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TOMORROW Snow Showers/ Wind

High: 23. Low: 18

# Affordable feast for Kwanzaa

Sixth annual campus event features soul food and celebration

By Heidi Grieser

With all the stresses of the end of the year, many people are looking forward to the food, entertainment and community that will culminate tonight to celebrate Kwanzaa.

The sixth annual campus

Kwanzaa celebration will feature the performance of the Chapman Spoken Word Theatre, who will be presenting their popular show, "One Race, One People, One Peace," at 8 p.m.

The doors of the Union Ballroom will open at 5:30 p.m. for this "come as you are" event, said Sheila Brown, event organizer and

associate director for programs in the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

Brown said the event will begin with a "soul food" buffet from 6 to 7 p.m., which will offer fried chick en, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, corn bread, salad and dessert. Brown also pointed out that the cost of the event which

dents and children under 10, and \$8 for adults and is "very affordable.

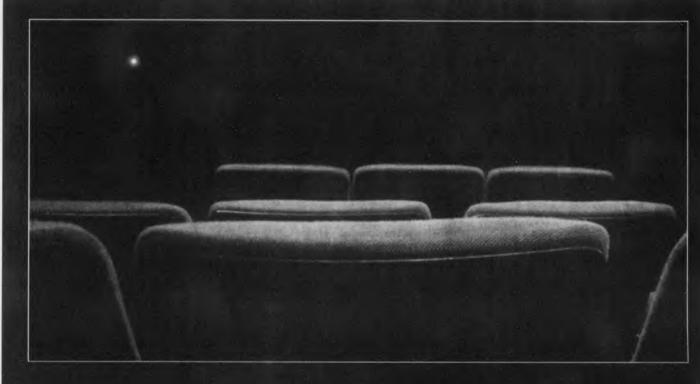
Following the meal will be presentation on the history of Kwanzaa and how it has evolved since its original con-

"It's a wonderful learning experi-

includes the meal, is \$5 for stu- ence, it teaches others about differ ent parts of culture," said Michelle Buggs, a graduate student who will

be presenting.
Part of the presentation is the explaining of eight symbols of Kwanzaa. One is the Kinara, a candleholder that represents the

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# "Astronomy stretches the mind and looks at the universe on a larger scale."

Dale Smith | Planetarium Director

# Star of the wise men is no secret this season

By Mike Robinson Reporter

Northwest Ohio stargazers will be looking toward the sky this December.

The University Planetarium is presenting "Secret of the Star," a holiday oriented presentation that focuses on "the star of the wise men."

Dale Smith, an astronomy professor and the planetarium's director, organized the show which began Dec. 1 and runs through Dec. 17.

"Christmas and seasonal programs are standard for almost every planetarium," Smith said. "In December we deal with the 'star of the wise men' as part of the fascination of the unknown."

Dale, who has been teaching at the University since 1983, began the Secret of the Star" show in 1989.

The planetarium is regularly used for astronomy classes, but Smith also uses it to organize special shows with a theme.

The star of the wise men was supposedly the star that led three wise men to find Jesus on the first Christmas. Astronomers have always wondered if the "star of the wise

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# Glowing Bowling Green: candlelight luminates park

By Nathan Robson

Over 400 candles will soon be illuminating the trails at the Simpson Garden Park in an

city's newest park. Believed to be the biggest luminary event in Bowling

event meant to showcase the

Green's history, residents will get a chance to walk a half mile path at night by candlelight, and enjoy some Christmas music and refreshments when they are done.

The event tonight which is being hosted by Bowling Green Parks and Recreations will start at 7 and end at 8:30 p.m.

"Basically it's just to take a walk around the garden, and then afterwards there is going to be some cider, cookies and Christmas music," said Michelle Grigore, director of BGPR.

The music, which is being put on by Terry and Andy Householder, will feature Christmas carols like Silent

Jingle Bells.

"It's just a little 15-minute blurb of Christmas carols. I am

playing piano and he is directing," said Terry Householder, whose husband directed the high school's chorus and orches-

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# Scholarship budget cut may cause fall in freshmen

Due to a financial crisis the freshmen scholarship budget cut will amount to \$1,800,000 which could cause a decline in the freshmen class size for next fall.

As of Dec. 1 there have been only 6,174 freshmen applications to the year of 2005 when 6,337 applications were submitted.

"One of our biggest challenges that we will face for the upcoming years is maintaining the freshmen class size while cutting freshmen scholarships due to financial situations," said Gary Swegan, director of undergraduate admissions.

Some students agree that freshmen scholarships being cut will affect potential graduating students from attending the University.

"One of the reasons why I chose BGSU is because of the amounts of scholarships I received for my academic success in high school, said Desiree Allen, junior. "But if the school is cutting back on scholarships for the upcoming freshmen class some will not come because

of the issue of affordability." Allen said if the freshmen scholarships will be cut heavily for next year then her sister will not be filling out an application to attend

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# Rumors of plan for land not on target

By Lisa Early Reporter

There is a possibility of a new store or restaurant being built next door to the Super Wal-Mart, located on South Main Street near Gypsy Lane.

For months there have been rumors of a Target or Kohl's being placed on the site where the old Wal-Mart once stood.

However, Ken Taylor, member of Bowling Green's City Planning Commissions, assures there is no truth to the rumors.

have no knowledge of

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# BLOTTER

5:55 a.m.

A bat was reported in the 4th floor hallway of Dunbar. The police were unable to capture the bat and pest control was called.

Taco Bell construction site on Fast Wooster Street reported vandal-ized over the weekend. Unknown subjects used a concrete block to damage the stucco exterior, an exterior door and the light or a forklift, causing approximately \$1,600 in damage. Police will pro-vide extra patrol of the area for the

#### 8:38 a.m.

nile taken to the juvenile punching his mother in the face at West Wooster Street home.

Playstation 2 with game inside reported stolen from a University Lane apartment sometime between 7:45-9:15 p.m.

## TUESDAY

on A. Libal, 21, of Strongsville, Ohio, arrested for possession of marijuana after police found a small bag under his seat when the driver was pulled over at Wooster Street and Mercer Road.

# CAMPUS

#### Possible Greek hazing under investigation

Student Discipline is investigating an incident at the spirit rock Nov. 29.

That night a caller informed campus police that a group of Kappa Alpha mem bers were painting the rock and some of the members were completely covered in paint. According to the police report, the witness saw them form a circle around the members covered in paint and singing. Then they reportedly started yelling

Director of Media Relations, Teri Sharp said yesterday that the incident does not fit the legal requirements for hazing. But it will be up to Student Discipline to decide whether they were in violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

The president of the Kappa Alpha house told police that he was aware of the activities and was a participant according to the police report. Also in the report the president said that everyone had partici-

# Standardized testing policies go beyond the curve in Ohio

By Chandra Niklewski

Reporter

December graduation approaches, education majors will have to prepare to face challenges their older col-leagues did not — the joy of standardized testing.

Standardized testing in the state of Ohio is believed, by mis-

informed parents and educators, to be the only way to pass or fail the fourth grade and the only way to graduate high school. They are only half right. Fourth graders do not face the penalty of failing a

grade any longer.

High school did not worry Layla Wood's daughter, Kennedy, however, when she was taking the fourth grade test at her elementary school in Liberty Center last year. She believed the test would determine her passing or failing of the fourth grade and that belief hindered her ability to relax while taking it.

"I got more nervous, but I did my best on the test," she admitted.

Test anxiety may have contributed to the change in how the test is used in the state of Ohio. Beginning in 1993, the tests were used to determine if a student needed special attention in the fifth grade. Soon the tests were used to decide if a student would move on to the fifth grade or stay in the fourth grade. By 1999, when less than half of the students in the fourth grade were passing, state law slowly began to change again

and is again used to determine if a child needs extra help in the fifth grade, according to the National chool Boards Association.

Wood was surprised to hear her fears were unfounded because her two younger brothers were members of the classes which had to pass the fourth grade test.

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tra for 30 years.

While the park is only a grassy field right now, Grigore said it is going to be developed into a botanical garden, with the first garden planned for construction this spring.

"I think it's going to be a tremendous addition to Bowling Green. Most towns our size do not have parks like this," said Clif Boutelle, a member of the Parks and Recreation Foundation

Board. "They have parks, but not botanical parks."

The park which is expected to

cost \$750,000 is being funded primarily by public donations. More than \$500,000 has been raised since fundraising began a year ago, Boutelle said.

"This is a three-year fundraiser and this is the first year. We expect that next year we will reach and surpass our goal," he said.

While there is no set time table for construction, Grigor said construction will commence as the funding comes in, with a projected completion date of 2010.

"Gardens like this don't just happen overnight, it takes time to build them and to install them," Boutelle said.

Future installments for the garden include a children's garden, a Japanese garden, a waterfall and stream garden, a bulb garden and a sculpture garden. But for now, the Simpson Garden Park is only a grassy field, but Grigor believes residents can still come out and enjoy their garden.

'Seven o'clock is a good time to come out. We can get people out on the trails. It will be good and dark," Grigor said.

# **KWANZAA**

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roots of African-Americans and another is the Mshumaa, or the seven candles in the Kinara that represent the seven principles of Nguzo Saba, which focuses on the social values in the African-American community. They are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

Also one of the symbols is the giving of Zawadi, or educational gifts, to any children in attendance.

Tierney Grayson, a past attendee, said she likes see-ing the children from the area as well as seeing students get-

"It's a good atmosphere, not

only are there minorities present, but also the larger BG community, Toledo, and the surround-ing area," Grayson said.

Grayson said she is also looking forward to the African music

and drumming.
Aside from the Chapman Spoken Word Theatre, who will be using video, poetry, impro-visation and moving theater, Brown said some BG students will be taking part in the entertainment by drumming, danc-

ing and singing.

Brown and co-sponsors
University Dining Services, the Office of Campus Involvement and The Ethnic Cultural Arts Program have worked hard to keep this event affordable.

Tickets are \$5 for students and are on sale at the CMAI and the Union information desk. Cash, checks, bursar charge and credit cards are accepted.

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was real or just a legend.

With "Secret of the Star," Smith discusses possible scientific explanations of this legend.

