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Same-sex couples put off by Defense act

Some say law will deter potential employees

By Julie Slader
Lantern staff writer

Gov. Bob Taft assured the gap between straight and gay couples will continue to grow when he signed a bill on Friday banning same-sex marriages.

Many disgruntled Ohioans, including Brett Beemyn, the coordinator of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Student Services at Ohio State, have vocalized their discontent with Ohio's new law. Beemyn said he predicted the governor would sign the bill and attributes the governor's actions towards protecting conservative, outdated values.

"The governor said that his highest priority was creating jobs and improving the dismal state of the economy, but signing this law shows that his most important consideration is catering to the closed-minded individuals who seek to impose their intolerant values on all Ohio residents," Beemyn said.

Ohio became the 38th state to incorporate the Defense of Marriage law into their state policy. Some claim that this insinuates Ohio's political climate is only conducive towards favoring heterosexual couples.

"This legislation sends a message that Ohio does not respect diversity and is a hostile climate for the GLBT people," Beemyn said.

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Students: Residency not easily obtainable

By Geoff Korff
Lantern staff writer

Students coming to Ohio State from other states are paying roughly \$10,000 more per year to attend OSU, according to the Student Tuition and Fee Schedule.

Residents of the state of Ohio pay a little over \$2,000 per quarter in tuition depending on their major. Out-of-state students are paying about \$5,500 per quarter — nearly three times the amount of Ohio residents.

The gap between tuition rates partly exists because a large portion of a resident student's tuition at a state college or university is supported by the taxpayers of that state.

"The admissions office makes an initial residency recommendation, but if a student's residency is in question, they are declared a non-resident by default," said Brad Myers, spokesman for the Registrar's Office.

The difference in tuition rates is nothing out of the ordinary in comparison to the rest of the country, but students seem to run into problems when declaring their residency status.

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Faculty key in search for executive dean

By Josh Johnston
Lantern staff writer

Yesterday morning faculty and staff of the five colleges comprising the College of Arts and Sciences gathered at the Wexner Center to discuss the opening of the executive dean position.

Interim provost and law professor Barbera Snyder mediated the forum.

The position of executive dean will be vacated July 1 by Executive Dean Michael Hogan, who will be leaving after accepting the provost position at the University of Iowa. The creation of the "super-dean" has had its share of opposition by faculty members and arts and sciences

deans, who said it was a position of too much power, created without justification.

A search committee consisting of faculty members from the colleges of arts and sciences, the president, provost and one graduate and one undergraduate student will be formed to find the best candidate possible, Snyder said. Recommendations for the position should be sent to Snyder via e-mail no later than Feb. 25.

"I think illiciting faculty input is crucial to the executive dean's selection," said Richard Hamilton, professor emeritus of sociology.

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Ruthie Melville, center, helps Connie Levy perfect her knitting technique. Levy and her daughter, Erin, left, attend knitting classes at the Wolfe Fiber Arts, Inc.

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Knitting latest leisure activity for OSU students

By Elisa Miller
Lantern staff writer

A hobby once reserved for grandmothers is gaining popularity among college students.

"Knitting is the new yoga," said Kelly Ignatoski, hall director of Lincoln Tower.

On Sunday afternoons in January, residents of Lincoln Tower put down their books to knit.

It is becoming the leisure activity of choice at Ohio State, Ignatoski said.

"It's becoming the 'in thing' with college students now," she said.

There is evidence in stores near campus such as Urban Outfitters, which has begun selling knitting kits.

Wolfe Fiber Arts Inc., a knitting and craft supply store located at 1188 W. 5th Ave., offers knitting classes to people of all ages, including many OSU students.

"Knitting is exploding all over the place the last few years. Tons of OSU students have been coming here to learn how to do it," said Linda Wolfe, owner of Wolfe Fiber Arts Inc.

"Everybody is learning how. There are a lot of resources out there, and some students are teaching themselves out of books."

Steve Lynch, a senior in English who has been knitting for one month, said he learned from a book, "Stitchin' Bitch," by Debbie Stoller, which is sold at Urban Outfitters and Wolfe's store.

"It's not an old woman thing to do. I think it's cool, and it doesn't matter to me what age you are," Lynch said. "I do it while watching TV or talking to friends, instead of eating."

Jessie Fazio, a senior in nutrition dietetics, learned to knit from a friend three years ago.

"I usually make blankets or scarves and give them as gifts because it's pretty practical," Fazio said. "It's also good for stress relief."

Many students at Wolfe Fiber Arts Inc. are in search of a new form of relaxation, Wolfe said.

"I know that's why I do it," said Ignatoski. "It helps me listen because it's very rhythmic and therapeutic."

Ignatoski said some residents

of Lincoln Tower tell her they would rather knit than do their homework.

"It's definitely become more popular here, and other dorms refer to us as 'the knitting dorm,'" she said.

About 50 to 75 students have learned how to knit within the past year in Lincoln Tower, including men and women. Some of the men are engineering students and want to understand the construction process.

Lynch said it was weird at first because there are not many resources for men's patterns.

"It's kind of discerning because it's a middle-aged woman kind of thing, but most people are just excited that you're knitting, regardless of what sex you are," Lynch said.

Lynch said he did some research before he began, but one could learn in a weekend.

At Wolfe Fiber Arts Inc., the classes range from beginning to advanced, with several different techniques. Although they vary, most classes meet once every week for two hours and last four weeks. Classes cost \$45 for the first set.



Buckeyes back at the plate

The OSU baseball team will start its 2004 season in Houston this weekend

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Stubs say Bush served — sort of



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White House press secretary Scott McClellan holds up copies of President Bush's military records during the daily press briefing at the White House yesterday. The White House, seeking to end doubts about President Bush's Vietnam-era military service, unearthed pay records that eluded investigations for a decade. But the documents seem unlikely to put to rest questions that have resurfaced in an election year.

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House, facing election-year questions about President Bush's military service, released pay records yesterday that it said supported Bush's assertion that he fulfilled his duty as a member of the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War.

Democrats said the documents provided more questions than answers and offered no evidence that Bush ever showed up for duty in Alabama from May to November 1972 while he working on a political campaign there.

Bush was not credited with any service for a five-month period in 1972, from May

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Kaffeestunde effective way to improve German

By Jenifer Brown
Lantern staff writer

A café located in Cunz Hall is helping students, staff and faculty members wake up to different cultural opportunities.

Ohio State students who wish to increase their fluency in a foreign language or want to learn more about a particular culture can speak with native speakers and each other during a conversation hour sponsored by the department of Germanic languages and literatures.

Kaffeestunde has been meeting weekly throughout the academic school year for 20 years.

The event, held on Fridays at 11:45 a.m. in Room 464 of Cunz Hall, gives German students the opportunity to improve speaking, listening and conversation skills.

Derek Myers, a senior in criminology, attends Kaf-

feestunde after his German class lets out on Fridays.

"You get to meet other people and interact with the teaching assistants," Myers said. "You get to hear native speakers and practice speaking German."

Myers said the free refreshments are another good incentive for attending Kaffeestunde. The Germanic department provides visitors with free hot beverages and pastries.

"It's a positive experience," Myers said. "I have a lot of fun."

Game-playing is one way staff members and students can interact with each other and practice their language skills. At Kaffeestunde, memory games are played, as well as German Monopoly.

Olga Kronberga, a German teaching assistant, attends Kaffeestunde on Fridays and enjoys playing German games.

"We don't always play games at Kaffeestunde," Kronberga said. "Sometimes we play because it is more interesting than just talking. This is a chance for all of us to get together and have fun."

A new event sponsored by the Russian Club, which is similar in idea to Kaffeestunde but intended for Russian students, is called Russian Roulette. The group will have their first meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday Feb. 12 at Woody's in the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St.

"It's a chance for students to practice speaking Russian," said Elizabeth Lubmina, a sophomore in international business and president of the Russian Club.

The Russian Club meets at 4 p.m. on Fridays at Bernie's, 1896 N. High St.

"The Russian Roulette is for those who don't want a smoky bar atmosphere," Lubmina said.

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In a statement, Taft challenged the accusations made about the law discriminating gays and stressed the focus of the law was to re-establish the institution of marriage.

"This is not a law of intolerance," Taft said. "The singular purpose is to reaffirm the existing Ohio law with respect to our most basic, rooted and time-honored institution: marriage between a man and woman."

Although most individuals are concerned the law creates a perceived political posture aimed against homosexual couples, Matt Monta, a sophomore in political science, said people should also understand the law's negative repercussions will affect those hoping to acquire domestic partner benefits.

"I definitely think this law is aimed at homosexuals, but

the law has also created an environment that prevents heterosexuals from obtaining rights," Monta said. "Basically, what the university would be saying to potential employees is that they can work here, but we will not support them."

Other state-funded universities, such as Ohio University, will also be exempt from offering their employees domestic partner benefits. This problematic situation has opened the door to other private and Big Ten schools who utilize their domestic partner benefits as a competitive tool in hiring a high-caliber faculty.

Douglas Whaley, a professor of law, said he is concerned gay and lesbian OSU faculty members will begin looking elsewhere for universities providing adequate state-provided benefits.

"This means that if a very

talented and much-desired gay person is offered two jobs — one at Ohio State and the other at Michigan — hello Blue," Whaley said.

Presently, OSU and the University of Wisconsin are the only Big Ten universities not entitled to offer their employees domestic partner benefits. Kathleen Pecknold, the assistant provost and director of academic resources at the University of Illinois, said that university implemented the domestic partner benefits plan last year and is pleased with the overall response.

"We felt it was needed in order to be competitive with other institutions and of course, we felt it was the right thing to do," Pecknold said. "It lets people know that we are a diverse and welcoming community."

Center to aid medical students

By Chris Hatala
Lantern staff writer

The new Clinical Skills Education and Assessment Center is poised to be a great boon for Ohio State medical students, providing revolutionary teaching methods and technology.

"Our major goal is to provide good education through research and find what makes a good doctor," said Dan Clinchot, director of the center.

Graduates, undergraduates and faculty will all benefit from the new facility, scheduled to open March 5 in the basement of the Health Science Library.

"It will be beneficial to all medical students — it doesn't matter what year," said Carol Hasbrouck, assistant dean for Clinical Skills Educa-

tion and Assessment. "It's for anyone entering the program to be a physician (or) its allied fields of medicine."

The center will feature such advanced technology as a full-wireless Internet environment, medical simulators complete with mannequins and electronic monitoring stations.

"Some (of the simulators) are virtual reality, some are microscopic, and they assess where they are by a LCD screen. The students receive feedback from the mannequins as if they were real patients — they can only tell they're fake when the lights come on. It's like the airline simulators used to train pilots," Clinchot said.

Other technological improvements include a massive four-terabyte hard drive to store each stu-

dent and patient's vital information and videoconferencing cameras to allow OSU students to observe OSU Hospitals' professionals in action.

Clinchot said an updated, standardized medical exam, which will be introduced this June, helped spark the project's inception; the center will be tailor-made to prepare students for the exam. The test, titled United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 2, will assess students' communication, patient care and clinical reasoning skills.

Students will also have to diagnose 10 to 12 patients after listening to each's laundry list of symptoms.

"One hundred fifty standardized patients applied, so there has been great interest from the community," Clinchot said. "We need a wide spectrum of people to portray all ages."

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The candidates will come both from Ohio State and abroad.

"This will be a national search," Snyder said. "It is important to find the best candidate because we believe that the College of Arts and Sciences is the core when building a great university."

The duties of the executive dean include overseeing and working alongside the other five deans whom comprise the college of Arts and Sciences. The specific duties are described in the "White Paper," which was issued by President Karen A. Holbrook, explaining the duties of the dean.

The main reason for the creation of the position was to bring together faculty and staff from separate disciplines and have them work together to create new and exciting programs within the College of Arts and Sciences, Snyder said.

"We do not have great collaboration; that's what we are looking to do with the creation of this position," she said.

