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V-Ball:
Falcon netters win two of three over the weekend in the Badger Invitational; PAGE 5

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Fraternity honored with award

Carrie Whitaker
REPORTER

This summer in Denver, Colorado, Jerrick Henderson attended the Lambda Chi Alpha conference to represent his chapter from the University. Little did he know that he would be bringing home a national award.

The fraternity was given the Phoenix Award at the conference in August. This award is the highest honor a chapter can win without applying ahead of time for it.

According to Damian Thorkelson, president of Lambda Chi Alpha, the award is given to the fraternity that rises out of the ashes over the year. He said that the fraternity was shocked to receive the award.

Henderson did not tell the

other members that they won until they returned for fall semester. The fraternity was proud to learn of their accomplishments.

According to fraternity members, this award has influenced the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter in many ways.

"This is a great thing for the chapter, and it gives enthusiasm to the members. The award shows that someone is paying attention to what we are doing and that is satisfying," senior Matthew Stoessner said.

Henderson was the member that accepted the award for the fraternity. He said that he was very proud to accept the award and that now it is up to the younger guys to continue to raise the bar.

"The Phoenix Award is a stepping stone to greater things," Stoessner added. "It shows how far we have come and where we can go."

The chapter is now pushing to get the highest award possible, the Grand High Alpha. This award is rarely given.

Lambda Chi Alpha, according to Thorkelson, has come a long way.

In 1998 the chapter was down to nine members. Since then the fraternity has worked to improve their numbers as well as grades and campus involvement.

Lambda Chi Alpha prides themselves in community service, including having an annual food drive.

When asked how receiving the

Phoenix Award has affected the fraternity, Thorkelson said that it has helped them hold each other accountable for the way they act and how they present themselves.

Also Stoessner said, "We are going to continue the success we have had in the past with each office, and we will add on some thing more to it to make it better."

This award is a very significant stepping stone for the University's Lambda Chi Alpha chapter. Thorkelson said that if there were a fire in the fraternity house he would grab two things; their charter and the plaque signifying the Phoenix Award.



Amanda Keegan BG News

PHOENIX AWARD: Surprise award encourages Lambda Chi Alpha to push on.

Instructor prints poet's work



Illustration by Jeff Braun

By Chuck Soder
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Matt Donahue left inspired when he first met poet Oba Maja. Now, five years later, Donahue is helping Maja inspire others.

Donahue first saw Maja at the Double Door Lounge in Chicago, where Donahue's rock band was to perform. Maja sold him a poem called "Then Another Tomorrow" for a dollar before security at the club tossed him out.

Donahue was so moved by the poem that he decided to help Maja - a homeless man halfway across the nation - put his poetry into a book, later to be titled "Avenue of Happiness."

"I could've gave the guy money," he said. "But why not help him with his poetry?"

Each time Donahue visited his brother in Chicago over the next five years, he scouted the area outside the Double Door Lounge looking for Maja, but with no success until last January.

"I was just getting a cup of coffee, and I swore I saw him ask someone if they wanted to buy a poem," he said.

Though Maja didn't recognize Donahue, learning that he had a fan from across the nation came as a surprise.

"I was like, 'Oh my God - Oba Maja - I'm down with your work,'" Donahue said. "That just floored him."

The two men discussed poetry and philosophy over coffee when Donahue offered to put Maja's poems in print. The conversation showed Donahue that the two men had much in common.

"When we started talking, it was like I'd known him for years," he added.

Though they hadn't seen each other since

1997, they shared a bond from the moment Donahue read "Then Another Tomorrow."

Donahue, both a writer and musician, said he identified with the poem's message about how art binds people of all types.

"It talks about music and colors combining... for a brighter and better world. That philosophy is very much the one I have."

Regardless of their ties, contacting Maja after leaving was a challenge. Donahue's only way to get a hold of the 60-year-old poet was to call the boarding house where he occasionally slept.

In the end, he simply returned to the spot where the two first met.

"I told him, 'I'll meet you in two weeks at the same spot, same place, same time,'" Donahue said.

"When I actually showed up, he was shocked and I think pretty touched."

He gathered some of Maja's poems and returned to Bowling Green to begin making the books.

One of his friends who worked at the print shop helped him put the project in motion, Donahue said. "He saw it was a humanitarian effort and decided to help."

But most of the work was Donahue's.

"I had to hand manufacture all the books," he said. "I did the folding, the stapling and everything."

But the final product, "Avenue of Happiness," was worth the

effort, according to Donahue. The poems - 27 in total - put life in a positive light, no matter how negative things may seem.

"For someone dealing with the intensity of the streets, he has such an uplifting view of life," Donahue said.

Donahue said he hopes the book has made Maja's life a bit less intense since "Avenue of Happiness" was printed last April.

"He's had good luck selling it, and hopefully it helps him feel better about his poetry," he added. "My ultimate goal was to help him any way I can - financially or spiritually."

Even though a few hundred copies of the book are in print, Donahue isn't done helping Oba Maja.

"I'm determined to go back sometime this year," he said. "I want to print a few more to help him for the holiday season. And I

know he's got a lot more poems that could just totally blow people away."

He then read another of his favorite poems, "When Angels Speak of Love," pausing frequently throughout.

"It deals with unity of humanity - speaking of love instead of hate," Donahue said.

He hopes to one day publish the works of others who create "outsider art," which focuses on everyday life, according to Donahue.

"I would like to do a self-published book about it," he said. "Street poetry like Oba Maja's is a good way to reach people."

And Maja agrees, according to a quote from his book: "Poetry can help bring relief and make happiness happen...(it) can help create a world where life is electrified and there is a belief in humanity's power."

Then Another Tomorrow

Then another tomorrow they never told me of. It came with the beauty of a golden sunrise. Music and colors combining as one. Paving new roads and new ways for a brighter and better world for us all. We the people are walking and talking music, the Universal language. Happy Holidays in the Space Age.

Oba Maja

Walk to raise money for world hunger on October 29

By Michael Ksenyak
REPORTER

Some people complain about waiting 15 minutes for Wendy's or 30 minutes for Steak Escape-but others wait a lifetime for a bite to eat.

On October 29 there is going to be a crop walk for world hunger starting at Montessori school in Bowling Green. The crop walk is going to start at 1:30 p.m. and is expected to last until 4:30 p.m.

"There are so many hungry people," said Judy Wilbarger from First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green. "There are so many people who can't get food or food stamps."

The walk ends at the Christ United Methodist Church in Portage, but walkers do not have to walk the complete distance and raise pledges regardless of the distance.

Twenty-five percent of the money raised goes to the Bowling Green Christian Food Pantry.

The other 75 percent goes to the Church World Service, the organization that started the crop walks in 1947.

"The crop walk is a group of people around the United States, walking in different locations," said Andy Wagner, associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Bowling Green.

"The crop walk is about raising money for food organizations," he said.

There are no records going back for 10 years, but community members remember there being some, Wilbarger said.

The word "crop" in the name originally meant Christian Rule Oversees Program.

"Some people use it to mean Community Reaches Out to People," Wilbarger said.

"People actually contributed crops when walks happened years ago," she added.

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U. students fortunate to receive visas

by Mary Beth White
REPORTER

There is no doubt that September 11 had an impact on the nation, but it has also had some unexpected effects on American universities.

New security measures have restricted and delayed the arrival of many international students.

USA Today reported that over three thousand more student visas were denied this year than last. The number of applications for visas has declined as well.