"Astronomy stretches the mind and looks at the universe on a larger scale," Smith said. "We ask questions to discover what's going on out there."

Glenn Tiede, an astronomy instructor, believes there are many benefits for special planetarium shows.

"The planetarium shows are very entertaining but they're also informative," Tiede said. "The projector in the center of the room is designed to simulate the

real nighttime sky."

According to Smith, the planetarium shows attract an eclectic group of people. Any one in the northwest Ohio area is welcome.

Sophomore Erin Fredrickson plans on attending the "Secret of

the Star" presentation.
"The planetarium gives a really great visual representation of the sky," Fredrickson said. "It makes it much easier to understand the material when you can see lifelike images of it.

"Secret of the Star" usually lasts about an hour and is pre-sented on Tuesday and Friday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.

Nextsemester,theplanetarium will be presenting "Nine Planets and Counting" and "Navigating with Lewis and Clark."

# Congratulations from the Graduates Bowen-Thompson

Student Union

Joy Beamon

Sangeetha Chandran

Taimeka Montgomery

Mark Gallazzini

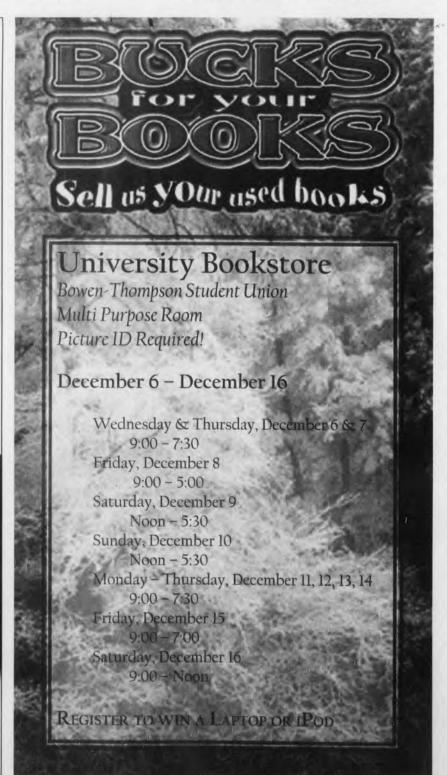
Terry Kiruja

Xeniah Magosi

Katie McCool

Shala'france Moore Lindsay Nicholson Travis Tegtmeyer Kellan Winbourne





# GET A LIFE

#### All Day Dance Marathon Day at Max & Erma's

20 percent of your lunch or dinner bill goes straight to Dance Marathon. Max & Erma's in Levis Commons (just follow North Main Street that turns into 25N all the way there)

# 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. A Big Gift for A Special Someone

Take the holidays home, shop at Chily's & Temptations for unique and fun holiday

Chily's & Temptations

7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Have Too Much Money On Your Card?

Ask any manager for detail. Bulk orders. Orders taken no later than Dec. 11; Available for pick-up no later than Dec.

Chily's, Temptations, Kravings

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 57th Annual Faculty/Staff Exhibition

An opportunity to appreciate the efforts of some of the finest artists in this region, this exhibition presents work in a wide range of media by current and emeriti faculty and current staff members of the School of Art

**Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery** 

**BUD Hurlstone** 

Commemorative Exhibition Willard Wankelman Gallery- 204 **Fine Arts Center** 

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**40th Annual Competitions** in Music Performance Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

#### Winter Carnival

Featuring ... chocolate fountain, fry bar, funnel cakes, corn dogs, big top boca burger, snowmen pretzels, philly steak subs, BBQ chicken sandwich and more. Founders Food Court

4:30-8 p.m.

#### **Holiday Celebration** Dinner

Menu: 10 oz. steak, butterfly shrimp fantail, split chicken breast, fettuccini alfredo, garlic cheese texas toast, pulled pork sandwich, roasted red skin potatoes, criss-cut french fries, scalloped apples, brew city onion rings, lumber jack soup. chocolate cobbler, pumpkin roll, assorted mini pies, chocolate mint cream pie, cherry Ice box, decorate your own cook-

McDonald Dining Center

6 - 9:30 p.m.

#### Kwanzaa

Come celebrate Kwanzaa. Special guest performers "Chapman Spoken Word Theatre of Columbus. Learn about Kwanzaa, enjoy the music, food and fun! Cost \$5 BG students and children under 10. All others \$10. Advance tickets on sale at Union Information

Union Ballroom

#### Violence And Art Film Series: **Natural Born Killers** Directed by Oliver Stone/Written by Quentin

Tarantino, 1994, USA, 118 min. Delivery boy Mickey Knox (Woody Harrelson) falls in love with customer Mallory Wilson (Juliette Lewis). He soon helps her kill her abusive father (Rodney Dangerfield) and enabling mother (Edie McClurg), beginning their macabre journey down Route 666. Their M.O.: every few miles, they attack everyone within their site, invariably leaving only one person alive to tell the tale. The two are made famous by unscrupulous reporter Wayne Gale (Robert Downey Jr.), as they run across the countryside, pursued by the equally sadistic Jack Scagnetti (Tom Sizemore). Just before the trial, a ratings-whoring interview by the same reporter who made them famous leads to pandemonium, not just within the prison itself, but nationwide. A satire of the media, public opinion, and the modern attitude toward violence. Sponsored by the BG Art History Association

204 Fine Arts Center

9:30 - 10:30 p.m.

**Habitat for Humanity** 226 Olscamp



JASON RENTNER | THE RG NEWS

THE BELL IS BACK: The redesigned Taco Bell is expected to open around Christmas

# Bell will ring soon

By Nathan Robson

A lot has changed since Taco Bell closed a few months ago. Since then, students saw the opening of Tim Hortons, the closing of 2Play, the release of the Wii, and the break up of Britney Spears and Kevin Federline.

But amidst all this turmoil one thing remains constant: college students' love for Taco Bell, a love that can be revived when Taco Bell reopens later this month at its prior location on Wooster Street.

Though an exact date has not been set, Monica Hawkes, a spokeswoman for Taco Bell, said the restaurant will open around Christmas.

While the restaurant will be big, Hawkes said it will not be the largest restaurant in the area. The new restaurant will be around 3,000 square feet and seat 80 customers. The restaurant needed to be built at a parallel angle to the street to allow for a larger dining area.

In addition to a larger size, the new Taco Bell will have satellite music available throughout the entire restaurant to give it a competitive edge over other fast food places.

But students like sophomore Dan Beaudet are more interested in having a place to eat late at night, regardless of music.

Taco Bell will be really good late at night. That's probably the best thing about it," Beaudet said.

Beaudet is not the only student who is looking for-ward to the late night dinning that Taco Bell offers college students.

"Yeah, I am looking for-ward to it," said Julius Conway, senior. "I haven't had it in over a month." Conwayhasgone to Chipotle

and Pita Pit since Taco Bell closed, but said neither alter-native can replace Taco Bell.

"Taco Bell is more of a drunk food, and Chipotle is more of a morning after food." he said.

Even with other area Mexican-themed restaurants competing for business like El Zarape, Qdoba, Chipotle and Hot Tomales!, Jeremy Evener, a manager at Chipotle, said he is not worried about the opening of Taco Bell.

I am excited for it to be open, the area needs more restaurants," Evener said. "We aren't worried one bit. We like to have a nice relationship with Taco Bell. We have fresh gourmet style food that we serve right in front of the customers. It's just a different style when compared to Taco Bell."

# "Top 10 %" law criticized

By Holly K. Hacker The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - It's been praised for keeping public universities in Texas racially diverse. It's been criticized for hurting talented students with less-thanstellar grades.

Now almost 10 years old, the "top 10 percent law" on college admissions still kindles emotion and debate. After all, where a student attends college can have life-

long consequences. Three bills have already been filed for the January legislative session seeking to limit or kill the law.

The law is simple: Texas students in the top 10 percent of their high school class are automatically admitted to any public university in the state.

Legislators passed it in 1997 after a federal court effectively banned racial preferences in college admissions. It ensures that every high school can send students to the state's premier campuses. Otherwise, some lawmakers worried, minority students at high schools lack-ing strong college prep pro-grams could be shut out.

But critics say the law is too simple, that it's wrong to admit students based solely on class rank, especially from highly competitive high schools where tough course loads and lots of extracurricular activi-

ties are the norm. With blacks and Hispanics still underrepresented at the University of Texas and Texas A&M, critics question whether the law has worked as intended.

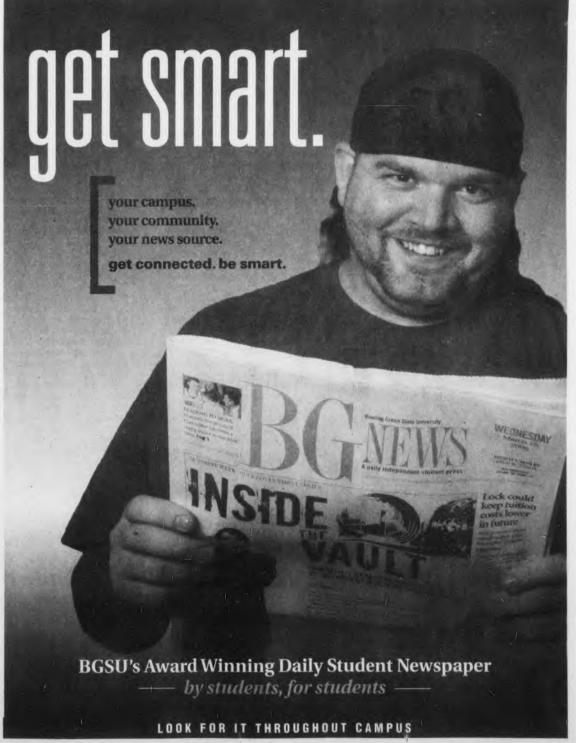


# A new generation of pitchers

FOLLOW THROUGH: Monclova resident Kaitlyn Ray pitches to former BGSU standout softball player Gina Rango. Rango, who played third base, teaches private







# PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What would you like to see in the old Wal-Mart's spot?



"A bigger Jo-Ann Fabrics.

DIANA DELBALSO



Some apartments, that would be nice.

DALLAS POWELL



"How about a Target?'

WILLIAMSON



"Fantasy Attic, it's a costume supply store.

