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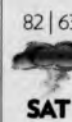
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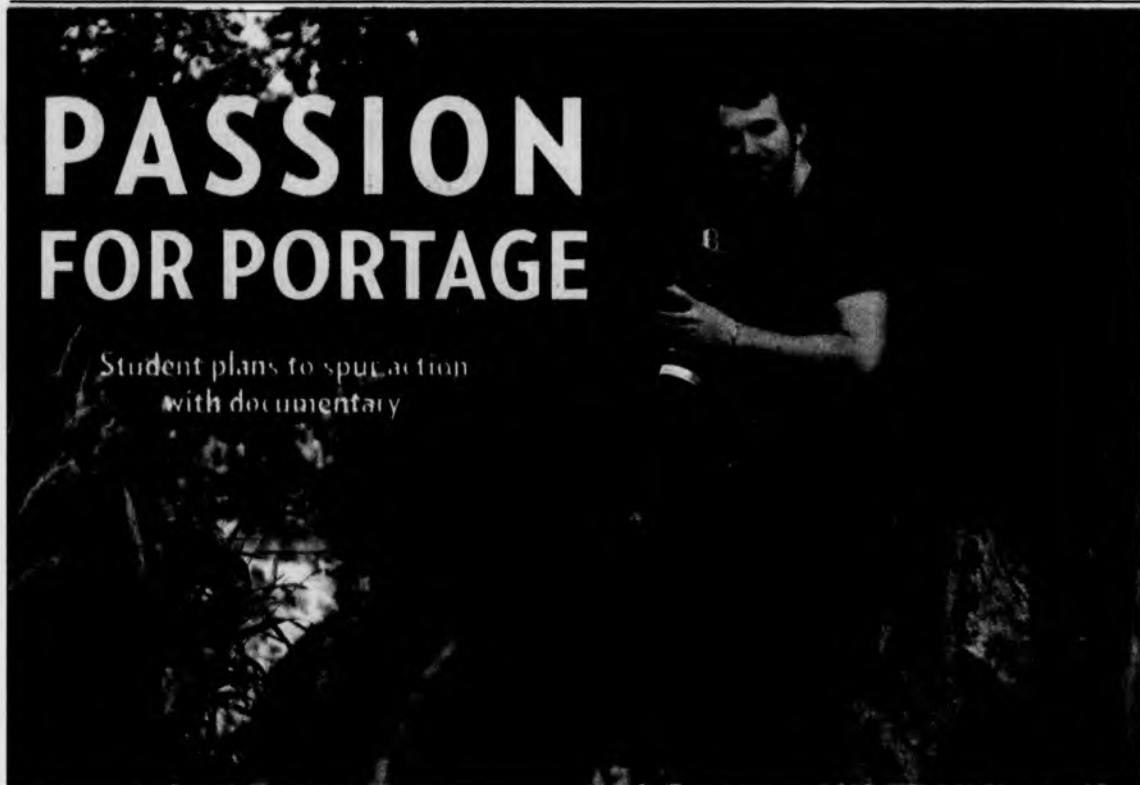
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## PASSION FOR PORTAGE

Student plans to spur action  
with documentary



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RIVER: Recent University graduate Jared Jacobs at the site of his upcoming documentary, "Along the River" on the Portage River.

By Vincent Driver  
Reporter

For Jared Jacobs, ecology has been a passion worth pursuing. Recently, though, he discovered that to make a difference he would have to branch out. That's when he turned to film.

"I realized as an ecologist I wouldn't get much funding to change the world how I want to, so I switched to TCOM," Jacobs said.

That drive for change spurred Jacobs to start filming "Along the River," a documentary about the Portage River watershed. Jacobs' goal with the documentary is to motivate others to get involved with the watershed.

In making the documentary, Jacobs has enlisted BGSU students and graduates to help get the documentary off the ground, in terms of both production and promotion.

Travis Montgomery, a recent graduate with a degree in telecommunications, is involved in the preproduction work and will be assisting with filming. He spoke fondly about Jacobs' initiative.

"This is his real passion, to educate the world on environmental issues," Montgomery said. "I'm just happy to be a part of it, to help him with his dream."

On the entrepreneurial side, students Donovan Pace and Bangich Bol have been working to promote the project through Endless Hustle Entertainment, an organization Pace describes as a community activism group and record label. Pace and Bangich have been on the entrepreneurial side of the group, working in conjunction with Jacobs to solve funding issues. Pace, a senior in finance and accounting, and Bangich, a junior in political science and philosophy, want the organization to be seen as a positive force in the community.

"Our image is to try to give back, whether it be through music or community service," Bol said. "We think once people know what's going on they can make better decisions and live their lives."

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## Faculty assoc. push toward unionization

By Max Filby  
Reporter



David Jackson  
President of  
Faculty Association

The University Faculty Association is currently working to gain the right of collective bargaining as a single faculty unit.

A collective bargaining unit designed by the Faculty Association would comprise of full-time tenure, tenure track and non-tenure track faculty members. However, the University administration would like to see two separate bargaining units, one of full time tenured and tenure track members and another of non-track tenure members.

"There are small differences between tenure and non-tenure faculty," said Karen Craig, faculty association communications director. "We want to go forth together to make our case."

Tenured and tenure track faculty members include employees like professors and assistant professors, said David Jackson, faculty association president. Non-tenure track members include lecturers and senior lecturers.

The proposed collective bargaining unit would be involved in negotiating future pay raises, health insurance benefits and other things such as class sizes.

"Faculty are supposed to have a substantial say," Jackson said, "some people are more interested in this idea of shared governance."

The University administration and the Faculty Association will present their cases to the State Employment Relations Board at a four-hour hearing in Columbus on June 17, according to a 2010 faculty association document.

The Faculty Associations attempt to achieve a single unit collective bargaining has been going on for close to two years. Faculty members began sign-

ing petition cards for an election on collective bargaining back in March 2009.

Although the SERB will likely favor the Faculty Association at the June hearing, the University administration is still attempting to delay the election, Jackson said. The Faculty Association is hoping for a summer election, but delays may push the election back until Fall 2010.

"They are trying to delay because they believe that the faculty will be less likely to vote then," Jackson said. "People who support collective bargaining might retire or get jobs elsewhere."

Other than the administration, the group Advocates for Academic Independence is a group that opposes faculty unionization. AAI is headed by key member Dr. Michael Buerger, said AAI member Melissa Burek.

The University administration is presenting the same argument they presented during the last faculty unionization attempt back in 1993, Craig said. The new collective bargaining attempt may move the University away from a corporation based model education, and more toward a more personalized experience for students.

"It's a good thing if you have more fingers on your hands than students in your class," Craig said. "Students are not just wallets to us, and we want to make sure that they are not seen that way by the administration."

## WBGU-PBS to hold breakfast, conference to honor military veterans and their families

By Bobby Waddle  
Reporter

The WBGU-PBS television station is launching two events as part of its "Operation Reconnect" initiative to thank military families for their service to the country. The station will host a Military Recognition Breakfast in conjunction with its 9th Annual Kids Extravaganza on June 5, with a conference following on June 11.

"Attending conferences like this helps participants be responsive to the needs of [service members and their families]," conference presenter Dr. Regina Shillinglaw said. "It helps them and our country."

Deb Boyce, WBGU Director of Promotions and Public

Relations, also stressed the need for a civilian/service member connection.

"The whole goal of ['Operation Reconnect'] is to help bridge the military community with the civilian community and help the non-military community understand the unique challenges [the families] face," Boyce said.

"Operation Reconnect" was made possible by PBS' national airing of "This Emotional Life" in January 2001. Vulcan Productions awarded six "This Emotional Life" grants to public television stations across the country, with WBGU being one of two stations focusing specifically on military reintegration issues, Boyce said.