Until a permanent candidate is named an interim Executive Dean will be named in the near future.

The committee hopes to have a chosen candidate by Autumn 2004; however, Jan. 1 2005 is the latest possible date.

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"I've been trying since after my first year at Ohio State (to receive in-state tuition), but it always seems like some tiny detail keeps me from getting it," said Tony Rose, a junior in economics.

Sometimes Ohio's residency requirements force students to look elsewhere for a college education.

Jesse Boren, a former student at OSU, left school because he could not resolve the problem with declaring residency.

"Like anything else, I understand the reasons for the tuition difference, but I feel as though the financial counselors at OSU make the process of declaring residency seem a lot more simple than it actually is," Boren said. "The financial counselor I spoke to basically told me that after I lived here 12 months, I could declare residency. This had a large effect on my decision to come to OSU, and then after I enrolled, all these things came up that hadn't been explained to me. I felt like I was lied to," he said.

The requirements for declaring Ohio residency require a person to be financially independent and have lived in Ohio for a consecutive 12 months, according to the Guidelines for Ohio Residency established by the Ohio Board of Regents.

"Generally, everything is based on that 12-month rule, with requirements for out-of-state students based on being self-sufficient," said Melissa Sponseloer, an analyst for the Ohio

Board of Regents. "Most of the time we tell people that residency is determined by the institution that they wish to attend."

Financial independency not only requires that a student maintain a self-sustaining income, but also means a student cannot receive any financial support either directly or indirectly from anyone outside the state for the 12 month period. In addition, students must attend OSU for at least three out of four quarters and cannot leave the state for longer than three consecutive weeks.

"After a year, if you emancipate yourself so that you are no longer relying on your parents and you become essentially self-supporting, you can then opt to gain residency," Myers said.

An individual can bypass the 12-month rule through an application for instant residency, which can be completed if a student's parent or legal guardian moves to Ohio during or before the student's enrollment. Another exception applies to part-time students who also maintain full-time employment.

"If someone comes to Ohio and their primary focus is on employment but they want to pursue a degree part time, the Ohio Legislature has made exceptions for them. They can be determined as Ohio residents for tuition purposes only," Myers said.

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NOW calls for Plan B availability

By Anna Schoening
Lantern staff writer

Women have a new day just for them, and it is completely illegal.

Last month, the National Organization for Women announced the first "Give Your Friend the Morning-After Pill" Day will take place Sunday.

The announcement highlights demands to legalize over-the-counter emergency contraception by groups such as NOW and Voices for Planned Parenthood, following the Food and Drug Administration's approval last December.

Ohio is one of 45 states that do not permit over-the-counter ECPs. This leads the average resident to obtain the contraceptives through a doctor and a pharmacy at market price because most insurance companies cover neither the ECPs or everyday birth

control pills, said Lisa Perks, director of the Central Ohio Planned Parenthood.

One of those few insurers to cover contraceptives is OSU Student Health Insurance, said Amy Johnson, coordinator of Student Health Insurance.

"OSU Health Insurance is one of the most innovative in the country," Johnson said. "Students under the plan benefit from both birth control coverage and coverage of the emergency pill Plan B for a minimal \$10 co-pay."

For those who do not have student health insurance, Planned Parenthood estimates that prices of Plan B range from \$8 - \$20, while a pack of combination pills ranges from \$20 - \$35 and a visit to the health care provider may run from \$35 - \$150.

The Planned Parenthood Health Centers offer a variety of birth control and ECPs, the nearest to campus is located at 18 E.

17th Ave. According to the Wilce Student Health Center, side effects of Plan B that occur in less than 23 percent of people include nausea and abdominal pain. Seventeen percent of women will suffer fatigue and headache, 6 percent will vomit and 13 percent will experience a delay in their periods.

Rebecca Tippet, a senior in criminology and sociology, is president of Voices for Planned Parenthood and is organizing a bus trip in April to Washington for a nationwide rally for women's issues. Tippet said she is aware of the side effects and believes ECPs should be better promoted.

"Students need to be more educated on it because it's critical to reproductive health," Tippet said. "It's a back-up plan to a condom or regular birth control."

John Payne, senior in political

science and policy director for the Undergraduate Student Government, said he agrees on a need to educate women on the availability of ECPs, but the education should stress that the medication should be a means of preventing pregnancy in cases of rape or incest.

"It is quite misleading to term it 'emergency contraception' because contraception means the prevention of fertilization," he said. "Contraception may have already taken place before the ECP is taken. The fact is that this is already an option to women through prescription."

Yet ECPs also have far-reaching social benefits outside of serving as a 'back-up' plan, Perks said.

"It reduces the incidents for abortion in young students," she said. "Data shows it's 75 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, that it doesn't affect an existing pregnancy, and its side effects are relatively small."

POLICE BLOTTER

Buckeye fan plate unscrewed, stolen

Feb. 7 — University Police were notified of a stolen license plate from a student's car that was parked on Curl Drive near the Halloran House. The license plate was stolen from a Buick registered to the victim's father.

The license plate was a personalized plate from Michigan which read "GOBUCKS."

The student had parked the car near Halloran House on Feb. 7, and upon returning to the car the next day, noticed that the car's only plate had been stolen from the rear of the vehicle. There was no damage to the bumper and both mounting screws had been taken. The victim stated that the plate was securely fastened to the vehicle and could not have just fallen off by accident. Police tried to pull prints from the vehicle to identify suspects but found none.

The victim said the suspects probably stole the plates for novelty purposes.

Portable toilet damaged by fire

Feb. 4 — University Police were notified of a fire to a Porta-John at the Page Hall construction site at 1810 College Dr.

The fire took place about one week ago, early in the morning when an unknown person set fire to a roll of toilet paper that ignited the entire Porta-John. The fire heavily damaged the entire unit.

Police have no suspects.

Barrett resident assaulted in room

Feb. 3 — A Barrett House resident reported being assaulted to University Police.

The victim reported that she and the person who assaulted her were friends before the incident. The victim reported that they were arguing throughout the day, and the acquaintance entered the victim's room later that night. A third person was present when the incident occurred.

The incident occurred when the victim was sitting near her desk. The suspect first approached the other person in the room, then turned to face the victim. The victim said "hi" before the suspect struck the left side of the victim's head with an open right hand. The suspect said and did nothing else before leaving the room. The strike left a red mark on the victim's face and required ice but no additional medical treatment.

The victim refused to press charges.

-compiled by Noah Wolf

Oxley's finds counterfeit bill

Feb. 4 — University Police were notified of a counterfeit \$20 found by an employee at Oxley's By The Numbers.

An employee was counting money to make a deposit, when the individual came across a \$20 that was poorly trimmed, weighed less and didn't have a watermark.

The manager told police that there was no way to identify who passed the counterfeit bill, but it was probably passed onto Oxley's sometime during the day.

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through September, according to the pay records. He was paid for two days in October and four days in November and none in December. The records do not indicate what duty Bush performed or where he was.

"When you serve, you are paid for that service. These documents outline the days on which he was paid. That means he served. And these documents also show he met his requirements," press secretary Scott McClellan told reporters. "And it's just really a shame that people are continuing to bring this up."

The White House has not been able to produce fellow guardsmen who could testify that Bush attended guard meetings and drills. "Obviously we would have made people available" if they had been found, McClellan said.

Sen. John Kerry, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, is regularly accompanied by military veterans who served with him in Vietnam.

Kerry said yesterday he had nothing further to say about

Bush's record. "I just don't have any comment on it," Kerry told reporters between campaign stops in Tennessee and Virginia. "It's not an issue that I chose to create. It's not my record that's at issue and I don't have any questions about it."

But Terry McAuliffe, the Democratic National Committee chairman, did not hesitate. "We also still do not know why the president's superiors filed a report saying they were unable to evaluate his performance for that year because he had not been present to be evaluated. That report was filed on the very day these documents allege he was reporting for duty."

Retired Army Col. Dan Smith, a 26-year military veteran, questioned the usefulness of the latest information. "Pay records don't mean anything except that you're in or you're out," said Smith. "It doesn't necessarily reflect what duty you've actually performed because pay records simply record your unit of assignment and then all of your pay and benefits per



George W. Bush is shown during his time in the Texas Air National Guard, 1968-73, in this undated photo.

pay period. In terms of actually reporting for your duty, that would not be reflected on the pay notification, or pay stub."

A memo written by retired Lt. Col. Albert Lloyd Jr., at the request of the White House, said a review of Bush's records showed that he

had "satisfactory years" for the period of 1972-73 and 1973-74 "which proves that he completed his military obligation in a satisfactory manner."

Lloyd was personnel director for the Texas Air National Guard from 1969 to 1995 and also had reviewed Bush's military records at the request of his campaign four years ago.

The point summaries were released during the 2000 presidential campaign but the pay records were not obtained by the White House until late Monday from the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, McClellan said. He said the center, apparently acting on its own, reviewed Bush's records and came up with the pay information.

"It was our impression from the Texas Air National Guard — they stated they didn't have them," he said. "It was also our impression those records didn't exist." Bush on Sunday authorized the release of his Guard records. McClellan said the latest material apparently is all of Bush's records

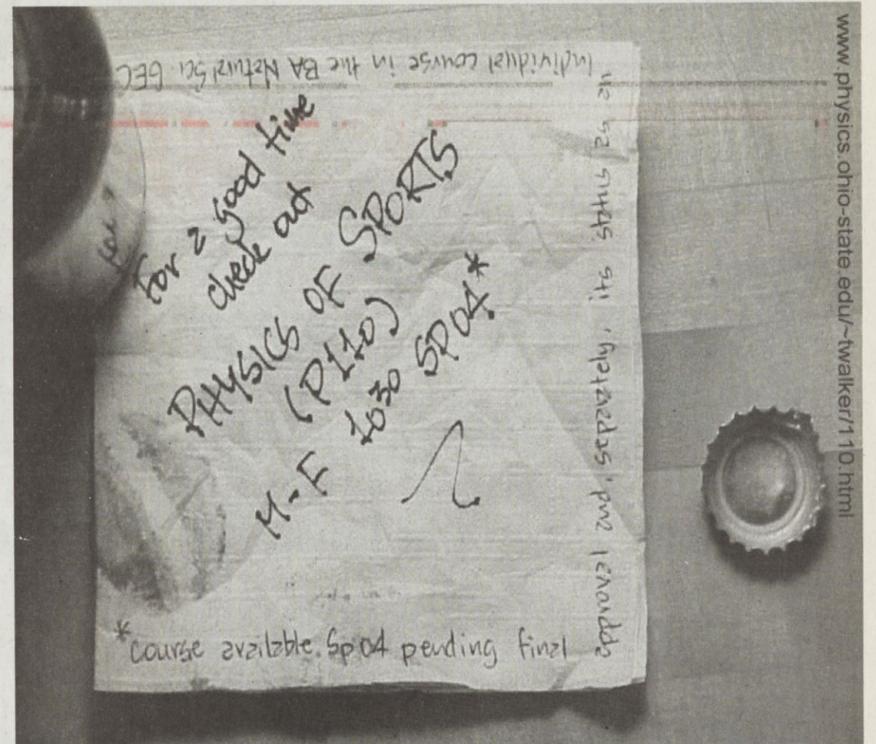
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Parents a major factor in adolescent drug use

By Meri Hellewell
The Daily Universe (Brigham Young U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — Peers have long been perceived as the most critical factor in whether teens participate in drug use, but new research from Brigham Young University adds another dimension to the likelihood of drug use: parents.

According to a study conducted by Stephen Bahr and Cassandra Dorius of BYU's Sociology Department, parental involvement plays a key role in whether children get involved with drugs.

"The power of the peer tends to be less when parents monitor their children," Bahr said.

Not only are parents important, but the study shows fathers particularly influence their children's decision whether to use drugs.

Dorius said fathers impact the likelihood their children will use marijuana more than mothers will. The study focuses on marijuana use because it is the most commonly used illegal drug.