KATE WHITTEY, Junior,



today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at bgnews.com.



# Supreme Court will take on affirmative action



The Supreme Court is currently considering oral arguments on cases that may define segrega tion for the next decades. The cases, according to NPR, were brought up by some white families protesting that they had the right to choose where their child went to school. The reason for the controversy was the response of the Louisville and Seattle school boards.

For years, the schools have had a program to reverse the effect of segregation. The policy requires that each of its member schools have a certain race-quota to meet. One such controversy arose when the Meredith family tried to enroll their son in a school that had already fulfilled the white portion of their quota.

The parents claim that their son was not admitted to the school "because of his race." While at face value this is a true, deeper discussion about the actual policy seems to be ignored.

But what justification does the school have to make such policy? This is the nature of the question before the Supreme Court.

The schools themselves are interested in desegregation.

The thought process is that if we keep schools segregated (inner city v. suburb, etc.) there will be a difference in the quality of education.

Poor, inner city students tend not get the same benefits as students in schools who can afford higher taxes and better curricula.

Following Brown v. Board

of Education, the inherent illeffects of segregation were fully accepted. Furthering this sentiment, Regents of the University of California v. Bakke allowed the use of affirmative action in higher education.

I think that it's only proper to discuss the implications of affirmative action before we can further weigh the current Supreme Court case. So we have this big taboo word: no one wants to talk about it. In the interest of tearing down that barrier, let's talk about it.

Affirmative action is the policy to give advantages to those students who have been traditionally underrepresented in a given institution due primarily because of unequal primary schooling.

The results of affirmative action have been a necessary increase in the acceptance rates of minorities in college.

However, because all policy has a trade off, the result has also been a decrease in the employment and acceptance rates of the majority. Unless you create more universities, there simply is no other way to proportionally represent the population.

So, as a matter of course, we see the costs of having affirmative action. But what of the alternative? Let's suppose that we didn't, as a society, use this policy to rectify past social wrongs. What would this society look like?

If we didn't help those who lacked the advantages of the higher classes, statistically they will not get into the better schools

Statistically speaking, those who do not get into the better colleges will not get better jobs. Continuing the cycle, these people can't afford better schooling for their children, and thus a cycle of low class mobility begins

In a land of equal opportunity, how are we to make up the difference in the quality of education between the rich and the poor? Surely it is the case that some people from the lower classes will escape the cycle. But what is the likelihood? Because the lower classes have higher percentages of minorities than any other class, allowing this sort of policy to continue would disproportionately affect minorities

This system is not without its benefits, however. If those with better educations are put into better jobs, they may perform better than those who have had poorer educations. It is precisely this trend, though, that enables the rich to get richer, and the poor to

We can see through direct comparison (with or without affirmative action) that both societies have the benefits and things they'd rather not talk about.

The decision thus becomes: which decision can we be more proud of? Would we like to perpetuate the will and policy of the majority? Or, perhaps, should we accept that some of the majority will be gypped in the search for a more equal society?

Discussion of affirmative action is important precisely because it is the result of unequal early education.

To desegregate is to mix students from both rich and poor background and ensure that the quality of the education is not dispersed according to income level. If we wish someday to move beyond affirmative action, it has to start with equity in public schools.

Send comments to Chad Puterbaugh at

# **LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

#### Affirmative action helps, doesn't harm

Affirmative action is one of the most controversial topics a college student can think of.

You never talk about it with your friends. When a professor brings it up in class, there's a moment of silence followed by nervous looks around the room. Why is it such a big deal?

This is a phenomenon I've never understood.

Affirmative action is one of the most important programs in the history of the country and college students are affected by it more

than any other group.
Admissions do look for promising minority students (gasp!) but doesn't do so out of spite towards the white kids.

There are some professions that would benefit from an increase of minority worker, such as education, medicine, and law.

I believe affirmative action is a great idea, but it needs to be reformed. Many employers and even universities go after under-qualified minorities only to meet quotas, which actually hinders these groups in the long run. If a low C average student is accepted to a four-year college, chances are they aren't going to do so well.

Perhaps there should be a more rigorous selection progress for incoming students. After all, my Bowling Green application was one page; my PetSmart application was two and a half, not including the background check. My point is this: affirmative

action hasn't hurt anyone too badly. If you're in danger of losing out to a minority for a job, then work harder!

Besides, the purpose of affirmative action is to provide minorities with jobs historically unavailable to them due to past oppression.

Don't speak out against it too quick ladies, you're one of those minorities. Finally, don't let your personal prejudices get in the way of the greater good. Some toes are going to get

stepped on, but that's life. Giving everyone the same chance is what America is all about.

- Jordan Johnson, Freshman, Integrated Math. jordanj@bgsu.edu.

#### Success is synonymous with class attendance

Regarding class attendance policies, I do have attendance policies in my classes. While I agree with one of the professors interviewed that students should learn time management, there are practical reasons why my grading system includes attendance and participation.

First, students are, among other things, training for the workplace.

They will usually not have the option of attending or not attending at their jobs. An attendance policy is a way to get future employees accustomed to having to be where you don't necessarily want to be, or where you think you don't really have time to be. Without this vocational skill, none of the others make a difference.

Second, I do not agree with the student who says it's "your own loss if you don't go to class." For the many instructors who

are trying to improve education by increasing student involvement in learning, participants' frequent absences get in the way of teaching.

If students want something out of their education besides the old model of knowledge transfer, they should understand that they are part of a community, and they have to hold up their end of

that responsibility.

I don't mean this in the moralistic and sentimental way suggested by one of the interviewees (who said she cares very deeply and the students ought to care back); it's simply a pragmatic matter.

Modern styles of teaching and learning depend on pres-ence because they depend on cooperation. (Whether the University is talking out the other side of its mouth when it touts distance learning is a topic for another letter.)

Third, there seems to be a culture of absence among many students at BGSU.

It has increased over the past few years, and so I use attendance policies even though I didn't always do so. I can't afford to let my teaching and the other students suffer while someone else is learning time management.

It's a way to create quantita-tive consequences for people who, if they understood the qualitative consequences of being absent, wouldn't miss class in the first place.

On the matter of qualitative consequences: there is a high correlation between regular attendance and success. Period. This should not be a surprise. If I have to help some of my students figure that out by "charging" them for missing class, so be it.

— Geoffrey Howes, Faculty, German, Russian and East Asian Languages, ghowes@bgsu.edu.

#### **USG** taking after real government corruption

When I used to watch the news and see how inefficient and selfserving our government could be, I wondered where all those politicians went wrong.

Well, I've recently come to the conclusion that it likely began in student government. Currently our Undergraduate Student Government seems to be taking its cues from its big-time counterparts. I'm appalled at their recent actions.

For President Little to disobey the by-laws by not appointing a member of the Procedures and Appeals Board to be the Chief Administrator is outlandish. For the Senate to simply choose not to discipline him, perhaps for personal ties or because they were easily swayed by well-spoken sena-tors, is simply disappointing.

Furthermore, our student gov ernment does not appear to be working hard on student issues and accomplishing many goals.

Yes, they did achieve some thing by ensuring that BGSU holds high standards for student athlete GPAs. Yes, it is possible a few senators are working hard behind the scenes. Yes, perhaps many senators are new to the scene and don't know how to go about resolving student issues But that is not enough to excuse USG's actions, or rather inactions.

Currently USG leadership believes their most important objective to help the well-being of the student body is to encourage more students to wear Orange and Brown and hold a Pep Rally.

A cute idea to be sure; if this was a high school student council instead of what is supposed to be the most important organization on campus. There are many issues that could be addressed.

The recent changes to scholarships, challenges minority recruitment will be facing that the administration still has no plan for, how student organizations' fundraising will be affected by the new Bursar system, the stifling confines of the general education requirements... And

the list goes on. Yes, this letter does chastise USG. But my real goal is to show both USG members and the Students they represent that Change can occur. You can make this organization from a powerless U.N to a rule-changing body. Choose and issue. Take Action. The power is simply at your fingertips.

Remember: USG can be a great vehicle for change. But if you're not pressing the gas, you'll end up nowhere.

Niki Messmore, Senior, Political Science. nmessmo@bgsu.edu

#### Students need more education on abortion

In a nation where most people are divided by the title pro-choice and pro-life, many people overlook the education of abortion.

High schools often avoid this subject in debates, but this only causes ignorance. Many people are not aware of the statistics process or views of abortion. This is due to lack of education, especially at the high school and

middle school level. It was apparent in one of my classes that people are not aware of the significance of the Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade, and some had not even

heard of it. This was an importance decision made in 1973, granting a woman the right to privacy under the 14th Amendment. Women were previously guaranteed privacy, but this ruling reinstated that a woman's body was her own.

This case also was the cause of how the nation is split between pro-choice and pro-life. More important though, many teenagers do not understand the process of an abortion.

Schools need to begin presenting more detailed information about abortion in health education classes

Most sexual education presentations enforce abstinence. While this is the best form of sexual protection, teenagers are involved with sexual activity at a young age. When most students think of contraceptives, condoms come to mind. However, abortion is also used as a contraceptive by young adults.

This is why there is an urgent need to educate our youth on the importance of safe, protected sex and more information regarding abortions, such as the risks and costs involved.

> - Emily Garr, Freshman, Sport Management, egarr@bgsu.edu.

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# A night before Christmas, BG style

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the halls,

The ghost of Eve Marie Saint came through the walls.
The dorm rooms were swept

out and dusted with care — Knowing the cold-hearted RA's soon would be there.

They look through our stuff, and they take what they wish.

they wish. Someone ratted us out,

what a sneaky snitch.
The liquor was hidden in an

Just beneath a pile of Old Navy socks.

The howling BG winds pounded the dorms. And outside Anderson

And outside Anderson
Arena, a small red pool slowly
started to form.
When all of a sudden a

When all of a sudden, a woman shrieked, like a Yeti. "Oh my gosh, Frieda Falcon stabbed Freddie!"

And over toward Olscamp, music echoed to the sky, I knew in a moment, it must

be Boombox Guy.
He adjusted his glasses, he

adjusted his glasses, he adjusted his cap.

He turned up his radio, and

was bringin' sexy back.

