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HARMONY: Kayla Fackler listens to her serenade from members of music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha on Valentine's Day.

Heart beats

Music-based fraternity sold 45 serenades for Valentine's Day

By Danae King
Reporter

Junior Elizabeth Knipp stood in her doorway Monday evening while 15 members of Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity serenaded her.

Knipp's boyfriend, sophomore John Incorvaia, is a member of the music-based fraternity. Phi Mu sells serenades every Valentine's Day, and members will travel anywhere in the city. Sometimes, they even venture outside the city, said junior Phi Mu member Andrew Selle.

Customers could choose from three serenade packages: the basic serenade, which costs \$10 and includes one song and one rose; the super serenade, which is \$25 and includes one song and six roses; and the Sinfonian

package, which is \$40 and includes two songs and 12 roses. Customers can also buy extra roses or songs in addition to their package.

"We do the serenades because we're a fraternity based around music, so we like to be able to spread music to other people, and we need to do a fundraiser to cover our costs," Selle said. "So we figured, why don't we do a fundraiser where we can bring people a little happiness through music? And we thought this would be a really nice way to be able to do that."

The members split into two teams of 15 and serenaded the campus and town all day Saturday and Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Customers could

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LOOK OUT: City officials are asking residents to clear the snow around yellow fire hydrants only. Yellow hydrants are owned by the city, while red hydrants are privately owned and cleared.

Residents urged to adopt a hydrant to improve city safety

By Asia Rapai
Assistant City Editor

The city's fire division is asking residents and property owners to adopt a fire hydrant to keep it clear from snow.

Bowling Green Fire Division Captain Scott Eschedor said with this winter's heavy snow falls, adopting a fire hydrant is even more important than before.

Eschedor said the fire division would prefer an area of approximately three feet of snow around the fire hydrant be cleared as well as a path to the hydrant.

If the fire hydrants are not cleared from snow and there is a fire, the fire division must take extra time to find the hydrant and then clear the snow around it so they can use it, Eschedor said.

He said if people do their part to clear one or two hydrants, it could help the city and improve safety response.

"It can be beneficial to you if we don't have to dig them out if there's a fire near you," he said.

There are approximately 1,400 fire hydrants in the city, Fire Chief Stephen Meredith said.

If property owners did not help to clear them, the water department would be responsible for clearing all of them.

"That would be a monumental task," Meredith said.

Meredith said the fire division has asked this of citizens for many years, and they usually respond positively.

He said there have not been any instances where the snow created a problem with the fire hydrants in an emergency situation.

"I can't say we've had issues in the past but we're in the business of what-ifs," Meredith said. "If you could clear it out around the fire hydrants, we'd certainly appreciate

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Laws prohibiting guns on campus remain unchanged

By Brian Bohnert
Reporter

In Utah, it is legal for people with concealed carry permits to bring guns onto college campuses. In Arizona, there is a bill on the ballot attempting to do the same.

But in Ohio, the concealed carry law still prohibits carrying guns on campus; which means no gun is allowed anywhere on University grounds. The state legislature is not considering changing the law.

"If someone is caught with a gun, they can be charged even if they have a concealed carry permit," said Sgt. Tim James of the campus police department. "This is because the law considers it a forbidden place that is outside of the allowed area."

Carrying a concealed weapon unlawfully is considered a misdemeanor, James said, unless they have a previous felony on record. In that case, it would become a felony of the fourth degree. The maximum punishment for the first degree concealed weapons crime is either a \$1,000 fine or up to 180 days in jail, he said.

James said he does not think that allowing concealed weapons in more places like college campuses would make a difference as far as violent crimes go; he said the crimi-

**"If someone wants to
do you harm they aren't
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carry permit ..."**

Tim James | Campus Police

nal is going to do whatever he or she wants to do no matter what the law says. He said what Utah allows and what Arizona is considering would be inconsequential to gun violence.

"If someone wants to do you harm, they aren't going to get a concealed carry permit and do it right," James said. "If you have a law-abiding citizen that is careful and does everything the right way, you don't have to worry about them ... but the criminals out there that want to do harm aren't going to care."

In order to legally obtain a concealed carry license, Ohio residents must be approved through licensed dealers.

Theresa Cleland, co-owner of Cleland's Outdoor World in Swanton, Ohio, said there are certain criteria people must meet to purchase a gun. The age to purchase either a rifle or a shotgun is 18 years old, while the

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CAMPUS BRIEF

Parking plans changed for Presidents Day visitors

Parking Services is requiring 525 students to move their cars from Lot 12 to a temporary lot on East Poe Road to accommodate for visitors on Presidents Day.

The 525 cars that students have to move will open up 1,100 parking spots in the portion of Lot 12 closest to the intersection of Mercer and Poe roads, said Aaron Kane, parking and shuttle manager.

Students can start moving their cars to the temporary lot Friday at 6 p.m. Students who do not move their cars by 6 p.m. Saturday may be towed.

All students who move their cars into the temporary lot must move their cars back to Lot 12 by Feb. 23 at 7 a.m.

Students who need help removing snow from around their car can contact Parking Services for help from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

A 24-hour shuttle will also be running from campus to the temporary lot beginning Friday evening.

Originally, Parking Services planned to clear out all of Lot 12 and have students park in commuter lots at the Ice Arena, the Field House, lots at the Stroh Center and the temporary lot on Poe Road.

The change was made in order to minimize impact on residential students, Kane said.

JUST DANCE



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GREEN LIGHT: Resident advisers Lois Snively, John Eggleston and Ashley Pace get the dance party started at the National Singles Awareness Day Ball. The stop light-themed mixer took place in Offenhauer Residence Hall from 8 to 10 p.m. Monday.

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OhioLINK helps students

The University's participation in the OhioLINK program allows students to get books from libraries at other Ohio colleges | **Page 3**

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Comic books can still entertain

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What would your superhero name be?



LAUREN HAMBLIN
Senior, Apparel Merchandising
"Fashionista-Beasta, I would transform people from beasts to fashionistas." | **Page 4**



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Obama sends Congress \$3.73 trillion budget

President proposes \$1.1 trillion deficit reduction over next decade

By Martin Crutsinger
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama sent Congress a \$3.73 trillion budget Monday that holds out the prospect of eventually bringing deficits under control through spending cuts and tax increases. But the fiscal blueprint largely ignores his own deficit commission's view that the nation is imperiled unless huge entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare are slashed.

Obama called his new budget one of "tough choices and sacrifices," but most of those cuts would be held off until after the next presidential election.

Overall, Obama proposed trimming the deficits by \$1.1 trillion over a decade. The administration is projecting that the deficit will hit an all-time high of \$1.65 trillion this year and then drop sharply to \$1.1 trillion in 2012, with an expected improvement in the economy and as reductions in Social Security withholding and business taxes expire.