"Dads have an important role to play in keeping their

kids away from drugs, particularly marijuana use," Dorius said. "A lot of times we think that moms are in charge of doing all the nurturing and teaching in the home and dads just provide. This study tells us that dads have a real impact in the upbringing and the well-being of their kids."

However, Bahr makes it clear the study does not diminish the importance of mothers.

"Our research doesn't show that mothers are not important, but I think it did clearly show that among these adolescents, the closeness of father involvement was an important factor in decreasing this powerful influence of peers for drug use," Bahr said.

The study also focused on parenting styles, showing authoritative — not authoritarian — parenting styles are the most effective. Bahr described this style as "warm and strict."

"They show their children a lot of love and attention, but they also have definite standards and expectations," he said.

Another important finding indicates children who think they are going to be caught are less likely to get involved in

drug use.

"The other big predictor on whether or not your kids are going to use marijuana is if they think they're going to get caught," Dorius said. "Really involved parenting matters."

Parental closeness, one of the most important factors in lessening teen marijuana use, involves monitoring, something both Dorius and Bahr described as talking to children, asking where they are going and when they will be home.

The study, titled "Parenting Practices as Moderators of the Relationship between Peers and Adolescent Marijuana Use," was published in this month's Journal of Marriage and Family.

"The focus of this study isn't who does drugs and why, the focus of this study is who doesn't do drugs and why," Dorius said.

When Bahr and Dorius collected data in 1997, results showed 13 percent of Utah high school seniors said they had tried marijuana in the past month. U.S. statistics show the current rate of high school seniors who have used marijuana within 30 days is at 20 percent.

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Cuban official denied U.S. visa

By Michaela McCaughey
The Good Five Cent Cigar (U. Rhode Island)

(U-WIRE) KINGSTON, R.I. — The Rev. Raul Suarez, executive director of the Martin Luther King Memorial Center and Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Havana, Cuba, was denied a visa to the United States. He was scheduled to speak at the University of Rhode Island's 10th Annual lecture on Multiculturalism today.

"The U.S. State Department says that [Cuban] elected government officials are prohibited from coming to the United States," said Melvin Wade, director of URI's Multicultural Center. Suarez is an

elected deputy on Cuba's National Assembly, or parliament.

Suarez has traveled to the U.S. over 20 times, and yet is not allowed a visa to come to the country for today's lecture.

Wade credits this change to the Sept. 11 attacks, and the Bush administration's characterization of Cuba as a terrorist state.

"In my opinion, it raises questions about the nature of civil liberties in the United States," said Wade.

Dr. Miren Uriarte and the Rev. Lucius Walker will deliver the Suarez's speech instead.

"It wasn't very difficult to find replacements, because of the network of people who know this man," Wade said. The two speak-

ers have known Suarez since the founding of the Martin Luther King Memorial Center in 1987.

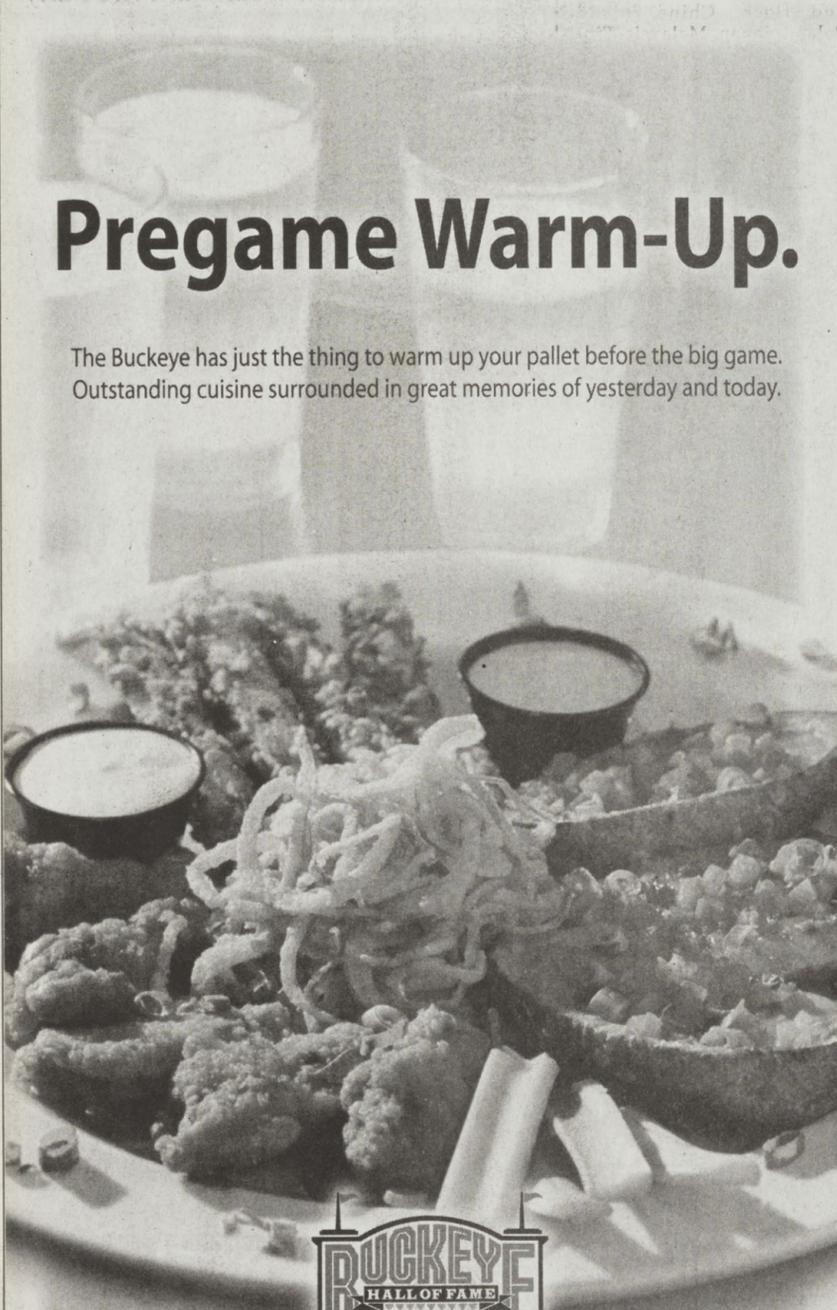
Uriarte is a professor of human services at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Walker is the executive director of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization and Pastors for Peace.

Associate Director of IFCO, Ellen Bernstein, said the organization has been traveling to Cuba since 1991 to educate people about American policy with Cuba and to fight against the economic blockade on the country. Cuba has universal health care and free education, said Bernstein, adding that they are a humane, cultured society.

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Patrick Lewis, 40, of San Bernardino, Calif., signs a petition in protest of the scheduled execution of condemned murderer Kevin Cooper on Monday outside the County Government Center in San Bernardino. Cooper, 46, whose bid for clemency was denied by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, won a stay of execution on Monday, hours before he was to be put to death.

DNA may halt execution

By David Kravets
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Only hours before the scheduled execution of an inmate whose plight has generated celebrity support, a federal appeals court stayed the death sentence until evidence in the case can be tested for DNA.

The decision Monday by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came less than eight hours before Kevin Cooper was to be executed. The U.S. Supreme Court later unanimously declined to overrule the court's stay.

"No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," wrote seven of the 11 judges on the San Francisco-based appellate panel.

Cooper, who has maintained his innocence through 18 years of appeals, was convicted in the hacking deaths of four people in 1983. He claims a trio of murderers committed the attacks and says DNA tests on hair and a bloody shirt found at the murder scene will exonerate him.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzeneg-

ger had declined to grant clemency, saying evidence of Cooper's guilt was overwhelming. It was the first such plea to cross the governor's desk.

Cooper won support from celebrities such as Denzel Washington, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and actor and anti-death penalty activist Mike Farrell, who announced the Supreme Court's decision to nearly 300 protesters outside the gates of San Quentin State Prison.

"Thank you for letting the governor know he was wrong," Farrell said to thunderous applause.

The government expressed optimism that Cooper will be executed soon.

"We are confident the results of future tests will not cast doubt about Cooper's guilt," said Hal-lye Jordan, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

The 11-judge panel overturned an earlier 2-1 decision by the same court declining to reopen Cooper's case. Out of deference to the dissenting judge, the majority of the judges agreed to review the case.

Judges Barry Silverman and Johnnie Rawlinson, of the larger panel, said the execution should

be stayed, but only for as long as it takes to test the shirt for evidence of a preservative that would indicate that Cooper's blood was planted by police, as the inmate claims.

"The public cannot afford a mistake. Neither can Cooper," they wrote. "Since Cooper's guilt can be quickly and definitively determined by means of a simple test, there is no reason not to have it performed prior to his execution."

Cooper was convicted of stabbing and hacking to death Douglas and Peggy Ryen, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 11-year-old Christopher Hughes in 1983. The Ryens' son, Joshua, then 8, survived a slit throat.

When the murders were committed, Cooper was on the run after escaping from prison, where he had been serving a four-year sentence for burglary. Authorities speculated his motive was to steal the family's station wagon.

Cooper wants DNA evidence linking him to the slayings tested for signs that it was planted at the crime scene, as well as DNA tests on hair found in one of the victims' hands, which has never undergone forensic testing.

Avian flu grounds bird sales

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Tests confirmed avian flu on a second central Delaware farm, a surprise that creates a "serious situation" for the region's poultry industry, state agriculture officials announced yesterday.

The discovery was sure to hurt efforts to lift bans by foreign countries on imports of U.S. poultry that were instituted in the past week.

The chicken house was not one of 20 tested in a two-mile radius of the farm where the first flock tested positive last week, but was found in a commercial flock of roaster-type chickens in northern Sussex County, at least five miles away, according to a state agriculture department news release.

Tests on 20 chicken houses within two miles of the first flock were negative, the release said.

"This development is completely unexpected given the precautions we took, the investigation we made and the industry's expectations of this disease's behavior," Agriculture Secretary Michael T. Scuse said in the release.

"We will be taking immediate actions to contain this disease, but this is now a serious situation for the Delmarva poultry industry," Delmarva refers to Delaware, Maryland and Virginia.

In response, all sales of live poultry in Delaware, all sales or auctions of farm equipment and all farmer- and grower-related meetings have been canceled, the state agriculture department announced.

The disease was first found on a farm in southern Kent County operated by an independent grower who sold to a live bird market in New York City. State officials had immediately ordered the slaughter of 12,000 birds and began testing flocks within the two-mile radius of the infected site.

Yesterday, even before the announcement about the second flock, China joined Poland, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea in banning U.S. poultry imports because of the previous discovery. Hong Kong had banned the import of live birds and poultry from Delaware only.

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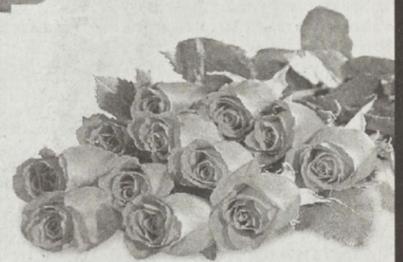
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Help 'Olengrungy' Waterways clogged with waste

After an optimistic assessment two years ago, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency recently reported only one of Ohio's 331 waterways is clean enough to swim or fish in, according to a Feb. 2 article by the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Not one of the central Ohio's lakes or rivers are even clean enough to nurture diverse wildlife as per EPA standards. According to the article, the reason for the change after two years is because the EPA rejected the state's analysis, calling it incomplete. At the time, state officials had ruled some of the lakes and rivers as meeting federal quality guidelines despite advising people against eating the fish in them because of toxic contaminants like mercury, lead and PCB. Bacteria counts from sewage also were not included in the two-year-old report.

In the EPA's report, the Clear Fork branch of the Mohican River near Mansfield is the only watershed which meets federal standards, while Raccoon Creek in southern Ohio is the only river to receive a passing grade. Many of the 29,113 miles of rivers, 262 miles of Lake Erie shoreline and 118,801 acres of publicly-owned lakes are listed as "impaired" — the EPA's lowest rating.