Bowling Green has been lucky said Anne Saviers, Associate Director of the Center for International Programs.

Over 580 international stu-

dents are currently enrolled at Bowling Green and "that number is up from last year," Saviers said.

The U. has experienced "no significant delays resulting from new procedures due to 9/11," Saviers said.

Nelli Babayan said the process for her was "very easy."

"I was very fortunate," Babayan, an Armenia native said.

Ivana Dinkova had similar feelings when she made plans to come here from Bulgaria. "I was really lucky. It was very hard for some people."

One delay Dinkova did experience was at the airport. "They check my luggage more and asked me more questions."

In general, Dinkova feared the experience of getting a visa. The government was "more suspicious even if you have all the documents they can still cut you off," Dinkova said speaking of her experiences and those of others.

Some procedures have been changed since September 11. Students who wish to study aviation and biochemistry are among the most highly scrutinized.

"Any university that offers any aviation programs is going to be particular about international students," Saviers explained.

Also Saviers added, students from "Middle Eastern countries have more trouble."

Bowling Green doesn't have

that many Middle Eastern students according to Saviers, but "students from India have experienced some difficulty getting visas."

Luck may not be the only determining factor.

"Students are expecting and anticipating more scrutiny," Saviers explained. "They allow more time."

So far the U. has been foreseeing delays and taking preemptive steps by telling students to start the process early and plan ahead.

"We hope to be able to continue to do so," Saviers said, but she admits that "luck has a lot to do with it."

"Some students have always had difficulty getting visas to come here. Many have to apply two or three times. They have to be highly motivated and plan ahead," Saviers said.

The application process is very expensive and added steps and delays can weed out students with very little funding.

Some students spend a lot of money just to be rejected, Saviers explained.

Paperwork and double-checking is inevitable though and the Center for International Students is doing everything it can to make students' journeys abroad as smooth as possible.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

WEDNESDAY



Mostly Sunny High: 73° Low: 54°

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 80° Low: 61°

FRIDAY



Scattered T-Storms High: 69° Low: 48°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy High: 69° Low: 40°

GLBT instructor encourages research

By Mary Beth White
REPORTER

Graduate students and faculty members received advice Friday from Cynthia Mahaffey.

Mahaffey spoke to those who have interest in doing research on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender issues.

"As a lesbian scholar I've made the decision to...go this route," Mahaffey said.

She encouraged attendees to "go ahead and do it. This research

is so important."

Mahaffey is a finishing Ph. D. student. She is currently researching the roles and lives of lesbian teachers.

"Traditionally," Mahaffey said, "lesbian teachers have been extremely closeted. We hold the powerless position of being women and the powerless position of being lesbians."

Mahaffey described her choice of topic as "a real personal decision."

While there is some research on gay male teachers, Mahaffey is unique, she said. "My work has never been done before."

Mahaffey warned those in attendance of obstacles she faced in doing her research. Speaking to lesbian teachers about their hardships can be difficult.

"(They're) very reluctant to talk about their lives," Mahaffey said.

For Mahaffey, it was also "very difficult to get college professors to contribute to the study."

She felt both groups feared they might be discriminated against if they participated in the research.

She also admitted that she should have set more specific goals for her research.

"I didn't have a clear enough vision of what I wanted to do," she said.

Another challenge was the lack of available research to use for resources.

"As a field, we are only 35 years old," Mahaffey said.

Finally, Mahaffey warned, "As researchers, GLBT people face obstacles because of the nature of the process."

Because of national standards, Mahaffey said, it is considered unethical and discriminatory to ask a research participant their sexual orientation.

While Mahaffey admits this is a big hurdle, she was able to find people willing to participate in

her study and she made do with the questions she could ask.

Mahaffey encouraged every one to "do the work [they] really want to do as a queer scholar."

While her research may not have been quickly accepted, she has received strong support from the University.

"They have been very supportive of my work," Mahaffey said.

Students walk for world hunger

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The churches that are currently participating in the crop walk are First United Methodist in Bowling Green, Christ United Methodist in Portage, St. Aloysious in Bowling Green, First Christian in Bowling Green, St. John's Episcopal in Bowling Green, Maumee Valley Unitarian Universalist and First Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green.

University student Jessica Meade is participating in the crop walk.

"It is important to get our community involved in things that are going on around the world," Wagner said.

"Hopefully this will occur every year," he said.

Two hundred or more people are currently going to walk, Wagner said.

"We are hoping for \$50,000," Wilbarger said. "The Bowling Green Food Pantry helps a lot of people."

People interested in walking should contact the First United Methodist Church at (419) 353-0682 to pick up a pledge packet.

Tiny village hasn't forgotten slain girl

By M.R. KROPKO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARSHALLVILLE, Ohio — All summer, the two ballfields at Marshallville Village Park get a lot of use, including the one where Krista Harrison enjoyed her last summer pitching for her softball team.

A tiny set of bleachers stands across the street from a red brick ranch home — where Krista's parents, Gerald and Shirley Harrison, still live.

On July 17, 1982, 11-year-old Krista and a boy were picking up aluminum cans near those bleachers. That's where the boy said Krista first encountered Robert A. Buell.

Buell, now 62, a former Akron city planner, was convicted in 1984 of Krista's abduction from the park and her rape and strangulation.

His lawyers are trying to halt Buell's execution by lethal injection, scheduled for Wednesday morning. With no eyewitness or DNA evidence, questionable evidence and trial testimony should be reconsidered, said Buell's attorney, Jeffrey Kelleher.

The Ohio Adult Parole Board on Sept. 23 recommended

against clemency, saying evidence "overwhelmingly established Mr. Buell's guilt."

Gov. Bob Taft can reduce Buell's sentence to life in prison or allow the execution to go on. Four men have been executed since Taft took office in 1999.

Buell came close to dying in 1996. A court ruling stopped his execution 17 minutes after it was scheduled, allowing his appeals to continue.

Gerald Harrison told the parole board it was difficult to endure 18 years of Buell's appeals. "Krista had none," his statement read.

Twenty years later, some in this village of 826 people say that in a way, Krista's spirit still is in the park.

Next to the park entrance is a small memorial, with geraniums growing in its brick base. A plaque holds the girl's school picture and a message: "In Memory of Krista Harrison, 1971-82, from Citizens and Law Enforcement of Wayne County."

Tim Morgan, 59, sees that memorial all the time. He does maintenance work for the village 17 miles southwest of Akron, including mowing grass

on the same field from which Krista was taken.

Morgan vividly remembers Marshallville's pain. He was among hundreds of volunteers who searched for Krista when there was still hope she was alive.

"We combed the lakes and the woods," he said. "You have to understand what it's like in little towns. You are usually insulated from things. When somebody's child gets raped and murdered, then things get hot."

Nine months earlier, another girl from rural Wayne County had been abducted, sexually assaulted and strangled.

Two men convicted in the death of 12-year-old Tina Harmon were freed after Buell became the main suspect, but Buell was never charged in that case because he already had a death sentence in the Harrison case, according to the state attorney general's office.

Krista's body was found by a country road in nearby Holmes County six days after her abduction.

Morgan knew the Harrisons as good neighbors, and the friendship never waned, he

said.

"A lot of times I put myself in Gerald's shoes, and I wonder how I'd act and how I'd feel. It's one thing to hear about it or read about it in the paper. But I know them," Morgan said.

Mayor Bob Brooker, 37, was in charge of summer recreation programs for village children 20 years ago.