Obama's 2012 budget would actually add \$8 billion to the projected deficit for that year because the bulk of the savings he would achieve through a freeze in many domestic programs would be devoted to increased spending in areas Obama considers priorities, such as education, clean energy and high-speed rail.

"We have more work to do to live up to our promise by

repairing the damage this brutal recession has inflicted on our people," Obama said.

The president went to a middle school outside of Baltimore to highlight the education initiatives in his budget and told the crowd, "We can't sacrifice our future."

Republicans, who took control of the House in the November elections and picked up seats in the Senate in part because of voter anger over the soaring deficits, called Obama's efforts too timid. Lawmakers are set to begin debating on Tuesday \$61 billion in cuts for the remaining seven months of fiscal 2011.

"Presidents are elected to lead and address big challenges," said Republican House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin. "The big challenge facing our economy today and our country tomorrow is the debt crisis. He's making it worse, not better."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said the president's investment plans missed the simple point that "we don't have the money" to finance Obama's vision of "trains and windmills" in the future.

"After two years of failed stimulus programs and Democrats in Washington competing to outspend each other, we just can't afford to do all the things the administration wants," McConnell said.

Even some Democrats complained that Obama

needed a more vigorous attack on future budget deficits.

"We need a much more robust package of deficit and debt reduction over the medium- and long-term. It is not enough to focus primarily on cutting the non-security discretionary part of the budget," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., who called for a budget presentation matching the ambition of Obama's deficit commission.

Jacob Lew, the president's budget director, told reporters that the president's budget was a "meaningful down payment" in attacking the deficits that would get the country's finances headed in the right direction.

The \$14 trillion national debt — the cumulative total of deficits — would grow to \$16.7 trillion by Sept. 30, 2012, Obama's budget projects. Much of that debt is owed to China.

Obama's deficit commission made a host of painful recommendations including raising the Social Security retirement age and curbing benefit increases, eliminating or sharply scaling back popular tax breaks, reforming a financially unsound Medicare program and almost doubling the federal tax on gasoline. Obama included none of these proposals in his new budget. The deficit panel called for savings by making these politically tough choices of \$4 trillion over a decade, four-times the savings that Obama is projecting.

HYDRANT

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it."

When the large amounts of snow that have fallen this winter get plowed and piled up on the side of the streets, the fire hydrants get buried, he said. Depending on the conditions, this could delay the fire division in taking any action in emergency situations.

"It could take several minutes for us to find a hydrant and clear it if there is a fire. There are a variety of conditions that make it more difficult," Meredith said. "If it is clear, obviously we'll be able to find it and be able to use it."

The fire division stated on the city's website, www.bgo-hio.org, they also encourage citizens to consider helping a neighbor with a medical condition or who is elderly by clearing a fire hydrant near those individuals' homes or property.

The fire division is asking citizens to adopt yellow fire hydrants only, as those are the ones owned by the city, Meredith said.

Red fire hydrants are privately owned, making it the responsibility of the owner, not the city, to maintain them.

The University is responsible for maintaining 41 of their own private fire hydrants, which are red, and are not included in the city's 1,400 hydrants.

Fire Safety Inspector John Curlismaintains fire hydrants at the University, and he said the grounds staff that does the snow removal does their best to clear the snow from hydrants and paths that emergency vehicles might need to take.

"Fortunately, we've never had a problem with the snow," Curlis said. "We watch hydrants pretty carefully."

He said while driv-

ing through campus, if he notices a fire hydrant that is covered, he would clear the snow from it.

Curlis added that it is very important to know that anyone who is clearing the snow from a fire hydrant must not clear the snow completely, exposing the fire hydrant all the way to the grass or the ground.

A thin layer of snow should be left surrounding the hydrant, because the snow actually insulates it. If the snow is removed down to the ground, the hydrant could freeze and would not work in an emergency, Curlis said.

"It's a good idea to clear the snow, but use caution," he said. "Please leave a layer of snow."

The best solution is to clear the snow away enough to make sure the emergency workers can get to and attach a hose to the large cap on the center of the hydrant, Curlis said.

SERENADE

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choose from three songs: "Ain't She Sweet," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Guy Love."

The fraternity also has a special song, titled "Serenade," for when the brothers are singing to one of their members' significant others.

The brothers sang this song to Knipp, who has been with her boyfriend for almost five years, but who said she has never before been serenaded.

"I mean he sings, but never with everyone," Knipp said. "It was cute."

Knipp said she thought it was a good Valentine's Day gift.

Even if the members of Phi Mu don't have a significant

other to serenade, they enjoy just singing to others.

"It really is a ton of fun. We get to do things like interrupt people's dinners or we get to surprise them at their house or whatever. It's just fun to be able to do that kind of thing," Selle said. "It's nice to be able to help people like that."

Junior Kyle Mann said he looks forward to this time of year because of the serenades.

"It's great to see the expression on the recipient's face," Mann said.

The singers also get a variety of reactions from the people they sing to.

"We got one last year outside of the Union by the parkbenches, and the girl, as soon as she saw us, she smacked her boyfriend on the arm and then gave him a big kiss," said Mann. "It

was really nice."

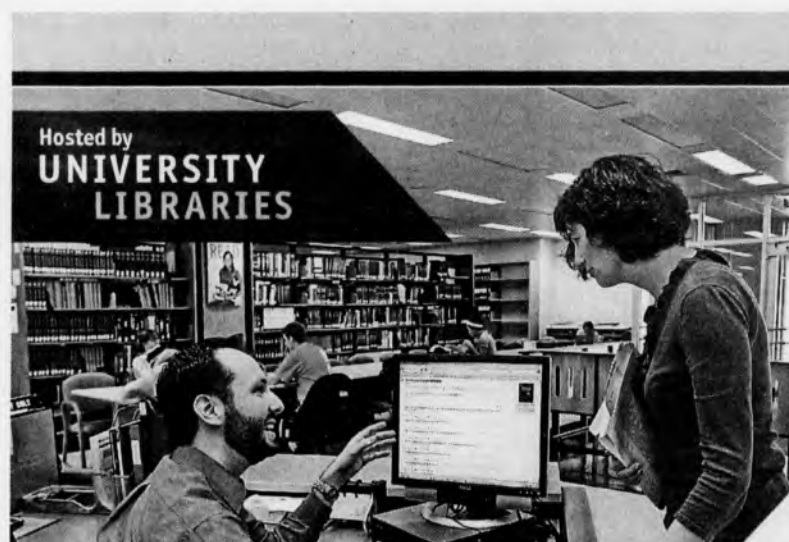
Selle also had a good memory of a recipient's reaction.

"The one I remember most is when we were singing to a couple at a restaurant and we sang to them and the woman, she just cried," Selle said. "She was happy and she just almost broke down in a way and it was a really powerful moment between us and her. It's probably something I'll never forget."