Despite the grim picture, Ohio's waters are cleaner than they have been in years. According to the EPA report, 48 percent of watersheds meet healthy aquatic-life standards, which is an increase from 46.5 percent two years ago. Improvement also has been seen in large rivers, as 64 percent meet standards this year while only 62 percent did in 2002.

Thanks to policy's like the federal Clean Water Act, Ohio's waterways are gradually becoming safer. This, however, is not the time to stop and rest on the improvements being made — more needs to be done.

Citizens, however, also need to recognize that these changes cannot happen overnight. The dramatic overhaul of out-dated sewage systems will cost millions of dollars, a burden to both taxpayers and government. This process could also be hindered by President Bush's proposed budget, which calls for cutting money for a low-interest federal loan program for the improvement of wastewater-treatment plants.

No matter how long the process takes, these updates must be made. But it is also important for residents of Ohio not to overreact when it comes to this year's Ohio EPA report. Instead of dwelling on that only one waterway has met federal standards, residents should look into how Ohio can gradually increase that number so that one day all of Ohio's waterways reach federal standards.

Court hassles

Collision law swamps judges

A new law that went into effect Jan. 1 is causing a major inconvenience for many drivers. The law requires a driver who is cited after a collision to appear in court. Prior to this law passing made such tickets could be paid through the mail and did not require court appearances.

The law was intended to ensure crash victims compensation for their losses, especially when their cars are struck by a driver. But instead, the law has created overcrowding in traffic court.

Someone cited for an uninsured traffic accident should not have to take time out of their day to make a court appearance if they have insurance to take care of any restitution that needs to be made.

The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is considering an amendment to the law that might require only people without insurance to show up in court. This amendment would make it more reasonable because drivers without insurance could potentially have issues that need to be resolved in a courtroom.

When two insured motorists are involved in an accident there is no reason to take the dispute to a courtroom, unless the two parties disagree.

The law is receiving criticism for things other than crowded courtrooms.

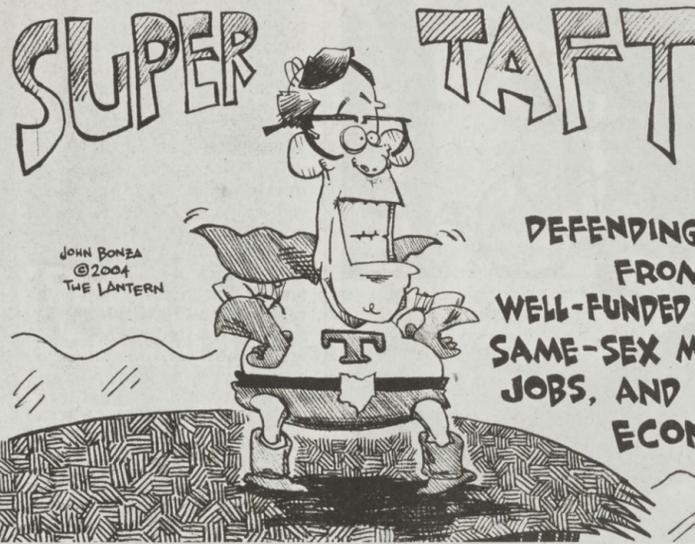
The requirement of a court appearance gives victims a chance to ask for compensation for the cost of a medical bills, payment for time off work and damages insurance companies do not cover. The judge can order the person who was cited to pay damages up to \$15,000.

Prior to this law, judges could only require a defendant to pay restitution for property damage.

Franklin County Municipal Judge Charles A. Schneider is concerned defendants do not have a fair chance to question the validity of a victim's claim for restitution. He said damages should be sorted out in civil court where a defendant has a right to a jury trial and can cross-examine the victim and question the bills.

Victims in traffic accidents should not have the luxury of being able to file their complaint in front of one judge. A defendant being asked by a plaintiff to pay damages should have the right to a jury trial, to try to prove that the claims against him or her are false.

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Patriot Act stops terror

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, the government has taken monumental steps in improving our nation's defenses against terrorism. For every new measure enacted, we hear a chorus of critics condemning it for either going too far, or not far enough. Case in point: the Patriot Act.

To hear some tell it, John Ashcroft and the Patriot Act have transformed the country into an Orwellian police state, with G-men ready to haul you away for criticizing the government or checking out certain library books. I think it's time to set the record straight. I've actually read the Patriot Act — all 342 pages. Here's what it does:

First, the act takes several laws already on the books, which have been successfully used to fight organized crime and drug trafficking, and applies them to counter-terrorism investigations. The delayed notification of the use of a search warrant is one example. Another is the roving wiretap, which is especially useful in pursuing terrorists who are often trained to thwart surveillance by changing locations and swapping cell phones. These measures still, however, require authorization by a federal judge.

Despite claims by the ACLU that the FBI has the power to "spy on a person because they don't like the book she reads," the Patriot Act cannot be used against someone simply exercising their right to free speech. The act explicitly states repeatedly that it can only be used "for an investigation to protect against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities, provided that such investigation of a United States person is not conducted solely upon the basis of activities protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution."

Second, the Patriot Act allows law enforcement and foreign intelligence agencies — the FBI and CIA for example — to share information, so the next time an attack like Sept. 11 is in the making, we can connect the dots in time to stop it. This part of the act has led to the breakup of terror cells in Buffalo, Detroit, Seattle and Portland. It was also used to indict Florida college professor Sami al-Arian on 50 terrorism-related charges, stemming from his alleged role as leader of the U.S. chapter of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Finally, the Patriot Act mandates tougher penalties for those convicted of terrorism crimes and brings existing surveillance laws up-to-date with modern technology. Terrorists involved in the murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl were located using high-tech surveillance methods authorized by the act.

But what about the alleged widespread abuses of the Patriot Act? Short answer: They simply don't exist.

The DOJ's Office of Inspector General is required by law to file a semi-annual report on Patriot Act-related civil rights abuses. His last report, released two weeks ago, states that in the previous six months there were 1,266 reported abuses. Seven hundred and twenty were, however, dismissed as "unrelated" complaints. These included "complaints that the government is broadcasting harmful electronic signals to individuals, claims that the government is intercepting dreams, and allegations that the government is using subliminal messages to force people to engage in certain acts."

Of those remaining, 162 were within the jurisdiction of the OIG, and 17 warranted a closer investigation. In the end, they found nothing: "None of the 162 matters involved complaints alleging misconduct by DOJ employees related to their use of a substantive provision in the Patriot Act."

So it seems that John Ashcroft hasn't been trampling the Bill of Rights after all.

Moreover, the actual architect of the Act wasn't even Ashcroft. It was Vietnamese refugee and Assistant Attorney General Viet Dinh. After Sept. 11, he was asked "to do a top-to-bottom review of how we approach the task of counter-terrorism and recommend changes." The Patriot Act was the result.

Now, if there are legitimate arguments against specific anti-terror policies, then by all means let's hear them. But critics who soberly compare our country to 1930s Germany are guilty of either gross exaggeration, or an astounding ignorance of history. And their vicious personal attacks on administration officials are an irresponsible and unjust assault on common decency.

The bottom line is this — the only people truly endangered by John Ashcroft and the Patriot Act are the terrorists, and I say let 'em have it.

Cassette tapes still cool

Last month, a self-proclaimed music snob — I'll call him Ewan — mocked me when I offered to expand his musical horizons by making a mix tape for him. "What is this, 1991?" he chided.

Later, an acquaintance ridiculed the mix tape in my car. Apparently, when real music fans were in grade school, they never lunged for the record button on their radios during nightly count-downs. Real music fans have always had CD burners at their disposal.

With Ewan, I was able to regain some credibility when I told him about my parents' record collection. Records are cool. They're vintage. So why are cassettes scorned when they are just as functional and evoke as much nostalgia as records?

Sure, there's the whole sound quality issue, but the sound on a carefully made mix tape is almost as good as the source from which the music was recorded.

Plus, what tapes lack in sound quality, they make up for in durability. You can't safely toss a naked CD or record across a room to your friend. The slightest mishap with either form of disc could cause permanent damage to your favorite song.

The structure of tapes is more fun and convenient than that of CDs. When I gave Ewan his new tape, he put it in his pocket — not so easy to do with a CD.

I bet MacGuyver could get out of countless predicaments with tapes. He could use them to wedge doors open. He could take one apart and use the ribbon as a rope or whip. All he could do with a CD is use it to slice off his enemy's limb, or maybe pick a lock.

It's been done.
A tape's shape is also perfect for

exercising. Serious runners look down their noses at Walkman joggers, but for those of us who sometimes run merely for an excuse to get outside and listen to music, Walkmans and perfect mix tapes are necessities. With them, the music doesn't skip with every bounce, and they are much easier to carry than those tire-sized sports CD players.

Then there are the mechanics of creating a mix. Not everyone can make a CD. First, you need a computer with a CD burner. This sounds expensive and destructive. Next, you need to have a plan for getting the music onto the computer, either by copying another CD or by downloading. I used to download songs almost every day. Then sparks started flying out of my hard drive and the people at tech support said it would explode if I didn't get rid of my music.

Even when the odds are beaten and a CD is successfully created, there's usually something wrong with it. Often, it won't play on certain sound systems.

Car stereos and CD players more than a few years old have a tendency to hurl burned CDs back at their owners. I've never come across a tape player that refuses to play homemade compilations.

Buying CDs is completely different. Obviously, when buying an album, CDs are much better for numerous reasons, not the least of which is the big picture.

But when a well-intentioned music fan of the future offers to put together some kind of MP3 compilation, and a music snob asks, "What is this, 2004? Couldn't you make an MP330?" I want to be the cool old lady down the street who not only inherited all those records from the mid-twentieth century, but who has the most incredible collection of vintage tapes in town.

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Voters: You can save U.S.

I get frustrated anytime people say there is no difference between a Republican and a Democrat, which is why it doesn't matter whom they vote for. While it's true both parties have many overlapping views, there are fundamental differences that formulate two unique parties. Yet over the next nine months, we're going to hear this ridiculous statement from people who are flustered with politics.

As Howard Dean's campaign gasps for its last breath of air, many of his supporters have given into inevitability and decided to support the future Democratic nominee. There are, however, holdouts who would rather not vote for the Democratic nominee because they're following a "Dean or Green" mantra. It's noble that some people refuse to sway when it comes to their views, but it's rather pointless when the worst contender possible wins because progressives backed someone who had no chance of winning.

It has become abundantly clear in the last three years that there are many differences between the two parties. There are still, however, too many people who refuse to open their eyes and witness the truth. People like Ralph Nader and his legion of followers have lost their credibility as they continue to hold this ignorant position. To say the country would be run the same if Al Gore had been president is nothing short of ludicrous.

President Bush has relaxed several environmental rules, created a monster deficit and destroyed civil rights in order to make our nation more "secure."

Gore wasn't close to perfect, but it's safe to say he would have guided our country down a different path. The upcoming election will be extremely close, and a small minority like progressive Democrats will decide the outcome of the election.

I loathed the Green Party after the 2000 elections because I felt they were greedy and robbed Al Gore of the White House. To me, the Democrats would always have a natural disadvantage since they would have to cater to the Green Party at times. People could weaken the party and jump ship if they felt the party was moving to far into the center.

Republicans on the other hand, could stay strong because dissatisfied people had nowhere to go. Currently, there are hoards of grumbling conservatives who detest the president's lack of fiscal responsibility but will still vote for the party because they have nowhere else to go.

That's when I realized this is actually an advantage. In theory, it forces the Democratic Party to bend over to accommodate the needs of everyone and continually evolve. Instead of being unresponsive and only helping a select few like the GOP has, the Democrats have to constantly stay on their toes in order to keep their votes.