WBGU produced a two-hour follow-up to "This Emotional

Life" called "Our Community Cares: Connecting With Veterans & Their Families" as part of the initiative, which aired Jan. 28 and May 30. It addressed the adjustments of military families in Northwest and West Central Ohio, according to WBGU.org.

The upcoming events are specifically designed to attract families from those regions.

The breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. at the WBGU-PBS television station exclusively for military families. The only requirement of the families is to RSVP by June 3, which can be done through the station's Facebook page, Boyce said.

The Kids Extravaganza follows the breakfast and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with free admission to the public. Boyce said the station is

hoping to secure the appearance of Freddie and Frieda Falcon as well as Clifford the Big Red Dog, along with WBGU's original creation Ruby the Red-Eyed Tree Frog. Children can also look forward to various games, foods and activities, including a puppet show put on by Findlay's Mazza Museum. Some activities will cost a small fee, but military families and members of the station's Kids Club will not be charged, as a thank you to the families for their service, Boyce said.

Ultimately, Boyce said the Kids Extravaganza was given a military theme to attract families from a 19-county area

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## CAMPUS BRIEF

### Reward sought for arson information

A \$15,000 reward is being offered for any information leading to the arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for a suspected arson fire that occurred last week. BGSU, Wood County Crime Stoppers and Capstone Development Corp. are offering the reward; BGSU police and the Bowling Green Fire Department are investigating the fire.

According to a video that captured the incident, an individual entered multiple

trailers on the South Central Residence Hall construction site before one on the southeast corner of the lot caught fire.

The trailer belonged to the concrete contractor for the project, Gardner Corp. The police report stated the fire occurred at approximately 4:30 a.m. on May 22.

Those with information on the fire have been advised to call Wood County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-54-CRIME or BGSU Police at campus extension 2-2346. Callers are given the option to remain anonymous.

### FORUM

#### Recognize Memorial Day

Columnist Anthony Bryson, an Iraq veteran, urges people to put their feelings about wars aside and respect those who sacrifice themselves in war | Page 4

### CAMPUS

#### Professor monitors radiation risk

Biological sciences professor George Bullerjahn works as the University's Radiation Safety Officer, ensuring students work with radioactive material safely to avoid exposure to radiation | Page 5

### SPORTS

#### Baseball team ends season with loss

A last-minute win by Central Michigan on Saturday ended the Falcons' hopes for a spot in the MAC Tournament | Page 6

### PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you could only follow one celebrity on Twitter, who would it be?



CHRIS JUILES  
Junior, VCT  
"Johnny Depp." | Page 4

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## BLOTTER

FRI., MAY 28

12:20 A.M.

A criminal warning for disorderly conduct was given to a male who appeared to be fighting with another male between building two and seven of the Enclave.

12:26 A.M.

Katherine Pietch, 20, of Avon Lake, Ohio, was arrested within the 100 block of E. Court St. for underage under the influence and disorderly conduct/public urination, and received a citation for prohibited acts/showing another's ID.

1:10 A.M.

Ted Beaman, 19, of Toledo, was cited for an open container of alcohol and underage possession within the 200 block of N. Main St.

1:39 A.M.

Kyle Eskilsen, 18, of Defiance, Ohio, was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated/prohibited alcohol content, operating a motor vehicle after underage alcohol consumption, no headlights at night and having open containers/underage possession of alcohol. Dominic Jones, 18, of Defiance, Ohio, was arrested for open container and underage under the influence.

1:50 A.M.

Jeffery Totten, 21, of Warren, Ohio, was cited for theft after he was observed carrying a beer dispenser across from 149 N. Main St. When stopped and questioned, he admitted he had taken it from the bar. The dispenser is valued at \$100.

2:27 A.M.

Randy Keil, 23, of Toledo, was cited for two open container when walking within the 100 block of E. Wooster St.

2:40 A.M.

Randy Keil, 23, of Toledo, was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated/unable to care for self and criminal trespass at Circle K after staff and then an officer asked him to leave the store because of intoxicated, belligerent behavior.

3:12 A.M.

Complainant reported two males fighting outside a vehicle before driving away. An officer stopped the vehicle and identified the subjects. Bryant Oneal, 21, of Toledo, was found to have an active warrant through Lucas County and was transported to Lucas County.

3:20 A.M.

Seth Bergstedt, of Westerville, Ohio, was cited for criminal mischief on North Enterprise St.

1:30 P.M.

Complainant reported more white powder was found in a women's restroom within the 500 block of W. Poe Road. Complainant wants to know if the substance is more cocaine or if it is part of a prank.

1:47 P.M.

A criminal warning was issued to subjects attempting to sell dry cleaning services door to door without a permit within the 1100 block of Sparrow Lane.

2:28 P.M.

Heidi Anderson, 35, of Bowling Green, was arrested and charged for shoplifting at Walmart.

4:07 P.M.

Complainant reported his tires were slashed overnight, with damages estimated at \$450.

6:27 P.M.

Ryan Ferguson, 20, of Toledo, was cited for driving under suspension/non-compliance on the corner of East Wooster and South Mercer streets.

7:02 P.M.

Haley Hopkins, 19, of Malinta, Ohio, and Chelsea La Roe, 19, of Napoleon, Ohio, were both arrested for theft at Walmart.

7:44 P.M.

Jaime Banda Jr., 29, of Toledo, was cited for no comp/FRA, child support suspension, failure to reinstate, and defective exhaust.

10:05 P.M.

Resident within the 200 block of State Ave. was warned for disorderly conduct for loud noise.

11:34 P.M.

Resident within the 900 block of Partridge Lane was warned for disorderly conduct for loud noise.

SAT., MAY 29

12:05 A.M.

Jeremy Clark, 28, of Van Buren, Ohio, was cited for driving under suspension within the 200 block of N. Main St.

12:45 A.M.

Megan Hart, of Pemberville, Ohio, was cited for open container, underage possession and disorderly conduct on North Enterprise St.

2:40 A.M.

Quentin Dudeck, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct in Lot 4.

2:53 A.M.

Jennifer Collings, 27, of Bowling Green, was issued a civil citation for disorderly conduct/public urination within the 100 block of W. Wooster St.

3:16 A.M.

Evan Gerety, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited on the corner of South Prospect Street and Palmer Avenue for operating a vehicle while intoxicated/prohibited alcohol content, no front plate, two lights displayed, underage possession of beer and open container in a motor vehicle.

10:58 A.M.

Edwin Farbrother, 23, of Perrysburg, an inmate at the NorthWest Community Corrections Center, was arrested for disorderly conduct with persistence after an employee reported he was arguing and refusing to comply with staff. He injured himself punching and head butting his cell door and window.

1:56 P.M.

Resident within the 200 block of State St. was warned for disorderly

conduct for loud noise.

2:07 P.M.

Kowanda Rodriguez, 28, of Findlay, and Leon Rodriguez, 20, of Bowling Green, were both arrested for domestic violence.

7:43 P.M.

Michael Franklin, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and illegal speeding within the 700 block of S. Prospect St.

9:57 P.M.

Kandyl Quiroga, 19, of Deshler, Ohio, was cited for theft within the 2000 block of E. Wooster St.

11:23 P.M.

Ronald Masticiano, 33, of Bowling Green, was issued a civil citation for disorderly conduct. He admitted to activating loud train horns hooked up to his vehicle to scare pedestrians walking on sidewalk.

11:49 A.M.

Complainant within the 1000 block of Fairview Ave. reported loud arguing and possible underage drinking from nearby residents. Upon inspection there was no noise or signs of alcohol.

SUN., MAY 30

12:38 A.M.

James Chamberlin, 19, of Bellevue, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence on the corner of North Church and West Court streets.

12:52 A.M.

Randy Thatcher Jr., 22, of Perrysburg, was cited for driving under suspension, child support, license restriction, failure to reinstate, possession of drugs and possession of drug abuse instruments within the 100 block of N. Main St.

1:34 A.M.