The fraternity has been doing the acapella serenades for nine or 10 years, Selle said.

This year, approximately 45 serenades were sold, up from last year's 29.

"I've never heard from anybody that didn't enjoy it," Selle said. "Most people are extremely happy with it. I think it's a really special experience."



Building the New Academic Library Experience

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Stephen Abram, MLS
Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets
Cengage Learning (Gale)

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11:50 P.M.

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12:07 A.M.

William Thomas, of Stow, Ohio, and Austin Collier, of Sterling, Mich., were cited for underage under the influence at Offenhauer East.

Caleb Koval, and Seth Goodwin, both of Stow, Ohio, were cited for furnishing to underage persons at Offenhauer East.

4:01 A.M.

Gillian Elizabeth Allan, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct/fighting within

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4:14 P.M.

A digital camera, valued at \$250, was reported stolen within the 100 block of Troup Ave.

4:15 P.M.

An MP3 player, valued at \$200, was reported stolen within the 200 block of S. Enterprise St.

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OhioLINK books prone to delay

By Janae Avery
Reporter

University Library Associate Dean Sara Bushong said the OhioLINK process is cyclical, causing students to receive books later than expected.

Bushong said there are more than 80 educational institutions involved in the OhioLINK system, which is a way for students in Ohio to borrow books with no charge. All institutions go through the process of packing, unpacking and monitoring book requests.

"OhioLINK is one of the only state wide programs of its kind," Bushong said.

The University was one of

the first universities to adopt the program. The service has been available for students for approximately 20 years.

Bushong said many students who have graduated and moved away from campus often write the library hoping to have access to OhioLINK. However, the service is exclusive for Ohio students.

Materials manager Bo Butler said the process is labor intensive. The process starts with generating a list of books requested from other schools as well as students from the University. Next, the books are pulled from the shelves. The books going to students on campus are labeled and the recipient is

"When you have so many computers communicating with each other, pieces of data get lost."

Bo Butler | Materials manager

notified. Books leaving campus are labeled and individually packaged in an envelope. These transactions must then be entered in the system.

"When you have so many computers communicating with each other, pieces of data get lost," Butler said.

He said the University comes in contact with approximately 60,000 books annually between lending

and borrowing. All of these books are individually handled by library personnel. With that amount of requests made by students from all over the state, the process could get slowed down.

Butler's job is to sort out all of the mishaps and get the system back on track.

"Spring orders are bigger than fall because new students begin to learn about

OhioLINK," said head of access services Mary-Beth Zachary. She said January was the busiest month they have ever had.

Zachary also said the system has gotten more complicated because there are more users. She said in times where the economy is not doing well, many people turn towards furthering their education. Therefore, the OhioLINK system has been busier than ever.

Another factor that slows delivery is that not all schools involved in OhioLINK have the same schedules as far as semesters and quarters go.

If a student from campus is waiting on a book to arrive

from a school that operates on a different schedule, that student could be left waiting longer for the book to be available since the previous borrower is not finished with the text.

Books are usually scheduled to be available in two-to-three business days but things such as weather and late returns make the wait longer.

For example, with the recent winter storms, other schools were closed, while the University was not. The arrival of some books was again delayed.

"When books finally come in, suddenly every one is very busy," Butler said.

Singing brothers serenade for funds, swoons



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TOP: The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha sing serenades for Valentine's Day.

MIDDLE: Freshman Anna Vogelgesang receives a rose with her serenade in Kreischer Batchelder.

BOTTOM: The brothers of Phi Mu Alpha sing a serenade via cell phone to Philadelphia for Valentine's Day.



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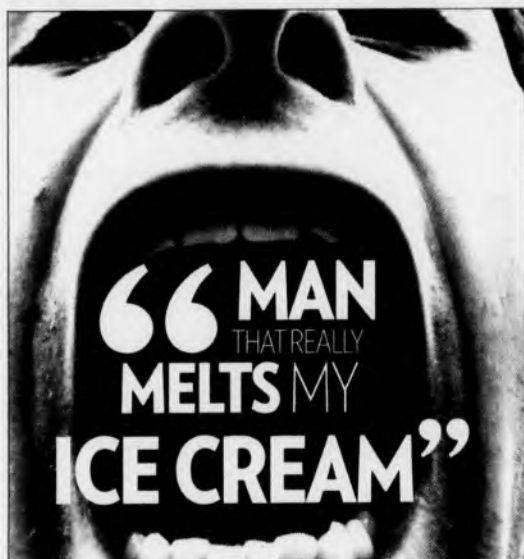
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THE BG NEWS PRESENTS FALCON SCREECH

Today, I realized how tired I was of hearing single people in the Union complain about how they are alone on Valentine's Day. Let's be realistic — this day will be over by the time readers see this rant because I am writing it on Valentine's Day. I am sure you have people in your life that love you, so be thankful for that and just enjoy the day with your other single friends and quit bringing everyone's mood down. If you can't be happy and content single, then you will never be happy in a relationship.
— GET OVER IT GIRL

Let's talk about courtesy. When I am in a computer lab working, the last thing I want to hear is loud music blaring from your headphones. The computer lab is silent. It is not like the room is noisy and it is interfering with your tunes. Turn it down please.
No one else wants to listen to your music either; if we did, then we would ask you to play it loudly via the computer speakers. And no offense, but your taste in music is quite sub-par.
— ANGRY COMPUTER LAB USER

Hey BGSU drivers, if you don't have a commuter parking pass, stay out of the commuter lots! I see that you have ten tickets that you obviously don't care about, but I would like to park in the lots that I paid for. I shouldn't have to pay for meters when I already paid so much for a pass. Pay attention to the signs and stay out of the commuter lots!
— STAY IN YOUR LOTS

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— SICK OF SMOKE

What is with relationships right now? Honestly, if you want to be single, then be single. If you want to be with the person you are with, stay faithful. There is no point in cheating and I'm getting sick of it. To all of those out there that are faithful, I appreciate you.
— G2

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Legendary comic book characters live on



BRYAN WARRICK
COLUMNIST

Myths never grow old, and legends never die. That's how the old saying goes. And for readers like John Lay and Tyler Youngquest, that is perfect. The stories they read are timeless; the heroes are known by almost everyone. Superman, Batman, Spider-Man.

"Everyone wants to be a superhero," Lay said.

For him, the passion comes from collecting and reading these stories. They are tales and myths of heroes and villains, monsters and mythic lands. But what stories he collects are not the tales of Homer and Virgil. They are the stories of Stan Lee, Jack Kirby and Alan Moore. They are comic books.