The finals were finished, so I went out to Junction

Akon was playin, and the dance floor was bumpin'. At the end of the bar, I saw a little old man,

He wore a red suit and had gloves on his hands.

I thought it was Santa
— there was a twinkle in his

The bartender said, "No bro, that's just a drunk guy." But he had a white beard,



and a big fat belly. It shook when he drank, like a bowl full of jelly.

He looked at the menu, then ordered a round —

Took out his pipe, but first fell to the ground.

Standing at the bar, struggling just to stand; Handing out drinks, as he

shouted his command, "Drink Nati. Chug Blatz.

Shotgun Killians, bong some Pabst. Shot of whiskey, shot of

Jack, You just got your beer gog-

gles back."
Stumble to the bathroom,
turning as you fall.
"Now dash away! Dash

"Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away, crawl!"

I saw a cute girl, went for a closer look —

Was drunk and not thinking, and said I'd seen her Facebook.

She looked disgusted, she called me a "stalker,"
Turned away, but first showed me the shocker.

snowed me the snocker.

Completely rejected, I went to Taco Bell —

I remembered they were closed, and muttered, "What the hell."

It was then that I decided to call it a night:

Merry Christmas to all, and to all, an "I HATE UT!"

Josh (jbenner@bgsu.edu) recommends singing in a minor key.

# BORINGREEN







JEFF ROOD | JROOD@BGSUEDU

# Money, angst secret to social success

Take a look around you right now — the cool kids aren't reading newspapers (education is for nerds), instead they're in the back of the classroom texting, discussing alcohol, and my personal favorite: "mackin' hoes" (just like all the cool rappers).

Fitting in is the greatest feeling in the world. You know that feeling you get when you think you're out of fries, but when you look in the bag there's a whole bunch of fatty potato goodness gathered at the bottom?

Or when you find out that the kid who made fun you in high school just contracted herpes? (Who's laughing now, Ted?)

(Who's laughing now, Ted?)
Well, fitting in is kind of like that, only way better. A lot of you think that fitting in is simply wearing GAP clothing and singing old Madonna and Depeche Mode songs just like in the commercials.

And while those commercials were very cool, you still have a lot to learn:

Attention through sympathy
This is a great one, because as
you know, people love that person who refuses to do anything



except feels sorry for himself without any good reason.

Nothing is cooler than exploiting a serious mental condition for social gain — kind of like faking Tourette's Syndrome so you have an excuse to scream profanities into the faces of small children.

To accomplish this all you need is your AOL Instant Messenger and/or Facebook profile.

First, simply put in a message about how much you miss the person that broke up with you three years ago.

You will also want to include depressing lyrics from your favorite whiney band like Good Charlotte or Simple Plan. This will show people how much angst you're filled with.

Finally, in a small font at the

end of your profile put in an

inspirational quote about love. This lets everyone know that

This lets everyone know that despite the hardships you've suffered (like you're out of space on your iPod) you're still willing to continue your courageous fight for happiness.

Now, there are going to be a lot of purists who tell you that you don't understand what "true hardships" are.

hardships" are.
Do NOT listen to these people.
They're only jealous of how
popular you're becoming.

Choosing the right friends
People don't like you for
who you are (and can you
really blame them?) — they
judge you based on who you

hang out with.

This is why it's essential to become friends with people who are more popular than you.

"How do you do this?" you ask, you friendless moron. Well the easiest way to do this is to buy their friendship.

You may have heard the common myth, "Be yourself." This is false — being you is what got you into this friendless mess to begin with. Instead, be who everyone else wants you to be. Pretend to like everything they like. If they shoplift, you better be stuffing copies of the Wayans Brother's "Little Man" in your jacket (just kidding, nobody would steal that movie).

Remember, your values, morals, and personal identity is completely expendable when it comes to making friends.

Look as wealthy as possible Being rich is important because it lets people know you're better than they are.

For example, don't be nice to people. Rich people can afford to not be nice, so make it look like you can too.

My favorite way to look rich is to raise my hand in class and wait for my teacher to call on me.

Then I demand that he or she get me a cup of coffee. This lets my fellow classmates know how rich and powerful I truly am.

And as you know, people are attracted to money and power. How else could K-Fed have become so popular?

Colby (cifordh@bgsuedu) is still waiting for his coffee and cream...

# Winter months bring complaints... along with shorts and sandals

Well, ladies and gentlemen, winter is once again upon us. The iceman has, indeed, cometh (no, not Val Kilmer). Just like the swallows descending upon San Capistrano each year, every winter brings with it a new flock of whiners.

I cannot go anywhere nowadays without hearing someone complain about the damn cold. "Oh, it's so nippy out," or "Man, when's summer gonna be here again?" or "Help me, I'm dying of hypothermial"

Wah, wah, wah. We get it: the cold sucks. Here in BG, it can get especially nasty, what with the major wind speeds, heavy snowfalls, and complete lack of sense. I see people walk around campus in pajama bottoms and slippers, and then I have to endure their endless diatribes about how bitter cold out it is.

(Honest to God, I saw a kid walking around in shorts and sandals the other day. SHORTS and SANDALS!) Here's a tip folks: They make winter jackets for a reason. You put them on. You get warm. It's a pretty basic concept.



Hell, even homeless people have those awesome Silent Bobesque trench coats to keep them warm! It says a lot about a college student when they don't have the same resources as the homeless.

Plus, it seems like everyone around here hates snow. Come on, people! It's snow! The stuff dreams are made of! We all need to hearken back to our days as kids when forecasted snow used to mean something: no school, playing outside with friends (if you had any that weren't imaginary), and enjoying hot soup/cocoa by the warming glow of a fire/television screen.

We need to look at the beauty of the snow: how the moon glistens off of it at night, how armazing fresh powder sounds crunching underfoot, and how awesome it was to pack snow around a rock and whip it at some pathetic sap's head (or, if you were a great shot, his man-tackle).

Now, sure snow can be a bad thing, especially on the roads this time of year. But my feeling is, if you're stupid enough to not realize that snow in the road means there might be dangerous conditions, you deserve to crash.

tions, you deserve to crash.

Around here especially, it seems whenever there are a few snow-flakes on the ground, everyone drives like they got their license from the Helen Keller Bureau of

Motor Vehicles.

Then, they freak out, and wonder how they could've possibly got in a wreck by going 50 on a road covered in a foot of snow.

Remember kids: 15-car pileups are God's way of eradicating idiots from the freeways.

So, in final summation: dress properly (not like a complete moron), go out and play in the snow (like a moron), and learn how to drive properly (not like a moron). Oh, and QUIT WHINING!

Jon (jonr@bgsu.edu) is freezing.



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# **TESTING**

"My brothers were told if you

fail a certain amount of sections you wouldn't move on. I assumed it was applicable for Kennedy because I was never told anything different," Wood said.

When told the test did not determine passing or failing, Wood wanted to know why the test was given at all. Wood also wants new policies put in place to eliminate all standardized testing which was brought to the forefront of education by President George W. Bush's 'No Child Left Behind" bill.

Matt LeFevre, a recent college graduate who is qualified to teach high school English, does not think that will be an easy task.

"I think the way George W. Bush phrases his bill makes it hard to oppose it. It's called 'No Child Left Behind'. If you are against the bill it sounds like you want to leave a child behind," LeFevre said.

LeFevre sees no solution to the problem of students not learning the material needed.

There's no remedy for it. You just don't graduate," he said.

LeFevre also believes the solution to the controversy involving how to determine whether to pass or fail a student should be a better collaboration of school officials.

The grading system should be stricter. The principals need to set the standards, or goals, and the teachers should enforce them," LeFevre said.

Another concern is the fate of programs not being tested such as art, music and physical education.

"They're diminishing. They're just not as important now. Everything is focused on passing one test, Wood said.

LeFevre is also concerned and hopes to see Physical Education classes increase, but does not share Wood's feelings regarding music and art in the high school setting.

'I don't have a problem with those courses being put on the back burner. I don't think they're as essential in the job market," he said.

LeFevre maintains there is no end in sight to the standardized testing, but understands the frustration of the parents, like Wood, who are angry about the testing and who want it stopped.

"I'm with them, but you're just going to have to roll with it," he said.

# BUDGET

the University next year.

Another challenge is the declining of freshmen not accepting their acceptance to the University and choosing to go elsewhere, Swegan said.

There has been a four percent decline in yield of students declining their acceptance," he said. "But it's no surprise because when the face of campus changes there is a decrease in size of each class."

Swegan said due to the change on campus the University will go through from 2009 to 2012, there will be an expected decrease in class size until 2015.

To deal with these challenges the University will come across it is up to the faculty to come and help for the recruitment of students for next fall, according to Swegan.

"On President's Day, Feb. 19, it will be an open house in which we will bring 1,500 high school seniors to the campus,' Swegan said.

SweganaskedduringPresident's Day for every department to give an open house to lure students in to the University

"I know staffing is an issue, but each department could have open classes all day, which would allow

## "Faculty needs to continue to have high expectations and provide assistance to help students achieve these academic goals."

Alberto Gonzalez | Provost of Academic Affairs

students to sit in classes that they may take," Swegan said.

Another option for faculty is getting in contact with potential students that want to enter their department.

"What we are doing is having students fill out a card providing their name, GPA, ACT score, and interest of major," Swegan said. By potential students filling

out this card, the department of admissions will give the card to a department that each student is interested in.

"You know what kind of student you want," Swegan said. "All we are doing is trying to connect with the students that you look for in your classrooms."

Swegan said faculty can call the students or at least be aware when they arrive on campus visits to meet with them and talk about what their department offers.

By taking these actions will give potential students the opportunity to learn more about the campus and will result to a huge impact on deciding which University they will attend, according to Swegan.

There are many issues concerning recruitment, but there are also issues concerning the success of current freshmen classes in the

"In the year 2001 our retention rate was 80 percent compared to a downfall for the 2005-2006 year rate at 76.1 percent," said Alberto Gonzalez, provost of the division of academic affairs.

Incoming students aren't prepared, don't have coping skills and lack motivation, he said.

Instead of the numbers moving up, they are falling for the freshmen class in the areas of grade point averages and academic pre-

"In the spring of 2002 the freshmen GPA was overall a 2.12," Gonzalez said. "But in the spring of 2006, the GPA overall dropped to 2.02

Gonzalez urges faculty to reinforce BGSU as a total learning environment.