Resident within the 500 block of Ridge St. was warned for disorderly conduct for loud noise.

1:45 A.M.

Rachael Betz, 20, Kallie Schippel, 20, and Deanna Skay, 20, all of Bowling Green, were cited for nuisance party regulations, underage possession of alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia within the 200 block of Troup Ave.

2:20 A.M.

Nicholas Welling, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for public indecency, obstructing official business and underage under the influence within the 100 block of S. Church St.

4:20 A.M.

Police responded to a complaint that a male subject broke into an apartment within the 500 block of Pike St. Charles Wooten III, 21, of Elmore, Ohio, was caught and arrested for criminal damaging and obstruction of justice.

7:51 A.M.

Resident within the 300 block of N. Main St. was warned for disorderly conduct for loud noise.

5:55 P.M.

Complainant within the 300 block of Ridge St. reported their red, plastic, lip-shaped couch, valued at approximately \$150, was stolen from their porch sometime overnight.

10:56 P.M.

Complainant reported hearing bottle rockets in the area of Springhill Drive.

MON., MAY 31

12:39 A.M.

A suspicious person going through a dumpster on Ridge St. was advised to leave the area.

**ONLINE:** Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

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## Logging in to fame



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More celebrities find themselves on social networking sites to communicate with fans.

By Matt Liasse  
Pulse Editor

The celebrities have spoken, and taken over.

The realm of social networking started as a way for people to meet new friends and reconnect with old acquaintances. Now, as the mass market online world continues to expand, it's more than just how your best friend who moved away in the third grade that can be found.

The biggest change comes from celebrities being active on the Internet today, something that was unheard of in the past. The growing popularity of social networking sites has paved the way for many different musicians, film stars and activists to voice their opinions for the masses to see just like everyone else. Whether they sign on for a chance to hear feedback from fans or for endless self promotion is the ultimate question.



**ladygaga** thanks her 'little monsters.' @aplusk leads on Twitter

In a recent interview with SHOWstudio.com, answering questions from fans, pop star Lady GaGa talked about why she uses Twitter.

"You can build trust with your fans if you use it for the right reasons," GaGa said. "I embrace the Internet in a pop cultural kind of way."

Best known for her outrageous outfits and six number-one singles, GaGa said she uses Twitter the way she thinks stars of the '70s and '80s would have if the Internet was as prevalent as it is today. She said she loves the Internet because it gives all people the same voice, and it allows her to have a relationship with her fans.

That relationship came in handy when she broke down during a show in Nottingham, England because her grandfather was in the hospital. The next day, fans had "#GetWellGrandpaGaGa" as the number one trending topic in the U.K.

"[Embracing the] Internet is what a pop artist should do," she said.

And GaGa isn't the only one taking advantage of Twitter connections.

From the time that Ashton Kutcher became the first celebrity to reach 1,000,000 followers on Twitter (beating CNN), celebrities have been reaching out to their fans in big ways, including giving away free tickets to shows and sharing photos to give more glimpses behind the scenes.

Kutcher even decided to take the social networking site one step further by pirating the opening scenes of his new flick, "Killers."

Many comedians find themselves on Twitter to share some humor.

"Twitter allows me as a comic to connect to fans all over the world," comedian Loni Love said. "I share jokes, news articles and do it all under 140 characters."

Michael Ian Black is also a frequent tweeter. In the past, Black went through his list of followers and cracked innocent jokes at their expense.

Even organizations offer fans reason to follow them. Rolling Stone magazine will give clues on who will be on the cover of upcoming issues days before the covers are announced.



**radiohead** sells own album, fans choose own price

Alternative band Radiohead decided to sell their 2007 album "In Rainbows" not in retail stores, but on Radiohead.com.

Without a major record label to profit from sales, the band sold their album for whatever the fan wanted to pay. The price tag on the digital download link was simply whatever the fan wanted to charge to their credit card.

The move was for the benefit of the fans, and a possible middle finger to "the man." Either way, Radiohead utilized the power of the Internet to connect with fans.



**greysonchance** finds fame on YouTube, along with others

Other social networking sites have a way of sky-rocketing people to instant superstardom, for about fifteen minutes that is.

YouTube has a way of being able to put someone who is just sitting in their bedroom with a camera into the homes of millions of other people.

Greyson Chance is a recent success story thanks to YouTube. After posting some videos of original music and a cover of Lady GaGa's "Paparazzi," 12-year-old Chance has become a recognized face. In just under two weeks, comedian Ellen DeGeneres founded a record company and gave Chance an opportunity to make an album.

Whether it's a video of a 7-year old-boy dealing with the after-effects of a surgery at the dentist in the backseat or a superfan exclaiming "Leave Britney alone!" the site is able to turn these people into short-lasting celebrities.

In the case of the PS22 Chorus in Staten Island, New York, posting videos on YouTube gave them the opportunity to meet huge stars. The choir posted their versions of popular songs, which then led them to being able to perform for President Obama and the first family, Beyonce, Stevie Nicks and Rihanna.

## Food sites pave way for a twenty-first century kitchen

By Amanda McGuire Rzcznek  
Food Columnist

Searching for a new recipe has become a lot easier in the age of technology.

Today, home cooks rarely dig through tattered recipe boxes or flip the glossy pages of Food and Wine issue when it's easier to click a few keys on the laptop and discover a whole new culinary world.

In his article "Laptop Chef" in the March issue of Dwell, Jonathan Olivares argued that kitchen computers helpfully multi-task our cooking lives and will soon become a necessary staple, like salt and sugar.

Kitchens have become the home's social hub, explained Olivares, and "computers support every facet of our daily lives," so it's only natural that kitchen computers will be the next cooking trend.

"Online cookbooks replace their printed ancestors; video conferencing with family and friends reinforces and enhances social nature of the space; music software eliminates the need for audio players; and web browsers provide access to information and entertainment," Olivares continued.

The problem is most laptops aren't kitchen-proof. Imagine following a stir-fry recipe on your laptop. One clumsy move and it's the keyboard that could be fried in garlic sauce.

While we're waiting for the spill-proof laptop, there are many food-oriented websites and blogs worth bookmarking. Let's not forget the utility of Smartphones too, with their countless food apps. And I don't know about you, but I find it much safer to cook with my iPhone in arm's reach.

Here are just a few of my favorite digital cooking and/or food references.

### Websites

**Food News Journal** (food-newsjournal.com): This site provides all the food-related news you can stomach each weekday. It compiles the daily food-news articles from reputable newspapers, magazines and journals and organizes them into an easy-reading format.

**Epicurious** (epicurious.com) is my go-to recipe finder. Partnered with Bon Appetit and Gourmet this website is a home cook's paradise with recipes ranging from easy to very difficult. The user key and fellow cooks' comments help one find (and perhaps modify) that perfect dish.

### Blogs

**Live to Cook ... At Home** (livetocookathome.com) In the same vein as The Julie/Julia Project, home cook Dave Whittaker is cooking and eating his way through celebrity chef Michael Symon's cookbook "Live to Cook." Humorous, passionate and honest, Whittaker's blog offers the everyday home cook's reaction to Symon's sometimes ambitious recipes.

**The Everyday Palate** (everydaypalate.blogspot.com) I'm not above shameless self-promotion. My blog recounts my cooking adventures and reflects on how food shapes our daily lives. I like it quite a bit, but then again, I'm biased.

### Apps

**Ratio Smart Phone App:** Based on Michael Ruhlman's "Ratio: The Simple Codes Behind the Craft of Everyday Cooking" This handy app creates recipes — using ratios — for the portion size a user needs. No math skills necessary. Two other bonuses: users can save and share their recipes on Twitter or Facebook. According to the Chicagoist, "This application is so good it almost makes us regret buying the book first." In my own experience, I concur; the app has been much more useful than the book.