"I've been collecting since I was nine years old," Lay, 46, said. "The first comic book that got me really interested was Spider-Man [issue] 121." He tells the story, one of the darker and more well-known comic stories, about Spider-Man failing to save the woman he loves from an evil villain. "I remember I was thinking 'wow, what drama,'" Lay said.

In his house, the bookshelves are filled with so many books that they seem about to break under the weight. They are packed into every available space, making his living room look something like a small library. There are even more in his garage, filling dozens of boxes that are stacked like a small mountain.

But comics are more than just stories for kids, Lay's neighbor and follow comic

collector Tyler Youngquest, 22, said. The two of them have been collecting comics together and trading with each other for almost four years.

"Comics allow us to see other people and places, and also make us look at ourselves," Youngquest said. "I try to see myself there, but not with superpowers or anything, but as a good person who has courage and beliefs. That's something everyone can take from the stories."

Youngquest's collection is not as large as Lay's, but he is well on his way to getting there. His house has comics piled high on tables and furniture. But he takes special care to keep them safe, following the example of John Lay. Each comic is placed in a protective plastic cover whenever they are not being read.

But while Lay's collection spans most of comic book history, Youngquest's is more modern. And comic books have definitely changed with the times. Even just scanning them shows a reader just how complex and mature most comics really have become.

"Most comic books are not for kids," Youngquest said. "They have sex, drugs, death and even intense violence. They are written for adults." He said that famous comic book writer Stan Lee, the creator of Spider-Man and X-Men, was once asked about how dark and serious his comics were. According to Youngquest, Lee's reply was "I don't write stories for kids, I write stories for myself."

But even with today's darker and more intense comic books, the message remains the same according to Youngquest.

"These are still stories about heroes fighting villains. Good beating evil," he

said. "But what comics do is take those heroes and try to make them human. Try to make them real."

For both men, their love of a good story has taken them to nearly every shop and bookstore around the Detroit area, where they live. And in these hard times, shopping at comic book stores can be important.

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The pro-government Fars News Agency reported that a bystander was shot dead at the hands of protesters.

Eyewitnesses said at least three protesters injured by bullets were taken to a hospital in central Tehran while dozens of others were hospitalized because of severe wounds as a result of being beaten.

Gonzalo Solano — (AP)

Chevron fined \$8 billion in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador — An Ecuadorian judge ruled Monday that Chevron Corp. was responsible for oil contamination in a wide swath of Ecuador's northern jungle.

The plaintiffs' attorney said the company was fined \$8 billion.

Chevron confirmed the ruling but not the amount of the fine. The company said in a news release that it would appeal, and called the judge's decision "illegitimate and unenforceable."

The high-profile case, fraught with intrigue, corporate espionage and geopolitics, had been winding its way through U.S. and Ecuadorian courts for 17 years.

Chevron invested tens of millions of dollars in its legal defense, seeking relief in a half-dozen U.S. federal courts and requesting binding arbitration in an international tribunal in the Netherlands.

Just last week, a U.S. federal judge in New York took the unusual step of pre-emptively blocking any judgment for at least 28 days after concluding that attempts to collect assets could seriously disrupt the business of a company vital to the global economy. He took the action at the request of Chevron's lawyers.

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Syria sentences teen blogger to 5 years in jail

DAMASCUS, Syria — A Syrian court on Monday sentenced a 19-year-old blogger to five years in prison on charges of spying for a foreign country.

The United States and international human rights groups have called for the release of Tal al-Mallohi who has been held since December 2009. Her blog, known for poetry and social commentary, focuses mostly on the suffering of Palestinians. It was not clear whether al-Mallohi's arrest was connected to the blog.

Syria's Higher State Security Court issued the sentence at the end of a trial behind closed doors Monday, an official close to the court told The Associated Press.

The court convicted al-Mallohi of "contacting a foreign country," the official said. "She has leaked information that should be kept secret," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case.

The official did not identify the country she was accused of spying for or give any other details. He said al-Mallohi "deserved 15 years in prison but her sentence was commuted considering her age."

Alber Aji — (AP)

Tunisians vote with their feet, flee the country

TUNIS, Tunisia — A month after massive protests ousted Tunisia's longtime dictator, waves of Tunisians are voting with their feet, fleeing the country's political limbo by climbing into rickety boats and sailing across the Mediterranean to Europe.

More than 5,000 illegal immigrants have recently washed up on Italy's southern islands — an unintended consequence of the "people's revolution" that ousted autocrat Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and inspired the uprisings in Egypt and beyond.

European powers cheered when Tunisia's 74-year-old ruler fled into exile in Saudi Arabia on Jan. 14, but the fallout a month later has tempered their enthusiasm. It has also exposed a dilemma for western countries that allied with repressive leaders in North Africa seen as bulwarks against extremism, and now must build new diplomatic relationships in a still-uncertain political climate.

On Monday, the European Union announced a euro 258 million (\$347 million) aid package to Tunisia from now until 2013, with euro 17 million (\$22.9 million) of that delivered immediately. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, visiting Tunisia, said the funds were a gift, not a loan.

— Bouazza Ben Bouazza and Jenny Barchfield (AP)

Chileans deny book's claims about miners' rescue

By Eva Vergara
The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Chileans directly involved in saving 33 trapped miners last year rejected claims on Monday that the men seriously considered suicide and cannibalism, or that the government fooled the world by transmitting previously videotaped scenes to cover up a potential disaster during the rescue.

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world, told The Associated Press that there was never any attempt to hide what was going on by repeating parts of the feed, as Jonathan Franklin alleges in his book, "33 Men." The book claims that at one point, a cable was cut by a rockslide, and previously broadcast images were

transmitted to cover it up.

"A billion viewers around the world were ... tricked," Franklin wrote.

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It is true that at one point early in the rescue, Chilean engineers worked furiously to dismantle a fiber optic cable that they had planned to use with the rescue capsule so that the miners could communicate during their half-mile journey to the surface.

The delay wasn't immediately explained at the time, but rescue workers later said the communications system added unnecessary complexity to the rescue, and that the miners didn't want it.

Small commercial plane crash kills

14 killed, cause of crash currently unknown

By Freddy Cuevas
The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A small Honduran commercial airliner crashed Monday near the capital, killing all 14 people aboard, including a senior government official and a top union leader, authorities said.

The Central American Airlines plane was flying to

the Toncontin international airport in Tegucigalpa when it crashed Monday morning in the town of Las Mesitas, about three miles (five kilometers) south of the airport.

The cause of the crash is being investigated, but there was fog in the area at the time. Ticoncontin airport is considered dangerous because of its short runway and surrounding hills.

Problems surface for voter roll check in Nigeria

Polling stations ill-equipped, lack staff, waiting voters, and registration lists

By Yinka Ibukun
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — As Nigeria began verifying information on its new voter roll Monday, it appeared that new problems confronted the West African nation's election commission.

In Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, an Associated

Press reporter found that several polling stations had no election staff, no waiting voters, nor any registration lists. Voters have until Friday to verify their information ahead of April elections, which include a crucial presidential poll in the oil-rich nation.

Teachers at Hope Primary School, which was shut


down for a couple of weeks to serve as a polling station, didn't seem to be aware that a verification exercise was supposed to take place.

The problem appeared to be occurring in other states across the country as well, the latest trouble to strike a voter registration effort marred by technical problems and a lack of equipment.

Kayode Idowu, a spokesman for the Independent National Electoral Commission, said the lists should be available soon across the country.

"In some places the lists are up, and in some other places they are not up yet," Idowu told the AP. "It's not been postponed, but we've had logistic issues all over the country."

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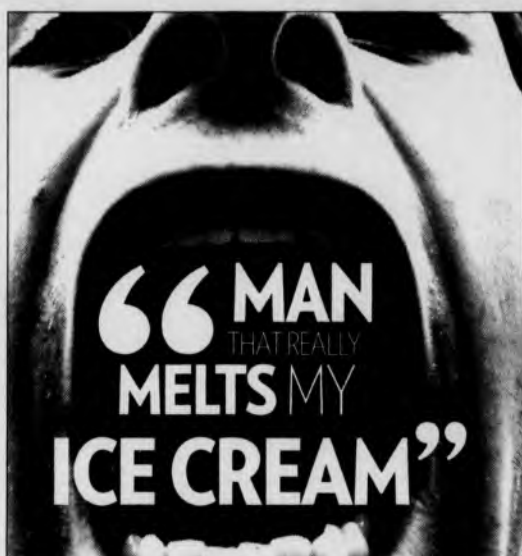
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THE BG NEWS PRESENTS FALCON SCREECH

Today, I realized how tired I was of hearing single people in the Union complain about how they are alone on Valentine's Day. Let's be realistic — this day will be over by the time readers see this rant because I am writing it on Valentine's Day. I am sure you have people in your life that love you, so be thankful for that and just enjoy the day with your other single friends and quit bringing everyone's mood down. If you can't be happy and content single, then you will never be happy in a relationship.

— GET OVER IT GIRL

Let's talk about courtesy. When I am in a computer lab working, the last thing I want to hear is loud music blaring from your headphones. The computer lab is silent. It is not like the room is noisy and it is interfering with your tunes. Turn it down please.

No one else wants to listen to your music either; if we did, then we would ask you to play it loudly via the computer speakers. And no offense, but your taste in music is quite sub-par.

— ANGRY COMPUTER LAB USER

Hey BGSU drivers, if you don't have a commuter parking pass, stay out of the commuter lots! I see that you have ten tickets that you obviously don't care about, but I would like to park in the lots that I paid for. I shouldn't have to pay for meters when I already paid so much for a pass. Pay attention to the signs and stay out of the commuter lots!

— STAY IN YOUR LOTS

The shuttle is not your personal car. I don't care if you smoke in your own car, but it's incredibly rude to bring your lit cigarette onto the bus and finish smoking on there. It's a closed space that doesn't have the best circulation and it's rude to make fellow passengers and the driver have to deal with the cigarette smell long after you're done smoking.

— SICK OF SMOKE

What is with relationships right now? Honestly, if you want to be single, then be single. If you want to be with the person you are with, stay faithful. There is no point in cheating and I'm getting sick of it. To all of those out there that are faithful, I appreciate you.

— G2



BRYAN WARRICK
COLUMNIST

Myths never grow old, and legends never die. That's how the old saying goes. And for readers like John Lay and Tyler Youngquest, that is perfect. The stories they read are timeless; the heroes are known by almost everyone. Superman, Batman, Spider-Man.

"Everyone wants to be a superhero," Lay said.

For him, the passion comes from collecting and reading these stories. They are tales and myths of heroes and villains, monsters and mythic lands. But what stories he collects are not the tales of Homer and Virgil. They are the stories of Stan Lee, Jack Kirby and Alan Moore. They are comic books.

"I've been collecting since I was nine years old," Lay, 46, said. "The first comic book that got me really interested was Spider-Man [issue] 121." He tells the story, one of the darker and more well-known comic stories, about Spider-Man failing to save the woman he loves from an evil villain. "I remember I was thinking 'wow, what drama,'" Lay said.

In his house, the bookshelves are filled with so many books that they seem about to break under the weight. They are packed into every available space, making his living room look something like a small library. There are even more in his garage, filling dozens of boxes that are stacked like a small mountain.

But comics are more than just stories for kids, Lay's neighbor and fellow comic

collector Tyler Youngquest, 22, said. The two of them have been collecting comics together and trading with each other for almost four years.

"Comics allow us to see other people and places, and also make us look at ourselves," Youngquest said. "I try to see myself there, but not with superpowers or anything, but as a good person who has courage and beliefs. That's something everyone can take from the stories."

Youngquest's collection is not as large as Lay's, but he is well on his way to getting there. His house has comics piled high on tables and furniture. But he takes special care to keep them safe, following the example of John Lay. Each comic is placed in a protective plastic cover whenever they are not being read.

But while Lay's collection spans most of comic book history, Youngquest's is more modern. And comic books have definitely changed with the times. Even just scanning them shows a reader just how complex and mature most comics really have become.

"Most comic books are not for kids," Youngquest said. "They have sex, drugs, death and even intense violence. They are written for adults." He said that famous comic book writer Stan Lee, the creator of Spider-Man and X-Men, was once asked about how dark and serious his comics were. According to Youngquest, Lee's reply was "I don't write stories for kids, I write stories for myself."

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Police used tear gas against the protesters in central Tehran's Eghelab, or Revolution, square and in Imam Hossein square, as well as in other nearby main streets. Demonstrators responded by setting garbage bins on fire to protect themselves from the stinging white clouds.

The pro-government Fars News Agency reported that a bystander was shot dead at the hands of protesters.

Eyewitnesses said at least three protesters injured by bullets were taken to a hospital in central Tehran while dozens of others were hospitalized because of severe wounds as a result of being beaten.

Gonzalo Solano — (AP)

Chevron fined \$8 billion in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador — An Ecuadorian judge ruled Monday that Chevron Corp. was responsible for oil contamination in a wide swath of Ecuador's northern jungle.

The plaintiffs' attorney said the company was fined \$8 billion.

Chevron confirmed the ruling but not the amount of the fine. The company said in a news release that it would appeal, and called the judge's decision "illegitimate and unenforceable."

The high-profile case, fraught with intrigue, corporate espionage and geopolitics, had been winding its way through U.S. and Ecuadorian courts for 17 years.

Chevron invested tens of millions of dollars in its legal defense, seeking relief in a half-dozen U.S. federal courts and requesting binding arbitration in an international tribunal in the Netherlands.

