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**AT BGVIEWS.COM:** This past Saturday, the city department of Parks and Recreation sponsored a Save the Woods renaissance feast benefit. Check out [www.bgvnews.com](http://www.bgvnews.com) to check out a recap of the event, which included people in period dress and a fencing match.



**AT BGVIEWS.COM:** To check out a recap of this weekend's Animarathon, go to [www.bgvnews.com](http://www.bgvnews.com).

# THE BG NEWS

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"Magic Bullet. It's awesome. It can make anything in 10 seconds." | **Page 4**

# Stroh Center resolution approved

By Andy Ouriel  
Reporter

The majority of students who took part in the most important student vote in University history sided with the Undergraduate Student Government's resolution, approving the Stroh Center much to the administration's delight.

USG's resolution was approved by over a two to one margin

— 2,630 students, or 69 percent of undergraduate student voters — during Friday's online vote, showing students support the Stroh Center and the \$60 student fee.

Instead of finding funds elsewhere for the Stroh Center, students enrolled at the University in the fall of 2011 will be responsible to pay \$23.1 million of the total \$36 million cost.

About 28 percent of eligible

voters participated in the election, showing the administration and USG that students are active in campus issues. Ten percent of student participation was needed to validate the vote.

The landslide victory to uphold USG's resolution was helped by the efforts by the entities promoting the "Pro Stroh, Vote No

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## THE FULL RESULTS OF THE REFERENDUM:

- 4,368 total votes received, both valid and invalid
- 3,812 total valid votes received
- 28 percent of all eligible undergraduates voted
- 2,630 voted "no" or in favor of USG's resolution
- 1,182 voted "yes" against

USG's resolution  
■ 556 invalid votes including votes submitted with incorrect identification numbers, duplicate entries, or not entering all the fields

Source: BGSU Marketing and Communications Department



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**PACKED TOGETHER:** Anime fans collect in Olscamp for Animarathon VII. Drawing a huge crowd, almost every room was used for screening or selling products.

## ANIMARATHON

Fans from across the state support each other's anime obsession

By Shaina Smith  
Reporter

Olscamp was crowded Saturday with die hard fans coming in from all over Ohio dressed as anime characters and video game heroes for the Anime in Northwest Ohio's (ANO) seventh-annual Animarathon convention.

High schoolers from Bowling Green and Toledo also came down to participate in the convention. Ursula High School's Anime Club President Libby Wentz invited the other members of the anime club to come down.

"It's nice hanging out with people who are also as nerdy as we are," said Wentz.

On the first floor of Olscamp, fans could watch live action films and play their favorite video games. There was also a dealers room and art gallery located on the first floor for vendors from all over Ohio to sell their products and advertise their stores. University alumni Darrell Daniels was one of the vendors in attendance and was one of the founders of Animarathon. On the second floor there were more game rooms and discussion panels.

There was a cosplay competition where participants competed in either craftsmanship, where they were judged on costumes made themselves, or on creative skits that could be funny or serious. Later that evening there was an hour raffle of anime and manga books, stuffed toys, DVDs and games. To end the convention a animarathon dance was held.

ANO decided to make a little change to the convention this year. Instead of just having a regular convention of cosplay, anime and manga, they would bring education of anime and Japanese culture to the convention as well.

"I think people can learn more about a culture through its media," said ANO secretary Sara Haase. "It's



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**SHOPPING:** Fans indulge in live action films, video games and obscure merchandise.

more than just the animation; it's the gender, the stereotypes and the culture behind it."

Panels were given information on how to start anime clubs, how to improve cosplay, the sexism in anime and the 10 commandments of fan fiction, just to name a few. This gave everyone a chance to talk about things they've noticed in Japanese culture and educating those new to Anime.

Anime conventions usually last a weekend and range in prices from \$30 to \$50, not including hotel and food expenses. The University's Animarathon convention is growing in popularity because not only does it contain the same features as other the conventions but it's free of charge. The turnout last year was about 1000 people and this year ANO printed up 1500 tickets and were already running out by 2 p.m.

Animarathon, according to next year's ANO President Caroline Coates, seemed to have a better turnout than last year. Coates stressed the importance of hav-

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## For Greeks, it's their week to celebrate

By Becky Tener  
Reporter

It's that time of year again, with paint dodge ball, tricycle races and multiple games of Twister, when campus Greeks will come together "Through the Decades" to compete and celebrate for Greek Week.

The annual week-long event is full of activities hosted by different sororities and fraternities to celebrate the Greek organizations on campus and to raise money for different charity services, or philanthropies, said the Greek Week Grad Advisor Tabatha Sarco.

Greek Week is also a time for all Greek organizations to come support each other and build community.

"It's a great way to bring everyone together for one cause too," she said.

Senior Christina Downey, the Greek Week Programming Chair said this year the theme for the week is "Through the Decades" and many of the activities are based on those from the past.

During Greek Week, she said, each Greek organization is paired with other Greek organizations to form a team. Then each team

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## GREEK WEEK EVENTS:

**Monday**  
8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Greek Week Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings  
9 p.m. Greek Gods and Goddesses in the Union Ball Room

**Tuesday**  
6 p.m. Greeks Go Green at the Phi Mu House

**Wednesday**  
4 p.m. Paint Dodge Ball at Fraternity Row  
8:30 p.m. Tricycle Race at the Rec Center

**Thursday**  
4 p.m. Rock Boats Cancer at Fraternity Row  
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. A Night at the Old Zai

**Friday**  
2 p.m. Watermelon Boat at Fraternity Row  
3 p.m. Three Legged Basketball at the Kreischer/Hanishan Basketball Courts

**Saturday**  
10 a.m. KA Kart Race at Memorial Hall  
Parking Lot  
2:30 p.m. Sigma Sluggers  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Get Twisted at the Pub

**Sunday**  
12 p.m. Greek Week Closing at Ice Arena  
3 p.m. Rho Gamma Sand-off at MAC Beach  
5 p.m. Fun-a-thon in the Union Multipurpose Room

## Bowling Green's Cizny loses to South Korea's Kim

By Barry Wilner  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As Kim Yu-na was sprinting away from the competition in historic fashion, she wasn't really alone. Coach Brian Orser was mimicking her every move by the sideboards, almost as good a show as the two-time world bronze medalist was staging on the ice.

Kim's talent has really blossomed under Orser, the 1984 and '88 Olympic silver medalist — he barely lost the Battle of the Brians to American Brian Boitano in 1988. He practically climbed on the ice with her during the short program Friday at the World Figure Skating Championships, twisting and bending and leaping while almost exactly shadowing Kim's every movement.

"At a world championships, this stage brings out the best in the best," Orser said. "Yu-na was competitive, she was on the attack, she was very fierce and she knew what her job was. At the same time, she shared it with the audience."

What she shared was unforgettable. The two-time Grand Prix champion from South Korea built a stunning 8.2-point lead

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## WALKING A MILE IN HER SHOES



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

**STRUTTING THEIR STUFF:** Fraternity members Jeremy England, Brandon Bookatz, Eric Young and David Stevens walk from the Union and down Wooster Street in high heels for a Greek Week event to raise money for the YWCA of Toledo.

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## BLOTTER

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

#### 8:23 A.M.

Complainant reported sometime two weeks ago, an unknown subject tipped his motorcycle over on Fairview Avenue, resulting in \$5,200 in damages.

#### 3:19 P.M.

Complainant reported a blue 55-gallon drum and a plastic hanging basket with black walnuts in it were taken from the back of her residence on South Main Street.