**Jamie Oliver's 20 Minute Meals:** Known for his healthy-school-lunches-for-American-kids crusade on the television show "Jamie's Food Revolution," British celebrity chef Jamie Oliver devised a fantastic app that allows users to choose a quick, healthy recipe, create a shopping list for its ingredients, and view a step-by-step video demonstration. "Cool Hunting" named it "the best cooking app we've come across yet." And I whole-heartedly agree.

## The BGSU Faculty Association

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Dr. Amelia Carr, management

Dr. Margaret Zoller Booth, School of Leadership and Policy Studies  
Dr. Priscilla Coleman, School of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Carol Singer, Library Teaching and Learning

### Granted tenure:

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Dr. John Liederbach, criminal justice

Dr. Hans Schmalzried, public and allied health

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Karen Eboch, management

John Moor, humanities, BGSU Firelands

Bonnie Fink, visual communication and technology education

### Promoted to lecturer:

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Ruth Light, School of Art

Gordon Ricketts, Arts Village

Kelly Taylor, journalism

Dr. Margaret Weinberger, sociology

Sylvia Hermo-Fedro, applied sciences, BGSU Firelands

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- a. Russia
- b. Iraq
- c. Cuba
- d. China



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## More Israeli-Palestinian violence may make peace talks impossible



**JESSICA HANNA**  
COLUMNIST

The White House recently released President Obama's 2010 National Security Strategy, which largely focuses on our country's view of the needs in the Middle East. In the section "Advancing our Interests," the document outlines the advancement of peace, security and opportunity in the region.

Although the document reaffirms the United States has an "unshakeable commitment" to the security of our "close friend," Israel, it recognizes that we also have a commitment to the "achievement of the Palestinian people's legitimate aspirations for statehood, opportunity, and the realization of their extraordinary potential."

The Obama administration seems to have moved away from the strong, pro-Israel sentiments of the Bush administration to a more balanced, focused view that is also strategically sympathetic to the Palestinians.

But are President Obama's revived Israeli-Palestinian peace talks really going to make a difference this time around?

According to the New York Times, a small fleet of cargo ships and passenger boats were carrying 10,000 tons of aid to Gaza, including food and supplies, in the hopes of providing humanitarian aid to the area. Gaza, however, has been under a military blockade enforced by Israel.

Its warnings to the convoy ignored, Israel responded by sending naval commandos to board one of the ships, which carried about 600 activists. Israeli officials say the soldiers were then attacked, with 10 soldiers wounded. It seems the convoy passengers suffered the most, though. Nine

of the boat's passengers were killed and 30 were wounded.

The New York Times reported some of the few activists released by Israel told reporters upon their arrival in Berlin that they had been on a peaceful mission, and accused the Israeli commandos as being the aggressors in the situation.

This calls the official Israeli story into question and casts more doubt that this festering rift can be mended any time soon.

Once again, nations are prompted to take sides. The Arab nation is outraged at the deaths of the activists, and understandably so. The Israeli military blockade, itself questionable, should not keep out humanitarian aid to an area ravaged by conflict.

Four of the passengers killed were Turkish citizens, the Anatolian News Agency reported, and the convoy had Turkish backing. Israel has now further alienated one of its closest supporters in the Middle East, worsening the situation. Turkey is putting pressure on both the United States and the United Nations to hold Israel accountable for the violence that occurred.

How much leeway can we give Israel in light of its constant war-like atmosphere? Too much allowance may already have been given. International outrage, most notably among the Arab community, may put an end to American-hosted peace talks and improved relations in the region. Maintaining our friendship with Israel, while holding them accountable for the country's part in the seemingly never ending violence, may prove to be impossible for Obama, or any diplomat.

With allies changing sides and international views shifting, the balance of Israeli and Palestinian support is tipping, as well.

## Veterans should be paid respect whether you support the current war or not



**ANTHONY BRYSON**  
COLUMNIST

This past month I took a vacation to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania. During my visit, I took some time to visit the Soldier's National Cemetery. It was there that Abraham Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address.

In his speech, President Lincoln spoke of honoring the Union soldiers who fell at Gettysburg and the many other battlefields of the Civil War. It was for this purpose that Memorial Day was created.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. Although many cities claim to have held the first Memorial Day, we know that the first

holiday was held in 1866. After World War I, Memorial Day was expanded to honor all who have died in an American war.

It can be understandably difficult for many college-aged men and women to remember the real meaning of Memorial Day. Our recent conflicts are not comparable to World War II or Vietnam. We have no draft and little chance of it returning. We haven't had to ration our metal or gasoline for our generation's conflicts. And it can be difficult to see how the outcome of these conflicts will affect our lives.

However, it is vital that we remember the men and women that have died and will die in service to our country.

We can debate all day about why we are fighting in Afghanistan or Iraq. We can support these wars or we can protest them at the top of our lungs.

Our military does not choose who to fight. That is above their pay grade. Those decisions are ultimately made by our elected officials, the ones we vote for.

Regardless of our opinion, this should not stop us from honoring the more-than 5,000 men and women who have died in our recent conflicts. Nor from honoring over one million soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who have died since our nation's inception.

There are also many more casualties of our wars that should be remembered for their sacrifices; the millions who have lived with physical and mental wounds for the rest of their lives; the millions of civilians across the world who have suffered and died because of American conflicts; and the families and friends who feel the pain of their loved one's loss.

In December 2000, the National Moment of Remembrance was signed into law, encouraging Americans to pause at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day for one minute to honor our war dead.

While the sentiment is nice, there is a nagging voice inside my head that this is a hollow gesture. If we want to truly honor the men and women who have died for our nation, we have to go deeper.

We have to live a life worthy of their sacrifice. We have to exercise our civic duties. We all need to be willing to sacrifice our own safety in order to keep our liberty.

As a combat veteran of Iraq, this is how I want my brothers and sisters honored. Not some scant minute of silence.

True honor is not easy and it does not last for a minute. True honor is paid over a lifetime.

## Reactions mean more than campaign

By Vince Driver  
Columnist

The biggest test of Barack Obama's administration so far has not been about war, security or even a sex scandal. It wasn't even a forged birth certificate or secret Kenyan Muslim "Manchurian Candidate" agenda. It was an environmental issue, how disappointing. The oil spill is obviously a pressing issue that demands Obama's attention, but should it be his top priority? What about the war in Iraq, protecting the borders and repealing "don't ask don't tell"?

The oil spill illustrates that presidents need to be elected not just because of what they stand for, but how they can

adapt. Talking heads like to pretend that political leanings weigh heavily on this ability, making it seem like only hawks can respond to military threats and keep Americans safe (or the opposite depending on the channel), but policy doesn't change reaction time.

Juggling priorities isn't anything new for presidents. It would be hypocritical to give Obama a free pass while ignoring that Bush had a lot on his plate, as well. America's enemies didn't take a break to let FEMA take care of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, just like they aren't busy crying over sea turtles and championing Greenpeace. This isn't to say we can't keep a critical eye over the president's

activities and how he prioritizes, because we learned a lot about Bush from doing just that, as we hopefully will learn from Obama.

But what we should see from this is the absurdity of campaign promises. The candidates aren't completely to blame for this. Campaigns have become a media carnival, where spectacle and bombast are more important than any real political talk (it's bad enough that this observation itself has become cliché). In this kind of atmosphere, a politician can't hope to win unless they make promises that will consolidate their base and draw in undecided voters. These promises have to be made regardless of the

political climate, without any perspective considering that they might be an impossible political battle. Consider the clash over health care, where Obama failed to please either political party because of necessary compromise.

So keep in mind for next election, regardless of your political affiliation, which candidate thinks better on their feet. Obama does rely on a teleprompter, but he's also known for a razor wit. After the Gulf spill issue is solved, read into how well he responded to the crisis as it changed. Weigh that against the other candidates and you will know who's going to be a better president, not because of meaningless campaign promises.