Faculty needs to continue to have high expectation and provide assistance to help students achieve these academic goals,"

Gonzalez said.

But even though retention rates and grade point averages are down for the freshmen class, there is 38.4 percent graduation rate for students to get a degree in four years, which is 12 percent above what academic affairs predicted. "Our numbers are more than

good in the area of freshmen graduating," Gonzalez said.

There has been 4,325 degrees conferred in 05-06, which is the highest amount of received degrees in the last five years, Gonzalez said.

Agreeing with Gonzalez, John Folkins, vice provost in the division of academic affairs, said the University's numbers are great compared to other institutions.

"Our numbers are outstanding compared to institutions like Kent State and University of Toledo," Folkins said. "We just have to make sure we teach students to become mature learners and do a better job."

But some faculty didn't share the same opinion for the University's numbers being great.

"I can't be personally satisfied with those numbers," said Arthur Samel, associate professor for geography. "I think it is horrible that only 34 percent of our freshmen actually graduate in four years.'

# **RUMORS**

that in office," he said.

According to Kevin Thornton, Wal-Mart's cor-porate public relations agent in Bentonville, Ark., the land is currently up for sale by Wal-Mart.

"Part of the land is up for sale," Thornton said. "The rest will be converted into a parking lot.

Thornton said the asking price for the land is \$790,000. He explained this price was just an "appraisal" and that the price may go down, depending

on who purchases it. Megan Newlove, Council president, said the land is zoned as commercial, and therefore anyone can purchase it. Newlove said any proposal to buy the land "must go to City Planning.

"If the property needs to be rezoned, then it goes to City Council," she said.

Although Taylor said that no potential buyers have approached Wal-Mart, he still believes the city would greatly benefit from a new business.

"Anytime retail marketing would expand the base that we have it would definitely be a positive," Taylor said.

There have been a lot of suggestions as to what should be put on the site.

Ideas such as clothing stores, malls and skating rinks were among some suggested

by University students. "I think a clothing store, like Marshall Fields, should be put there," said Octavia Johnson, sophomore. "Kohl's is also a good idea, but not Target because Wal-Mart is

right next door.' Some students also posed concern about the lack of diversity of entertainment options. Brittaney Johnson, sophomore, thinks there is plenty to do in Bowling Green for those who are only interested in bowling, clubbing and

going to the movies. "They need to diversify the sources of entertainment, Johnson said. "Like build an actual mall that students could utilize.

She also believes students would benefit from a store like Kohl's being built. But Bethany Williams, freshman, disagrees with Johnson's suggestion.

"Another department store really isn't needed," she said. Especially a Target, because there will be competition with Wal-Mart.

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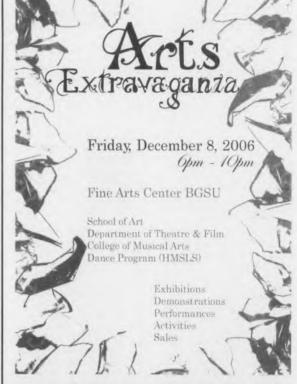
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# Around the city, many ways to pay but no clear choice

By Addie Curlis Reporter

Although the B!G Charge allows students to make simple purchases by swiping a card and paying for the purchase later, it can hurt business for local vendors such as the Student Book Exchange.

But as USG decides whether to keep B!G Charge in 2007, local businesses may not have to worry about that loss anymore.

After a decision is reached regarding the future of the B!G Charge program, students may have to adjust to a different way of handling their finances, which local businesses see as a good thing.

good thing.

SBX Manager Kent Kokomoor said the store is currently listed as an off-campus merchant where students can use the BGI card. But SBX has yet to make a transaction with the card.

Kokomoor said students aren't using the debit system implemented by the BGI card because students are still able to use the BIG Charge. How long the credit system will be around her said to be determined.

has yet to be determined.
"I think the debit system is a good way to go because it allows parents to get a better control of students' finances," Kokomoor said.

Three years ago City Bucks was implemented in addition to the B!G Charge for students. This added a debit system for use at various offcampus locations.

However, due to the credit system, City Bucks was a flop because students chose to charge items using B!G Charge. There is almost no difference

There is almost no difference between City Bucks and the debit portion of the BGI card. Therefore Kokomoor predicts the debit system will have a hard time lasting if B!G charge stays.

Kokomoor added that the bursarables task force has been looking at the pros and cons of the BIG charge and were supposed to report to President Sidney Ribeau by the end of November. There has been no word from the task force.

A main concern about the B!G Charge is whether a state university can legally offer a credit system. Ribeau addressed USG and said the University hired a consultant to assist in the transition from the Bursar system to the BGI card after being informed that the Bursar system was illegal.

Kokomoor predicts there will be upset students if the B!G charge is eliminated.

"However, more merchants will sign on if the credit system is cut," he said. "The reason merchants aren't signing on now is because of costs and the

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# University, businesses tinker with costs as new wage draws near

By Dave Herrera

With New Year's approaching, local businesses, as well as the University, are running out of time to implement a minimum wage increase passed by voters in last month's elections.

Issue 2, a state constitutional amendment, passed by roughly six percent and raised the state's hourly minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.85 effective Jan. 1. The wage will be adjusted yearly based on government cost of living estimates.

ng estimates.
Collegestudents' hourlywages usually hover around the minimum and many who work locally are in line for a raise, business owners and University officials

said in recent interviews.

Those owners, especially ones with several student employees making wages below the new minimum, offered a few ways they plan to offset the costs of raising wages.

The higher wage itself was not a contentious issue for "We thought we were paying a good wage ... We did not have, in our budget, this increase."

Gail Finan | Director, Dining Services

many employers.

"I do think that it's something long overdue," said Steven Durr, manager of Frisch's Big Boy. He said the wage tie to inflation was "a concern."

was "a concern."

Durr said Big Boy wasn't planning to cut staff, an assurance several employers made in interviews. Customers still need to be served, they said, and offering fewer staff to help earn back the higher wage would be counterproductive.

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce offered its support to the raise based on its conversations with local businesses, although the chamber

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# Hundreds of Ne days, ways to he shape your year in



Remember how every computer on Earth was supposed to explode on Jan. 1, 2000? Or how you were supposed to start exercising on Jan. 2?

Of course you remember.
I'm sure you remember just as
well how those "supposed to's"
never happened.
Predictions and resolutions

Predictions and resolutions are maddeningly difficult to be right about or keep, aren't they? Yet, for better or worse, here

we have an In Focus issue full of predictions and resolutions. January brings another 12 months of changes, plans,

action or inaction.

It will bring a new minimum wage for workers in the state, thanks to the state constitutional amendment passed in November.

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# New wing for health center in the works

By Megan Yodzis Reporter

Reporter

With the new year there comes hope for a new look on some popular campus spots.

Bob Waddle, the assistant vice president of capital planning, said his office is

tant vice president of capital planning, said his office is currently working on three big projects for the upcoming year.

"In 2007 we are going to begin designing the three projects we have been planning," Waddle said. These projects are the Wolfe Center, a building

These projects are the Wolfe Center, a building that will be built where Saddlemire currently stands. Saddlemire is due to be demolished this summer.

An addition to the Health Center is also being planned as well as new building for everyone who is working in Saddlemire.

building for everyone who is working in Saddlemire. Once completed, the Wolfe Center will house the theatre department along with two

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THIS MONTH | A LOOK AHEAD TO 2007

# Mark your calendars

As 2006 ends, student groups get ready for next year Compiled by Erin Rechin | Illustration by Rachel Greenfield

Along with a fresh semester, the new year brings more opportunities to check out the student organizations on campus. The Office of Campus Involvement lists more than 300 registered organizations broken down into categories such as community service, recreation and academic affiliation. Several organizations have already planned and scheduled some of their upcoming events for 2007. Their contact information can be found in the organization directory on the Office of Campus Involvement's Web site, http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/getinvolved/index.html.

## JANUARY 17

Alpha Gamma Dehra: This sorority is hosting the "Alpha Cabana" in the Union Ballroom. The event will run from 9-11 p.m. with catered snacks and drinks. The event features games and prizes for all "Alpha" chapters — that is, any chapter/organization with Alpha in their name. The event is not only for chapters within the Panhellenic or IFC Council, but it is also for service fraternities and other organizations.

# JANUARY 20

American Marketing Association: The chapter is celebrating the one-year anniversary of its Web site, LiveBG.com. Also, BG AMA is offering a marketing trip Feb. 8-10

# Bacchus Gamma

**Sexual Reasonably Week**: Bacchus Gamma is sponsoring Sexual Reasonably Week during the first week of February. The week will provide information and resources about safer sex and sexually transmitted infections.

**Big Playground:** On Feb. 24, Bacchus Gamma is hosting Big Playground, which will feature giant inflatable games such as jousting, human fly paper and others. Food will also be available.

**Safer Spring Break Week:** During the last week of February, Bacchus Gamma is sponsoring Safer Spring Break week. They will be providing information about topics such as water safety and alcohol through passing out "safe break" kits.

## **MARCH 23-25**

Dance Marathon's Bikes 4 Tikes. The trip from Cincinnati and back features 80 bikers, who each raise more than \$350 toward the Children's Miracle Network. This year's miracle child, Dillan, will bike the last mile of the trip with the group into Dance Marathon. The goal is to raise awareness and money for this cause.

## APRIL 21

registration and T-shirt sales. The profits are channeled to Kenya through Youth Vision International, a nonprofit organization that helps raise HIV/AIDS awareness in Africa. The run starts at 10 a.m. at the Ice Arena.

## IN THE WORKS

Academic Quiz Team: Planning a students v. faculty rematch at the Union in April
University Dance Alliance: Anyone can audition for a dance showcase concert in April
College Democrats: "Dems Week" will feature speakers, workshops and movies

# **BG1 CARD**

fact that they know City Bucks was a flop."

Kokomoor said students will be very upset if the credit system is eliminated, but he thinks they will have no problem adjusting.

'Although it may seem like the end of the world to students if they cannot charge items at the bookstore, it is very man-ageable," he said. "I attended school here in the 1970s with-out having a B!G charge and managed just fine.