"Everybody knew the Harrisons," he said. "My job was to get kids involved swimming and playing ball, and that's how I knew Krista. To me, she was always the little sister who ran around with her big brothers."

The village was devastated by her disappearance, and later by the details of her death, he said.

"It's almost like someone breaking into your house. You can't help but feel violated. When they found the body and all hopes were dashed, there was anger. Everyone wanted to catch the person responsible," he said.

Shirley Harrison said last week that the family did not wish to be interviewed by reporters before the execution.

Krista, the youngest of the Harrisons' four children, was

fun-loving and athletic, her mother said at Buell's clemency hearing this month.

Gerald Harrison told the parole board that July 17, 1982, was the "the day Krista was taken from our lives but not our memories."

He was unable to go on reading from his prepared statement, so Mrs. Harrison continued for him.

"For 20 years we have been haunted by thoughts of how horrific her death was. We have been advised not to read her autopsy report," she said.

Marshallville will take note if Buell is executed, but it will remain the same placid, tight-knit community, Brooker said.

"I suppose there will be a different feeling in the air," Morgan said during a break from mowing.

"All the people who do remember will probably get some closure out of it, and I'm sure the Harrisons will have some relief that once and for all it will be over with. There won't be joy, but it'll be settled."

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B. Wendy's

C. McDonald's
D. Frisch's

C. McDonald's

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On Tuesday, September 24 at 7 p.m., Gary Tuerack will be speaking at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in room 206. The speech is about time management, goal setting, laws of success, motivation, self discipline, networking and living a fulfilled life.

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The calander of events is taken from <http://events.bgsu.edu>

7 a.m. - Noon
American Civil Liberties Union Info. Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union

8 a.m.
Building Quality People: A Lean Manufacturing Critical Success Factor
Dr. Arlie Hall, nationally known expert on the Toyota Manufacturing System, will conduct a 3-day seminar covering his 18 years of research about the pervasive effects of team performance, people development, learning and cultural

issues on collaborative work teams in a lean manufacturing environment. For more information contact Continuing Education, International & Summer Programs, 419.372.8181 or toll-free 877.650.8165. *Perrysburg, OH, Holiday Inn*

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Glory Phi God Bowling Ticket Sales
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
A Commemoration of Losses/A

Celebration of Hopes and Freedoms Student Artists Respond to September 11.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union

9:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Career Services Student Outreach
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
College of Education & Human Development Advising & Reception for Parents and Students
Students, faculty and staff will be avail-

able from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to welcome students and assist with any last-minute scheduling questions.
113 Education Building

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Inventing Contemporary Ornament: A National Invitational Exhibition
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Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Golden Key International Honor Society
Will be informing students about their organization.
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Membership Sign-Up
The College Republicans will have an

information and membership table to promote the organization.
Education Building Steps

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Black Student Union Cabaret and Party Ticket Sales
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sprint PCS Info. Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LDSSA Information Table
Latter-day Saint Student Association is informing students about their organization.
Union Lobby

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Administrative Staff Council Reception
228 Multipurpose Room

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Resume Workshop/Critique
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300 Saddlemeire Student Services

7 p.m.
NAACP Talks Workshop
Student Union 315 Anderson Meeting Room

8 p.m.
Horn Club
Free and open to the public.
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center 104

8:30 p.m.
Visual Communications Technology Organization (VCTO)
Photoshop workshop open to all majors. Beginner and Intermediate Levels
Technology Building, Falcon Theater, Room 233

THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Friday Sept. 20:
University police assisted the City Police in apprehending a subject on warrant from Sigma Chi.

Someone tried to use an ID in Kreisler that was turned off.

A fire watch was initiated in Founders due to a malfunctioning fire alarm system.

A faculty member had some concerns about the way one of her students talked to her.

An ice skater fell in the student ice arena and cut herself. She refused transport.

University police responded to an irate client at the ice arena.

Someone used a counterfit ten dollar bill at the Union.

Saturday, Sept. 21:
Four students in Reed Street Warehouse will be referred to student discipline because of liquor violations.

Matthew Joy of Wilmington, Ohio was issued a citation for a DUI. The court date is on Sept. 23.

Complainant called and stated that someone has been vandalizing a car that will be up for auction. It turned out to be one of the vans used by student employees.

Lost money between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the soccer field.

Report of possible rape occurring in complainants' dorm room in Mac West.

Sunday, Sept. 22:
Police advised no fire and to cancel Bowling Green Fire Department at Beta Theta Pi.

Complainant reported her vehicle was keyed in lot 6.

Bowling Green Fire Department transported victim from Dunbar to the Wood County Hospital.

Students not tuning in to T.V.

By Drew Rudebusch
DAILY NEBRASKAN

(U-WIRE)NEBRASKA- Kim Milligan, a first year University of Nebraska graduate student, hasn't owned a television in 13 years. And she doesn't mind one bit.

When her brother left for the Army, he gave the set to Milligan. "He left his television, and I just never got around to plugging it in. After a while, I realized I didn't need it," she said.

For many people, television is something taken for granted. It has been around for as long as all but the oldest citizens can remember, and it is often a centerpiece in the typical American living room. But more and more people have chosen to live with-

out a television.

Some reasons UNL students have for excluding television from their daily lives are either economical or preferential.

Brian Kell, a sophomore computer engineering major, said a television wasn't worth the money.

Alyssa Schukar, a freshman English major, said she just doesn't like television. It was her preference to come to college without one. "I enjoy escaping from television," she said.

Peter Meyer, who goes by the name "Snarf," is a freshman music major who also chose life without television.

"TV distracts you and ruins your mind. (Not watching TV) forces you to entertain yourself

instead of robbing you of your creativity," he said.

James Gade, also a freshman music major, feels the same way about television.

With television as a widely used form of the media, it seems anyone excluded from its reach would miss out on news and entertainment. But there are several alternatives to television.

Instead of depending on television for news, Kell said he used resources such as the Internet and newspapers.

"With TV, you have to just sit there and watch what is coming at you. But with Internet, you play a more active role," Kell said.

No one said they felt they miss

anything by not having television. Few said they doubted they would own one in the future.

Kell said he felt liberated without a television. "It's a blessing because I can get out more," he said.

Milligan is simply happier without a television, saying, "Commercials make my head hurt."

So, contrary to the one-size-fits-all approach through television in American culture, life exists outside of the boob tube.

"In general, all media is a vortex for the common idiot, but TV is the worst of them all," Gade said.



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QUOTEUNQUOTE

"American officials have been fabricating false stories."

Iraqi President SADDAM HUSSEIN, in a letter to the United Nations General Assembly, on President George W. Bush's U.N. speech.

www.bgnews.com/opinion

OPINION

Fast food chains are not to blame

In case any of you didn't know, a man is suing four fast food chains. Why would someone do that, you ask. Well, he says it is their fault that he is obese and is having health problems.

According to FOXNews.com, "Samuel Hirsch filed his lawsuit Wednesday (July 24) at a New York state court in the Bronx, alleging that McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC Corporation are irresponsible and deceptive in the posting of their nutritional information,

YOU DECIDE

Should people hold fast food places to blame for obesity?

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that they need to offer healthier options on their menus, and that they create a de facto addiction in their consumers, particularly the poor and children." What has happened to per-

sonal responsibility? Hirsch's client, Caesar Barber, is a middle-aged man. He can control what he puts in his mouth. And if he honestly didn't know that burgers and fries are some of the unhealthiest foods this country has to offer, then he should be sued for being so uninformed.