Just last week, a U.S. federal judge in New York took the unusual step of pre-emptively blocking any judgment for at least 28 days after concluding that attempts to collect assets could seriously disrupt the business of a company vital to the global economy. He took the action at the request of Chevron's lawyers.

Gonzalo Solano — (AP)

Syria sentences teen blogger to 5 years in jail

DAMASCUS, Syria — A Syrian court on Monday sentenced a 19-year-old blogger to five years in prison on charges of spying for a foreign country.

The United States and international human rights groups have called for the release of Tal al-Mallohi who has been held since December 2009. Her blog, known for poetry and social commentary, focuses mostly on the suffering of Palestinians. It was not clear whether al-Mallohi's arrest was connected to the blog.

Syria's Higher State Security Court issued the sentence at the end of a trial behind closed doors Monday, an official close to the court told The Associated Press.

The court convicted al-Mallohi of "contacting a foreign country," the official said. "She has leaked information that should be kept secret," the official said on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case.

The official did not identify the country she was accused of spying for or give any other details. He said al-Mallohi "deserved 15 years in prison but her sentence was commuted considering her age."

Alber Aji — (AP)

Tunisians vote with their feet, flee the country

TUNIS, Tunisia — A month after massive protests ousted Tunisia's longtime dictator, waves of Tunisians are voting with their feet, fleeing the country's political limbo by climbing into rickety boats and sailing across the Mediterranean to Europe.

More than 5,000 illegal immigrants have recently washed up on Italy's southern islands — an unintended consequence of the "people's revolution" that ousted autocrat Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and inspired the uprisings in Egypt and beyond.

European powers cheered when Tunisia's 74-year-old ruler fled into exile in Saudi Arabia on Jan. 14, but the fallout a month later has tempered their enthusiasm. It has also exposed a dilemma for western countries that allied with repressive leaders in North Africa seen as bulwarks against extremism, and now must build new diplomatic relationships in a still-uncertain political climate.

On Monday, the European Union announced a euro 258 million (\$347 million) aid package to Tunisia from now until 2013, with euro 17 million (\$22.9 million) of that delivered immediately. EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, visiting Tunisia, said the funds were a gift, not a loan.

— Bouazza Ben Bouazza and Jenny Barchfield (AP)

Chileans deny book's claims about miners' rescue

By Eva Vergara
The Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — Chileans directly involved in saving 33 trapped miners last year rejected claims on Monday that the men seriously considered suicide and cannibalism, or that the government fooled the world by transmitting previously videotaped scenes to cover up a potential disaster during the rescue.

Reinaldo Sepulveda, who directed the live television feed that broadcast images of the rescue around the

"This is absolutely false. I can show you the 38 or 40 hours of transmission — they were never cut. I guarantee that everything was live and direct ..."

Reinaldo Sepulveda | Director

world, told The Associated Press that there was never any attempt to hide what was going on by repeating parts of the feed, as Jonathan Franklin alleges in his book, "33 Men." The book claims that at one point, a cable was cut by a rockslide, and previously broadcast images were

transmitted to cover it up. "A billion viewers around the world were ... tricked," Franklin wrote. "This is absolutely false. I can show you the 38 or 40 hours of transmission — they were never cut," Sepulveda told the AP. "I guarantee that everything

was live and direct. ... the transmission was never cut, never."

It is true that at one point early in the rescue, Chilean engineers worked furiously to dismantle a fiber optic cable that they had planned to use with the rescue capsule so that the miners could communicate during their half-mile journey to the surface.

The delay wasn't immediately explained at the time, but rescue workers later said the communications system added unnecessary complexity to the rescue, and that the miners didn't want it.

Problems surface for voter roll check in Nigeria

Polling stations ill-equipped, lack staff, waiting voters, and registration lists

By Yinka Ibukun
The Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — As Nigeria began verifying information on its new voter roll Monday, it appeared that new problems confronted the West African nation's election commission. In Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, an Associated

Press reporter found that several polling stations had no election staff, no waiting voters, nor any registration lists. Voters have until Friday to verify their information ahead of April elections, which include a crucial presidential poll in the oil-rich nation. Teachers at Hope Primary School, which was shut

down for a couple of weeks to serve as a polling station, didn't seem to be aware that a verification exercise was supposed to take place. The problem appeared to be occurring in other states across the country as well, the latest trouble to strike a voter registration effort marred by technical problems and a lack of equipment.

Kayode Idowu, a spokesman for the Independent National Electoral Commission, said the lists should be available soon across the country. "In some places the lists are up, and in some other places they are not up yet," Idowu told the AP. "It's not been postponed, but we've had logistic issues all over the country."

Small commercial plane crash kills

14 killed, cause of crash currently unknown

By Freddy Cuevas
The Associated Press

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A small Honduran commercial airliner crashed Monday near the capital, killing all 14 people aboard, including a senior government official and a top union leader, authorities said. The Central American Airlines plane was flying to

the Toncontin international airport in Tegucigalpa when it crashed Monday morning in the town of Las Mesitas, about three miles (five kilometers) south of the airport.

The cause of the crash is being investigated, but there was fog in the area at the time. Toncontin airport is considered dangerous because of its short runway and surrounding hills.

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Doubles point propels Falcons to win at IPFW

By Paul Barney
Sports Editor

The BG tennis team had never played at IPFW, but being on the road was nothing new.

Having already played five of their matches away from home this season, the Falcons went to Fort Wayne, Ind. Saturday and knocked off 2010 Summit League regular-season champion Mastodons 5-2.

BG improves to 6-2 in duals this season, winning six of its last seven contests and is continuing to survive being "road warriors."

"We knew it was going to be a hard fought match," said Falcons

coach Penny Dean. "Everybody was extremely happy. They knew they had beaten a big team."

BG swept all three of its doubles flights with a blowout win and a pair of come-from-behind wins.

Senior Christine Chiricosta and sophomore Maddy Eccleston paired up for an 8-0 win, while the freshmen tandem of Nikki Chiricosta and Emily Reuland came back to win 8-5 after trailing 5-4.

"[Nikki and Emily] are very good doubles players and so good as a team," Dean said. "They believe in each other. Chemistry and belief in each other keeps them going."

Sophomores and Indiana natives

Katie Grubb and Mary Hill trailed 7-4, but came back and won a tiebreaker against IPFW's Raquel Vescovi and Yuka Kobayashi to take the third doubles flight, 9-8.

Dean said winning the doubles point was huge for her team as it headed into singles.

"That gave us good momentum heading into singles," she said.

In singles, the Falcons won four of the six matches, including a convincing win from Nikki Chiricosta.

The freshman lost just one game in her two-set sweep of Vescovi by a score of 6-1, 6-0.