This seems like a naïve conclusion because it's obvious this hasn't happened in the past few years, and it's why the Democrats got burned in 2000. They seem, however, more willing to listen and make adjustments in their strategy because they've realized the consequences. Although there is plenty of ground to make up, it seems like they're becoming more active in listening to the concerns of the constituents.

Now is not the time for ultraliberals to abandon the party in order to stay true to their grassroots. Greens have great ideas that will help America but, unfortunately, mainstream America isn't able to deal with a massive reform all at once.

It's unreasonable to expect a revolution in the Democratic Party within one election cycle. Changes come slowly, and if people refrain from jumping ship, they can flex their power and induce minute changes over time.

On Nov. 3, ultraliberals can tell all of their friends that they weren't willing to compromise and voted for a candidate with no chance of winning the presidency, but it was irrelevant because they could sleep at night. But will it be worth it?

Bush has led the country down a dangerous path and we can't afford to give him another four years. It's time to put aside blind rhetoric and be more rational. A three party system is not going to be viable for the foreseeable future.

The focus should be to strengthen the party by getting more people involved like Howard Dean has. John Kerry, John Edwards and Wesley Clark are not perfect candidates, but with enough support, we can shape these candidate's platforms to our satisfaction.

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Low-carb doc obese at death

By Sara Kugler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The debate over Dr. Robert Atkins' popular high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet flared posthumously yesterday when it was learned Atkins himself was a bloated 258 pounds at his death.

A city medical examiner's report filed after Atkins' 2003 death from a fall showed the 6-foot doctor was at a weight normally considered obese. A physicians group that is highly critical of the diet released details of the report, claiming the Atkins diet led to weight and heart troubles for its 72-year-old creator.

Atkins' allies immediately disputed that.

The Atkins Physicians Council said the carbohydrate-shunning doctor gained more than 60 pounds through fluid retention during the eight days he spent in a coma before dying last April. He had slipped on an icy street and hit his head.

Atkins weighed 195 pounds when he was admitted, the group's chairman said.

"Critically ill patients, when sustained on fluids in the hospital, gain weight," said Dr. Stuart Trager, chairman of the Atkins Physicians Council, a group affiliated with the Atkins diet empire.

"He was grossly swollen, so much so that his family and associates barely recognized him."

The medical examiner's report also noted Atkins had a history of heart trouble, including congestive heart failure and high blood pressure. *The Wall Street Journal* first reported on the records yesterday.

The doctor's heart troubles had been previously known publicly, and the council asserted yesterday that they were a result of cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart, which it said stemmed from a viral infection, not diet.

"We need to set the record straight. This is a man who managed his weight," Trager said. "Isn't it time to let this man rest in peace?"

Atkins was the author of the best-selling "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," which advocates meat, eggs and cheese and discourages bread, rice and fruit. His books sold 15 million copies and attracted millions of followers.

Physicians for Responsible Medicine, the group that released the report and promotes a vegetarian diet, acknowledged fluid retention may have been responsible for some of Atkins' weight gain but probably not all of it. The group maintains the Atkins diet poses weight and

health risks to the millions who follow it.

A healthy 6-foot man weighing 258 pounds would normally qualify as obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At 195 pounds, he would be considered overweight.

The medical examiner's report was not based on an autopsy but on an external exam. Conditions such as congestive heart failure and high blood pressure would not be observed by the medical examiner in such a case but would be drawn instead from previous doctors' observations and records.

In April 2002, a year before he died, Atkins issued a statement saying he was recovering from cardiac arrest related to a heart infection he had suffered from "for a few years." He said it was "in no way related to diet."

One doctor not connected to the case said extensive weight gain can indeed occur in comatose patients, especially those with heart trouble like Atkins.

"It's certainly possible that in an effort to try to resuscitate him they keep giving more and more fluids, and essentially he keeps them in the body," said Dr. Robert Yanagisawa of Mount Sinai Hospital in New York.

Organ donor rules challenged

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Medical ethicists are warning that guidelines are needed to cover instances in which family members want to take organs for transplant from living but comatose relatives who never gave consent.

"The specter of keeping patients alive to harvest their organs over time seems horrific," two ethicists from the National Institutes of Health said in this week's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The article accompanies a report from doctors in Los Angeles about a young firefighter who recently suffered sudden, severe bleeding in his brain and lapsed into a coma from which he was not expected to recover.

His family won permission to donate a kidney before doctors pulled the plug, even though he

had never signed an organ donor card or expressed his wishes about organ donation. The kidney was given to an ailing cousin.

NIH ethicists David Wendler and Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel said allowing family members to decide whether to take organs from a living but incapacitated relative should be discouraged and should be permitted only for patients who are in a persistent vegetative state. They also said immediate family members should not get the organs.

The practice risks undermining public trust in the organ donation process, Wendler said.

"If people start thinking they can take your organs if you're not feeling very good and your spouse thinks it's OK, that's going to cause more problems than it solves," he said.

Because of the JAMA reports, the issue will be on the agenda for a March meeting of ethicists

from the United Network for Organ Sharing, which runs the nation's organ donation system.

"I don't know of any professional organization that has addressed this," said Dr. Mark Fox, head of the ethics committee at UNOS. "It's certainly a topic that warrants discussion."

The UCLA case involved a 20-year-old firefighter. Three weeks after he fell ill, the man was not technically brain dead but neurologists determined he had no chance of recovering and would probably die if removed from life support, though not immediately.

His parents believed he would have consented to organ donation because he had "dedicated his life to helping others," according to a report on the case by Dr. Neil Wenger, chairman of UCLA's ethics committee, and colleagues.

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Old aircraft given new lease on life

By James Hannah
Associated Press

DAYTON — Maj. Gen. David Deptula was flying his F-15 fighter jet over Iraq a few years ago when emergency indicators on his instrument panel lit up like a Christmas tree.

"I'd never seen anything like this," recalled Deptula, now director of the Air Force's Pacific operations.

Deptula was able to land safely and discovered the insulation around the plane's wiring had disintegrated, allowing the wires to fuse together and short out.

"As aircraft age, it's very difficult to anticipate what is going to malfunction or break next," Deptula said. "We're flying these aircraft at age periods we've never done before."

The Bush administration has proposed a funding cut for the Air Force's aging-aircraft program, which looks for new ways to extend the life of planes and save money in maintenance costs. The move has drawn protests from program supporters, who say the effort is crucial in trying to maintain the aging fleet.

Launched in 1996, the program is run from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in southwest Ohio, employing about 50 workers. Work also is done at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, Robins Air Force Base in Georgia and Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

This year, the Bush budget has proposed \$15.7 million for the program, less than a third of the current funding level of \$48.2

million. Congress has repeatedly stepped in and increased funding for the program, last year doubling the amount Bush proposed.

Defense analyst Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute, a private think tank in Arlington, Va., said the cut would not make sense because the Air Force has its oldest fleet ever. The conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have accelerated the aging of "an already tired fleet," he said.

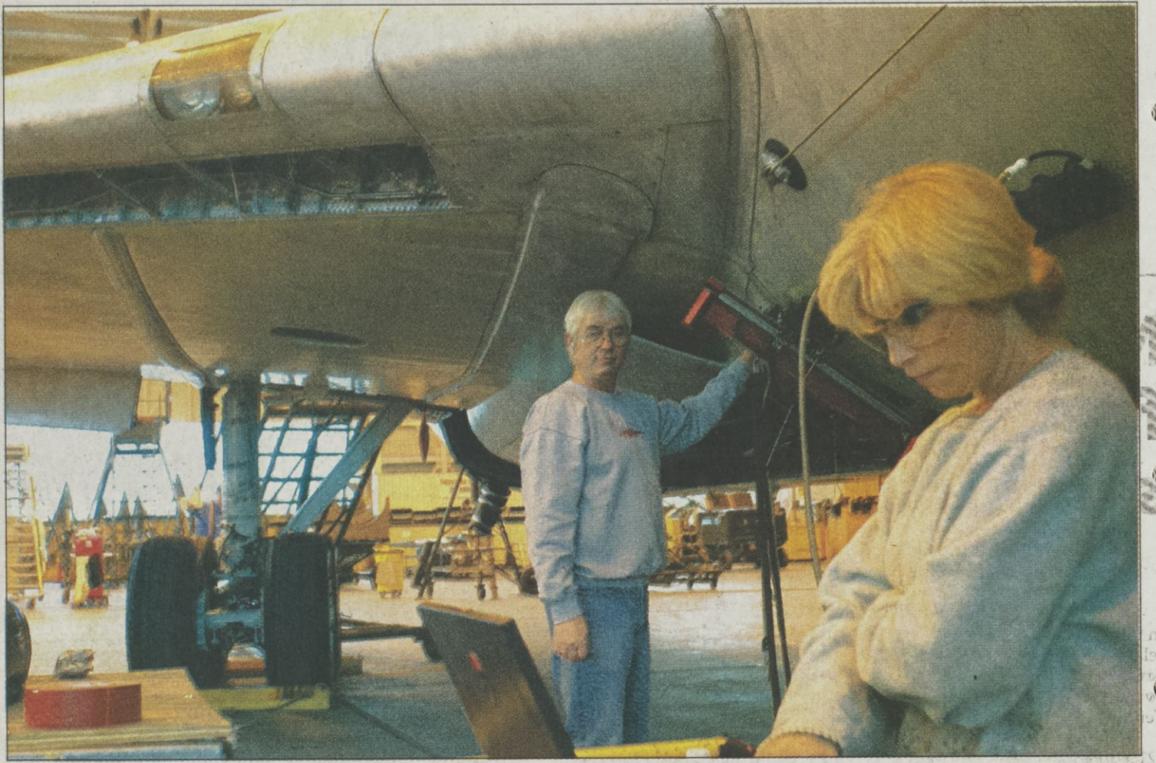
Thompson said the Air Force's tanker planes were built during the Eisenhower administration, and its fighters were designed during the Vietnam War. He said problems with corrosion, metal fatigue and obsolete parts are becoming a major budgetary burden and safety issue.

"No matter how much money we spend on new airplanes over the next 20 years, we have to be prepared to maintain a fleet of old aircraft for many years to come," he said.

Messages seeking comment on the proposed cutback were left with the Air Force at the Pentagon.

Maj. Gen. Paul Nielsen, commander of the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson, told a House Armed Services subcommittee in July the program's goal is to save money short-term, but eventually the cost of maintenance will not be feasible and aircraft will have to be replaced.

Nielsen said the program has saved millions of dollars in material and labor costs. For example, \$38 million in labor



JEFFREY HADERTHAUER/AP

Garry Streetman and Nancy Teafatiller check a plane for hidden corrosion using a Mobile Automated Scanner Monday at Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Okla. The Bush administration has proposed a funding cut for the Air Force's aging-aircraft program, which looks for new ways to extend the life of planes and save money in maintenance costs.

costs was saved by improved techniques in inspecting the fasteners of wings for C-141 cargo planes, he said.

The program has grown from investigating ways to prolong the lives of aircraft bodies to trying to stretch the longevity of flight controls, landing gear and wiring.

Researchers have developed

ways of using ultrasonic scanners to check for cracks and corrosion in the wings without removing fasteners and sheet metals. They also have produced new rust-inhibiting compounds, longer-lasting coatings and bonding materials to repair metal.

The Air Force's fleet has about 6,000 planes.

"In some manner, most of those have aging issues, whether problems are happening today or are anticipated to happen in the future," said Lt. Col. P.J. Clark, chief of the Aging Aircraft Division at Wright-Patterson. Base officials refuse to discuss Bush's budget proposal.

U.S. Rep. David Hobson, a Republican whose district is next

to Wright-Patterson, plans to meet with Air Force officials to question the proposal.

"The administration has once again undercut basic science and technology and aging-aircraft funds, both of which are vitally important to maintain our existing air assets and global dominance in aerospace research," he said.



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Narrow loss for men's swim team

By Scott Maiberger
Lantern staff writer

Despite first- and second- place finishes in the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay — the Ohio State men's swimming and diving team fell just short of its seventh overall win, finding itself 6-2, 0-2 in the Big Ten, to finish out the dual meet season.