He made bad food choices and now his health is paying for it. He has high blood pressure, high cholesterol and is very overweight.

Fast food restaurants never

claim to be healthy food choices. People eat there because they like the way the food tastes, they like the prices and they like the fast service. We think it is safe to say that when someone is obese, like Mr. Barber, and has suffered multiple heart attacks, he or she would not eat at McDonald's or KFC.

All these nonsense law suits started with a woman suing McDonald's for spilling their hot coffee on herself. Things have even gotten so bad that people

sued cigarette companies for giving them lung cancer and won.

People really need to start taking responsibility for their actions. If you're over weight because you eat unhealthily and you don't exercise, you have no one to blame but yourself. If you're unhealthy because you smoke, don't blame the cigarette companies. You chose to buy the cigarettes, right?

To sue fast food companies for having unhealthy food is ridiculous. He didn't have to eat there.

He could have gone to the supermarket and bought Healthy Choice microwavable dinners if he didn't have time to cook.

And if he really wanted to have fast food, he could have gone to Subway. They have low-fat subs that would have helped him lose weight. Hey, it worked for Jared.

This lawsuit is an insult to our judicial system. Bottom line: This guy needs to take responsibility for his actions. He has no one to blame for his obesity but himself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two students victim to cruel, illegal behavior

On Saturday night a friend of mine was jumped while walking his girlfriend home. What started out as disgusting remarks towards an undeserving female quickly escalated into a sucker punch from behind and an unbalanced brawl between my friend and five cowards. What is wrong with you people? Although I have only known this close friend of mine for three plus years, its obvious to me that he is not the type that goes looking for trouble. I don't know too many 150 pound guys that do. So I wonder how good it must have felt to strike blow after blow into someone who was not prepared to defend himself. Do you feel like men? Or how about when you tossed his girlfriend to the ground ... you should be extremely proud of yourselves for that one!

I realize that acts like this happen all to often on our campus,

unfortunately the BG police is not helping these situations (probably the entire force was dedicated to breaking up parties that night, but that's another article). These five pansies will get away with nothing more than sore fists. Not only were they childish enough to start an encounter by making those disgusting remarks, and too cowardly to face my friend one on one, but I'm willing to bet they aren't going to be men enough to accept the consequence of their actions.

To the students of BGSU, just know that there are five more cowards out there walking around on campus probably bragging about the bang up job they did Saturday night. To those five cowards, I hope you receive every bit of punishment you deserve and then some. To my two friends that had to endure all of this, I just wish I could have been there...although they still would have had the advantage, I would have been happy to take some of those wuss's punches!

MATT GALSTER
Student

Representative should care for college students

I read with some amusement yesterday's front page article on the new Bald Eagle license plate. I admire and support Ohio's efforts to protect the Bald Eagle. Representative Bob Latta's efforts in this area should be applauded. However, it should also be noted that Latta voted last year to drastically cut state funding for higher education, thereby causing universities such as BGSU to raise tuition by such a large amount. In addition to protecting the Bald Eagle, we should protect another embattled species: college students in Ohio. For that species, Latta's record is much less impressive. We need a state representative who cares about both our eagles and our college students.

MIKE ZICKAR
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you think about the guy suing fast food chains for his obesity?



DOUG FABIAN
SENIOR, BUSE

"It's stupid. He should have used better judgement in choosing where he eats."



KURT CHIARELOTT
SENIOR, BUSINESS

"It's dumb, and a waste of everyone's time."



RICH DIMMOCK
JUNIOR, MIS

"I'm afraid he will win and Wendy's will get rid of the 99 cent value menu."



TIM KNOLL
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

"It's his own will. No one made him eat at their restaurant."

Racism can work both ways, people

CURT HARRIS

Opinion columnist

Maybe my little bubble I call reality is more idealistic than other people's reality bubbles, but when I see a person I don't immediately judge them by the color of their skin. No label pops up in my head identifying them by their race. I don't identify them as inferior or superior by the tone of their skin. When the Declaration of Independence says, "All Men are Created Equal," I believe it.

Now, here's the part where I ruffle some feathers. People do get labeled based on race, but only under certain circumstances. In my mind you give yourself a label the minute you identify yourself with an organization that bases its ideals on a physical characteristic, whether it be the KKK or the NAACP. I know there's a world of difference between the two, but the fact remains in my eyes, both are racist.

Look at it this way, there's Black History Month and a Hispanic Heritage Month, where's White History Month? If all men are created equal, shouldn't all races have months? I think the fact that our calendar only has 12 months and there is more than 12 races prevents that, so let's go back to calling them February, October and so on and move on with our lives.

There's Black Entertainment Television (BET). Where's White Entertainment Television? It's not there because if someone had the brass balls to come up with said channel, it would be labeled as racist regardless of content. I'd venture to guess that just reading the name of the channel you'd assume it would be run and owned by KKK members. In society today, it's accepted for blacks to separate themselves from whites, but the other way around is seen as racist.

Then there's my biggest annoyance, the Miss Black America contest. Not only is it racist, but also it's also agist, gender biased and sexist. Martin Luther King Jr. wanted a country where his children were judged on the content of their character, and we give him Miss Black America, a contest based on looks, age, skin color and gender. If the

contest was truly not prejudiced, then my grandfather should be able to win.

To the point, the civil rights movement fought to, among other things, have "separate but equal" ruled unconstitutional, but now the same people who claim to be pro-civil rights are the ones who are doing the separating. The NAACP has the words "Colored People" in its name. That separates it. If that act isn't racist against non-"Colored People," then at the very least it encourages racism against "Colored People." In my eyes the majority of society has moved past our racist past, and the NAACP does more harm than good anymore. The Civil Rights movement is over, and most Americans see everyone as equals, as it should be. All that's left now are a few people who can't seem to stop fighting and are doing their cause more harm than good. Drop the "C" and become the National Association for the Advancement of People. Fight for the rights of everyone, not just people of a certain skin color. If you don't want to be seen as a label, don't label yourself.

Finally a story to illustrate my point, I was flipping through the channels the other day, and I paused briefly on a re-run of "Dharma And Greg." The plot, from what I could tell, is that Dharma was becoming afraid she might have a subconscious prejudice against "little people." She didn't know how to act, but she knew that calling them "little people" was preferred to the word midget. She was asking her hippie parents for advice on how to act around a "little person." Her mother said to her "Honey, we don't call them little people." Dharma asks "Then what do we call them?" Her mom replies, "Just people." When I heard that, I thought, that's the coolest thing I've ever heard anyone say. Why doesn't everyone apply that to heights, races, sexual orientation, genders and ages? We're all people. Period.

Then again, this is the world I see through my eyes, and I'm sure there's more racism out there than I'm aware of. But if the real world has more racism than I think it does, don't tell me, I like my world of equality better.



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Three Falcons named All-MAC after win over Kansas

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Joe Alls, Alex Glantzis and Pat Fleming have been named MAC West Division Players of the Week after the Falcons' 39-16 win over Kansas Saturday night.

Alls rushed for a career-high 161 yards on 20 carries and also threw a touchdown pass in the win, while Glantzis led the team with nine tackles and two forced fumbles. One of those fumbles, in Kansas' end zone, led to a BG touchdown.

Fleming, who has garnered honors in the past for his punting proficiency, punted seven times, including a 61 yarder on the night. He pinned the Jayhawks inside the 20 twice, and averaged 48.7 yards per punt.