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## WBGU

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that extends into Southeast Michigan and to the Indiana state line. The station will set up video cameras at the Extravaganza to record private testimonials from service members and their families to be aired on WBGU's Web site. Boyce said the posts are to "serve as inspiration and encouragement for other military families."

The June 11 conference has the same goal with a different demographic. While the entire community is encouraged to attend, the program is geared toward counseling specialists such as psychologists and mental health specialists.

The conference, hosted by WBGU with the University's Office of Continuing and Extended Education, will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Theater. The offices' cooperation will lead to free Continuing Education Units for various professions, including social workers and counselors, Boyce said.

The presentations will focus heavily on the deployment process of service members and how it affects the families, and later segments will cover mental traumas and resources for families to utilize.

Presenting at the conference will be Dr. Shillinglaw from the Center for

Deployment Psychology; Dr. Marijo Tamburrino from the University of Toledo's Psychology department and who conducted a Risk and Resilience study for the Ohio National Guard; and Dr. Jeremy Kaufman with the Ohio National Guard.

Tamburrino emphasized the conference's importance, noting the challenges families go through as their roles change not only to fill a vacated position, but also adjusting to the family member's return after facing significant economic and parenting challenges. She said that risk factors for mental disorder/trauma include the amount of combat faced and childhood trauma, while listing protective factors such as stable family and job support that promote resilience.

Tamburrino presented at a conference at Ohio State, and said the feedback she received from people immediately afterward was educational, allowing people to open up and share their experiences.

While the results of the conference remain to be seen, Boyce said feedback from a similar program WBGU centered on cancer survivors was beneficial.

"It's been very, very rewarding to hear feedback from people that have said, 'Thanks for doing that,'" Boyce said. "It's really neat to hear from others that have had challenges find the support and services to help overcome them and offer encouragement to others."

### Event Timeline

The schedule of events for the WBGU "Operation Reconnect" program:

- June 5
  - 9-10 a.m.: Military Recognition Breakfast will run with tours of WBGU.
  - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Kids Extravaganza
- June 11
  - 8-9 a.m.: Registration/coffee
  - 9-10 a.m.: Military Culture
  - 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.: The Deployment Cycle and Its Impact on Service Members and Families
  - 11:15-11:45 a.m.: Wounds of War — Overview of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
  - 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Lunch
  - 12:45-1:45 p.m.: Wounds of War (continued) Major Depressive Disorder/Suicidality/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
  - 1:45-2:30 p.m.: Risk and Resilience Factors for Combat-Related Post-traumatic Psychopathology
  - 2:45-3:15 p.m.: Resources Available For Service Members and Families
  - 3:15-4:15 p.m.: Panel Discussion — Service members and military family members discuss the impact of the deployment cycle on all family members, including children
  - 4:15-4:30 p.m.: Wrap Up and Evaluations
  - Conference Agenda provided from WBGU

## Professor works to protect students from radiation

By Kaycee Hallett  
Reporter



**George Bullerjahn**  
Professor and  
Radiation Safety  
Officer

"Your dosimetry badge [used for monitoring exposure to ionizing radiation] is like your toothbrush. Don't share it with others," professor George Bullerjahn said.

The professor of biological sciences at BGSU has had his fair share of experience using radioactive materials, and now he doubles as the University's Radiation Safety Officer.

Bullerjahn teaches students how to work with and around the radioactive materials that the University keeps in some of its science labs for research or other projects. Students need to go through the three hour safety program to be able to work with the materials.

"I'm doing a research project on RNA," Mary Joseph, a senior microbiology major, said. "I need to know the precautions."

Bullerjahn said even if students like Joseph aren't directly using materials, they will be working in a lab where other people are. In these cases students still need to

go through the instructional program.

"If it has to do with a career students are going into, obviously they're going to need to know how to work with radioactive material safely, so they should go through training. It could make or break their safety and of those around them," said Jennifer Steiner, a senior middle childhood education major.

"If we ordered our maximum amount of 150 microcuries, I would be able to dispose of it down the sink by dumping a little bit every day for two weeks. It's really not a lot," Bullerjahn said.

BGSU has a specific materials license, meaning that only small amounts of radioactive materials are available at any given time.

"Unless people are deliberately causing problems there is no hazard. Someone would have to drink it, or it'd have to be painted on an unwitting person. Someone

would have to try and cause trouble," Bullerjahn said.

But radioactive materials are not the most dangerous tools being stored in the science labs at the University.

"Our labs have cyanide. You could kill yourself a lot quicker with that then painting yourself with iodine 125," Bullerjahn said.

Bullerjahn teaches the Radiation Safety Seminar at the beginning of the fall, spring and summer semesters, and he also teaches the Laser Safety Seminar.

"There's a lot of regulations for something that's a minimal hazard [radioactive materials], but the ironic part is lasers can literally put your eye out and leave you wondering what happened, but there's no regulations on them," Bullerjahn said.

In the upcoming weeks, the University will host a number of safety sessions. Including sessions on fire safety, bucket truck operator training, mold prevention and remediation, lock-out/tagout and ladder safety. For a full schedule of events, visit <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page22440.html>.

## JACOBS

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Pace saw "Along the River" as a good chance to help branch into the Bowling Green community. Jacobs provided the connection for the organization and the documentary to work together.

"Every time I see him that's all he talks about," Pace said. "From what he tells us and the different kinds of events and meetings. Being around him, he's making a lot of progress."

Jacobs plans to first release the documentary to area fifth graders, and

eventually adapt it to be shown on PBS.

"I'm trying to make it as kid oriented as possible, because I feel those are the people that will go out and get involved first, and they can pull their entire family into it," Jacobs said.

A 20 minute promo is planned for completion by July 13, which will be used to gather more funding through festivals.

A shorter promo for the documentary can be seen right now at [1freemind.org](http://1freemind.org), along with news about the river and opportunities for involvement.

## LAYING HANDS



PRAYER: Students and Faculty have a quick prayer session with an InterVarsity Leader.

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## BASEBALL

## Vaughn named to MAC All-Tournament Team

Falcon outfielder Dennis Vaughn was recognized for his impressive tournament performance last week. Vaughn batted .400 in BG's five tournament games with a home run and six RBIs. Vaughn was also named MAC East Co-Player of the Week last week against Buffalo.

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## The List

With the end of the Falcon baseball season last Saturday, we take a look at the team's statistical leaders for the year.

**1. Jon Berti:** Berti lead the team with a .423 batting average. He also tied for the most triples on the team with six.

**2. T.J. Blanton:** Blanton blasted 15 home runs on the season and finished three ahead of Derek Spencer.

**3. Dennis Vaughn:** With a late surge, Vaughn overtook Blanton and finished first on the team with 58 RBIs.

**4. Kevin Leady:** Leady finished the season with eight wins and 94-and-a-third innings pitched. Both were tops on the team.

**5. Brennan Smith:** Smith turned his season around and finished the year with 70 strikeouts. He finished second on the team with six wins.

# Falcons falter in the ninth

Central Michigan ousts BG from MAC tournament with late rally

By Justin Onslow  
Sports Editor

The Falcons were one out away from a championship game appearance. They never got that out.

After a roller coaster ride in Chillicothe, Ohio, BG bowed out of the Mid-American Conference Tournament, just a game away from the decisive MAC Championship game.

"The guys really played well," coach Danny Schmitz said. "The big key was that they left it out on the field. It was just unfortunate we ran out of arms."

With a three-run lead heading into the ninth Saturday against Central Michigan, it looked like the Falcons were on their way to the MAC Championship game. The inning did not go as planned, however.

Ross Gerdeman allowed the first two runners to reach base before giving way to freshman reliever Patrick O'Brien, who allowed both of Gerdeman's runners to score. He allowed the tying run to score on a sacrifice fly and could not record the final out.

BG played five games in just four days, which strained the pitching staff and left Schmitz with few options in the late innings of the final three games.

"You get into the losers bracket and you have to play that one extra game," Schmitz said.