The Buckeyes fell to Penn State by a 122-121 margin Friday.

"I am disappointed and discouraged," coach Bill Wadley said. "I expected to win, and I talked to the guys about that same kind of mindset."

Not all was lost, as the Buckeye divers — led by Mitch Richeson and Kellen Harkness — dominated the Nittany Lions, posting scores of 391.28 and 350.48 on the 3-meter board. Also scoring victories for OSU, were freshman Nate King and senior Andreas Campioni.

King, a promising newcomer, won the 200-yard intermediate with a time of 1:53.07. Campioni, a team captain and season record-holder, won the 200-yard backstroke in 1:52.05.

"I would say the performance was decent," Campioni said. "Most of the guys gave a pretty good effort."

The accolades weren't over for Campioni as he and his lone senior teammate, Sean Veit, competed in their last dual meet. The meet ran under a promotion called "Pack the Pool." The first 100 fans were awarded with prizes and celebrated the individual accomplishments and team leadership of the two seniors.

"Sean has the inner determination to stay in a sport at all costs," Wadley said. "He's a leader in and out of the buoys."

The coach shared similar sentiments about Campioni in relation to work ethic.

"He's continued to get faster each year," he said. "He's added a ton to this program. His efforts are to be admired."

The seniors are not only leaders and hard workers in the pool, but they are both scholar-athletes and respected members of the community.

If there was one word to describe Veit as a person, Alissa Linko, Veit's girlfriend, would use defiant.

"He never gives up on anything he ever does," Linko said. "He will give you nothing but 100 percent every time."

Next up for the Buckeyes is the U.S. Nationals in Orlando, Fla. The competition starts today and goes until Sunday. The Big Ten Championship will be held soon afterwards on Feb. 26-28 in West Lafayette, Ind.

"We've got three weeks from now and we are still working on things," Campioni said. "I think we are going to do very well at the Big Tens."

Volunteers sink OSU to end season

By Scott Maiberger
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State women's swimming and diving team concluded its dual-meet season on Sunday with a 151.5-147.5 loss to the Tennessee Volunteers.

Despite the outcome, OSU swept the Big Ten swimmer and diver of the week awards. Freshman Julie Broms won the diving award while freshman Gulsah Gunenc took the swimming award. They were the final weekly dual-meet Big Ten awards of the season.

The Buckeye women went into the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay — with a slim lead but were unable to close out the victory.

"I wanted to win, but they did a great job. It was a great effort," OSU coach Jeanne Fleck said.

Despite their youth, the Buckeyes held strong against a tough Volunteer team.

"We played them pretty well," senior Katie Severson said. "Tennessee is a good team, and I think we are happy to be as close to them as we were."

The Buckeyes got off to a fast start, as the divers dominated the 3-meter board. Freshmen Broms and Anesa Beard placed first and second, accumulating scores of 321.45 and 298.95 respectively.

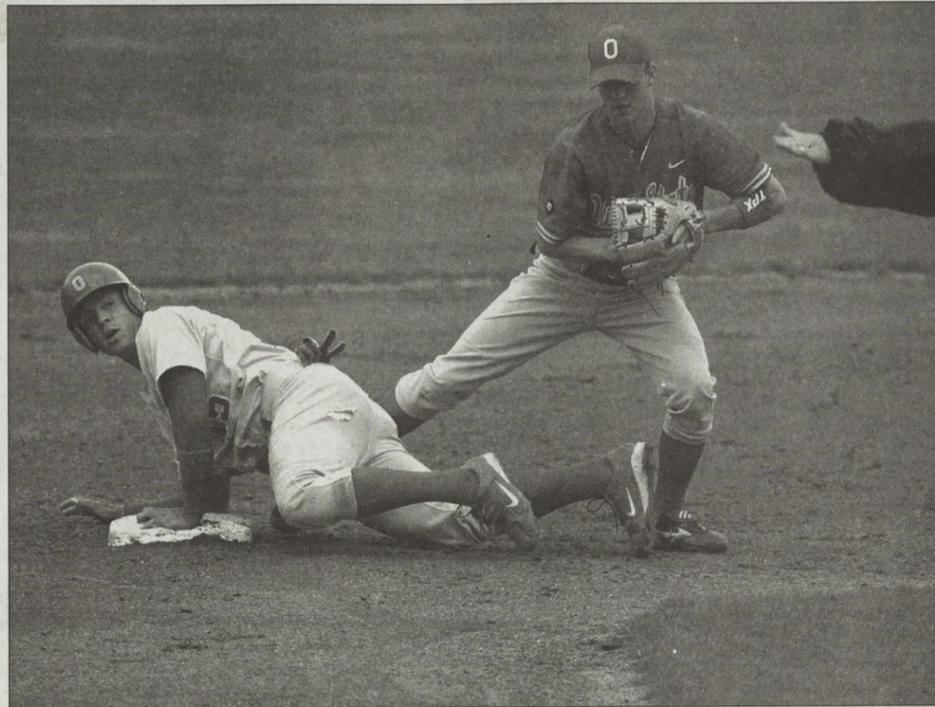
Broms' score was 21 points more than a three-time All-American diver from Tennessee. It was her 13th first-place finish in the 3-meter dive this season, having only competed in 14 events.

The momentum continued through the strokes of sophomore Nicole Maglich, as she won the 1000-yard freestyle in 10:16.79.

As quickly as the Buckeyes found them-

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Nation's best face OSU in opening tournament



MORGAN WONORSKI/THE LANTERN

Kris Moorman, left, is welcomed to second base by the umpire's safe call as Chris Macke tags the base in the Buckeyes Scarlet and Gray World Series in October. OSU will start its regular season Friday at the Minute Maid College Classic. The Buckeyes are looking to follow up last year's trip to the Super Regionals with another successful season.

By Noah Wolf
Lantern sports writer

Baseball is back. To baseball fans, there are no words sweeter than "play ball." Ohio State baseball is back beginning this weekend at the Minute Maid College Classic at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

"People look at this as a little bit of a challenge for us," coach Bob Todd said. "We're excited about the opportunity to play in Minute Maid Park and play the level of competition that we're going to play."

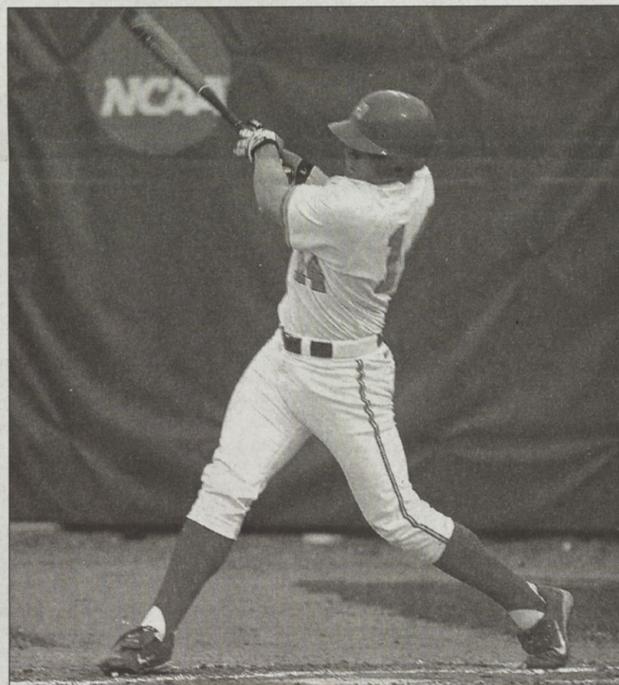
Along with OSU, No. 5 Texas, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Houston and defending champion No. 1 Rice will compete in the tournament. OSU will play Texas in its season opener Friday. The Buckeyes will follow with games against Kansas State Saturday and Texas Tech Sunday. Todd said he will start senior pitcher Josh Newman Friday, and junior Mike Madsen Saturday. The OSU starter for Sunday is still undecided.

OSU players said they are excited to get back on the field and aren't shying away from the tough competition.

"It's nice to get out and play other competition, especially a nationally ranked team like Texas," shortstop Brett Garrard said.

While many people may think a team from the north has a tough time in the early season competing with southern teams, who have the advantage of nice weather, OSU players won't use that excuse.

"It's still 60-feet-6-inches from



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Ohio State outfielder Cody Caughenbaugh hits an RBI single during a game against Wooster last year.

the pitcher's mound to the plate," Newman said. "I don't get caught up in the excuses that we can throw out, such as being a northern school."

Second baseman Drew Anderson

agreed with Newman.

"I see us competing for the top spot in any tournament," Anderson said. "I have total faith in our pitchers,

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Still a center of sports activity

By Marcus Hartman
Lantern staff writer

Whether many students and faculty know it, St. John Arena is more than a place to park cars. Though the Ohio State men's and women's basketball teams moved their practices and games to the state-of-the-art Schottenstein Center beginning with the 1998-99 season, their historic former home did not go into retirement.

Opened in 1956 and named after former OSU basketball coach and athletic director Lynn W. St. John, the arena now houses a variety of sporting events, including five OSU varsity sports. The men's and women's gymnastics, men's and women's volleyball and men's wrestling teams all call St. John Arena home throughout the year. The arena also hosts numerous basketball and volleyball camps, as well as the Special Olympics every summer. Outside the sports scene, St. John regularly is the site of summer, autumn and winter commencement and the president's freshman convocation each fall during Welcome Week.

Ron Stokes, captain of the OSU 1983-84 and 1984-85 basketball teams, is among many who are glad to see the arena still in use. Like the arena itself, Stokes has maintained an active role with Buckeye athletics. He is in his seventh season working as the color analyst for men's basketball radio broadcasts. Stokes' first season with the OSU radio network coincided with the final season of men's basketball at St. John, and he said it was special to have a year to work where he actually played.

"Having played there, it would be nice to walk in and be able to watch a basketball game," Stokes said. "But I am



MELANIE WATKINS/THE LANTERN

St. John Arena is located on Woody Hayes Drive. The venue is home to the OSU men's and women's volleyball teams, the wrestling team and the men's and women's gymnastics teams.

glad there are still great teams playing there, winning championships."

Russ Hellickson, in his 17th season as coach of the OSU wrestling team, leads one of those teams. Before moving to

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NASCAR benefits from changes

In the world of professional sports, change is something all fans have had to get used to. In sports like baseball, basketball and football, players jump from team to team so often that it's hard to keep them straight.

Championship teams are dismantled because of salary cap issues, and the days of the dynasty are all but forgotten.

As other sports underwent dramatic modifications, driving out many of their fans, NASCAR managed to resist wholesale changes. For more than 50 years, the sport had been a direct reflection of southern-U.S. society.

NASCAR got its beginnings in states like Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia. Drivers like "Fireball" Roberts, Tiny Lund, Richard Petty and Buddy Baker came from communities like South Boston, Va., Dawsonville, Ga., and Batesville, Ark. Even the sport's long-time sponsor — Winston — cultivated its tobacco in the fields of the South.

Most old-time fans knew it was only a matter of time before the sport they grew up to love would be forced to succumb to the winds of change. The first breeze came in 1995 when Vallejo, Calif.-born Jeff Gordon won the first of his four Winston Cup titles. More Yankees soon followed — from Bakersfield, Calif., Cambridge, Wis., and Grand Rapids, Mich. These drivers even began to race at tracks north of the Mason-Dixon line, including the "hot bed" of New Hampshire.

But the gale force winds of change waited until this year to hit NASCAR. Gone is Southern-bred Winston as title sponsor. In its mobile communications giant Nextel. The face of NASCAR is no longer the "good 'ol boys" like Roberts and Petty. Now it's guys like Gordon and fellow California natives Kevin Harvick and Jimmie Johnson.