BG sports can play with big schools

WILL CURITORE

Sports Reporter

I won't often admit when I am wrong. That's just the kind of stubborn, bull-headed person I am. However, in cases such as this one, I can realize just how off I was. If you read my second column (week of Sept. 9), you will remember my argument that Bowling Green athletics (specifically football) will never be among the nation's top ranked programs. This was for a number of reasons, like conference, schedule and recruiting. After the third week of the football season, I can no longer stand by these words.

The Bowling Green football team may be one of the great stories of the young 2002 campaign thus far. They are 3-0, including two wins against Big XII opponents (Missouri and Kansas). They were already chosen by almost every NCAA football publication to win the MAC's Western Division, but not many (including myself) expected this.

Stellar play by the team, especially wide receiver Robert Redd and versatile quarterback Josh Harris, has put them in a position they have never found themselves in. They could be in the Division 1-A top 25 by the middle of October. They are currently ranked 28 in the RPI computer rankings behind #26 Auburn (SEC) and #27 Clemson (ACC). They are ahead of such big name schools as Kentucky (SEC), Alabama (SEC), UCLA (Pac 10), Boston College (Big East), Michigan State (Big Ten), Maryland (ACC), and Purdue (Big 10).

By no means am I saying that the Falcons have a shot at the big prize, a national championship. Sadly, the BCS is a bit of a stretch for a team in the MAC. That's just the way it is now, but teams like Bowling Green and the perennial East favorite, the Marshall Thundering Herd, are giving the MAC some long awaited respect. The only two teams from the MAC that have even cracked the top 25 in the past couple of years are Marshall, and Toledo last season.

I am now giving this team the credit that it deserves. The way things are going, it might only be a matter of years before the MAC is sending teams to New Year's Day games such as the Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl, and Orange Bowl. How many teams do you know that can win a game against a big conference opponent after being stuck in a hotel elevator for a half hour on the way to the stadium? The skill and poise that this team and its leader, coach Urban Meyer, are showing are starting to pay off. After years in the cellar, the Bowling Green football program is on its way to the top.



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Binzel leads golfers to victory

By Chris Willig
SPORTS REPORTER

With the start of the fall quickly approaching, cold and windy weather conditions are common in northwest Ohio and its surrounding areas. Cold and wet conditions are hard for any athlete to deal with, but especially hard to deal with when you are trying to score well on a golf course. The weather played a role in both the men's and women's golf teams' weekend tournaments, as the women saw the inclement conditions as a blessing, while the men saw it as a curse.

The women's golf team, which hosted the Lady Falcon Invitational at Forrest Creason Golf Course this weekend, welcomed the bad weather, especially during the practice rounds.

"Forrest Creason is our home course and we practice there everyday, so when it rained during the practice rounds, it was to

our advantage," junior Jenny Schnipke said. "The rain changed the course and didn't help the other teams during the tournament."

The rain certainly didn't affect the Falcons' play, as they took home team laurels, eight strokes ahead of the pack with a team score of 662. Senior Shelley Binzel won the tournament individually, while Schnipke improved her seventh-place position after the first round to an overall third place finish by the end of the tournament, two positions behind Binzel.

"Everybody's playing real well, and we're happy with this weekend's tournament. Coming off a winning tournament, we should continue to play well for the rest of the season," Schnipke said.

Binzel finished first overall this weekend and was the tournament's medalist. Binzel broke her own school record with a 148 for 36 holes. With back-to-back scores of 74, Binzel domi-

nated the field. It was a matter of time before Binzel won the Falcons' home tournament, with second-place finishes in her freshman and junior years and a third-place finish her sophomore year.

Kurt Thomas, the Falcons' coach, was also extremely happy with the team's performance in the bad weather this weekend.

"We played very well, although we were down in the first round we were able to come back and win the tournament in bad conditions."

The Falcons were coming off a tournament at Ann Arbor and took full advantage of the home course this weekend.

"We are headed in the right direction for the rest of the season," Thomas said. "After a good tournament at Ball State we struggled in Michigan, but were able to come back strong and win this weekend."

The team, however, will have to wait to try their hand at win-

ning another tournament. The team has a week off before they travel to Penn State to compete in the Nittany Lion Invitational.

The men's team finished in seventh place out of 15 teams in the Earl Yestingmeister Invitational, held in Yorktown, Ind. and hosted by Ball State University. The Falcons had high hopes going into the tournament, and were undoubtedly disappointed.

The Falcons came out shooting well, carding a two-under that had them tied for fourth after the first round. With the start of the second round came the bad weather. The Falcons were unable to maintain their outstanding play in the later rounds and shot 16 over as a team in the final round.

Sophomore Austin Chase led the Falcons this weekend by finishing tied for 23rd. Regardless of his team-leading score of 219, Chase was still highly disappointed after the tournament.

"The team was disappointed with the tournament this weekend," he said. "We were two under after the first round and with our disappointing third round, we weren't very happy with our performance."

Junior Andy Miller, although disappointed as well, thought this tournament will help the team in the long run.

"Although we struggled in the tournament, I feel that this tournament was a really good experience for our younger guys, because it was really the first time they have had to deal with bad conditions since they have been here," Miller said.

Miller finished tied for 28th with a 220 this weekend. Following Miller were freshman Bud Zigar, who tied for 30th, and Christopher Leake, who tied for 37th. Sophomore Craig Pickerel struggled with the team's worst finish with a 228, which was good enough to tie him for 63rd.

Falcons win two in Madison

By Jason A. Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

Heading into last weekend's Badger Invitational, it was wrong to assume that the BG volleyball team's 3-6 record was an accurate representation of Coach Denise Van De Walle's squad.

A tournament-opening loss at the hands of 16th-ranked Wisconsin (9-2) in three sets made for some more unfair assumptions. However, Illinois-Chicago and Tulane received the rudest of reminders of BG's ability. The Falcons proved that their record, as well as the opening loss, did not reflect the team's true colors. In defeating the Flames and Green Wave, 3-0 and 3-2, respectively, BG concluded the non-conference portion of their schedule in convincing fashion.

"We were not really concerned about what other people and other teams were saying about our record or being overlooked," Van De Walle said. "We just wanted to go into the tournament and get some wins so that we could get our confidence back as we headed into conference play."

Competing in front of 2,921 fans, and against the National runner-up from two years ago in UW, took its toll on the Falcons. The Badgers' Lauren Ford set a school record for a three-game match with an .875 hitting percentage in the victory (30-10, 30-18, 30-23).



Ben Swanger BG News

SPIKE: Sara Sikorski spikes the ball in a recent match at Anderson Arena. The team won two of three games over the weekend at the Badger Invitational in Madison, Wisc.

"I think everyone was nervous playing in front of that many people," senior Kristin Gamby said. "That really had an effect on us."

BG was led by Susie Norris' nine kills, Emily Manser's 10 digs, and Laura Twyman and Bridget Protas, both of whom totaled three blocks at the net. But, the Falcons were held to a .029 hitting percentage, and Van De Walle felt that the environment and UW's

intensity level were two factors that overwhelmed the team.

"The setting was very unfamiliar to us, though very exciting with the sea of red and the band. I wasn't sure how the team would respond to that," Van De Walle said. "Wisconsin was intense from the start and clicking on all cylinders. At this point in the season, we were not expecting to beat a team like that, but it did prepare us for our next two contests."

BG's second opponent, UIC (11-4), came into the tournament with a four-game winning streak and the best overall record. But it did not take the Falcons very long to show how much either of those statistics mattered. Led by Sara Sirkoski's 49 assists, BG got a total team effort, while handling the Flames in three sets (30-22, 30-27, 30-27).