BGSU's credit system is somewhat unique in comparison to other schools. Miami University has a similar sys-tem and Ohio State students use a Buck ID card, which is based on a debit system.

Kokomoor said using just the debit system opens up more avenues for students because more merchants will sign on

**NEW YEAR** 

It will bring the campus that

much closer to the demolition

of a long-standing building on campus and the beginnings of

construction on new ones

a new credit system.

The campus could also

look forward to the end of its

beloved B!G Charge in favor of

Take a look at the articles

and see what's supposed to

happen. Then you can do a

couple of things.
If you like what you see,

think of Y2K. Y2K never hap-

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pened, and there's just as good

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Kent Kokomoor | Manager, SBX Bookstore

and students will have more options in terms of where they can buy textbooks.

Heather Fox, junior, agrees. Fox said many students may decide to shop at other stores such as SBX if the B!G charge is eliminated.

But that doesn't mean she's in

favor of getting rid of it.
"I prefer keeping the B!G charge because it keeps me limited on spending and it's convenient for me because I stay on campus a lot," she "But I think a lot of stu-

developments you want to see

in 2007 aren't going to happen. So be prepared. Keep an eye

well, two, preferably - on

the news and know who is in

charge of implementing your

favored plans. If they don't do

Don't like what you see?

Admittedly, fighting the

minimum wage is going to

be tough. A constitutional

amendment is no easy law to

take down and businesses are

already planning to incorpo-

rate new pay structures. But USG is still holding dis-

cussions about the BG1 card.

Capital planning's offices are open to the public. They're the

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it, hold them accountable.

There's still time.

dents would go off campus to buy books if the debit system

were implemented."

Jeff Nelson, the director for the University bookstore, said there are three merchants currently on the list for use of the BG1 card. These include Domino's, Big Boy on Wooster Street and SBX.

He said Jimmy John's, Wendy's on Wooster Street and Al Mar Lanes are in the process of being added and getting the equipment set up for the debit system.

ones that are taking charge of the new construction — don't be afraid to talk to them.

Why not take a look at what BG's student organizations have planned for 2007?

Excited about an event? Mark it on your calendar. Check out the student organizations already cre-

ated at the Office of Campus Involvement's Web site. Or better yet, just start your

own group. More than anything, just don't look at this issue as a narrative for next year already

written. You've got 12 months to start crossing out scenes and writing in your own.

# WAGE

was more opposed to the way the passed legislation was written, said Elaine Skoog,

its executive director.
"The verdict is still out," Skoog said. "The amendment

is so vague."

Overall, some employers were more certain than others just how their businesses - and their student employees — would fare because of the change.

Voters in five other states raised their minimum wage last month, with Colorado matching Ohio for the highest new rate

Then last week, the Illinois state senate voted to raise the state's \$6.50 minimum to \$8.25 by 2010.

For some in Ohio, the issue was cut and dry.

"It's a pain in my ass, to be quite honest," said Tony Nagel, manager of CR Entertainment Exchange on East Wooster Street, calling the wage increas-ing "massive." Nagel said 80 percent of his employees are students, all of whom will receive raises

'We are definitely going to be expecting much more out of employees," he said.

Lee Kennard, manager of Marble Slab ice cream store on South Main Street, said his business would try to cut back on his staff's hours.

Even now, we try to keep it down to a minimum," he said.

Kennard said all of his employees were in college or high school and made anywhere from \$5.50 to more than \$7 an hour,

## RAISIN' WAGES

New minimum wages taking effect in states on Jan. 1, 2007

NEVADA: \$6.15

N. CAROLINA: \$6.15

MONTANA: \$6.15

MISSOURI: \$6.50

W. VIRGINIA: \$6.55

DELAWARE: \$6.65 ARIZONA: \$6.75

COLORADO: \$6.75

OHIO: \$6.85

**NEW JERSEY: \$7.15** NEW YORK: \$715

PENNSYLVANIA: \$7.15

**HAWAII: \$7.25** 

MASS .: \$7.50

CALIFORNIA: \$7.50

CONNECTICUT: \$7.65

WASHINGTON: \$7.93

Note: some states have multiple wages depending on hours worked or business size. In those cases, the higher wage is listed.

Sources: US Department of Labor, AFL-CIO, state govern-ment Web sites, Marketwatch. com, Stateline.org

depending on the season.

Cutting staff wasn't an option yet, but "we'd definitely take it into consideration' later, he said.

At the University Bookstore, Yvonne Stoner, its associate director, said job cuts were off the table for them. Instead, like at CR Entertainment Exchange, there

would be more focus on worker productivity. Stoner said roughly 90 per-cent of the Bookstore's student

employees, which usually hover around 55, would get raises At Grounds for Thought, owner Kelly Wick said he might have to make schedule chang-

es, but "it's not do or die."
"Very few" of his 15-plus

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employees are paid less than \$6.85 already, he said.

"A lot of our employees have been here a long time and that just leads to higher wages." University library officials

say their employees are often in a similar position. They have roughly 100 student workers, but unlike at Grounds for Thought the majority of them will get a raise.

The library will have to cover an extra \$39,000 in salaries next spring, said Catherine Cardwell, its co-interim dean.

They'll wait to make some purchases, such as furni-ture, until at least next fall, Cardwell said.

Their acquisitions budget won't be changed, she said. Handling \$22 million each

year and with 800 employees, dining services is facing an extra \$110,000 in labor costs, said Director Gail Finan. But her greater concern was keeping wages competitive to attract employees.

"We thought we were pay-ing a good wage," Finan said. "We did not have, in our budget, this increase.

Dining services employees start at \$6.25 an hour — \$1.15 more than the minimum. But to keep that pay scale with the new minimum wage, which would start employees at \$8, isn't feasible, she said.

"If I stop at \$6.85, then I'm on the same level as a job that doesn't require you to do work," Finan said.

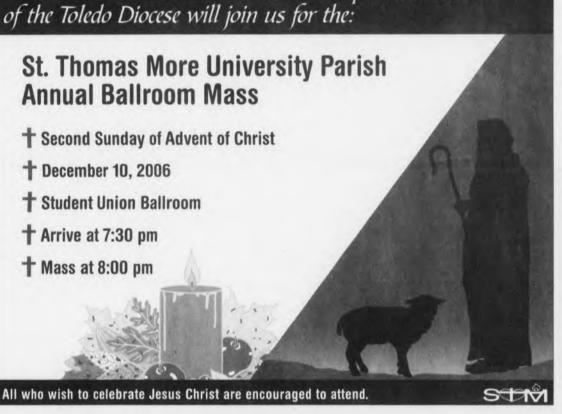
There would be no job cuts and no immediate pricing changes, she said.

This also gives us an opportunity to say, 'are we doing our employees the best service with the way we pay them?" she said.

Some other owners were more concerned about what was a separate aspect of the law forcing employers to keep certain employee records on hand for at least three years after the worker leaves the company.

The data include name, address, pay rate and hours worked and must be provided upon request to the employee or a proxy.

Opponents argued the provision would be extremely expensive for employers and risked breaching the privacy







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# SPORTS

#### **SIDELINES**



#### WOMEN'S B-BALL

## Falcons move up

BGSU is now tied with Texas for the 22nd spot in the Week-Five Coaches Poll. Dropping out of the Falcons way were BYU and Texas

#### White out Indiana

Help turn Anderson Arena into a white storm as the Bowling Green Radio Sports Organization brings you White-Out Day. Have a chance to win free prizes by wearing white. Help the Falcons white-out the Hoosiers

## **SCHEDULE**

TODAY Women's Basketball: vs. Indiana; 7 p.m.

## **OUR CALL**

#### On the way up BGSU Men's Basketball:

No, we didn't forget the 'Wo', the men have played well to start the season. Balanced offense and good defense have helped the Falcons to a 4-2

#### On the way down Number of noncontributors on the

Falcon basketball team: 12 guys are averaging at least five minutes so far. It's been a team effort so far. Coach Dakich has a talented. deep group this season.

## The List

The BG News gives the top five reasons for fans to attend the BGSU women's basketball game against Indiana tonight.

1. Big Ten: This is the first time in a long time that a Big Ten team has come to Anderson Arena to play a game.

2. On Fire: This team has been shooting very well. It's a great opportunity to see some of the best shooters in the MAC take on a Big Ten defense

#### 3. The Streak: 20 straight home wins for the Falcons. They'll need some

fan support to continue that streak. 4. "White-Out": It should be a great sight

#### of screaming fans dressed in white. 5. You're

to see Anderson full

**Animals:** You think Indiana has heard of the "Anderson Animals" before? Well if they haven't they'll find out tonight.

# The Indiana connection



**DRIVING FORCE:** Liz Honegger, an Indiana native, plays against a team that her sister used to play for from 1997-2001. Honegger has made 16 of her 26 three-point attempts this season, picking up where she left off last season. The Falcons are shooting 44-percent as a team from behind the arc.

# Falcons have ties to Hoosiers

By Colin Wilson Assistant Sports Editor

Tonight's women's basketball game with Indiana will have an impact on BG's national ranking, but the impact of the

game runs deeper than that.

There are several connections between the Hoosiers (7-1) and the Falcons (5-1). The first one is the coaches. BG's Curt Miller and Indiana's Felisha Legette-Jack were assistants at Syracuse University together from 1994 through 1998. Miller spoke vol-

umes about his former colleague. 'Just like their coach, they really play hard. Felisha is a masterful motivator, she can get you to believe anything," Miller said. "And right now you can tell that her imprint on them has got them believing they're the best team in the Big Ten. She's a tremendous coach and a tremendous friend."

Miller is excited about matching up with his old co-worker but knows the challenge her team brings.

"It's going to be a great game, and it's always hard to coach against friends so I



**Curt Miller** 

Felisha

Legette-Jack

look forward to it but it's certainly not going to be an easy game," Miller said.

Kate Achter has a connection with the Hoosiers too. Indiana guard Nikki Smith played AAU basketball with Achter since the two were in middle school. The two also played against each other while in high school. Achter attended Oregon; Clay and Smith played at nearby Sylvania Northview. Achter looks forward to the reunion.

'I haven't talked to her in a while, I'm looking forward to seeing her again," Achter said.