#### 6:48 P.M.

Kevin McArthur, 42, of North Baltimore, Ohio, and Heather Cortez, 27, of Bowling Green, were arrested for theft after they were seen taking clothing and sandals and placing them into a purse carried past all purchase points of Wal-Mart.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

#### 12:53 A.M.

Corey Jones, 18, of Amherst, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence after he was seen in an altercation on East Wooster Street. When approached by police, Jones had a strong odor of alcohol and was found to be under 21.

#### 1:45 A.M.

Brian Cox, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage drinking after he was seen having trouble walking.

#### 1:49 A.M.

Jacob Spettie, 19, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage drinking and disorderly conduct after he was observed urinating, and admitted to consuming alcohol.

#### 2:05 A.M.

Andrew Fridrich, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for theft after he was observed walking in the downtown area carrying a pool cue, which he later admitted came from 149 North Bar.

#### 2:21 A.M.

Brandon Seagart, 25, of Waterville, Ohio, was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence, littering from a vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

#### 2:43 A.M.

Kevin Colyer, 23, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct with persistence after he was seen taunting other subjects in an altercation after being told be officers to stop. Garth Hartung, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault after he slammed into a victim, knocking him to the ground and causing him to scrape his hands.

#### 3:01 A.M.

Brittany Rody, 19, of Middlesburg Heights, Ohio, was cited for underage drinking after she fell into the street and appeared to be highly intoxicated.

#### 11:53 P.M.

Nikolai Blumensadt, 18, of Put-In-Bay, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct and underage drinking.

Michael Irwin, 19, of Bowling Green, was cited for underage drinking.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

#### 12:12 A.M.

Nicholas Wiesjahn, 20, of Mishawaka, Ind., was arrested for open container and underage drinking after he was observed carrying an open 12 ounce can of Natural Light beer.

#### 12:35 A.M.

Grant Nowak, 23, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container of alcohol after he was observed carrying an open bottle of Bud Light beer.

#### 12:54 A.M.

Samuel Hof, 19, of Gahanna, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespass and underage drinking.

#### 1:25 A.M.

Jeffrey Liggitt, 19, of Alliance, Ohio, Andrew Jenkins, 19, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and Kevin Shadrach, 19, of Parma, Ohio were cited for underage possession of alcohol and open container of alcohol after they were observed walking down North Main Street drinking from an open 12 ounce can of Natural Light Beer.

#### 1:25 A.M.

James Horstman, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for underage drinking and open container.

#### 1:32 A.M.

Justin Murray, 20, of Bowling Green, was arrested for assault, underage drinking and prohibited acts after he was involved in an altercation outside Skybar Night Club and appeared to be intoxicated with the identification of someone else. Joseph O'Brien, 23, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct after he was observed fighting.

#### 1:33 A.M.

Jessica Perez, 20, of Edgerton, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

#### 1:55 A.M.

Danielle Kessler, 20, of Louisville, Ohio, was cited for underage drinking after she was escorted out of a downtown bar for drinking underage.

#### 2:16 A.M.

Taylor Stanford, 18, of Maumee, Ohio, was cited for disorderly conduct while intoxicated and underage drinking after he rolled across the hood of a police cruiser while running past officers.

#### 2:22 A.M.

Bradley Rader, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct after he was observed urinating in public.

#### 2:55 A.M.

Christopher Wren, 34, of Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence after trying to break into a complainant's apartment on East Napoleon Road.

#### 3:09 A.M.

Vincent Meehan, 18, of Sylvania,

Ohio, was arrested for underage drinking and open container in a motor vehicle after he was observed sleeping inside a car with an open 12 ounce can of Keystone Beer in the center console.

#### 8:41 A.M.

Complainant reported sometime overnight, an unknown subject unscrewed the lock from the latch and entered the red barn behind her house.

#### 3:07 P.M.

Complainant reported an unknown person took a green children's pedal tractor valued at \$20.

#### 11:47 P.M.

Matthew Leyde, 19, of Mentor, Ohio, was arrested for disorderly conduct and underage drinking after he was observed standing behind Pike Street near a garage urinating.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

#### 1:22 A.M.

Jeffrey Weber, 20, of Tiffin, Ohio, was arrested for open container and underage possession after he was observed holding an open container of Natural Light Beer.

#### 2:47 A.M.

Glynn Joseph, 34, of Bloomville, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

#### 3:59 A.M.

Kevin Laux, 22, of Bowling Green, and Kyle Pechak, 24, of Solon, Ohio, were arrested for disorderly conduct after they admitted to getting into a physical altercation with one another, resulting in injuries to both subjects.

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

## CORRECTION POLICY

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## GREEK

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spends the week attending different events hosted by their fellow Greeks where they can earn points. At the end of the week a trophy will be awarded to the team with the most points, along with gift certificates and coupons for the runners-up.

"There is a range of activities and teams so everyone has an equal chance to participate and earn points," Downey said. "Attending these activities is a way for people to get to know each other."

The awards for Greek Week will be given out at the Closing Ceremony on Sunday. The Greeks will also take that time to honor their multiple donors for the week.

## STROH

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Campaign" by the administration, the BGSU Foundation and other student groups involved in getting as many students to vote "no" to uphold USG's resolution.

"We're extremely gratified that our students have demonstrated their support for the Stroh Center," said University President Carol Cartwright in a press release. "They clearly understand that this project is critical to the future of BGSU."

While some students might have been critical of USG's actions throughout the past six weeks, the referendum results mirrored USG's decision when the student government took a vote on the support of the Stroh Center, including implementing the semester fee.

USG senators passed the referendum by a 67 percent margin on February 23, very close to Friday's student vote margin of 69 percent.

## SKATING

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over Canada's Joannie Rochette with a 76.12 score, the best ever for a woman. The performance had Orser doing his own sort of triple jump — three leaps in the air, arms held high — when she finished.

"I probably got a plus-3 on that," Orser said. "I can't help myself, I am so excited and so proud for her."

The 18-year-old Kim, whose previous best was a 72.24, covered her mouth and screamed when her monstrous number was posted. She credited Orser for much of that success.

"He really knows what I feel in the competitions because there was Brian-Brian and I am doing that now," said Kim, who has an intense rivalry with Japan's Mao Asada.

"I've been doing clean programs in practice, so I felt like I was practicing on the ice. Every

To elected officials, it just proves USG did their job adamantly and are ethical in their decision making process, USG President John Wayne said.

"I think if anything, it legitimizes the student government," Wayne said about the voting results. "I'm glad this referendum showed clearly that the senators represent the students accurately. I'm really proud of the senate and the work they have done."

Wayne and USG are not the only ones happy about the results of the election.

The Coalition for USG Reform's primary goal after securing a referendum with 1,262 signatures on a petition was to make sure more than 10 percent of eligible voters cast their ballot Friday.

But their objective was not just getting a referendum in place -- the coalition also wanted to educate as many people on the vote as possible.

Other than rallying and collecting signatures, the coalition held events to familiarize students and community members with details

regarding the Stroh Center and the referendum. One major way was holding a town-hall meeting, inviting Wayne and other administrators to field questions.

"I think we did an effective job of getting students showing their opinions publicly," Coalition member Jordan Rupert said. "We did a good job getting the referendum organized."

The coalition will continue to exist after the referendum to make sure senators remain responsible and serve the students to the best of their abilities. This includes having up to seven potential members running for senatorial seats in USG for the 2009-2010 school year, making them almost a group within a group, continuing to be the watchdogs of USG.

Wayne said he trusts USG with tough decisions 100 percent because they were elected to keep students' interests in their minds at all times.

"Student government is doing their job well, [the] senate did their job well and voted the way the referendum showed," he said.

element in my performance was great," said Kim.