O'Brien made relief appearances in four of the Falcons' five tournament games. Although he allowed the winning run in the final game, O'Brien pitched well for the team in the tournament. In his first three appearances combined, O'Brien threw three scoreless innings and allowed only one hit while striking out three and notching his fifth and sixth saves of the year.

Senior left fielder Dennis Vaughn finished off a phenomenal second half of the season with an outstanding MAC Tournament performance. In the Falcons' five tournament games, Vaughn went 8-for-20 with a home run and six RBIs. In Vaughn's final eight games as a Falcon, he amassed 15 hits, five home runs and 14 RBIs. Vaughn was the lone Falcon named to the MAC All-Tournament team.

"[Vaughn] was outstanding," Schmitz said. "He had some big hits for us."

As a team, BG batted .273 for the tournament. Excluding the team's four-hit defeat at the hands of Central Michigan in game two, the Falcons hit .307 and combined for double-digit hits in three of the other four games.

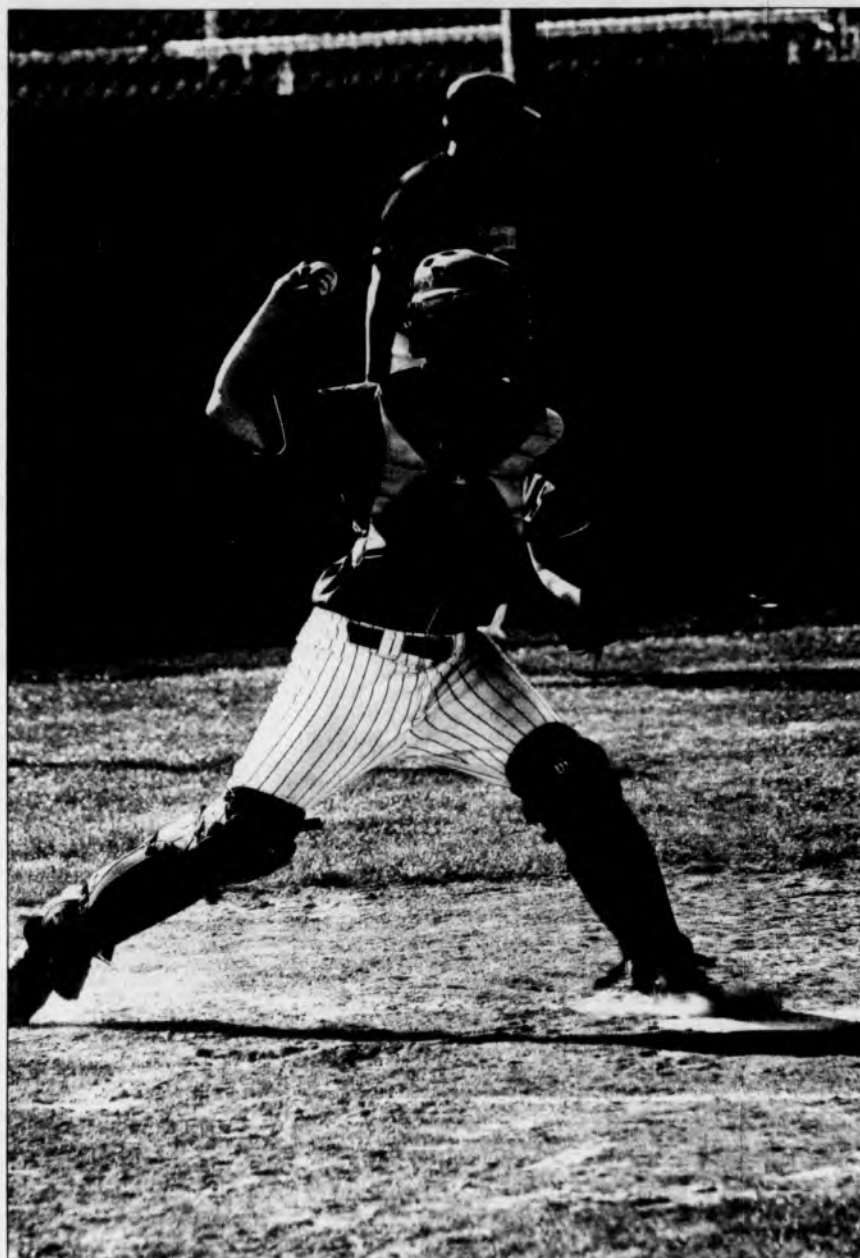
Sophomore shortstop Jon Berti had a solid tournament for the Falcons. In the team's five games, Berti went 8-for-20 from the dish, and finished the season with a team-high .423 batting average. Berti will be a junior next year, and will be expected to be a key player in a nucleus of young talent.

"We're going to lose a lot of our offense for next year," Schmitz said. "We're losing our top four hitters and a six-hole hitter. Five of our top six hitters are graduating."

BG's senior class consisted of nine players, all of whom will graduate by December.

"They've definitely made their mark in the Falcon baseball tradition," Schmitz said. "They're going to be missed in more ways than one. Not only for how they performed on the field but also the great job they've done in the classroom. That's what it's all about. I know each and every

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**THROWING DOWN:** Sophomore Matt Vannett throws down to second base earlier in the season. BG had some of its best defensive performances during the MAC Tournament, but failed to cap it off with a championship last weekend in Chillicothe, Ohio.

## RUGBY BRIEF

### BG rugby club to be televised nationally

The BGUSU rugby club will play in the USA Sevens Rugby Collegiate Championship Invitational this weekend beginning Friday, June 4. The national television coverage will be aired Saturday and Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

The invitational will mark the first ever network coverage of collegiate rugby. 16 teams will be in attendance, and the tournament will be a round-robin format. The sevens format differs from traditional 15-player format, which will be more television friendly due to the fast pace of the matches.

## SOFTBALL BRIEF

### Hanson signs Letter of Intent to play for Falcons

Abby Hanson will join a young, talented squad of players on the diamond next year for the Falcon softball team. Hanson signed her National Letter of Intent last week.

Hanson was a star athlete at Zion-Benton Township High School in Winthrop Harbor, Ill. She led her team to a regional championship victory in softball, and was also a key contributor on the volleyball and basketball courts.

Hanson will join Paige Berger, Hannah Fulk and several other young Falcons as the future of the team.

## TENNIS BRIEF

### Hill joins Falcon tennis team

Coastal Carolina University transfer Mary Hill will join the tennis squad next year. Hill went to Munster High School in Munster, Ind. and is the winningest girls singles player in Indiana high school history.

Hill went 21-9 in singles play last year at Coastal Carolina. She has three years of collegiate athletic eligibility left.



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**VIEW FROM THE TOP:** Much of Forrest Creason can be seen from the tee box at hole 12 atop the hill.

## Forrest Creason provides summer opportunities for students

By Bobby Waddle  
Reporter

Students, faculty members and local residents with an interest in golf can find a pleasant experience and an array of options at Forrest Creason Golf Course. The clubhouse is located at 1616 E. Poe Road and much of the course runs along Mercer Road, Interstate 75 and Poe Road.

"It's a nice course, really well maintained," course regular Bob McGeein said.

Offering 18 holes and a driving range across the road, the University auxiliary course is open seven days a week for the majority of the year. The course opens in early March and closes in late November or early December depending on the weather, course director Kurt Thomas said.

"Play really drops off after October," Thomas said. "We will

stay open as long as we can."

While many students go home for the summer, the golf course offers year-round incentives for students to play, providing reduced greens fees for faculty and staff, but the best deals are for students, according to the University website.

"Students get a break, which is nice," pro shop employee and University student Nick Schuessler said. "Realistically, it's a cheap golf course to just stay fit."

Fitness is a top priority at the golf course, as it is part of the Recreation and Wellness program.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students to go out and have some physical activity," Thomas said. "It's a nice benefit on campus."

Course Pro/Assistant Course Director Lindy Powers believes the game of golf provides a useful benefit for the campus and

surrounding community.