Manser had a team-high 21 defensive digs, followed by Nadia Bedricky's 11. The Falcons also had three players who contributed double-digit kills with Bridget Protas' 10, Laura Twyman's 13, and Gamby's game-high 15.

"This was the most complete volleyball the team had played all season. It was a total team effort and everything just came together for us," Van De Walle said. "Our first match really prepared us for UIC, and we were expecting to beat the Flames."

The momentum carried over to the Falcons' final match of the tournament, as it

Daughter of Ali to arrested for theft

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PERRYSBURG, Ohio — A daughter of Muhammad Ali agreed on yesterday to enter a theft diversion program to avoid facing shoplifting charges.

Hana Yasmeen Ali, 26, of Berrien Springs, Mich., agreed to the deal with prosecutors in Perrysburg Municipal Court.

She was charged last week with trying to shoplift bedding from a store in suburban Toledo.

She will need to complete a five-day program in order to have the case dismissed. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$750 fine.

Ali, one of nine children of the former heavyweight boxing champ, wrote a book titled "More Than a Hero" about her father.

She identified herself as Ali's daughter when she was arrested Thursday, officer Craig Revell said.

Employees at the Linens & Things store also reported that she tried to tamper with a price tag on a \$69.99 picture frame.

A store manager said Ali denied taking the items and left.

No. six Ohio State fortunate to beat Cincinnati

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — If Ohio State is No. 6 in the rankings, does that mean Cincinnati is No. 5?

That's not the case, despite the fact that the Bearcats played well enough to beat the Buckeyes on Saturday at Paul Brown Stadium. In a position to put the game away, they let several opportunities slip through their fingers — including two game-winning passes — in what became a 23-19 victory for the Buckeyes.

"Any hard-fought victory is a good one," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said, looking as if his

team had just lost. "The only thing you really want to happen is you want to feel like you got really better each game."

"It doesn't have that feel right now."

With good reason. Statistics frequently lie but they nonetheless echo the Bearcats' dominance in several key areas. Cincinnati had more first downs (20-16), total yards (415-292), offensive plays (75-67) and a higher yield in yardage per play (5.5 to 4.4).

When the turnovers are even and the big plays in special teams are a tradeoff, those kinds of numbers usually point to a winner. Not this time.

Jonathan Ruffin, reputed to be one of the premier kickers at the college level, was wide right on the extra-point kick after the Bearcats' first score. That otherwise inconsequential miss would become the biggest point in either team's season to date.

Had Ruffin converted the kick — as he had a school-record 65 in a row before it — Cincinnati would not have needed a touchdown on their final, frantic drive that ended in frustration in the end zone.

Had Ruffin made a 49-yard field goal in the first quarter —



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CLINCHED: Ohio State safety Will Allen makes the game-clinching interception in the end zone Saturday, preserving the Buckeyes' win.

Blue Jackets protect draftee Nash

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It was late in the first period of the Columbus Blue Jackets' exhibition game Sunday night when Nashville enforcer Nathan Perrott first challenged the new kid on the block.

Not far from the Predators' bench, Perrott confronted the Blue Jackets' — and the NHL's — No. 1 draft pick, Rick Nash. He slashed and jabbed at Nash's legs with his stick while the referees were focused on the other side of the ice.

It's a hockey tradition to test the mettle of the newcomer, seeing if he would rather fight or flee.

Nash turned to face Perrott but in an instant Columbus defenseman Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre closed in from mid-ice and attacked Perrott. They struggled for half a minute, throwing punches and wrestling while tugging each other's sweater out of shape.

Nash is the future of the Blue Jackets. The franchise acknowledges it and opponents know it. As he tunes his game for the NHL, there probably will be many encounters with opponents intent on measuring his toughness and that of his teammates.

"It's a part of the game," Grand-Pierre said. "They try to

intimidate him. Let's face it, no one wants to be embarrassed by an 18-year-old."

Nash was making his home debut in the Blue Jackets' 5-3 loss to the Predators. He's ahead of the learning curve, scoring a nifty goal on a backhand from a sharp angle. But he also was victimized by veteran Brent Gilchrist who dumped him deep in his zone late in the third period with the Blue Jackets on the power play.

Gilchrist stole the puck from Nash and netted an insurance goal. But there was no retribution because it was a rookie mistake and a heads-up play by a seasoned player.

As long as there have been superstars, there have been bodyguards. The young Wayne Gretzky had Dave Semenko and Marty McSorley in Edmonton, skating on his line and covering his back. Bryan Trottier and Mike Bossy had Bobby Nystrom, dealing out quid pro quo for any hits aimed at the Islanders' big guns.

There is no job description, but the role is understood by those who provide the muscle.

"His job is to make plays," Grand-Pierre says of Nash. "He'll take care of that part of it and we'll take care of the rest."

Nash is hardly petite, standing 6-foot-3 and weighing 188 pounds. Despite the rave

reviews he received before the draft from scouts and from the Blue Jackets' front office after it, he still has only two eyes and can't always see the trouble that lurks nearby.

"I'm lucky I have guys like Grand-Pierre and Grant Marshall sticking up for me," Nash said. "Now, if they (opponents) drop the gloves, I'm definitely going to drop the gloves too."

As he learns the speed and strategy at the NHL level, others will make sure that Nash has time and space to mature.

"Every player has to establish himself," Columbus coach Dave King said. "That's what Rick is trying to do."

He made a big-time deke near the blueline early in Sunday night's game, humiliating a defender as Nash flashed the puck near him and then pulled it back to leave him standing by himself in the middle of the ice.

Right or wrong, such moves don't go unpunished. The other team's players take note of such perceived slights and are ready to even the score with their fists.

Nash already has been schooled on what he's supposed to do in such circumstances, as have Grand-Pierre, Marshall and Jody Shelley.

"It's not my job," Nash said. "I'm not here to fight their fighters."



Neal C. Lauron AP Photo

CHECKED: Columbus Blue Jackets' Rick Nash, left, gets taken down by the Predators' Scott Hartnell, center, and teammate Clarke Wilm (10) in the final seconds of Sunday's exhibition game.

Bengals to start Smith

By John Nolan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bengals coach Dick LeBeau, desperate to shake up his team after its 0-3 start, said yesterday that he will promote third-string quarterback Akili Smith to starter Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Smith, the Bengals' 1999 No. 1 draft pick and starter in 2000 before losing the job, said he is grateful for the chance to reclaim the top spot.

He has the ability to scramble for yardage if his receivers are covered, a skill lacking in the Bengals' other two quarterbacks — Gus Frerotte and Jon Kitna.

"I was a little bit shocked," Smith said. "Thank God for the opportunity. That's all I've ever wanted, was the opportunity."

"My season begins now. I'm not even thinking about being 0-3."

LeBeau said he is not making any promises beyond Sunday as he tries to right his team. He said Kitna will be the No. 2 quarterback Sunday and Frerotte will be moved from starter to No. 3 to rest his right thumb, injured earlier this season.

LeBeau said he expects to announce other lineup changes Wednesday, including a plan to start rookie No. 1 draft pick Levi Jones at left tackle ahead of vet-

eran offensive lineman Richmond Webb.

Webb, a former Miami Dolphins Pro Bowl lineman, said he hadn't been told of the change. Webb, who started every game for Cincinnati last year and so far this season, has been tutoring Jones and said he has been impressed with his progress.

"I'm going to keep fighting," Webb said. "But I'm unhappy with the way I've played the last couple weeks."