Those elements included huge jumps, precise spins, flowing spirals, superior presence and surpassing artistry.

And she did it all at breakneck speed. Fast and elegant at the same time is a tough combination to beat.

"It's one of those moments in skating people will always remember," Orser said.

Defending champion Asada was third heading into Saturday's free skate and her countrywoman, 2007 world champion Miki Ando, was fourth. They have a long way to go to even challenge Kim.

And the Americans almost certainly have too far to go to secure three spots in the Vancouver Olympics field. They need a combination finish equaling 13 or lower, but Rachael Flatt came in seventh Friday and U.S. champion Alissa Cizsny was 14th.

"It is ideal for us to get three

spots back. We'll see what happens," Flatt said. "I think it'll be a good challenge for us ... so I'm ready to do a good long [program]."

Rochette, 23, has been down this slippery slope before. She was second in the short program at the 2006 world's in Calgary, sending Canadian hopes soaring for their first women's world champ since 1973. Instead, Rochette plummeted to seventh.

Rochette's long, graceful spirals earned her enough of a boost Friday to get to second place, albeit barely in the same stratosphere as Kim.

"That's always been my strength — to fight," Rochette said. "I fight for everything all the time. I felt all I was missing was a little bit of spark and to show my joy for skating."

Her fellow Canadians took plenty of joy from Rochette's routine, standing and proudly displaying their maple leaf flags as she waved to them.

"The [community] businesses have been so supportive and we just want to thank them," she said.

Joe Schoch, director of Greek Week, said Greek Week is fun not only for the Greeks on campus but also for all students.

"We would like people who are non-Greek to come out to all of our events because it's open to everybody, not just the Greeks," he said. "Students are more than welcome to join in and help support us."

Changing the Greek stigma on campus is one thing Sarco said she hopes Greek Week will do. She said many students only know about the pranks that go along with Greek Week and she wants to change that.

"They don't see stuff like this [philanthropies], so that's why we're inviting students and the

community to come and see what we do," she said. "It's a really good way to get people to understand Greeks."

Sophomore Brandon Bookatz, the Events Chair, said there are many events planned this week that students can enjoy, including those hosted by the Greek Week Steering Committee with all their proceeds going to the BG Teen Center. Bookatz said tonight, with a coupon at Buffalo Wild Wings, 10 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the center. A Night at the Cla-Zel, on Thursday, where the proceeds of the cover charge will be donated and Saturday at Twister at the Pub.

Bookatz also said the events for individual teams are spaced out all through the week with no overlap, so students can attend multiple events.

"If somebody wanted to, they would probably have to skip their classes, but the could go to every single philanthropy event. It might cost them a little bit but they could do it," he said.

Senior Chris Greggila, a volunteer at the BG Teen Center, said he hopes students will come out and support Greek Week, especially for the center.

"If you like teens come out and support," he said. "We strongly encourage people to come because the Teen Center always needs funding."

This year Greek Week is really focusing on bringing Greek organizations together, whether through the BG Teen Center philanthropy or attending other service events. Bookatz said he thinks this year's Greek Week will be really fun and will build a stronger Greek community.

## ANIME

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ing an anime convention here in Bowling Green saying that it's local and a great introduction to curious newcomers and for the young grade school kids in the area.

A group of kids from Ottawa Elementary were dressed up in their colorful costumes and bright colored wigs and headbands.

"We really have fun here and we love to see other people dressed up," said 10-year-old Tabitha Manigold.

"Our con [convention] is very similar to a real convention but you don't have to spend anything so they [fans] bring their friends back every year," said ANO President Jonathan Edwards.

ANO was founded by Joe Ferrone with 12 members in 2002 and they started Animarathon

the next spring. The 3rd annual Animarathon held in 2005 was the last anime convention held in the student union. It had a turnout of about 250 students.

The convention was then moved to Olscamp where it grew from the 250 to 972 in 2008's Animarathon. Edwards said Animarathon is growing mainly because it is becoming more notable and again it's free and a cheap way to have fun.

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## GET A LIFE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**Exhibit #11: BFA Senior Thesis Exhibit**

130 and 131 Union - Gallery Space

8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**Muslim Student Association Prayer Room**

204 Olscomp

8:15 a.m.

**Greek House Director Meeting**

207 Union

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

**BFA Thesis Exhibition**

Dorothy Uber Bryan, Willard

Wankelman and Union Galleries

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**Faculty Focus - Exploring Latino/a Culture**

201 University Hall

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**Tunes @ Noon**

McDonald North

4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Seminar in Residence Life Greek Leadership Class**

Global Village Classroom

5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Greek Week Fundraiser**

Buffalo Wild Wings

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Craft Night**

Student Union Main Lobby

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**North Indian Classical Dance**

Wooster Street Center,

1124 E. Wooster

9 p.m. - 11:45 p.m.

**Card Night: Spades & UNO**

Black Swamp Pub

9 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

**Greek God and Goddess**

202A Union - Lenhart Grand

Ballroom

# Students compete in kidney disease benefit basketball tournament

By Theresa Scott  
Reporter

In conjunction with National Kidney Month and also March Madness, 18 teams competed in a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday to benefit research on polycystic kidney disease.

The event was hosted by Students for Organ Donation and the Do it Now! campaign to raise awareness about organ donation.

Junior Kevin Lovell, who played in the tournament, said he signed up for the event not only because he liked basketball but because he wanted to support the Students for Organ Donation as well.

"It feels really good to support a good cause," Lovell said.

Polycystic kidney disease is the most common life threatening, genetic diseases in the world, yet is rarely heard about and is the most under funded genetic disease, said Glenna Frey, the chapter coordinator for the Toledo chapter of the PKD Foundation.

"I honestly don't know why more people don't talk about it," Frey said. "This is why we are trying to raise awareness so we can get the word out there and maybe raise more money for PKD research."

Elyssa Northey, President of Students for Organ Donation, said this was the first year the organization has sponsored such a large event. In past year the organization had raised various organ issues but this is

**"In reality, anything can happen and you have to be prepared for that."**

John Laisure | PR Chair

the first year the organization has dedicated all of their efforts toward one issue.

"We chose PKD because it affects the most Americans and for some reason it gets no attention," Northey said.

John Laisure, the PR chair for Students for Organ Donation, was diagnosed with PKD in the past, and he encouraged the organization to focus their efforts toward finding a cure for the disease. Laisure said awareness for the disease needs to be raised among younger people and families.

"I just wanted to do something fun because in the college community kids think they are invincible," Laisure said. "In reality anything can happen and you have to be prepared for that."

Junior Clayton Lawrence, who competed in the tournament, said he was very satisfied with the event.

"When I came into the event it felt like I had dirt on my shoulders, but playing and really giving back made me feel so good," Lawrence said. "It makes me feel like I just took a warm shower and washed all the dirt off."

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## This Week in BG News History:

**1982:** Students and faculty held a roundtable discussion to express their concerns about the nuclear arms race.

**1984:** The Falcon hockey team returned from Lake Placid, N.Y. as national champions after defeating University of Minnesota at Duluth 5-4 in quadruple overtime.

**1989:** It was approved that the top two government officials in USG would receive monetary compensation during the following school year.

# Since outbreak of economic crisis, business schools rethinking curricula

By Devon Thorsby  
Michigan Daily

As the federal government bails out many of the nation's companies and financial institutions, questions have arisen about the integrity of the people leading American businesses. In the face of these calls for a change in the way business operates, the University of Michigan Ross School of Business is altering the way it teaches its future business leaders.

An article published in The New York Times on March 5 suggested business schools nation-

wide are adjusting their curricula to instill better business values in their students. The Ross School of Business is among these schools, according to professors and students in the school.