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# **HOOSIER TIES**

GUARD PLAY: Indiana guard Nikki Smith played AAU basketball with BG guard Kate Achter. The two also faced off in high school.

COLLEAGES: Curt Miller(left) and Felisha Legette-Jack(right) coached together at Syracuse from 1994-98 as

assistants. FAMILY TIES: Liz Honegger's older sister, Rachel, played at Indiana University and started 71 games in her

HISTORY: The Falcons wo ast years meeting 68-50.



**COLIN WILSON** 

# Success is common at Anderson

It's definitely good to see the men's basketball team win games this season. Last year was not a pretty sight, and now that they have shown an ability to win close games and play defense, coach Dan Dakich is a happier guy than usual.

Monday night's game was the third win in a row which in most sports is called a winning streak. Last time BG won three in a row was a little less than a year ago before players started quitting.

The team seems to have incor porated junior college transfer Ryne Hamblet into the offense pretty well and Martin Samarco has picked up right where he left off last season by scoring 20-plus points in four straight games.

If the team can establish a more dominant inside game, they may be a force to be reck oned with in the Mid-American Conference this season. The outside shooting of Samarco and Hamblet, along with Dusan Radivojevic, has been lights out. Imagine what a prolific inside

scorer would bring to the team. Erik Marschall has filled that role in certain games. Monday night he scored 14 points in the first half, but left with an injury. Marschall is shooting 55 percent from the field. If he is going to play big minutes against MAC opponents, Marschall will have to stay out of foul trouble - he

has 21 in just six games.

Matt Lefeld was expected to be a force down low but has seen limited minutes. He has managed 5.8 points per game in just 16.8 minutes. Also plagued by foul trouble, Lefeld leads the

team with four per game.

To contend in the MAC, a dependable big man is necessary. This is not at all taking away

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# Frye may not be ready to go



Charlie Frye Injured in Sunday's game, Frye completed 11-of-13

By Tom Withers

BEREA, Ohio - Charlie Frye looked at the powdered snow piled up on the fields outside the Browns' indoor practice facility. Packing a snowball was out of the question. So was throwing a football.

Frye didn't practice because of a bruised right wrist yesterday, leaving the starting quarterback's sta-tus uncertain for Cleveland's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers tomorrow night.

If Frye can't play, the Browns will turn to backup Derek Anderson, who came in and rallied them to a 31-28 overtime victory against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. Anderson had never thrown a pass in the NFL before riding in to the rescue.

Now, the second-year QB's first career start could come against the defending Super Bowl champions.

"It's pretty cool," Anderson said of the possibility. "I'm excited about it, if it happens." Anderson's chances look pret-

ty good. With only one full day of practice in a shortened work week, the Browns have little time to piece together a game plan for the Steelers, who scored 21 fourthquarter points and beat them 24-20 on Nov. 19.

Frye wants another crack at Pittsburgh, and hopes his wrist cooperates

"It's sore and I'm just doing

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# Smith hopes long journey pays off

By Rusty Miller The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Having come so far in such a short time, Troy Smith knows there is no time to rest just yet.

There is one more game to go in his college career, one more chance show a lot of peo-

ple that they were wrong about him, one more chance to prove that he truly is a quarterback and not just an "athlete. The chance to wina Heisman

Trophy this weekend is just another step along the way to the next challenge.
"This is the beginning of the end, but no one is looking at it like that," he said of No. 1 Ohio State's

impending date with Florida in the national championship game on Jan. 8. At 22, Smith

has moved on from a tough childhood and has overcome several ersonal trials to become one of

the top players in the nation.

The talent was always there for Ohio State's 6-foot-1, 215pound run-pass star who has a sterling 25-2 record as a starter. His numbers mark him as the best ever at his position at the school - a record 30 touchdown passes and 67-percent completion rate this season with only five interceptions.

More than that, he's at his best in the biggest games, becoming only the second Ohio State quarterback [Tippy Dye, 1934-36] to go 3-0 as a starter against archrival Michigan. In those games, plus showdowns with No. 2 Texas this year and No. 6 Notre Dame in last year's Fiesta Bowl, Smith has averaged 50 yards rushing, 294 passing yards and has 11 TD passes with one intercep-

His defining moment came earlier in the season when he avoided two pass rushers, doubled back and pinpointed a long pass for a

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CHARLES REX ARBOGAST | AP PHOTO

FINDING HIS NICHE: Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith looks downfield during a against Northwestern Nov. 11, 2006. The talent was always there for Smith, Ohio State's run-pass star who has a sterling 25-2 record as a starter

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"It'll be good, it was good to share her basketball experience there

and it will be good for her to come

back and see what my experience has been like here and the fan

Achter's team beat Smith's team

just once in high school. Achter hopes to become 2-0 against Smith

at the college level. The Falcons defeated the Hoosiers 68-50 last season in Bloomington, Ind.

beat them here, but we have a lot of work to do," Achter said.

Yet another connection between BG and Indiana are the

Honegger sisters. Liz is a senior for the Falcons and is about to play in her 100th game. Her sister Rachel

started 71 career games at Indiana and earned four letters from 1997-

2001. The Honegger family hails

Connections aside, the Falcons

will have to deal with an Indiana

team that has improved a lot since

the teams last met. The Hoosiers have seven players averaging

seven or more points and Smith,

their leading scorer, averages just

over 10 shot attempts per game. BG is aware of the balanced attack

"Indiana is a completely differ-

ent team this year and they're play-

ing amazing basketball too right

now, so its going to be a match-up

between two good teams," said forward Ali Mann.

a Big Ten team has played at

Anderson Arena since the 2000-01 season when Ohio State beat BG,

The game will be the first time

BG is in the midst of an eight-

game stretch in which seven games are against teams that

won 20 games last year and/or

advanced to national postsea-

and is ready for the challenge.

from West Lafayette, Ind.

'It would mean a lot to me to

connection

support that we have here.

# eak knows who is No. 2

By Ralph D. Russo

NEW YORK - Chris Leak isn't much for polls and com-

puter ratings. "I really believe that if you're winning games then you deserve to have a chance to play in a major bowl," the Florida quarterback said yesterday. "That's what it should really come down to.'

Leak and the Southeastern Conference champion Gators (12-1) won enough to earn a spot in the BCS national championship game against top-ranked Ohio State. It didn't come without controversy.

Florida passed Michigan in the final Bowl Championship Series standings on Sunday, leaving many to wonder how many poll voters picked the Gators simply to avoid a Michigan-Ohio State rematch in Glendale, Ariz., on Jan. 8.

Leak said Florida earned it on the field.

To be able to win the SEC title (with) our schedule the way it

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# Nuxhall a finalist for baseball award

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP)

— Broadcasters Joe Nuxhall, Denny Matthews and Bill King are among the 10 finalists for the 2007 Ford C. Frick Award, the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

announced yesterday.

The remaining candidates are: Tom Cheek, Dizzy Dean, Tony Kubek, France Laux, Graham McNamee, Dave Niehaus and Ken Harrelson. Five of the 10 candidates living, and Harrelson, Matthews and Niehaus are the only ones still active.

Fans cast more than 75,000 votes in November at the Hall of Fame's Web site, with King (11,943), Nuxhall (8,049), and Harrelson (6,795) being selected for the ballot. The other seven broadcasters were chosen by a research committee from the museum.

Voters based selections on longevity, continuity with a club, honors, including national assignments such as the World Series and All-Star Game, and popularity with fans.

Nuxhall, who as a 15-year-

old pitcher in June 1944 was the youngest major-league player of the 20th century, retired two years ago after 60 years of service on the field and in the broadcast booth with the Cincinnati Reds.

His longtime Reds broadcast partner, Marty Brennaman, received the Frick award in 2000.

Harrelson, the current voice of the Chicago White Sox, completed his 17th consecutive season in the Sox tele-

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# **FRYE**

whatever I can to get ready to play," said Frye, who got hurt on Cleveland's first offensive series. "This is a game I defi-nitely had circled."

He may have to put an 'X' through it.

Frye will spend at least another day with his wrist immobi-lized in a brace. Team doctors will reevaluate his injury today. which the club feared was a break before X-rays and MRI results came back negative.

Frye only has a bone bruise. If it was anywhere else on his body but on the wrist he uses to throw, he would likely play. Still, the strong-willed, second-year QB, who has been sacked 43 times and pounded countless others this season, is holding out hope he can heal quickly.

And until told otherwise, Frye thinks he has a chance of facing the Steelers.

"There's always going to be a shot in my mind," he said.

"Maybe not in the doctor's minds or the trainer's minds but in my mind there is always shot. And if there's a shot, then I still got hope."
Even if Frye is cleared by doc-

tors, he'll have to pass coach Romeo Crennel's tests on today. Crennel wants to see how well Frye takes snaps and throws before deciding on his starter.

"Charlie is going to say he wants to play," Crennel said. "We have to see what he's able to do. He's taken some hits and he's been banged up. He's been able to play through some of those things.

Frye, though, said his fate lies with Dr. Anthony Miniaci, the team's head physician.

'As much as I want to play, it's really not up to me," Frye said. "It's up to doc. He didn't think I could play in the game on Sunday. It's really up to him."

Whoever is under center for the Browns will have to deal with Pittsburgh's trademark zone blitzes. The Steelers love to put heat on quarterbacks, especially youngsters who have never experienced Pittsburgh's pressure.



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A STERLING DEBUT: Playing the second half for injured starter Charlie Frye. Derek Anderson threw for 171 yards and two touchns' 31-28 overtime win. The Browns are not sure if he'll start Thursday against Pittsburgh

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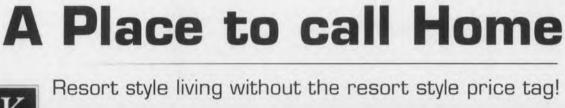
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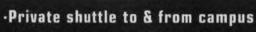












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# **FALCONS**

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from the way the Falcons have played. They have been impressive with a 4-2 record.

As far as the women's team is concerned, they have played as well as anyone can ask. A win over Temple helped them push their way into the Coaches Poll and they'll take on Indiana tonight at Anderson Arena with a No. 22 ranking. Non-conference wins are nice, especially against Big Ten teams, but doesn't it seem like some extra games in March are inevitable no matter what happens in this part of the season?