Perhaps the most noticeable face in the sport is Dale Earnhardt Jr. But while his family has always been synonymous with the sport, Junior is not your typical Earnhardt. His long list of friends includes the members of 3 Doors Down, Sheryl Crow and actress Susan Ward, just to name a few. Junior also has jumped over the Clydesdale as the face of Budweiser. Not all beer drinkers follow NASCAR, but an overwhelming majority know the face of the 29-year-old from Kannapolis, N.C.

This year may be the sport's most trying time, however. While new fans from all over the country have flocked to the races, the old-time fans have become vocal about the sweeping changes — most notably the change to the point system. In a response to Matt Kenseth's championship last year when he won only one race, new chairman Brian France — who has followed in the lineage of his father and grandfather — has implemented a new system. "The Race for the Championship" will start with the last 10 races on the schedule. Drivers in the top 10 and any other drivers within 400 points will have their positions adjusted, separating each racer by only five points.

This change hasn't drawn the ire of just the old-time fans. Even fans relatively new to the sport have called for France's head. Many see this as a TV-driven change as NBC's ratings for the final 10 races dropped off considerably in the face of competition from the NFL.

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Black Keys produce right sounds

Akron duo credits luck to their acclaimed style of rock 'n' roll

By Stephanie Lynn
Lantern arts writer

Yes, they're another rockin' two-piece, but Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney of the Black Keys are not just hitching a ride on the guitar-drummer bandwagon. Listed as No. 3 on Time Magazine's "Best of Music 2003," this white-boy duo is definitely going places.

Hailing from Akron, The Black Keys have a sound described as a combination of guttural blues and good ol' fashioned rock 'n' roll. With Auerbach on guitar and vocals and Carney on drums, the duo's blues-inspired sound is so thick it was evident to Auerbach and Carney early on that adding another member would be a superfluous move.

"We actually played with this kid on Moog organ once, but it was pretty lame because we were just telling him what to do," Auerbach said. "It wasn't like an added creative force."

The duo started playing together on and off in 1996, but didn't start playing full-time until a few years ago. They recorded a demo — a four-song EP — in Carney's basement in 2002. They sent out 10 demos

and were offered a deal with Alive Records. They released their first full-length album, "The Big Come Up," to rave reviews in Rolling Stone, Spin, The Village Voice and MOJO.

The duo attributes its success to pure luck.

"We don't know how to read music, and we don't have college educations or anything like that — although I think Pat and I have a great chemistry. We have fun playing together, and that has something to do with it, but it truly is luck," Auerbach said.

The biggest result of the exposure was interest from major labels. Though the Black Keys had meetings with a number of labels, the only offer they would consider was from Epitaph's blues imprint, Fat Possum. After signing a contract, they returned to Carney's basement studio and banged out their sophomore album, "thickfreakness," in a little over a half a day's work.

"We initially tried working in a fancy San Francisco studio where Green Day had recorded a hit album, but it didn't suit our sound and it didn't feel right," Auerbach said. "I'm really glad we realized that, and then decided to do the album our own

"We don't know how to read music, and we don't have college educations ... it truly is luck."

Dan Auerbach
The Black Keys



MELANIE PULLEN/FAT POSSUM

The Black Keys roll into town Friday for a night full of their brand of blues stomp.

way."

The duo decided to record again in Carney's basement and finished the tracks in 14 hours. They mixed the songs the next day. It only took a couple of days to get everything right in the band's eyes.

The album has been an even bigger hit than its predecessor, garnering glowing reviews from the press and inclusion on many music critics end-of-the-year best-of lists.

After a frenetic year of touring — opening for everyone from Sleater-Kinney to Beck,

playing Europe, and headlining numerous club dates, including the upcoming Friday night performance at Little Brother's — the Black Keys are finally ready to begin recording their third

album, the follow-up to last year's astonishing "thickfreakness."

"We are going to try to experiment more with this album. And we're going to take a month

this time to record and fine tune everything," Auerbach said.

Joining The Black Keys at Little Brother's Friday night will be El Jesus Demagico. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Variety sets the stage for comic

By Gregory L. Jones
Lantern arts writer

Fans who braved the winter sleet and snow were not disappointed as internationally-renowned stand-up comedian Dom Irrera opened a four-night engagement at Easton's Funny Bone Thursday in front of a packed house.

Irrera's mixture of tried-and-true material combined with new, left fans of all ages and backgrounds spent with laughter.

Irrera said he enjoys doing stand-up because it is the only place left untouched from political correctness and the niceties of life.

"I can be honest on stage," Irrera said.

Irrera is known for his stand-up comedy as well as his many acting appearances. His credits include "The Big Lebowski," "The Godson" and Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold" as well as various Comedy Central appearances on "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," "Dr. Katz, Professional Therapist" and "Comedy Central Presents."

Irrera studied acting at Biscayne and Barry Universities in Miami before working as a fourth-grade teacher at a Catholic school in Philadelphia.

He said he was never as tired as when he was a teacher.

"The classroom is harder than the club because it's a longer set," Irrera said. "You do a three-hour set in the morning and a two and a half hour set in the afternoon — that's brutal."

After his teaching stint, Irrera moved to New York where he got involved with improv groups, began working as an actor and worked on making it as a stand-up comic.

"I just started auditioning at the Improv and Comic Strip," Irrera said.

Irrera said that his acting training really helped him with his stage presence.

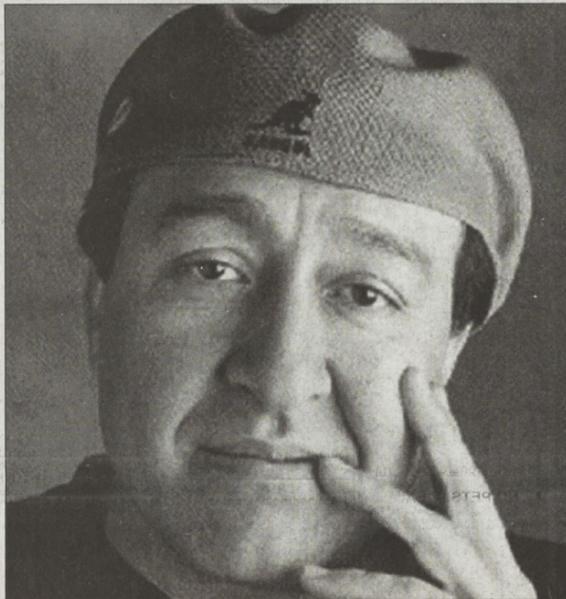
"I got over a lot of nerves doing plays," he said. "After doing improv so much I wasn't nervous (doing stand-up comedy)."

Irrera enjoys the variety of combining stand-up and acting.

"It's like having a wife who lets you have a girlfriend," he said.

Irrera prefers the intimacy of smaller venues to the large college auditorium scene because of the diversity of the audience.

"I love the variation," Irrera said. "To come in here and see a full house on a night of biblical proportions and have the warmth and fun of an audience with biker-looking guys, Jerry Springer types, sophisticated



COURTESY OF DOM IRRERA

Comic Dom Irrera is a crowd and Comedy Central favorite.

business people, college kids and even a Rastafarian-looking black guy ... I love that mix."

He said if it were not for his audience's diversity he would have no act. However, there are subjects, such as physical and mental disabilities, that are too taboo for even him.

"I never pick on people who can't defend themselves," Irrera said.

Irrera is not too disappointed at Fox's recent rejection of a Bruce Willis-backed situation comedy series for which he was to play a lead.

"I'm really happy doing clubs and some TV as opposed to getting married to a show," he said. "I'm not willing to sacrifice to take that unbelievable gamble — I really enjoy what I do."

Irrera was recently selected as one of Comedy Central's top 100 stand-up comedians of all time and was scheduled to be on a four-member panel for Comedy Central's five-episode series on the list.

Irrera said it was a great honor to be selected since the list includes comics both alive and dead.

Original 'Star Wars' gets DVD treatment

By Anthony Breznican
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Star Wars" fans will finally get the Force-feeding they have been asking for.

The original three "Star Wars" films — among the most anticipated on DVD — will be released in the digital format Sept. 21, LucasFilm Ltd. and 20th Century Fox announced yesterday.

A price for the package and international release dates will be revealed later.

The original "Star Wars" movie from 1977 — titled "Star Wars: Episode IV — A New Hope" — will be compiled in a four-disc collection along with the follow-ups "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi."

"For all the fans who have been watching VHS and wearing out tapes, this will be a leap into hyperspace," said Jim Ward, a Lucasfilm marketer and DVD executive producer.

The fourth disc will be for bonus features, including what the companies described as "the most comprehensive feature-length documentary ever produced about the 'Star Wars' saga" and archive footage from the making of all three

films. They were re-released in theaters in "special edition" versions in 1997 that included touched-up effects, and some new scenes.

The versions on DVD will feature only the special editions, LucasFilm spokeswoman Lynn Hale said.

Even though many fans of the original movies had hoped the rougher, unaltered films would also be provided, Ward said there wasn't much debate about whether to release the unaltered originals.

"The official definitive versions are the 1997 special editions. That's the version the artist, in this case George Lucas, intended to be seen," he said.

There have been two prequels since "Return of the Jedi" wrapped up the original series in 1983.

"Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace" debuted in 1999, followed by "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" in 2002. Both are already available on DVD and will not be included in the original trilogy package in September.

The yet-untitled third prequel recently wrapped principal photography and is set for release in 2005.

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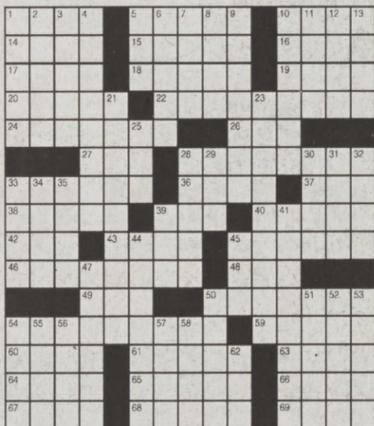
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Make checks payable to OSU Lantern.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 ___ in the belly
 - 5 Indescent germs
 - 10 Seth's brother
 - 14 Check prose
 - 15 Check books
 - 16 Guitar key changer
 - 17 Jubilee Line, e.g.
 - 18 Sweetheart
 - 19 Bedstand
 - 20 Otherwise called
 - 22 Under attack
 - 24 Prepared for posting
 - 26 Honolulu garland
 - 27 ___ du Diable
 - 28 Sign-makers' aids
 - 33 Roosevelt VP
 - 36 Lemon
 - 37 Brief swim
 - 38 Make straight
 - 39 Peak
 - 40 Became alert
 - 42 Moody or Silver
 - 43 Tie
 - 45 Climbed
 - 46 California skyscrapers?
 - 48 Under the weather
 - 49 April 15 addressee
 - 50 Relieved
 - 54 Jack's climb
 - 59 Kind of energy
 - 60 Tilled
 - 61 Provide provisions for
 - 63 Meat paste
 - 64 Clearasil's target
 - 65 Reigns over
 - 66 Seth's son
 - 67 Molt
 - 68 ___ Arabia
 - 69 Puts on



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- 6 Whined
- 7 Seth's father
- 8 Large branch of a tree
- 9 Thief
- 10 Type of acid
- 11 Weep noisily
- 12 Three-side rapier
- 13 Lady's man
- 21 Dazzling sights
- 23 Feelers
- 25 Poetic contraction
- 28 Packs away
- 29 Spigot
- 30 Superstar
- 31 Similar to
- 32 Raced
- 33 Actress Teri
- 34 ___ vera
- 35 Peel
- 39 Small boy
- 41 Slugged
- 44 Lists of players
- 45 Nurse a drink
- 47 Like birds and bats

Solutions

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FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM 1 AVAILABLE now. 65 W. 8th Ave. Very nice large 2 BR. A/C, clean, off-street parking, own W/D, dishwasher, fridge.

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UNFURNISHED RENTALS AVAILABLE NOW 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom units. Super location, parking, air conditioning, dishwasher, washer and dryer.