But while school officials say the downturn is often discussed in Business School classrooms, they report that there are no immediate plans to alter the schools' curricula.

Valerie Suslow, associate dean for degree programs at the Business School, said the school has always tried to promote ethical business practices to its students. According to Suslow, the

school has consistently focused on teaching the implications of management decisions.

"The best business schools are serious about instilling a sense of responsibility and ethics," Suslow said. "But in the real world, unfortunately, there are sometimes tremendous financial and social incentives that can work against what we have tried to instill as good leadership practices."

Suslow said because the events surrounding the current financial crisis are still unfolding, no new courses have been created specifically on the topic.

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## Jerusalem (II)

### Should the U.S. Embassy be moved to the capital of Israel?

In a previous clarifying message we showed that before the Six-Day War in 1967, the claim that Jerusalem was a Muslim/Arab city had seldom been asserted and that such claim had come about only in modern times. The status of Jerusalem continues to be of great importance. The Arabs clamorously insist that at least the eastern part of the city should be yielded to them. The Israelis insist that Jerusalem continue as the indivisible capital of their country.

#### What are the facts?

**Jerusalem - reunited and indivisible.** Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, all American governments and Congress have confirmed their conviction that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that, once reunited, it should remain indivisible.

Before the Six-Day War in 1967 the city was divided, the Jordanians having occupied the eastern part since the War of Liberation in 1948. During their 19-year reign, all Jewish residents were driven out and all Jewish places of worship closed or destroyed. The various Christian denominations operated under the strict control of Muslim authorities.

All this ended in 1967 with the liberation of all of Jerusalem by the Israel Defense Forces and with the reunification of the city. Access to all holy places became available to all. The many religious bodies in the holy city (and in all of Israel) are able to pursue their activities without any restrictions. Jerusalem is today truly a free and open city. Just as the whole world rejoiced when the ugly wall dividing Berlin was torn down, so do we rejoice that the wall, the barbed wire and the machine gun emplacements dividing the city were finally torn down.

**U.S. Embassy not in Israel's capital.** While the Palestinians lay claim to the eastern part of Jerusalem and wish it to become the capital of a hoped-for Palestinian state, nobody, not even the Arabs, questions the western part of the city to be Israeli. It is remarkable therefore that, despite this universal recognition, the United States has steadfastly insisted on placing and keeping its embassy in Tel Aviv, the major commercial city, instead of in Jerusalem, Israel's capital and the seat

of the Knesset (parliament), the Supreme Court, and of all government offices. It is as if a government accredited to the United States were to insist on keeping its embassy in, say, New York, rather than in Washington D.C.

With the U.S. in the lead, all other countries have also located their embassies in Tel Aviv. It is a bizarre situation. All ambassadors and their staffs must make almost daily trips to Jerusalem because no government business is conducted in Tel Aviv. Our country maintains diplomatic relations with over 150 countries. In all of them, the U.S. Embassy is located in the respective nation's designated capital. The only exception is Israel where, so far, our government has insisted on locating its embassy in a city other than the capital.

**Congress in favor of moving embassy to Jerusalem.** Leaders of Congress - both Republicans and Democrats - have passed legislation by which the U.S. Embassy would have to be moved to Jerusalem. That legislation has been endorsed by 93 Senators. The President, however, may delay the transfer to Jerusalem if he deems that the national interest demands it. The U.S. has a lease on a 10-acre lot in Talpott, a totally Jewish neighborhood in West Jerusalem. It is to be hoped, therefore that before too long, reality will prevail and that the U.S. Embassy will indeed be located in Jerusalem - the capital of one of its closest allies.

Prior to their election, both Presidents Bush and President Clinton assured the public that the U.S. Embassy would be moved to Jerusalem. But in the end, they blocked such action. We must hope that President Obama will, at long last, fulfill this wish of Congress, which is therefore also the wish of the American people, and that he will order that the U.S. Embassy be moved to Jerusalem.

The main reason given for not moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is that it would violate "Arab sensitivities." That might indeed be the case. But while there would be some posturing, none of the Arab states could afford to do much else. Egypt would certainly not refuse its yearly multi-billion dollar subsidy from Washington. King Abdullah of Jordan would not jeopardize the political and financial lifeline that the U.S. has extended to him. Saudi Arabia would make some perfunctory noises, but that would be just about all. The status of Jerusalem goes to the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. To deny the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel questions the legitimacy of the state. The move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem will signal once and for all that there will be no U.S. or world support for the division of Jerusalem and for the establishment - in any part of it - as the capital of a new Arab state.

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**PHIL SCHURRER**  
FACULTY COLUMNIST

Many college courses require a paper or written report. Many students view these assignments with the same enthusiasm as reporting to the dentist for a root canal procedure.

But essays are important. They give the instructor a more comprehensive idea of the amount of learning taking place than would be obtained from a multiple-choice test.

Essays also allow the student to demonstrate the level of knowledge absorption that has occurred and display it in his or her own words. Parroting back responses is much different than being able to show understanding of and engagement with a subject.

So, how should you go about writing a paper? Here are a few suggestions:

First, have a very clear idea of what you are writing about. This does not always mean you know in advance the final outcome or conclusion of your paper. Many times, particularly when doing original research, the scope of a written report may change.

As an example, two graduate students and I are in the process of writing a paper dealing with federal income tax credits. This paper will hopefully be published in a refereed accounting journal whose readership consists primarily of accounting and tax practitioners.

Originally, we wanted to cover credits dealing with the environment — so-called "green credits." However,

"Essays are important. They give the instructor a more comprehensive idea of the amount of learning taking place than would be obtained from a multiple-choice test."

two intervening events have altered our focus. First, the editor indicated a preference for a maximum length of 2,000 words. Second, the recently enacted stimulus legislation has created yet another series of changes in our subject matter.

It was also becoming clear that the subject was so vast 2,000 words would hardly do it justice; 10,000 words would probably be more appropriate. So, our focus has shifted to two subtopics: automotive and residential tax credits. Our emphasis has changed and our scope has become more focused due to outside factors, as well as our growing realization of the extent of the subject matter. When writing a paper, be prepared for these types of changes.

Second, be concise. Most professors can spot "fluff" — filler that has no bearing on the subject or merely repeats prior statements in different words. If an essay assignment calls for a minimum number of words and you haven't met the target, be certain you've covered the subject exhaustively. If problems still exist, consult the professor. This leads to the third suggestion.

Allow plenty of time for completion, rewrites, editing, consultation and review. No last-minute, night-before-it's due, all-night composition sessions. Think of an essay or paper as wine — it should be allowed to age in order to bring out all its attributes and features. Remember, you'll be

serving this verbal vintage to your professor. Will you serve the premium article, or the "vino cheapo?" It's your choice — and your grade.

Fourth, review ruthlessly. I tell my students to review the composition several times, looking for different things, each with scrutiny: punctuation, spelling, sentence and paragraph construction, flow of ideas and concepts, etc. (yes, I have assigned papers in my accounting and tax classes; business students need to hone their communication skills). With every review, you'll find new things to ponder, weigh and evaluate.

One of the best review tactics is to take Lincoln's suggestion: slowly read it out loud. You don't want to overlook any errors or gaffes, because they can be embarrassing. Spell check is just the beginning; each sentence should be scrutinized and polished.

After all this, you may arrive at the conclusion that writing is hard work. It certainly is. But remember, the reader is your customer. You want to make the reading task as easy as possible for your customer, particularly if he or she is giving you a grade or, in the future, a job interview or evaluation. As Nathaniel Hawthorne said, "Easy reading is damn hard writing."