"It's a sport that people can use their entire lives to enjoy and stay in shape," Powers said.

Thomas said that many universities do not have golf courses, and those with courses do not have them located near the campus.

"It's a great asset to the University, and the University is a great asset to us," Thomas said.

An example of this mutually beneficial relationship is the hiring practices at the pro shop, where Schuessler said only University students are hired through the Recreation and Wellness program. In exchange for his services in the shop, Schuessler has gained several social benefits by recognizing and getting to know various

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## Sports analysis: Outlook for three MLB teams

By Craig Vanderkam  
Guest Writer

With the NBA and NHL seasons winding down and the start of the NFL season still months away, the dog days of summer are almost officially upon us and fans of two local teams have plenty to be excited about. On the other hand, Cleveland sports fans are wondering when the Indians will actually be relevant again, but seem more concerned regarding the future of LeBron James to actually care.

Following Memorial Day weekend, the Cincinnati Reds are one of five teams that finished with losing records in 2009 currently with a winning record. These losers-turned-winners have won 23 of their last 32 games and lead the National League in virtually every offensive stat.

The Reds finished April at 12-11, yet now sit atop the Central Division at 30-22; they were the beneficiary of a weak May schedule, where they went 14-4 against teams under .500 and have just four wins in 10 games against teams with winning records. It is hard to believe they will keep playing at the same pace when they start to face tougher pitching later in the year.

That is not to discount the success the Reds have enjoyed so far. The Reds have not had a winning season since 2000 and have been without a playoff berth since 1995, so the early success has been a welcomed change in Cincinnati. Fans enduring the turmoil of the Reds for so

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one of them are going to go out and be very successful in the game of life."

Although the senior class did not win a MAC Tournament Championship in their time at the University, it managed to find a place in the record books. Until this season, no BG baseball team has ever won three straight division titles.

Schmitz feels the Falcon seniors are some of the best he has ever coached at the University.

"I have to rank it right near the top, if not at the top," Schmitz said. "They were a great group to work with. I'm very, very proud of them."

## Game 1: BG 6, Ball State 4

Top Falcon performances: Junior Brennan Smith went six and two-thirds innings for BG and allowed four runs on seven hits. Smith struck out six and walked three, and earned his sixth win of the season.

Catcher Ryan Schlatter led the Falcons on offense dur-

ing game one. He went 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and two runs scored.

## Game 2: CMU 8, BG 1

Top Falcon performances: Sophomore Patrick Martin and freshman Michael Frank combined for two scoreless innings of relief work in the Falcons' first loss to CMU. Kevin Leady only allowed five earned runs in the start, but BG's defense committed two errors leading to three unearned runs.

The Falcons only managed four hits in the game, but right fielder Mark Galvin contributed one of the four with an RBI single in the fifth.

## Game 3: BG 7, Ball State 4

Top Falcon performances: Jon Berti, Dennis Vaughn and Ryan Schlatter combined for six of the Falcons' 12 hits in the three-run win. The Falcons avoided elimination by toppling Ball State for a second time in the tournament.

Freshman Cody Apthorpe got the start for the Falcons and put together a solid performance. Apthorpe went six innings and allowed only two earned runs on four hits.

Apthorpe improved to 3-2 on the season with the victory.

## Game 4: BG 7, CMU 3

Top Falcon performances: Dennis Vaughn and T.J. Blanton each went deep for BG in its second elimination game of the tournament. Vaughn went 3-for-3 and Blanton added a 2-for-4 performance at the dish. The two combined for two RBIs and three runs scored.

Patrick Martin got his second win of the year in long relief for the Falcons. Martin tossed five innings and allowed only two earned runs while striking out four and walking one. Patrick O'Brien came on in the ninth and threw a perfect inning for the hold.

## Game 5: CMU 9, BG 8

Top Falcon performances: Jon Berti paced the Falcons with three hits and T.J. Blanton and Dennis Vaughn added two hits apiece. BG dropped its final game in heartbreaking fashion with a blown lead in the ninth. Vaughn, Berti and Blanton combined for five RBIs and three runs scored in the contest.

For the third straight game, the Falcon defense did not commit an error. BG's fielding percentage increased to .958 to end the season.

With the Falcon baseball season officially over, the team will look to establish a new core of leaders. Schmitz is optimistic about the team's future, despite the loss of one of the most successful senior classes in BG history.

Shortstop Jon Berti will return next season for his junior year after having led the team in batting average this season and being named to the All-MAC First Team.

Freshman designated hitter Matt Pitzulo was named to the All-MAC Second Team and will also be returning next season.

Along with the return of several key players, BG will be home to a new class of freshman athletes next season.

Schmitz feels the class of recruits will be an integral piece of the Falcon baseball family next year.

"I think we have a good group of freshman recruits coming in," Schmitz said. "They're going to get an opportunity to play right away also, so we'll see where it takes us."

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many seasons can certainly appreciate the way the current team was constructed, with several key contributors being brought up through the farm system and 10 players on the current 25-man roster having less than three years of MLB service time.

The appreciation comes from teams needing to develop their own players because there is no profitable amateur league that plays at a level near Major League Baseball. A player that is considered good enough to play in the major leagues in his first year out of college is extremely rare.

As a result, each team invests millions of dollars on their player development. Many major league teams have at least six minor league affiliates, and each spends money in upkeep in the form of coaches, supplies and management. By the time a young prospect gets to the majors, a team has spent a lot of money to get him there.

Still, developing players through the minor leagues is the most cost-effective method for a franchise to consistently win more games than their payroll would imply, and the Reds rank in the bottom third of baseball in payroll.

Players need three years of major league service time before arbitration and six years before they can finally hit free agency, and free agent's salaries are so large because most players that start in the minor league fail sometime between A-ball and the majors. The few players that are successful enough to get all the way through the process are worth a good amount of money.

A successfully developed player is an extraordinarily expensive one, requiring not only the money invested to develop him, but all the failures that statistically accompany one's success. If a play-

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er is drafted as the future of any position, it may be three seasons before he replaces a current player. That is why in baseball, a developed player is expensive in terms of time and money.

The Reds patience is paying dividends, and they have seemingly mastered this art of player development, as evidenced by contributions from Johnny Cueto, Mike Leake, Joey Votto and Drew Stubbs, to name a few. Cincinnati has an explosive offense and good defense that if they can continue to pitch well, they can remain competitive this season and certainly end their long playoff drought within the near future.

The Detroit Tigers are once again in a highly competitive divisional race with the Minnesota Twins, and Miguel Cabrera and Justin Morneau should be the leading candidates for American League Most Valuable Player. Cabrera, rededicated to the sport after alcoholism plagued him toward the end of last season, is second in the AL in home runs and leads the majors in RBI.

The Tigers started the off-season in cost-shedding mode, shipping out high-paid players Curtis Granderson and Edwin Jackson in a three-team trade; while Austin Jackson has been a huge surprise, his line drive percentage and batting average on balls in play lead the majors, but it is unrealistic for those rates to continue.

Still, the Tigers have not received the contributions they expected from Max Scherzer, save his 14-strike-

out performance this past weekend, and have been plagued by some injuries.

The bullpen has been the best in the American League, and the Tigers finally have a dominant closer, but the bottom third of their lineup is the team's Achilles' heel.

Detroit ranks fifth in payroll this season, and has shown the willingness to bring in pieces at the trade deadline if it does not mortgage their future. Detroit has the power pitching and just enough hitting to win a short series in the post-season, and the division should be a two-team race through September.

Tigers fans hope the outcome is better than last year, when they lost a one-game playoff to the Minnesota Twins in a thrilling 12-inning affair. Expect all these factors to even out and to see the Tigers near or on top of the division throughout the season.

While fans of the Reds and Tigers are set for pennant races this summer, the Cleveland Indians are on the opposite end of the spectrum and have sunk into Major League futility.