The Bengals have been outscored 25-0 overall during the first quarters of their games so far and 31-3 in the second quarters, leaving the team in a big hole by halftime, LeBeau told reporters Monday, a day after watching his team lose 30-3 in Atlanta. The Bengals trailed Atlanta 20-3 at halftime.

"We are where we are record-wise. I don't know where we are as a team, but I know we're better than we've played," LeBeau said.

He declined fault his players' efforts or blame solely the quarterback or any other position.

In the first three weeks, Cincinnati has been outscored 84-16 by San Diego, Cleveland and Atlanta.

The Bengals' problems at quarterback have been exacerbated by the lack of turnovers produced by the defense and



Gregory Smith AP Photo

BENCHED: Quarterback Gus Frerotte is sacked in Sunday's game against the Falcons. Akili Smith will start in Frerotte's place this week.

special teams, LeBeau said.

"We're going to fight through this," he said. "I believe we will turn this around."

LeBeau has often said in his

two years coaching the team that he will shake up his lineup and insert players who give the Bengals their best chance to win.

"We're in paradise, and paradise is about appreciating life, ... not about things like that [murder]."

MARCEL TEIKI, TAHITI MERCHANT

Dele case gets more bizarre

By Angela Doland
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAPEETE, Tahiti — It was supposed to be a dream voyage: cruising in a luxury sailboat between the green-crested islands of the South Pacific, playing catch on the sand, sipping drinks garnished with freshly cut tropical blossoms.

Then the passengers vanished.

Former NBA player Bison Dele; his 30-year-old girlfriend, Serena Karlan; and their skipper, Bertrand Saldo, were last seen in French Polynesia more than 10 weeks ago. Now Dele's older brother, Miles Dabord — likely the only firsthand witness — is in a California hospital, comatose and on life support.

One brother might never be found. The other might never wake up.

People who met the brothers on the breeze-swept islands of Tahiti and Moorea have followed the story day by day, astonished at each development. Both

brothers were easygoing, several people said. And murder is almost unheard of here.

"We're in paradise, and paradise is about appreciating life, ... not about things like that," said Marcel Teiki, who rents scooters to tourists.

Like many, he was briefly questioned by investigators scouring the island for clues about what went wrong. In the United States, Dabord has not been charged in connection with the disappearances, but French investigators believe he killed his three companions in a struggle aboard the boat July 6 or 7.

Dabord was discovered in Tijuana, Mexico, more than a week ago, barely clinging to life. His mother, Patricia Phillips, says her son is on life support after overdosing on insulin and failing to take his asthma medicine, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Her other son, Dele, 33, orga-

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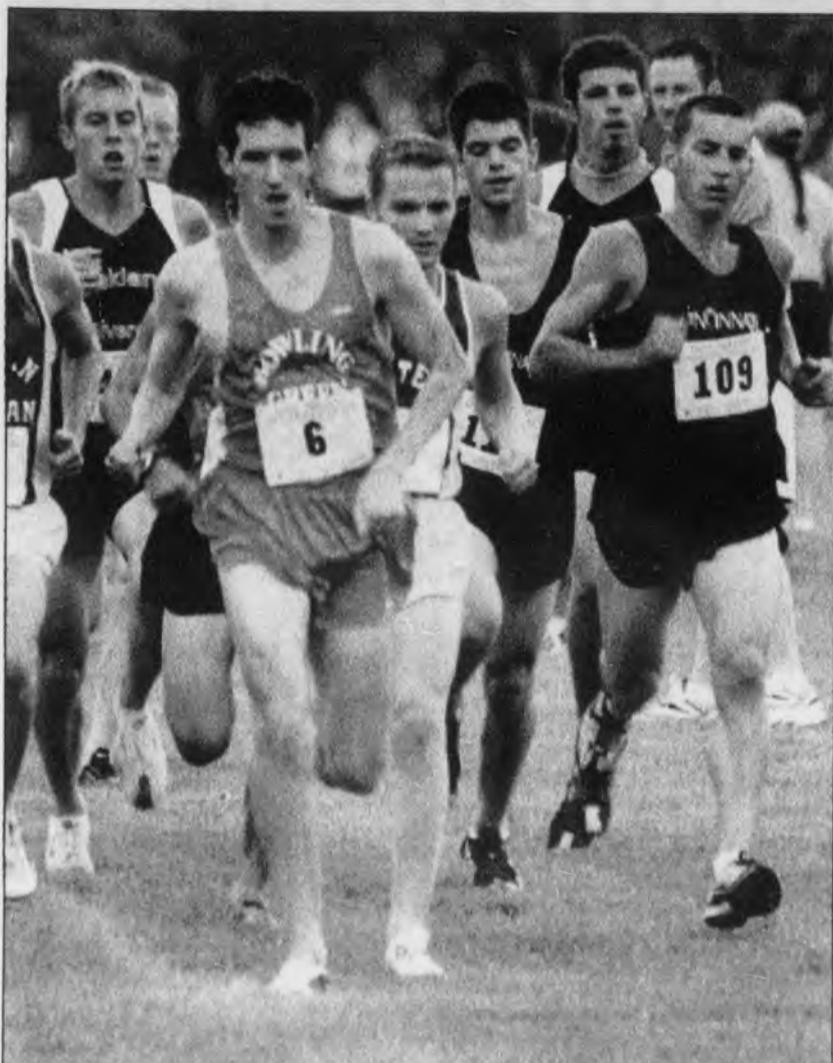
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Erin Carver BG News

UP FRONT: Falcon senior Mario Rothmund paces the field at last weekend's Mel Brodt invitational. Rothmund placed third in the race. The runners will take to the road this weekend to take part in the Central Collegiate Championships.

Dele's brother still in coma

DELE, FROM PAGE 6

nized the sailing trip from New Zealand to Hawaii on a 55-foot white catamaran, the Hakuna Matata — which means "No Worries" in Swahili. Karlan came along for part of the trip. Dabord met up with the pair in the South Pacific.

Dele and Karlan planned to stay for a few days on Moorea, where stalls selling bananas and coconuts line the roads and the local dress is rarely more formal than a sarong and flip-flops. They wound up staying several weeks in the island's Sofitel resort, employees said.

Teva Temaurioraa, a beach sports coordinator with a palm tree tattooed on his calf, said Dele — who won an NBA title with Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls in 1997 — swam and played Frisbee and football. Karlan relaxed in a lounge chair with a book.

"Bison came here looking for renewal, and he found a special energy here that he didn't expect," Temaurioraa said. "They were transformed."

Dele even thought about buying property up in the steep, mist-capped hills, he said.

Dele changed his name from Brian Williams during an NBA career in which he played for sev-

eral teams. The free-spirited center walked away from a \$35 million contract with the Detroit Pistons in 1999. Since putting that career behind, he was constantly looking for new projects.

After weeks spent relaxing on the beach, Dele's brother joined them, and they set sail again.

But when the boat returned, Dabord was alone. He stayed in French Polynesia nearly two more weeks. Several people who met Dabord then said he stood out because he was so tall and stocky, but they said there was nothing else remarkable about him.

"He seemed normal," Marc Norel, said, shrugging. "That's all."

Norel, who runs a cafe at the port where Dabord docked his boat before flying home, said he was astonished when busloads of investigators showed up to probe the boat — no one on Tahiti knew three people were missing.