Nikki, who is the younger sister of Christine Chiricosta, is 19-4 in



Nikki Chiricosta
Freshman won both her singles and doubles matches



Jessica Easdale
Junior co-captain won the last singles flight for the Falcons

singles in her young career and is starting to display similarities of her sister.

"She comes from a very smart tennis playing family," Dean said. "She's like Christine because she's so mentally tough."

Junior Jessica Easdale closed out singles at the sixth flight, where she defeated Alex Forsyth in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Easdale, along with Christine Chiricosta, is a co-captain this season and is making strides at the sixth position.

"Jessica Easdale has come into her own," Dean said. "She's been playing lights out."

The Falcons resume play this weekend with a pair of matches in Colorado. BG will take on Air Force and Colorado State.



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JUKE: Jordon Crawford drives to the hoop in a game against Ball State earlier this season. Crawford led BG with 16 points the first time against Akron.

Men's basketball hosts Akron tonight, looks to even season series

By Paul Barney
Sports Editor

BG men's basketball coach Louis Orr hasn't seen much of Akron since the Falcons lost to the Zips 63-58 late last month.

But Orr said he is sure Akron's defense and chemistry has picked up since their last meeting.

Since that Jan. 22 meeting at Rhodes Arena, the Zips have won four of their last six games and are on a three-game winning streak.

Orr said he feels like his team has improved, having also won four of its last six games.

Both teams will meet again tonight in the second stint of Mid-American Conference play and the home stretch for each.

Opening tip is at 7 p.m. and will be held in Anderson Arena.

BG is back at home after dropping a 69-64 decision at Western Michigan last week, and for a team that's looking to make a push during the home stretch, the Falcons are looking to extend on their 8-3 record in Anderson Arena.

"It's always good to play at home. The fans have been great," Orr said. "For us, the next game is the biggest game of the year. You're always play-

ing for a whole lot every time you step out on that court."

The Falcons (12-13, 7-4) are ahead of Akron (15-10, 6-5) by a game in the MAC East standings and in position to grab one of the top four seeds for the MAC Tournament.

BG leads the Zips, 24-21, in the all-time series, but Akron has won the last six meetings in Anderson Arena.

Orr is looking to even the season series after watching his team go scoreless for over five minutes and give away a late four-point lead to the Zips.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Prochaska named to Naismith Trophy midseason list

BG women's basketball senior Lauren Prochaska has been named to the 2010-11 Naismith Trophy midseason list by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

The Naismith Trophy is the most prestigious national award presented annually to college basketball's player of the year.

Prochaska is the only Mid-American Conference Player to make the list, which

includes 30 players from across the nation.

The native from Plain City, Ohio, is coming off a 37-point, 12 rebound effort in a win at Eastern Michigan and has scored 58 points over the Falcons' last two games.

Prochaska is averaging 19.4 points and 6.3 rebounds per game this season, including 18.6 points and 6.2 rebounds in MAC games.

She is BG's career scoring leader with 2,164 points and is also the school's all-time leader in 3-point field goals made, free throws made and free throw percentage.

BG softball struggles to 0-5 start in first weekend

By Bryan Filippini
Reporter

The BG softball team started its 2011 season in Baton Rouge, La., competing in the LSU Tiger Classic.

The Falcons played the first of five games over the weekend with their opener against Louisiana Tech University.

The game was the first of two games BG played Friday.

Freshman pitcher Erin Greenwalt got the start, giving up four hits over six innings and five strike outs. However, even with those stats, the Falcons lost to the Lady Techsters 4-1.

The Falcons struck first in the second inning with Erika Stratton getting on base with a double in her first collegiate at-bat. Lindsay Arney pinched ran for Stratton and

stole third base. Arney was then able to drive in her sister, Andrea Arney, with a sacrifice fly.

The game shifted an inning later when Louisiana Tech scored three runs off two back-to-back home runs. LTU struck for one more run in the seventh.

The Falcons ended Friday's festivities with a match up against No.19 ranked LSU. The hosting Tigers scored three runs off Melissa Bott in the first inning off three hits and an error.

LSU wasn't able to get anything going until four innings later, when the Tigers scored two more insurance runs. The Falcons were held to just one hit in the game.

Although BG dropped to 0-2 going into Saturday's games, head

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BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

ENCORE: After a stellar freshman season, Paige Berger had three hits on the weekend.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Calhoun, Pettigrew earn award

BG men's basketball player Austin Calhoun and track and field runner Jeanette Pettigrew have been named the Papa John's Athletes of the Week.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Final game in Anderson set March 5

The final men's basketball game in Anderson Arena has been set for March 5 when the team takes on Buffalo. The Athletics Department will also recognize its All-Anderson Team.

Kansas surpasses Ohio State as top team in men's college basketball

By Doug Tucker
The Associated Press

Marcus Morris got his wish. Kansas is No. 1 once again.

After Ohio State's first defeat, the one-loss Jayhawks moved up from No. 2 on Monday to the top spot in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, a familiar place for Bill Self's program.

When they beat Iowa State on Saturday, a couple of hours after the Buckeyes lost at Wisconsin, the Jayhawks were ready to ascend.

"I want to be No. 1. I was waiting for somebody to ask me," said Morris, Kansas' leading scorer.

The Jayhawks (24-1, 9-1 Big 12) were ranked No. 1 for 15 weeks last season but lost to Northern Iowa in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"It's great in February to be ranked this high, but we know in order to stay up there and have a chance to do what we hope to do, we've got to keep trying to get better," Self said.

The Jayhawks, with forward Thomas Robinson and guard Josh Selby out with injury, were set to play at preseason Big 12 favorite Kansas State on Monday night.

"Our focus is to get better and not on the rankings," Self said.

The poll is crowded at the top.

Kansas received 22 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel, while Ohio State received 14 first-place votes and trailed the Jayhawks by only 13 points. In third place is Texas, the only team to beat Kansas. But the Longhorns did collect the most first-place votes: 23. No. 4 Pittsburgh was No. 1 on six ballots.

Duke, which was No. 1 the first nine weeks, is No. 5. Completing the top 10 are: San Diego State, BYU, Notre Dame, Georgetown and Wisconsin.

Ohio State's first game as No. 2 will be Tuesday night against Michigan State, which may have played the toughest non-conference schedule while facing

"I think it is something that they fully recognize that we have a nice team. But there are a lot of other teams that could make just as strong a case for being ranked No. 1 like we can."

Bill Self | Kansas coach

Texas, Duke, Connecticut and Syracuse.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said the top four were tightly bunched because there was no clear-cut No. 1.

"We've seen Kansas a lot on film. I've talked to Bill Self," Izzo said. "He's not enamored with them yet. Some of that was the Selby kid, but there's a lot of depth on that team. Texas, I told you all along, was the best team we played. Pittsburgh is definitely the toughest team of that four as far as being physically tough. I don't think there's a North Carolina, Kentucky or Kansas of last year. Maybe I'll find out it is Ohio State."