Nonetheless, students should get off their butts, skip your last 6to-9 of the semester, and get over to the arena for the "White-Out."

As a long-time Michigan football fan, I'm not really that salty about the way things shook out. Florida won their conference and Michigan had their shot.

However, I am sick of hearing Urban Meyer whine. He whined when he was at Utah and he's whined since Michigan lost to Ohio State and lobbied for a spot in the BCS title game.

Urban is a great coach and does great things wherever he coaches, but it is lame that all he does is whine about the BCS when his team doesn't get its way. Obviously he couldn't do anything more than what he did at Utah — besides join a real conference — but if Florida wanted to avoid controversy it shouldn't have lost to Auburn. I'm also a believer Arkansas would have won the SEC title game if not for the muffed punt that Florida recovered for a touchdown. The Hogs had a ton of momentum

going into the play after Chris Leak threw about the worst shovel pass I've ever seen to an opposing player that was returned for six. It's just getting old when coaches whine about not making the national championship when

they aren't undefeated.

The best part about Saturday was USC, though. Remove hand from throat — breathe — and realize you just lost to UCLA while on a one-way track to the BCS Championship.

One good note, the Browns won on Sunday. Of course, in last week's column, I tore the Browns a new one. This week, they defeated the laws of probability and shut me up.

The loss to the Bengals was horrible, but the Browns' great friend Casey Coleman lost his battle with cancer, making the week a lot less pleasant than usual. Coleman was a long-time broadcaster in Cleveland and was loved by many.

The Browns bounced back and had a thrilling come-from-behind victory fueled by Derek Anderson. I really don't ever remember Anderson prior to this preseason, but I did like what I saw Sunday. I'm sure Casey is smiling this week after such a nice win. Like many Browns fans, his mood throughout the week was slightly dependent on each Sunday's outcome.

Whether the Browns should leave Charlie Frye on the bench when he returns from his injury remains to be seen. If Anderson leads the team to a victory over the vile, wretched Steelers, my guess is fans will be buying his jersey in record numbers.

Get well soon Charlie — I think.

Send comments to Colin at crwilso@bgsu.edu

# FLORIDA Gators to the onship since

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was, that's a tremendous thing to do," he said. "We feel not many teams could have done that."

Leak was in New York to attend the National Football Foundation awards banquet last night. He was one of 17 finalists for the Draddy Trophy, given to the nation's top scholar athlete.

The senior is on target to complete his sociology degree in three and a half years.

On the field, Leak threw for 2,729 yards and 22 touchdowns this season while leading the

Gators to their first SEC championship since 2000.

They completed their regular season with a 38-28 victory over Arkansas in the conference title game Saturday night, then had to wait until Sunday evening to find out whether the BCS standings had them ahead of Michigan.

It was enough to even make a cool customer like Leak antsy.

"Everybody was real anxious just to find out," he said. "It was kind of a nerve-racking thing. To just sit there and wait to know if you're going to have the opportunity to play for what you dream about as a kid."

# **SMITH**

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37-yard scoring strike to Brian Robiskie in a 28-6 win over Penn State

"That play that Smith made when we almost had him, he threw that ball on the button in the end zone," Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno said. "That was a super play."

Smith, who graduated last spring with a degree in communications and is working on another bachelor's degree in Black Studies, is a bundle of paradoxes off the field: The very epitome of a team player, he has often made egregious mistakes that have hurt his teams.

But he has also shown an ability to overcome those missteps.

"His determination, he had that all his life, whether that was on the good end or the bad end," says his high school coach and father figure, Ted Ginn Sr.

Things didn't come easy for Tracy Smith and her three kids. Sports were a welcome respite from the rigors of a hard-scrabble life. Troy, her youngest, thrived from the very beginning on the field and the court.

Smith, whose father wasn't in his life, was just another scrawny, whippet-fast kid growing up on the streets, parks and sandlots of Cleveland when he first started dreaming of being a big-time quarterback.

He wanted to be the quarterback of his pee-wee team because that position had the biggest effect on winning. Back then, he befriended a fellow pee-wee quarterback. The two still took turns woofing at each other when they weren't hanging around together after the games.

That enemy quarterback became his teammate in high school and also at Ohio State, Ted Ginn Jr. Now Ginn — a breath-takingly fast wide-out and kick returner — is one of Smith's favorite targets, best friends and boosters.

Both of their names popped up on Heisman watch lists earlier this year

lier this year.
"If I had a vote, I'd vote for

him," Ginn said with a grin.
Off the field, Smith likes to spend time mentoring children and seems to take personal interest when signing autographs. In



TERRY GILLIAM | AP PHOTO PENSIVE: Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith watches the Bowl Championship

Series selection show

interviews, he continually talks about football, but there is a less sober side, like having fun when hanging out with his friends, mostly teammates.

Smith carries a lot of baggage. During a high school basketball game in December of 2000, witnesses said Smith purposely elbowed a white player and knocked him unconscious.

Years later, Smith told Sports Illustrated that he lashed out because racial slurs were thrown at him during the game

at him during the game.

The private St. Edward High
School in suburban Lakewood
dismissed him from the team
and he soon transferred to
inner-city Glenville, where he
became a star in football and
basketball.

"You have to remember what the perception of Troy was," Ginn Sr. said. "It was, 'You don't want him on your team.' A lot of people shied away. But I said, this is a good kid."

After he blossomed as a quarterback for him, Ginn Sr. told all recruiters that Smith was a quarterback and shouldn't be considered just an athlete who could be shifted to another position.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel agreed.

Early in his college career, Smith was involved in a fight outside an Ohio State dormitory in the fall of 2003 and was found guilty of disorderly conduct.

Then an NCAA investigation determined he took \$500 from an Ohio State booster in the spring of 2004. He had to repay the money, sit out the Buckeyes' bowl game and the 2005 season-opener.



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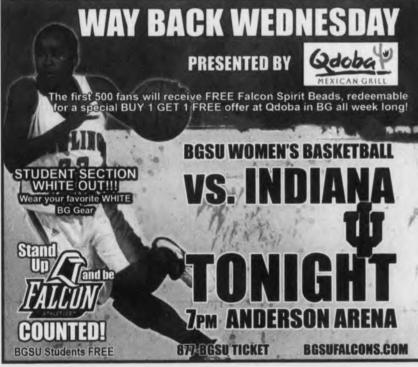
vision booth in 2006 as part of 29 years in broadcasting after transitioning from the playing field. Matthews, the current voice of the Kansas City Royals, has broadcast for 38 years with the franchise, spanning five decades. Niehaus has broadcast games for 38 years, including the last 30 with the Seattle Mariners since the club's inception in 1977.

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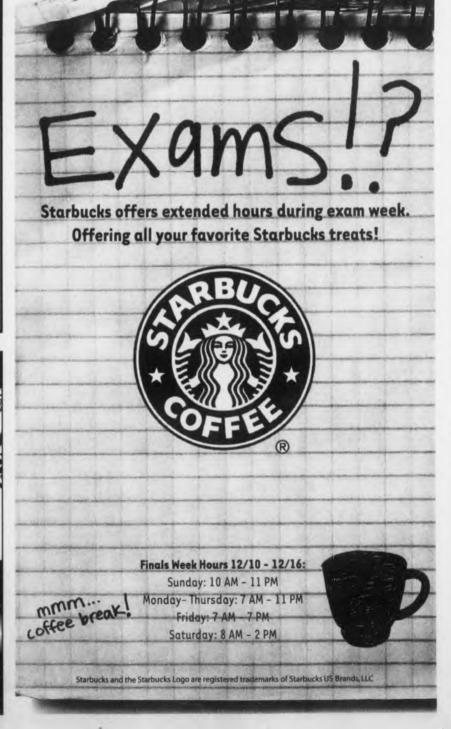
2005), all with the As, as the lead radio play-by-play man before his death following the 2005 season.

Frick Committee voting members will cast their votes by mail in January. Results will be announced Feb. 22, and the award recipient will be honored during 2007 Hall of Fame Weekend, July 27-30, in Cooperstown.

The annual award is named in memory of Hall of Famer Ford C. Frick, a renowned sportswriter, radio broadcaster, National League president and baseball commissioner.







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# BUILDING

new performance areas.

"The Wolfe Center is going to be a building of collaboration between the musical arts and the digital wing," Waddle said. It will also have room for

production support, dressing rooms and a scene shop room as well, Waddle said.

Capital Planning is also working on putting an addition on the health center.

They are going to renovate the pharmacy and check-in areas, as well as the exam rooms, and move them to the new addition.

Medical technology, currently in the Life Science building, will be moved to the Health Center.

They also plan to move the counseling center, currently located in Saddlemire, and disability services, currently located in South Hall, to the new health building.

"This will free up space in the Life Science Building and then consolidate the health services in one building," Waddle said.

Capital Planning's third project is a new building that will house student affairs, dining services and student

legal services.

They are looking at the are between East Hall and the Education Building for the new building, Waddle said.

"All three of these projects are looking at a year in design, where we hire architects to come and design them and then another year in construction," Waddle said.

"These changes will be doing a lot of things for a lot of people, and that's a good thing.

These changes are not going to be visible for a few more years.

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JORDAN FLOWER | THE BG NEW

BEFORE AND AFTER: The Office of Capital Planning hopes to remodel the Harshman ve, to match the work done on the Kreischer courtyard last year

but there are some smaller projects that are going to be accessible to students in 2007.

The assistant director for operations at the office of student life, Tim Carney, said his office is working on re-doing the courtyard at Harshman dormitory.

This project will mirror the new courtyards put in at Krisher last year.

We are putting in new concrete, landscaping, new entrances and also a new roof for the building," Carney said.

Travel

Another small change that will be available in January involves the Commons Buffet, which will see a change in their hours and menu, according to Gail Finan, the director of dining services.

"We are changing the hours of the all you can eat buffet, there will be Sunday Brunch and Monday through Thursday dinner," Finan said

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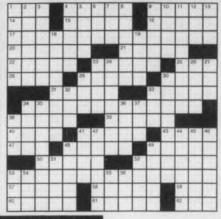
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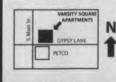
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