Many clues have come from Erica Weise, Dabord's ex-girlfriend, who joined him on Moorea after the others disappeared. When she returned home, Weise contacted U.S. authorities, saying Dabord had described a struggle that left his companions dead, an investigating official said. French authori-

ties believe the bodies were likely dropped overboard.

Back home in the United States, Dabord, who used to be called Kevin Williams, aroused suspicion when he signed his brother's name to try to buy \$152,000 worth of gold in Phoenix. After he was discovered in Tijuana, he was arrested on suspicion of impersonating his younger brother.

Ten weeks after the disappearances, Dele's boat is still docked, a pair of sun-faded French and American flags hanging from its mast. It is wrapped in yellow police tape, and a plastic bag protects the doorknob from new fingerprints.

French investigators, working with FBI agents, found what appear to be traces of blood on the boat, and they were hoping that calls made on the satellite phone would help them map the boat's location at the time of the disappearances.

But they are not counting on finding anything in the deep waters of the South Pacific, prosecutor Michel Marotte said.

"We are not in a very active search for bodies that will likely never be found," he said.

Ohio State feels lucky after 23-19 win Saturday

OHIO STATE, FROM PAGE 5

as he did in the second period — the Bearcats would have only needed to get him into range for a tying kick in the waning seconds.

Instead, those errant kicks led to even more frustration for the Bearcats when Gino Guidugli twice threw highlight-quality passes for apparent touchdowns in the final minute. Both were dropped.

"Twice I thought we had it won," Guidugli said.

Cincinnati must now regroup emotionally from a wrenching defeat that left Guidugli in tears and head coach Rick Minter dazed.

"We let an opportunity to win a big game get away because of too many mistakes and too many errors at crunch time," Minter said. "That's why we're sitting here at 1-2. We had the opportunity to win and we didn't take advantage."

Ohio State must now take a deep breath, recognize how

close it came to going into the dumper against a 17-point underdog and learn from what could have been a painful experience.

The 1998 Buckeyes had just one close call all season. The top-ranked team in the nation ended up losing to Michigan State — also a 17-point underdog. The margin was four points — same as that in Saturday's game.

That Ohio State team lost its next-to-last game on the schedule and had no other shot at redemption after it missed out on the national title game. This Ohio State team will be an even bigger favorite in its next three games against Indiana on Saturday, followed by a road trip to Northwestern and San Jose State at Ohio Stadium.

The Buckeyes have time to get their house in order before the tests against Wisconsin, Penn State, Michigan and others. Now they must mend the cracks that were exposed in their veneer.

The secondary looked ragged for most of the afternoon. Wide receiver Chris Gamble had to be switched to defense to help out. Freshman E.J. Underwood has suddenly become an important contributor. The starter at cornerback coming into the season, Richard McNutt, is not seeing much action at all.

Through Ohio State's first two games, quarterback Craig Krenzel was everything that his predecessor, the erratic Steve Bellisari, was not. Krenzel was 23 for 27 without an interception. Since then he has made a stadium full of bad decisions while completing just 18-of-39 passes with two interceptions.

The defensive front line dictated play in the first three games, but Guidugli had plenty of time to pick out primary and secondary receivers. He was sacked only twice and stood in the pocket without much pressure even on his final four throws into the end zone.

Spikers win two matches in Wisconsin, face MAC foes

VOLLEYBALL FROM PAGE 5

just took a little longer to arrive at the desired end result. Tulane senior Britney Hurst set a school record for single-match kills with 37 and junior Karlyn Daly posted a career-high 26 digs. Nevertheless, BG displayed their depth once again, as they defeated the Green Wave (7-8) in five sets (30-28, 23-30, 25-30, 30-28, 13-15).

The Falcons had four players that totaled a combined 67

defensive digs in Manser, Norris, Bedricky, and Sirkorski. Gamby's team-high 19 kills were followed by Protas' 16, Norris' 11, and Bedricky's 10.

At the conclusion of the invitational, Gamby and Protas were named to the All-Tournament Team, and while Van De Walle felt both of her players were deserving of the acknowledgement, she was especially proud of the strides one player im' particular made throughout the weekend.

"I was very happy of the improvement that Bridget (Protas) showed in the tournament," Van De Walle said. "She has been improving all season, and she was a big reason we were able to post a 2-1 record against some tough teams."

The Falcons' second season begins this weekend, as they prepare to end their 13-game road trip with Friday and Saturday matches against Ohio and Akron.



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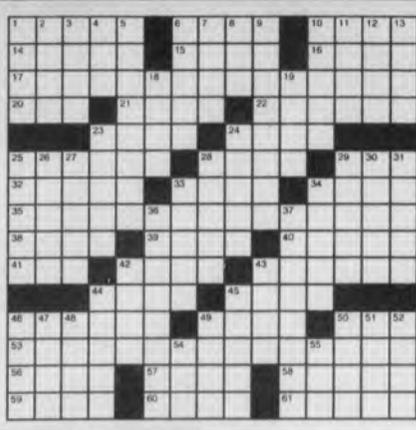
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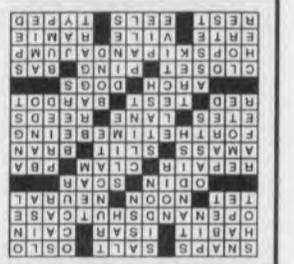
- DOWN**
- 1 Worn out
 - 2 Scruff
 - 3 Fence the foot, e.g.
 - 4 Wrestling success
 - 5 'The Courtship of Miles'
 - 6 Phoenician city
 - 7 Org.
 - 8 ___-de-dah
 - 9 Shorten
 - 10 Come to pass
 - 11 Moselle feeder
 - 12 Writer Alther
 - 13 'The ___ lama, he's a priest...'
 - 18 French black
 - 19 Sports group
 - 23 Tobacco ovens
 - 24 Muck
 - 25 Decathlete Johnson
 - 26 Get all melodramatic
 - 27 Removed rind
 - 28 Walker or Black
 - 29 Was nosy
 - 30 Ballplayer Sal
 - 31 Feeling of dread
 - 33 Hidden supply
 - 34 Stout and porter
 - 36 Optional
 - 37 Swaggerer
 - 42 'Star ___'
 - 43 Fleming's spy
 - 44 Something of value
 - 45 Consume supper
 - 46 'Mask' star
 - 47 Folk tales
 - 48 Makes choices
 - 49 Gloomy atmosphere
 - 50 Bulge
 - 51 Alain's friend
 - 52 Drove too fast
 - 54 Bakery buy
 - 55 Leno or North

ACROSS

- 1 Breaks suddenly
- 6 Preserving substance
- 10 1952 Olympics site
- 14 Sister's clothes?
- 15 Danube tributary
- 16 Son of Adam
- 17 Short suit
- 20 Vietnamese holiday
- 21 Middy
- 22 Of nerves
- 23 Husband of Frigg
- 24 Cicatrix
- 25 Fix
- 26 Littleneck, e.g.
- 29 Law enforcement support grp.
- 32 Collect
- 33 Narrow opening
- 34 Husk of grain
- 35 Short interval
- 38 Seasons in Burgundy
- 39 Country way

- 40 Oboists' needs
- 41 Checkers side
- 42 Midterm or final
- 43 'Contempt' star Brigitte
- 44 Foot structure
- 45 Canines
- 46 Small storage room
- 49 One of a "Turandot" trio
- 50 ___-relief
- 53 Short distance
- 56 Art Deco designer
- 57 Deprived
- 58 Flaxlike fiber
- 59 Take a breather
- 60 Sniggler's prey
- 61 Used a keyboard

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