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## News stations praise entertainment

By Harold Bosstick  
Indiana Statesman

I'm going to tell it to you straight. I hate 24-hour news networks.

This may seem strange coming from someone in the news industry, albeit in opinions, but this loathing has grown for several years.

Now, I do need to clarify this deep-seated hatred. I don't hate the idea of 24-hour news networks, only the current condition in which they are operated.

For instance, this week as I was passing my father's TV, which was tuned to a news station, the story the anchors were discussing was how Bernie Madoff's prison number matched a set of winning lottery numbers.

While this is sort of interesting, it doesn't deserve billing as a main story for any reason.

I'm also against the inclusion of pundits (of which I gave my opinion in an earlier column) on news networks, since they interpret news and spin the facts to their own ends.

And of course, there are the wonderfully relevant stories about how Amy Winehouse just spent the past week too intoxicated to stand.

This may be "news," but not

important news that needs to run 24/7 for three weeks!

These things distract from what could be a very valuable service for viewers.

Instead of doing in-depth, heavily reported, important stories like soldiers who are returning from Iraq and are applying for their college scholarships, these networks spend more time discussing how Sarah Palin's wardrobe just passed ump-teen million dollars.

Instead of experts discussing intelligent ways in which people can help themselves in this falling economy, we get experts talking about what Michelle Obama is wearing to the next Washington gala.

Instead of investigating where the money of the stimulus bill is actually going, we get Dr. Phil's psychological analysis of Britney Spears' latest mental breakdown.

There are many changes that need to be made before today's news networks could actually become a decent source of news for viewers.

Firstly, pundits and their shows should be removed from the air.

They should be replaced with shows where more than two people come in and calmly discuss the topic with a moderator

overseeing the debate.

This would remove the pundits who invite people of opposite opinions to their show and spend 50 minutes yelling at, talking over and defacing their guests without providing them time to adequately discuss their opinions.

Secondly, there should be an inclusion of international news.

While this may seem obvious (hey, it is news), our news stations mostly stick with national topics.

Because the world has become so connected and interwoven, an understanding of global events becomes vital to everyone, especially nowadays with world economic issues.

Thirdly, and most importantly of all, the networks should not include useless stories or, at least, downplay them.

People should be given in-depth stories that provide useful information, rather than trivial fluff, like who Madonna had an affair with this time.

These are only a few things that can be done to improve news networks.

In their current form, news networks act more as low class tabloids than the professional news sources they should and are expected to be.

## Case to decide public school's authority to search minor

By William P. Davis  
The Maine Campus

The Supreme Court will hear a case next month that may well set a precedent for privacy cases for years to come.

The case concerns a girl who was strip-searched by public school officials at the age of 13. Sandra Redding attended middle school in Safford, Ariz., and was accused by another student of having prescription ibuprofen. The assistant principal ordered a teacher and a nurse to strip search Redding,

without asking questions or seeking advice or help from lawyers, police or Redding's parents.

The school argues it was well within its rights to order the search, despite the fact that Redding had no prior disciplinary record and the officials had only the word of another student to go on. The school district even seems to harbor animosity over her disciplinary record. A brief by the school states, "Her assertion should not be misread to infer that she never broke school rules, only that she

"The court's decision in this case will be important in the battle of rights for minors, especially for those attending public school... In many schools, students are treated no better than any other property."

was never caught."

The court's decision in this case will be important in the battle of rights for minors, especially for those attending public school. Previous court cases have set precedents that strip public school attendees of nearly all personal liberties — lockers and book bags can be searched without reasonable cause and students can be subjective-

ly punished. Students have no right to freedom of speech while on school property. In many schools, students are treated no better than any other property.

But this violation of Redding's most personal space has to be one of the worst abuses of power ever seen in the American school system. After officials made Redding strip to her underclothes,

they asked her to "Pull out my bra and move it from side to side," and "Open my legs and pull out my underwear."

A brief by the federal government stated the search was unwarranted because there was no reason to believe Redding was "carrying the pills inside her undergarments, attached to her nude body, or anywhere else that a strip search would reveal." However, to imply that the search would have been OK had there been reasonable suspicion is dangerous. Teachers and administrators are not trained on how to strip-search students or how to recognize reasonable belief. Such matters are best left to the police.

Redding is now 19, but she feels the effects of the search every day. She was humiliated and refused to return to school. She developed stomach ulcers and becomes emotional when she talks about the incident.

The case will provide an important test for conservative justices who screech about violations of their personal liberties over the Second Amendment. If they are truly serious about protecting everybody's personal liberties and limiting the role of government, the court will come down squarely against the school district. Any justice to side with the school will be showing his or her stripe of cowardice and hypocrisy.

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# Inflated gold prices lead struggling people to part with meaningful jewelry

CLEVELAND (AP) — With the price of gold over \$900 an ounce, people struggling to make ends meet amid the U.S. recession are more willing to sell jewelry to bring in extra money.

And there's no shortage of entrepreneurs willing to buy up those gold bracelets, rings and coins.

David Hicks of Akron started Gold Guys Inc. last summer when the price of gold started to spike. The company, billed as a one-stop for a cash exchange of unwanted gold, sets up shop at five hotels in northeast Ohio on the weekends and holds private jewelry parties at customers' homes during the week.

"It's like an antique road show in your house, and you get to see what crazy jewelry people had from the '80s," Hicks said.

The hard-luck stories of people seeking to sell their valuables are often sad — from a divorced woman who hesitated to part with a wedding ring to a laid-off teacher who cleared out her jewelry box to pay bills.

"I'm amazed at how much people want to talk," said Meagan Soltis, a gold-tester for Gold Guys.

Jewelry bought by the company is sent to a refinery to be melted down and often turned into gold bullion or coins to be bought by investors, she said.

Melinda Sherman of Strongsville sold 19 pieces of jewelry to Gold Guys for about \$400. She lost her teaching job last year and her husband, a mechanic, has seen his business slow down.

"I'd rather sell it than have it sitting in a drawer," Sherman

**"... you get to see what crazy jewelry people had from the '80s."**

David Hicks | Gold Guys Inc.

said of her jewelry.

"People shouldn't be so quick to part with their items," said Jeff Broestl, who owns a jewelry store in Lakewood. He urges people not to sell items for scrap unless they are broken or are something they will never wear again.

Even with high gold prices, Broestl said people can expect to get back only 20 percent of what they paid for an item because of the cost of crafting a ring or necklace.

"The last time there was such a rush to invest in gold was during the 1979 energy crisis," said Margaret Olsen, an accredited metals appraiser who has been in the gold business for more than 35 years. "Back then, like today, people are looking to take advantage of gold prices that are inflated by investors."

"I used to really worry when I saw people selling jewelry to pay the electric bill," Olsen said. "I thought, 'What are they going to do next month?'"

Lou Tansky, owner of Uncle Ben's Pawn Shop in Cleveland and president of the Ohio Pawn Brokers Association, said most people he talks to view selling valuables as a temporary fix, until they can figure out another way to meet their expenses.



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**MELTDOWN GOLD PARTIES:** Janet Almogro, of Granby, Conn., left, smiles as she receives a cash payment for pieces of gold jewelry that she sold to gold tester Maggie Percival, right, also of Granby, during a gold party at a private home in Granby. Like the Tupperware parties from years ago, gold parties tap into a host's social connections to drive up attendance, while the presence of friends helps reassure partygoers that selling gold isn't taboo.

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## Ohio considers casinos to collect economic benefits

COLUMBUS (AP) — A plan to put casinos in four Ohio cities would saturate the regional market that includes 27 casinos in surrounding states, raising questions about whether Ohio stands to reap any economic benefit, some gambling experts say.