Xavier enters the Top 25, replacing West Virginia.

Purdue is No. 11 followed by Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Villanova, Louisville, Syracuse, Vanderbilt, North Carolina and Missouri. No. 21 Texas A&M is followed by Kentucky, Temple, Xavier and Utah State.

With Baylor ranked No. 1 in the AP women's poll, the Big 12 owns the top spot in both sports for the first time.

Since Self became coach in 2003, Kansas has been ranked in the top 10 in 95 AP polls.

"I think it is something that they fully recognize that we have a nice team," he said. "But there are a lot of other teams that could make just as strong a case for being ranked No. 1 like we can."

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GOOD START: Hannah Fulk was named to the LSU Tiger Classic All-Tournament Team.

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coach Shannon Salsburg liked the effort.

"We played fantastic defense, made some great pitching adjustments today, and utilized a lot of players," Salsburg said. "We just have to get our offense going. It's just going to take one inning to get things

going. We're excited to make that happen."

Saturday

The Falcons saw their Saturday games as a chance to avenge their losses to the same teams they faced Friday.

The team started its games against LSU looking to earn more than just one hit on the board.

Although the Falcons were able to improve by recording four hits, they were unable to score any runs — falling to the Tigers 6-0.

The Tigers scored three runs in the third inning off four hits and an error, and never looked back.

The Falcons ended Saturday with a 5-4 loss to Louisiana Tech. The team showed heart and perseverance, battling back from being down 5-0. The stagnant offense found its rhythm scoring a run in the third inning, two runs in the fourth and one more run in the seventh.

Sunday

BG finished the LSU Tiger Classic against Purdue. The Falcons' scoring woes once again were showcased with their third game of five failing to score a single run.

The Boilermakers were able to score a pair of runs in the third off four hits as Purdue senior pitcher Suzie Rzeegocki controlled the game, shutting down the Falcons to post the 2-0 victory.

Although the team struggled, sophomore Hannah Fulk was named to the LSU Tiger Classic All-Tournament team.

Fulk finished the five games with a .538 batting average and a .563 on-base percentage.

The Falcons have a two-week layoff before the team travels to Georgia Feb. 25 to compete in the Phyllis Rafter Memorial.

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"Our turnovers hurt us the first time," Orr said.

Akron is the best team in the league in the turnover margin, averaging 2.9 less turnovers per game than its opponents.

BG committed 20 turnovers in that game and allowed big 3-pointers from Steve McNees and Darryl Roberts.

Roberts' 3-pointer broke a 48-48 tie and gave the Zips the lead for good.

"[Roberts] has had some big games and big shots," Orr said. "In games he always seems to be a guy that gets open and hits a big three. We've seen it against us a number of times."

Akron is led by forward Nikola Cvetinovic, who leads the Zips with 11.9 points and seven rebounds per game, while guard Brett McClanahan is averaging 11 points per game.

The Zips attempt just over 23 3-pointers per game, but also like to dish the ball inside to 7-footer Zeke Marshall, who has 60 blocks on the year and is averaging 9.6 points per game while shooting 54 percent from the field.

"They're a very competitive team," Orr said. "Overall, you have to match their physicality."

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Cleland said if people meet the age limit for the purchase, they must present a current identification card with a correct address and must have no felonies or domestic violence charges. Then, she said they must fill out a background check form.

If the reports come back and tell Cleland to proceed, she said the customers can pay for the firearm and take it with them. However, if the reports come back negative and the customers are denied, they cannot buy the gun.

If someone wants to obtain a concealed carry permit, however, she said the process is more complicated.

Deputy Isaiah Loar of the Wood County Sheriff's Office said the process of getting a concealed carry license starts at the gun shop and ends at the local sheriff's department. He said people applying for a carrying a concealed weapon permit must first take a state mandated course at a local gun shop.

He said the course is 12 hours total and consists of 10 hours in a classroom and two hours at a range practicing gun safety and learning basic knowledge of how to handle the gun itself. After the applicants pass the course, Loar said they will receive a

"I understand that people feel they need guns for self-defense, but self-defense can only go so far ..."

Jeffrey Guion | Sophomore

certificate that will need to be brought to the sheriff's office with an application and a fee.

From that point, Loar said the sheriff's department will conduct both a state and local background check to make sure there are no previous criminal charges. If the applicants clear the checks, he said they will be granted a permit that is valid for up to five years.

Recent University graduate Joel Berry has a concealed carry permit and said he did so because of the Virginia Tech shooting in April 2007. He said he bought a handgun, took the necessary classes and got the permit a few weeks after the shooting. Being a former Marine, he said he wanted to get the permit so he would be prepared if he would ever be faced with a similar situation.

"I personally would feel much safer if concealed carry permits were allowed on campuses," Berry said. "I'm well-trained, and I thought if that were ever to happen, I'd want to do something about it."

Berry also said that he knows many people that have a concealed carry license and he said they are "not thugs," but "very good people with very good intentions."

Sophomore Jeffrey Guion said he thinks concealed carry

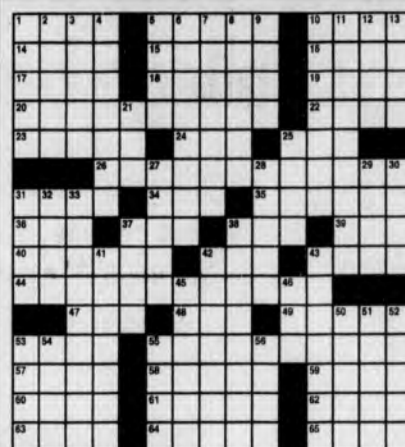
is a bad idea, and it would only be made worse if the law permitted guns on campus.

"I understand that people feel they need guns for self defense, but self defense can only go so far," Guion said. "Making it legal won't solve any problems. If anything, it will make it worse ... I really believe that we can't solve problems that begin with guns by giving people guns."

Sophomore Lillian Goodwin said people should be allowed to carry concealed weapons with a permit but agrees it should not be on college campuses. She said there are many factors that would contribute to a higher rate of gun violence among students if guns were allowed on Arizona campuses. She said the stress of college combined with the popularity of drinking among college students would heighten the chance of a shooting on campus.

"Starting college is a very emotional time, where most people are just beginning to learn about themselves away from the identity of their families; sometimes this causes instability and [causes] people to make rash decisions," Goodwin said. "Between that and the high alcohol consumption of most students, it seems like a dangerous combination."

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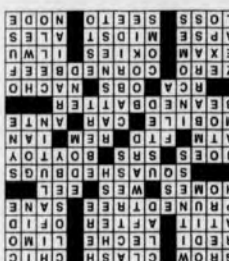


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