in a row that will be trying to end a 37 year-long record of futility against the Falcons. Games will start at noon at the College Park rugby field and will be preceded by a match between the Bowling Green women and nationally ranked Marquette at 10 a.m.

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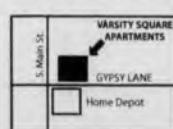
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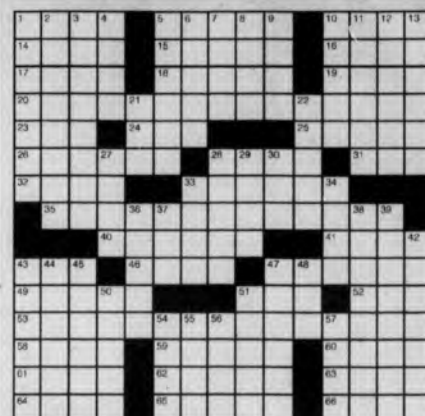
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