New casinos would likely keep Ohio gamblers in the state instead of driving to West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Michigan or Indiana, said William Thompson, a public administration professor at the University of Las Vegas who has written books about the industry.

"But on the other hand, Ohio will not be realizing a great economic windfall because it will only be Ohio people gambling," Thompson said. "It's not going to be a tourist attraction, filling up hotels."

Penn National Gaming, one of the backers of the Ohio plan, says the concept will work because casinos in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Toledo would be jewels in prime downtown locations.

"This proposal has been specifically designed for Ohio to compete," said Eric Schippers, vice president of Penn National Gaming. Many casinos in Pennsylvania and Indiana are in rural areas or just outside major cities, he said.

Supporters are aiming to put the issue before Ohio voters on the November ballot. The proposal, also backed by Cleveland Cavaliers majority owner Dan Gilbert, would allow the state to take a 33 percent cut off the top of revenues and

**"It's a long-shot bet, but it could pay off big for all involved — or not."**

Joseph Weinert | Spectrum Gaming

redistribute the money to Ohio's 88 counties. The plan also promises to create 20,000 jobs.

"It's a long-shot bet, but it could pay off big for all involved — or not," said gambling expert Joseph Weinert, vice president of Spectrum Gaming in New Jersey.

"Right now, I would not want to be a casino investor. The stocks for some of these companies are penny stocks," he said.

"But the backers in Ohio are not looking at the current economic landscape; they are looking at the horizon two or three years out," Weinert said. "I don't think any of them would be wanting to put a shovel in the ground right now."

Two West Virginia casinos are losing money and have laid-off workers following the 2006 addition of slot casinos in Pennsylvania, which lured gamblers away from the Mountain State.

Most of Pennsylvania's casinos are thriving, but two of Detroit's three casinos are in severe debt, while the city itself is saddled with a mounting \$300 million deficit. While the casinos contribute income to the city, it hasn't been enough to offset Detroit's fiscal troubles.

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# Obama reveals new strategy for Afghanistan, Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he carries out a retooled strategy in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama says he will consult with Pakistan's leaders before pursuing terrorist hideouts in that country.

Obama said U.S. ally Pakistan needs to be more accountable, but ruled out deploying U.S. troops there. "Our plan does not change the recognition of Pakistan as a sovereign government," the president told CBS' "Face the Nation" in an interview broadcast yesterday.

The President also bemoaned the tenuous security situation in Afghanistan, saying, "Unless we get a handle on it now, we're gonna be in trouble." He made clear that his new strategy for the long war is "not going to be an open-ended commitment of infinite resources" from the United States.

In a wide-ranging interview, Obama sought to counter the notion that Afghanistan has become his war. He emphasized that it started on George W. Bush's watch.

"I think it's America's war. And it's the same war that we initiated after 9/11 as a consequence of those attacks," Obama said. "The focus over the last seven years, I think, has been lost."

Obama taped the interview Friday, the same day he launched the fresh effort to defeat al-Qaida terrorists in Pakistan and Afghanistan, widening a war that began after terrorists struck the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. He set new benchmarks and ordered 4,000 more troops to the war zone and increased aid. The plan does not include an exit timeline.

Defense Secretary Robert



**STRATEGY:** President Barack Obama announces a new comprehensive strategy for Afghanistan and Pakistan in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House campus in Washington.

Gates, in an interview on "Fox News Sunday," said the short-term objectives for U.S. forces in Afghanistan have narrowed under Obama's new strategy even as a flourishing democracy in Afghanistan remains a long-term goal.

"I think what we need to focus on and focus our efforts is making headway and reversing the Taliban's momentum and strengthening the Afghan army and police, and really going after al-Qaida, as the President said," Gates said.

Al-Qaida terrorists are still a serious threat and retain the ability to plan attacks against the United States even though they have been inhibited over the past several years, Gates said.

Both Pakistan and Afghanistan have praised the new U.S. strategy for dealing with growing violence in the region.

But Obama hasirked Pakistan since taking office in January by retaining a powerful but con-

troversial weapon left over from the Bush administration's fight against terrorism: unmanned Predator drone missile strikes on Pakistan along its border with Afghanistan.

Pakistan has urged Obama to halt the strikes. But Gates has signaled to Congress that the U.S. would continue to go after al-Qaida inside Pakistan, and senior Obama administration officials have called the strikes effective.

Without directly referring to the strikes, Obama said: "If we have a high-value target within our sights, after consulting with Pakistan, we're going after them. But our main thrust has to be to help Pakistan defeat these extremists."

Asked if he meant he would put U.S. troops on the ground in Pakistan, Obama said: "No." He noted that Pakistan is a sovereign nation and said: "We need to work with them and through them to deal with al-Qaida. But we have to hold them much more accountable."

# Treasury secretary begins running press circuit, defends government bailout

By Philip Elliott  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess yesterday, saying "the market will not solve this" while disclosing a bailout fund for battered banks has \$135 billion left and might need more.

Geithner used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take on much too much risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-



**FIRST APPEARANCES:** Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner appears during the taping of "Meet the Press" yesterday at the NBC studios in Washington.

called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming more normal lending to consumers and businesses.

The plan calls for the administration to partner with private investors, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to buy as much as \$1 trillion in toxic assets from banks. Like the president himself, Geithner cautioned

against immediate expectations. "It's very important for people to understand that, you know, it took us a long time to get into this mess. It's going to take us a while to get out of this," he said. "Progress is not going to be even. It's not going to be steady."

Geithner said Washington alone was equipped to salvage an economy that has seen jobs lost and credit shrink.

"The market will not solve this. And the great risk for us is we do too little, not that we do too much," he said.

Geithner has faced a rough start to his time at treasury. Unpaid taxes cost him votes during his Senate confirmation, and lax oversight for embattled American International Group Inc.'s bonuses drew Republican calls for his resignation. Wall Street scoffed when he outlined early details of the administration's financial plan, placing him on the bench early.

Obama's financial team, however, turned to Geithner in recent days to bolster its case for the economy. The former head of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, Geithner confidently brushed off Republican criticism that too much spending would send the economy into out-of-control inflation.

# Obama: auto industry needs to do more to get help

Ken Thomas  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and all those with a stake in their survival need to take more hard steps to help the struggling automakers restructure for the future.

Obama, in an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" broadcast yesterday, said the companies must do more to receive additional financial aid from the government.

"They're not there yet," Obama said.

The president was set to announce a plan today for the government to provide more

money in exchange for tough concessions from union workers, bondholders and others. Lawmakers were expected to get briefed on the plan yesterday evening.

"We think we can have a successful U.S. auto industry. But it's got to be one that's realistically designed to weather this storm and to emerge — at the other end — much more lean, mean, and competitive than it currently is," Obama said.

GM and Chrysler are surviving on \$17.4 billion in government loans. They have been hard hit by the economic downturn and the worst decline in auto sales in 27 years. GM is seeking \$16.6 billion more; Chrysler wants \$5

billion more.

Obama said the government would require a "set of sacrifices from all parties involved, management, labor, shareholders, creditors, suppliers, dealers. Everybody's gonna have to come to the table and say it's important for us to take serious restructuring steps now in order to preserve a brighter future down the road."

Both companies are trying to reduce their debt by two-thirds and persuade the United Auto Workers union to accept several cost-cutting measures.

General Motors said in a statement that it expected a decision soon but "it would not be appropriate for us to speculate on the content of any announcement."

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## SIDELINES



### MEN'S GOLF Diet Pepsi Shocker Classic cancelled

The men's golf team's first meet since spring break has been canceled. Wichita State's Diet Pepsi Smoker Classic, scheduled for tomorrow and Tuesday, has been canceled due to the winter storm that has hit the Midwest. The team will travel to Marshall on April 3-4.