The Indians are last in the major leagues in attendance, averaging fewer than 16,000 fans a game and are on pace for their lowest home attendance since 1992. The figure is down nearly 6,000 fans per game at this point last season, despite a record in 2009 just one game better than this season through the end of May. Through 22 home games, they have already drawn the eight smallest crowds in ballpark history.

The Indians rank last in the

American League in pitching with a 4.89 ERA and the bottom third in hitting with a .246 average. Grady Sizemore and Asdrubal Cabrera are both injured, and in an already to-be-forgotten season,

Cleveland should look to take a page out of the Reds formula for success and let their young guys shine. Baseball America ranked the Indians farm system as fifth best in the majors, and several of their prospects are almost major-league ready. Carlos Santana was acquired for Casey Blake and was MVP of the Eastern League in 2009 and has been tearing up Triple-A pitching with the Columbus Clippers, who hold the International League's best record at 33-20.

Carlos Carrasco, acquired as the centerpiece from Philadelphia in the Cliff Lee trade, should get another shot in the majors at some point this season and Jordan Brown should make his big league debut at some point this year.

Cleveland has stocked its farm system with several other prospects at the lower levels of the minor leagues, so the rebuilding process figures to be long-term, but right now they have very little major league talent to really build around, which will impede their ability to actually become relevant in the division.

All three of the area teams have storylines to watch for during the upcoming summer; for Cincinnati and Detroit, their regular season may end with the spraying of champagne in the clubhouse in celebration of a playoff berth. Unfortunately for Cleveland, that chapter won't be written this season; their youth movement is a long-term process, and that strategy usually means some rainy days before the sunshine.

*Editor's note: Former BG News sports editor Colin Wilson contributed to this column.*

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faces from the community and University alike-- something that can allow students from out of town to make connections.

"You're not just that person that works at the golf course anymore," Schuessler said.

Community members also find the course to be an appealing place to work. Course starter Neil Smith enjoys the atmosphere provided by the course and the students, praising the students as "very knowledgeable."

"[Forrest Creason] has some great, great kids here," Smith said. "Each one of them brings a different aspect of golf and also life, which is always interesting."

In keeping with the University's academic atmosphere, Schuessler believes the course is a great place to learn the game, crediting the course design along with Powers' sessions at the driving range. Powers offers clinics and private lessons, along with free group lessons on certain weeks, which Schuessler said can provide incentives for people who do not see golf as just a hobby.

"Golf is a hard sport. You're not just going to become good at it," Schuessler said. "[Powers] really helps get beginners going."

While the course is a good place to learn the game, it also tends to bring back veteran players week after week. McGeein said that holes three and 10 are particularly difficult, while Smith said hole six is "the most challenging to make par."

"The wind here is always a factor," Smith said.

Thomas added that although student business drops during the summer, the course maintains good business through most of the year because of the high community involvement.

Some of the good business can be attributed to the opportunity for outings on the course, as reservations can be made for social and corporate rounds of golf among on-campus and off-campus organizations, according to the University website. Thomas said that various on-campus and off-campus organizations can hold fundraisers as well.

Another source of business is golf leagues, which are played during the evenings on Monday through Thursday. Thomas noted that corporations such as Cooper Tire hold league play at the course, along with a women's league on Monday night.

"In general, we're a very good public golf course," Thomas said. "Pace of play is excellent."

The efficient manner of the course is a big draw. Course starter Jim Treeger praised the relatively short tee times. Thomas added that people can call in tee times seven days in advance and can generally count on playing two hours for nine holes and four for 18.

"You can generally get a tee time any time you want, and the price is right," said Treeger.

The course design contributes to the level of enjoyment, with several holes cited as favorites.

"The most fun could be [hole] 13 because you could play anything from a six iron to a driver," Treeger said.

Schuessler enjoys hole 12, which sits on the hill that he and Thomas believe most people know the course for while driving on Interstate 75.

"[It] provides a pretty nice view of the course," Schuessler said, emphasizing sunset as the best time to play the hole.

Smith is also highly impressed with the visual splendor the course offers, adding further incentive for people to take up the sport.

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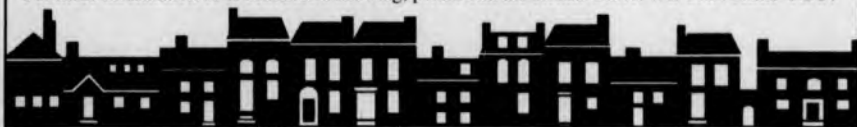
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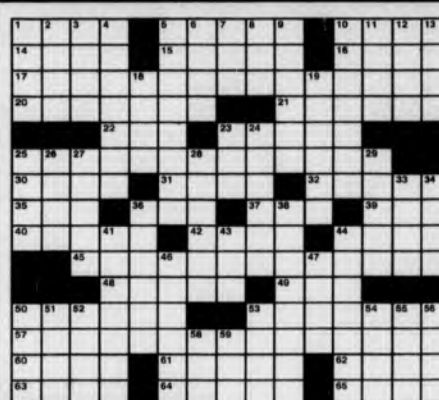
**HOLLYWOOD LEGEND DIES:** Two-time Oscar nominee Dennis Hopper died on Saturday in his Los Angeles home after battling prostate cancer since last year. Hopper was best known for his success in "Easy Rider" and other roles in "Rebel Without A Cause" and "Apocalypse Now."



**DIRECTOR LEAVES MIDDLE EARTH:** Director Guillermo del Toro, famous for "Pan's Labyrinth," "Blade II" and "Hellboy," said he was forced to quit the planned feature film "The Hobbit" due to production delays. "The Lord of the Rings" prequel was planned to be a two-part film, and Del Toro said it was the "hardest decision" of his life to make.

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- 3. Digital Get Down**  
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by Prince
- 6. Boom Boom Pow**  
by Black Eyed Peas
- 7. Digital Love**  
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2 Spare for a change  
3 Japanese noodle  
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5 Promote to excess  
6 Not any  
7 Means justifier  
8 Feminist musician DiFranco  
9 Lariats  
10 Pain reliever  
11 Pencil, pen, or quill  
12 Whom "seven ate," in a joke  
13 Like some museumgoers  
18 Luxurious  
19 Disbelievers  
23 About 525 trillion minutes, in astronomy  
24 Jumper cable?  
25 45 and 78, e.g.: Abbr.  
26 Versailles eye  
27 Violin stroke  
28 Medal recipients  
29 Downside of sailing off into the sunset?  
33 Mezzanine cousin  
34 Coin collector?

DOWN

- 36 Zonked  
38 Greek sea god  
41 Past due wages  
43 Drano ingredient  
44 Huntress daughter of Zeus and Leto  
46 Texas border city  
47 Citrus drink used by NASA  
50 Bygone ruler  
51 "the Woods"  
52 Broadway's second-longest-running show  
53 Darling  
54 Call from 52-Down  
55 Opposition member  
56 All-male party  
58 Hairpiece  
59 Martin's role in "The West Wing"

## ACROSS

- 1 Cooling units, briefly  
5 Center of Cleveland?  
10 Tolstoy's Karenina  
14 Musical with the song "Another Pyramid"  
15 Pat's partner  
16 Somber film genre  
17 Price decrease for a stout-bodied fish?  
20 Part of ESP  
21 2000 Olympics city  
22 A smoker may flick it off  
23 Black wood  
25 Habitat for orange fish?  
30 Skunk moniker  
31 Manhattan's Station  
32 Text receivers  
35 1997 Smith/Jones film, briefly  
36 Lingus  
37 TomTom or Magellan unit, for short  
39 ISP featuring CBS Radio stations

- 40 Oscar Madison et al.  
42 Muffin topper  
44 Ship of Greek myth  
45 Road for Minnesota's state fish?  
48 "Enough!"  
49 Put away the groceries?  
50 CNBC weekday crawl  
53 Movie venues  
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