## ONLINE

### The BG News Sports Blog

Be sure to log on to The BG News Sports Blog for continued news and updates on your favorite Falcon teams. Toward the end of the week, we will be bringing some updates regarding the football team as they have begun spring practice. Additionally, any late-remaining updates on the men's and women's basketball team will be posted. And don't forget about baseball and softball.

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**1996**—New York Mets beat the New York Yankees 5-3 in exhibition game.

**1970**—USSR wins eighth straight world hockey championship.

**1889**—John T. Reid opens first American golf course.

## The List

Bernie Williams had a good outing for Puerto Rico during the World Baseball Classic this year and is mulling a return to the Majors. Here are the top moments from his career:

#### 1. Playoffs, 1995:

Williams had a fine regular season, but an even better postseason, hitting .429 as the Yankees lost to Seattle in the ALDS.

#### 2. Playoffs, 1996:

As good as his 1995 playoff performance was, Williams did better in 1996, hitting .467 in the ALDS and .474 in the ALCS en route to an ALCS MVP award.

#### 3. Season, 1998:

Williams was stellar in 1998, winning the AL batting title with a .339 average. He also became the first player to win a batting title, Gold Glove and World Series in the same season.

#### 4. Contract, 1998:

The contract Williams signed with the Yankees in 1998 was worth \$87.5 million, one of the largest in baseball at the time. Williams helped the Yankees to the playoffs each year of the seven-year contract.

**5. Hits, 2,300:** Williams hit his 2,300th hit in what was expected to be his final MLB season in 2006.



WAITING GAME: T.J. Blanton waits for a pitch earlier this season. The Falcons had to play the waiting game yesterday before their final game against Northern Illinois was canceled.

# Hot bats in the cold

Falcons get 21 hits despite 30-degree temperatures in Dekalb

By Sean Shapiro  
and Chris Sojka  
Reporters

After dropping the opening game of the series, BG was able to bounce back and gain a weekend split against Northern Illinois.

In the series, BG outhit NIU 21 to 9.

Due to cold weather implications, the rubber match yesterday was canceled.

day was canceled.

"We never made it out the hotel Sunday," said BG coach Danny Schmitz. "At least only to make it home."

**Friday — Huskies: 6,  
Falcons: 4**

The Falcons had twice as many hits as NIU, but after giving up four runs in the fourth inning and two unearned runs in the eighth, they were unable

to hold onto their early lead.

Jon Berti led off the third inning with a triple to right field, and after two strikeouts, Ryan Shay drove him in with a single, giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead.

With two outs in the inning, Clay Duncan singled and then Tyler Elkins doubled to bring two more across the plate, giving BG a 3-0 advantage after three innings.

After a four-run fourth inning

by Northern Illinois — an inning BG could have gotten out of with little or no damage — the Huskies took a 4-3 lead.

The Falcons had a couple chances to score in the last half of the game, but were not able to capitalize on their scoring opportunities.

BG had 12 hits in the game

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## Goldsberry's 'unbreakable' record can be broken



ANDREW  
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SPORTS EDITOR

BG coach Curt Miller called Lindsey Goldsberry's Mid-American Conference record 114 wins "a record that may never be touched."

However, if he looks down his bench, he could very well see her predecessors.

BG's junior class of Tara Breske, Sarah Clapper and Laura Bugher have already amassed 85 wins in their careers, 30 short of breaking Goldsberry's mark.

And with next season's team expected by many to be better than this year's team, which finished 29-5, winning 30 games isn't out of the question.

But it will certainly be difficult.

The only women's basketball team in University and MAC history to win 30 games was the 2006-07 Sweet Sixteen team, which featured the current juniors as freshman.

That season, the Falcons won 31-6, which included a 15-1 conference record and a 2-1 mark in NCAA Tournament games.

While it's a stretch to expect the Falcons to make another run to the Sweet Sixteen, if they execute well in the regular season, MAC Tournament and any postseason play they receive, a 30 or 31 win season isn't out of the question.

However, Miller isn't considering his juniors' possible record while making next season's schedule.

He has already said he plans to develop a more challenging non-conference schedule next season in order to help the team's chances for NCAA Tournament consideration, which could prevent the juniors from gaining enough wins assuming they run into a tough postseason team.

But I can say with some cer-

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## Senior Wiemer breaks school mark in UT wins



BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

**RECORD:** Hayley Wiemer broke the University's all-time home run record with 28.

### Falcons sweep Toledo in Saturday double-header

By Paul Barney  
and Chris Rambo  
Reporters

After splitting a double-header in their home opener against Purdue on Thursday, the BG softball team continued their home opening week with a double-header against arch-rival Toledo on Saturday afternoon.

The Falcons swept both games against the Rockets last year, and

they did it again this year, edging out Toledo 6-4 and 9-1. The Falcons (7-14, 2-0 Mid-American Conference) are now 3-1 at home and riding a three-game winning streak.

"It was nice to get off to a good start in the MAC and see our offense come out the way we did," said coach Shannon Salsburg. "We

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**'SINGLES' LADY:** Senior Stefanie Menoff tied to University's record for singles wins against Eastern Michigan with her 79th win.

## Menoff ties singles record in Falcon wins

By Morgan Carlson  
Reporter

The BG women's tennis team won their first two Mid-American Conference matches, beating Toledo Friday and Eastern Michigan Saturday.

The Falcons rallied against the Rockets in a close 4-3 match and beat the Eagles 6-1.

The wins also led senior Stefanie Menoff to tie the University record for most career singles wins. After winning both singles matches this weekend, Menoff now has 79 career wins, placing her in a tie with Deidre Bissinger (1997-2000) and Julie Weisblatt (1994-

97).

"I am very excited to have tied the singles school record," Menoff said. "However, I am even more excited and proud of my team for the two wins we had this weekend. We really stepped up and made a statement in those two matches."

The Falcons improved their record this weekend to 8-4 (2-1 MAC).

Though both matches were scheduled to be outdoors at Keefe Courts, Saturday's forecast called for rain and the match was brought into the Perrysburg Tennis Center. Saturday's win over EMU improved the Falcons' record at

the PTC to a perfect 6-0.

"The conditions this weekend were a lot better than our outdoor match last weekend," Menoff said. "It was pretty good conditions for a tennis match. Being our second outdoor match I think made the transition easier because we got a lot of the kinks out last time and we have been practicing a lot more outside."

The Falcons will hit the road to Dekalb, Ill. this weekend, playing their fourth MAC match this season against the Northern Illinois. The match will be held at 1 p.m. CT Friday and will mark the first of three away matches for the Falcons.



# BASEBALL

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and were lead by Shay who had four, tying his career high.

Brennan Smith started the game on the mound for the Falcons, going five innings, allowing four runs, striking out five and walking five.

## Saturday — Falcons: 8, Huskies: 0

A combined three-hit shutout by Matt Malewitz and Charles Wooten lead the Falcons to an 8-0 win in what proved to be the final game of the series.

"They were outstanding," Schmitz said. "They were really in total command."

Malewitz started and threw 7.2 innings, striking out six and only allowed one Huskie batter to make it past first base.

After Malewitz walked a batter to start the eighth inning, Wooten was able to record the final four outs without any issues.

"I thought it was one of our best all-around performances," Schmitz said. "We had all three phases going, obviously with Malewitz and Wooten on the mound, and we didn't commit an error in the field."

At the plate BG was lead by catcher Tyler Elkins who went 2-for-5 with three runs batted in.

With the win Schmitz reached number 499 in his career and will attempt to pick up win 500 tomorrow as BG heads to Ann Arbor for a meeting with Michigan.



**ALRIGHT:** Jon Berti (5) taps his helmet with Logan Meisler (7) in a game earlier this season. Berti had a triple in Friday's game against Northern Illinois.

# SOFTBALL

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were extremely aggressive."

Aggressive was the theme of the day in both games for the Falcons as they tallied eight hits in each of their victories.

The BG offense wasted no time in game one as Rachel Proehl led off the game with an infield hit. Back-to-back errors by Toledo's third baseman allowed for Melissa West and Hayley Wiemer to reach base, allowing Proehl to come around and score to give BG an early 1-0 lead.

With the score 1-0 in the third inning, the Falcons began to break the game open. After West reached first on a sharp single to left, Wiemer stepped up to the plate and cranked a two-run homer over the right field fence, her fourth of the season and the 27th of her career, setting a new school record.

The excitement was just beginning for the Falcons.

With two runs already crossing the plate in the inning, BG tacked on two more after Melissa Bott roped a two-run homer of her own and her second of the season. Bott knocked Toledo's starting pitcher from the game, and more importantly gave BG a 5-0 lead after three innings of play.

With a five run lead entering the fifth, Wiemer was at it once again. Leading off the inning, BG's lone senior stepped into the box and on the very first pitch crushed her second home run of the game to straightaway center field.

The solo shot to center seemed to be a key insurance run for BG, as they were able to stop a late rally by Toledo to hold on for the 6-4 win. Wiemer stole the show in game one, hitting two home runs and sitting atop BG's all-time career home runs list.

"You never want to think about it because as soon as you think about it it's done," Wiemer said. "You just have to think about line drives up the middle and if it happens it happens. It was nice to be at home for it to happen."

Game two of the double-header was much of the same story for BG, as they were aggressive and had the long ball working once again. Toledo jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, but that is all they would get as BG would

win 9-1.

Wiemer kept the Rocket bats in check all game, pitching her way to a consecutive complete game win. She threw six innings allowing just one run (unearned) on seven hits with two strikeouts.

The BG offense had two big innings in the game, scoring four runs in the third inning and five runs in the sixth.

Proehl got the offense rolling in the third with a one out single to center field. Toledo wanted no part of Wiemer, walking her on four straight pitches. After Zada Lines singled up the middle to drive home Proehl, Susan Sontag stepped up and delivered a three-run home run to left field and her first of the season.

The Falcons jumped out on Toledo pitching from the get go, something Wiemer knows is crucial against number one pitchers from the MAC.

"It's so important to be aggressive early in the count because they're going to have breaking pitches," Wiemer said. "They're going to have stuff that's their go-to-pitch that's more difficult to hit."

The BG offense remained aggressive as they finished off the Rockets in the sixth inning.

Consecutive singles from Sontag and Missy Bowman started the inning for BG. Toledo was able to get the next two outs, but the Falcons were just getting started.

Once Karmen Coffey reached on an error that allowed for Sontag to score the fifth run of the game, Toledo then walked Proehl to load the bases for West.

With two outs and one strike on her, the freshman crushed a walk-off home run to left field, her first career home run and grand slam, giving BG the win and sweep over arch-rival Toledo.

In the two wins, the Falcons outscored the Rockets 15-5 and outthrew them 16-10. BG was able to get to Toledo's starting pitching early on, which was crucial in completing the two-game sweep.

"I think that was probably one of the most important things," West said. "We wanted to attack and not be back on our heels for anything."

The momentum that spurred the Falcons sweep of Toledo may very well have been forged on Thursday afternoon when they battled back from a 17-2 defeat in the first game of a doubleheader with Purdue to split the series with

a thrilling 8-7 win in game two. Wiemer started the first game for BG and did not make it out of the first inning, giving up four runs on four hits before being relieved by Bott with one out.

"That was not our original plan [to pull Wiemer early] but I could sense that our team had come out flat and I wanted to save her [Wiemer] for the second game," said coach Shannon Salsburg.

The pitching change had little effect, as the Boilermakers continued to pound away, racking up 17 runs on 14 hits altogether in the five-inning rout. The only bright spot for the Falcons came on a solo home run by Bott in the fifth.

Game two had a familiar start for the Falcons, as Wiemer once again strode to the mound and was once again hit hard early, surrendering two runs in each of the first two innings as Purdue raced out to a 4-0 lead.

However, Wiemer dispelled any notion that this would be another rout when she stepped to the plate in the third inning and brought the fans to their feet with a soaring home run over the right field wall, tying the career home run record and cutting the deficit to 4-3.

Wiemer's blast seemed to awaken the previously dormant Falcons bats as they would send 13 hitters to the plate, scoring five more times before the inning would come to a close with the Falcons then in the lead 8-4.

"Without a doubt it [Wiemer's home run] had an effect on the rest of our team. It made a statement that we were here to play," Salsburg said.

However, the drama was nowhere near over, as the Boilermakers would chip away with single runs in both the fifth and sixth innings before finally drawing within one on a solo homer by Jenna Alexander in the top of the seventh. But, after a walk and a fielder's choice advanced the tying run to second, Wiemer bore down and coolly recorded the next two outs to preserve the victory.

"That was a huge win for our team from a confidence standpoint," Salsburg said. "To beat a team like Purdue, who would be one of the best teams in the MAC, set the tone for how we would go on to play against Toledo on Saturday and hopefully for how we will play the rest of our conference schedule."

season's senior class could have somewhere in the 115-118 range if they get lucky.

And don't discount the two classes that follow them as they could keep the trend going.

The next class, led by Lauren Prochaska and Tracy Pontius, has a little harder journey to travel having just 54 wins so far and needing 61 to break Goldsberry's record. But one or two deep postseason runs could change that from a harder journey to smooth sailing.

This year's freshmen, Jessica Slagle, Maribeth Giese and Victoria McGowan, also have a good start with 29 wins. To compare, Goldsberry had 28 wins when she was a freshman and Achter and Taylor started their careers with 23 wins.

But do keep in mind the old

saying that all good things must come to an end.

The Falcons have been blessed with five straight regular season MAC championships, giving them five straight postseason berths.

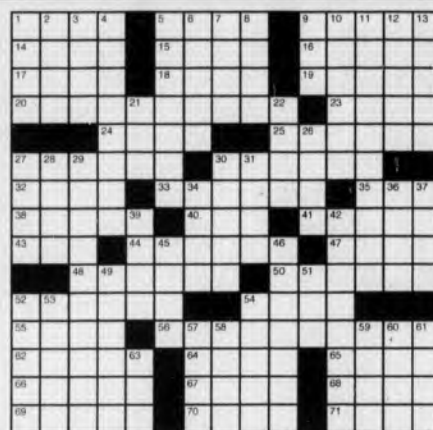
Without those, this wouldn't even be a talking point.

And at that, there's no guarantee BG will have another winning season for the next, say, 10 years. It's very unlikely, but in sports, you just never know.

Even Miller said he thought this team would barely reach .500 after the Falcons lost their first two games so a mediocre season amid the winning isn't out of the question.

But until that does happen, the next players in line to break the MAC all-time wins record may be sitting at the end of the Falcon bench for years to come.

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tainty each of the three would take an NCAA Tournament bid over breaking Goldsberry's record every single time.

However, their breaking of the record would make a unique situation.

If the junior class is to record its 115th win next season, it would mark the third straight season a class of Falcons has broken the same record, something that would look rather fancy on Miller's resume if he ever decided to leave BG.

It started in 2007-08 when Kate Achter and Whitney Taylor finished their careers with 108 wins, then Goldsberry finished up this season with 114 and next