UNFURNISHED RENTALS G.A.S Properties 2425 N. High St. Phone 263-2665 Fax 263-0543 In business since 1967

UNFURNISHED EFFICIENCY/STUDIO \$350/MONTH-2465 North High Street. Located above Radio Shack with many features including A/C, off-street parking, laundry facilities, private kitchen & bathroom.

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RIVERWATCH TOWER Penthouse Studio Apartments Fully Furnished Renting For Winter & Spring \$470/Month

FURNISHED 3 BEDROOM 222 W. Lane Ave. Luxury 3 bedroom across from OSU Business College. Great views, all utilities & housekeeping included.

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1BDRM 18th & N. 4th. FUNCTIONAL LAYOUT, carpet, newly remodeled, dishwasher. Avail. Fall '04. \$375/mo. Pavich Properties 263-1565

1 BDRM Apartments, 161 E. Norwich Ave. Great Location, C/Air, OSP, NO PETS. \$425/Mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

1 BDRM condo for rent. Bethel and Godown area. \$495/month, heat included. Call Laurie 614-861-9835.

1 BEDROOM apartment, N. Camps. Fall renovations, off-street parking, new carpet. Call 871-7798

1 BEDROOM, Heat & hot water paid. Close to Law & Medical building. \$380/mo. A/C 554-4497

1 BEDROOM, nice apartment. Italian Village. No pets. Please call 294-4979, M-F, 10am-5pm.

1 BEDROOM, now/winter. A/C, off-street parking, spacious, 126-146 Chittenden. No pets. \$350-\$385. (740) 964-2240 (free).

1 BEDROOMS at 299 E. 17th Ave. \$450/mo. Available April 1st and September 1st. (740) 363-4873.

1 BEDROOMS, south campus from \$275.00. 291-5416/299-6840.

1 BR, 15th & Summit. A/C, huge, carpet, laundry. 273-7775.

1-bedroom North OSU Riverview Dr. Liv. rm. kitchen, bath, A/C, central air, carpet, S.P. water paid. Ideal for grad student. Available now & fall. 571-5109.

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121 E. 11th Ave. Large, spacious 1 BDR flats, carpeting, front porch, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

133 W. Blake Ave. Very spacious 1 BDR flats with carpeting and deck located North of campus near Tuttle Park. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

135-137 E. 12th Ave. Spacious 1 BDR flats with a front porch, deck, and parking. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

14-22 E. 12th Ave. Recently remodeled 1 BDR flats offer dishwasher, microhood, W/D, new carpet, a closed circuit security system, and a basic cable included. 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

1404 INDIANOLA Ave. 1 YR. lease, 1 br/w/ stove, refrigerator, W/D, A/C, cat ok. Off-street parking. Remodeled. No pets. \$335/mo. 614-560-1814.

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152 WORTHINGTON Ave. #A, B. Spacious units! Fantastic Location! Parking Available! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

154 INDIANOLA Ave. 1 BDR flats that offer central air, front deck, dishwasher, coin op laundry, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

156-158 CHITTENDEN Ave. Roomy 1 BDR flat located close to classes with parking, A/C, coin-op laundry, and some units have a front porch. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

16 E. Norwich-1 bedroom lots of space, historic architecture, sun porch, hardwood floors, deck, charming \$595 NorthSteppe Realty, 294-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

1694-1702 N. High St. Recently remodeled 1 BDR flats offer dishwasher, microhood, W/D, new carpet, a closed-circuit security system, and on-site laundry. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

170 W. Maynard Ave. 1 BDR flat located in Chestnut Hills. Unit offers central air, dishwasher, coin-op laundry, and parking. All utilities included. Call Chad at 267-1096 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

UNFURNISHED 1 BEDROOM

2125 IUKA, 1 BDR flats with balconies overlooking Iuka Ravine. A/C, on-site laundry, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

2157 SUMMIT, carpet, A/C, appliances, off-street parking. \$395/mo. Call 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

2196-2200 WALDECK, 1 bedroom all-wood, quiet, street, beautiful environment, sun room, eat-in kitchen, lots of light, alarm system, dishwashers, free water, \$549 and up. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

2206 SUMMIT, 1 BDR flat located in North Campus. Very affordable! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

24-26 W. 10th Ave. Spacious 1 BDR flat with parking and near the Law School. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

2425 N. High St. 1-bdrm flats available, now or for fall. N. campus, on the bus line between Mayfield and High Street. Gas heat & water paid, blinds. New carpet in most units. G.A.S. Properties 263-2665

286-288 E. 16th Ave. Spacious 1 BDR flats located on central campus with parking and all utilities included! Parking available! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

29-31 E. Patterson, Charming 1 BDR flats with new windows, porch, some hardwood floors, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

292 E. 15th Ave. 1 BDR flat with A/C, on-site laundry, and parking. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

299 E. 15th Ave. Spacious flats located on central campus. Rear porch, full kitchen, and parking. Call 580-5000. Email: shand50@aol.com

301 & 3033 Neil Ave. 1-bedroom flats with air-conditioning, dishwasher & off-street parking. Some remodeled with dishwasher & washer/dryer. Located in the Clintonville area. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

311 E. 16th Ave. Spacious 1 bedroom flat located in central campus. Unit offers A/C & off-street parking. Some are newly remodeled. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

3170 RIVERVIEW Circle, 1 bedroom flats that overlook a central courtyard, A/C, coin-op laundry & off-street parking available. Call Paul 937-0433 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

33 E. 13th-1 bdrm flats available for fall. Modern Bldg, w/spacious units on Central campus. Laundry, newer carpet, blinds, storm windows & off-street pkg. sun deck. Hot water pd. Must see. G.A.S. Properties 263-2665

361-B Alden near Lane/Summit. Upstairs apartment for one person, cat. Porch, hardwood floor, flexible lease. Free gas, water. \$365/mo. 263-0665.

365 & 367 W. 6th Ave. 1 BDR flats with A/C, on-site laundry, parking, and some units with utilities included. Some are newly remodeled. Located near Medical School. Call Adrienne at 291-5280 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

38 W. Norwich Ave. #B. Cozy northwest campus flat with parking! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

42-50 W. Oakland-1 bedroom new kitchens, appliances, ceiling fans, full baths, front porch, doors. A/C gas heat, on-site laundry, parking available. \$525. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

46 E. 8th. Excellent condition, washer/dryer, hot water, A/C, off-street parking. \$325/mo. 395-6171.

56 & 58 Chittenden Ave. Spacious 1 BDR flats, deck, carpeting, parking, and all utilities paid. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

60 CHITTENDEN Ave. - Newly remodeled 1 bedroom flats located close to classes. Units feature new appliances, A/C, on-site laundry & off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

60 E. Norwich - Short walk to campus. Parking garage, 1 bedroom, heat furnished, laundry. No pets and \$425/month. 900-9665.

606 RIVERVIEW Dr. #3. Recently remodeled 1 BDR with new appliances, ceiling fan, A/C, on-site laundry, and parking. Gas included! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

61 CHITTENDEN Ave. #A. Recently remodeled 1 BDR flat with new carpet, A/C, off-street parking, washer, and parking. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

639 RIVERVIEW Dr. 1 BDR flats, A/C, new windows, courtyard, on-site laundry, and parking. Heat included! Call Tina at 262-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

651 RIVERVIEW Dr. Spacious 1 BDR flats with on-site laundry, new windows, A/C and parking. Call Tina at 262-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

773 RIVERVIEW Dr. These large flats feature new windows, A/C, parking, & on-site laundry facilities! Some are newly remodeled! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

79 E. 18th Ave. Spacious flat located on north campus with all utilities included. 294-5511. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

84 E. 12th Ave. 7 BDR + Studio avail. Sept. 1, newly remodeled, 1 bdrm, many updates including new carpet, A/C, off-street parking, blinds, on-premise washer/dryer, rent includes gas bill. \$400/mo. Call for showing D&P Properties 638-4162.

839 RIVERVIEW Dr. 1 BDR flat with A/C, new windows, courtyard, on-site laundry, and parking. Heat included! Call Tina at 262-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

851 RIVERVIEW Dr. Spacious 1 BDR flats with on-site laundry, new windows, A/C and parking. Call Tina at 262-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

UNFURNISHED 2 BEDROOM

165 E. 11th Ave. Awesome 2 bedroom flats feature newly remodeled kitchen and bath, central air, dishwasher, w/d on-site, new windows, on site laundry, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

166 E. Lane Ave. #4 Great north campus location with all utilities included! Parking is available! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

1680 SUMMIT ST. Remodeled 2 bedroom flats with A/C, parking, dishwasher, and coded entry door! Located near 13th and Summits. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511.

1694 N. High St. #B. E. Recently remodeled spacious 2 bedroom flat w/ all new appliances, w/d in unit, alarm system, beautiful! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

17 W. Tompkins, 2 BDR townhomes, carpet, R/R, H2O paid. Gas included. W/D hook-up, \$490. 486-7773.

170-171 W. Maynard Ave. Chestnut Hill Apartments, 2 bedroom flats with laundry on site, A/C, dishwasher, volleyball and basketball courts, parking. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511 or Chad at 267-1096. www.buckeye-realestate.com

174 W. 9th Ave. 2 BDR townhome features central air, dishwasher, and off-street parking. Spacious, carpet, R/R, H2O paid. Gas included. W/D hook-up, \$490. 486-7773.

175 E. Norwich Ave. 2 bedroom townhome features new windows, large kitchen, lots of storage, parking, W/D hook-up, \$490. Call Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

182 N. 4th-2 bedroom townhome, refurbished. Hardwood floors, appliances, basement, water paid, 3 porches. \$485. 263-2665

190 E. 13th Ave. Large 2 bedroom flats and townhomes located central campus with central air & off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511.

190-192 E. Norwich-2 bdrm TH available for fall. Modern Bldg, N. campus West of Indianola Spacious units w/on site laundry & hupks in units. A/C, blinds, off-street parking. Call G.A.S. Properties 263-2665

1919 INDIANOLA - Recently remodeled 2 bedroom flats feature dishwasher, central air, on-site laundry & parking, hot water included. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

192 E. 11th Ave. #A 2 bedroom flat features a front and rear porch, dishwasher, central air, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

198 E. Norwich-2 bdrm TH available for fall. Modern Bldg, N. campus West of Indianola. Ltrny nearby, full kitchen, central air, off-street parking. Call G.A.S. Properties 263-2665

1ST MONTH FREE! Short North - renovated 2 bed. Wood floors, carpet, new carpet, \$595/month. 263-2665

2 & 3 bedroom apartments & houses available fall. Some with decks, garages, new kitchens & baths. North locations, starting at \$450. Call Buckeye Real Estate at 294-5511. www.Metro-Rentals.com

2BD flats available for Fall 345 E. 20th. Large 2 bedroom flats for Fall quarter, central Air, Off-street parking, Courtyard. On-site laundry, dishwasher, call Rick 371-2650. www.theSloopyGroup.com

2 BD townhouse, N. campus, convenient location; 18 E. Duncan, Carpet, A/C, appliances. \$495-775. www.buckeye-realestate.com

2 BD, avail now, OSU, 6 bldg. Future Realty 488-2449.

2 BD, townhouses North Campus on Maynard Ave., Patterson Ave., East Ave., N. 4th St. \$595-750/mo. Call for info. RZ Realty 462-7070. www.rzrealty.com

2 BDM Fall, ranges from \$395-\$595/month, Future Realty, 488-2449.

2 BDM, Fall, 18 OSU, A/C, Patterson/High, \$595/mo. Future Realty 488-2449.

2 BDM, THs, fall, 1.5 BA, 1200 sq ft, \$589/mo. Future Realty 488-2449.

2 BDR townhouse, north campus, \$610. Hardwood floors, basement, A/C, W/D hook-ups, off-street parking, quiet surround. Call Hank, 291-3147 ext. 104.

2 BDRM Apartment, Great Location, 55 E. Norwich Ave. Very Nice C/Air, OSP, NO PETS \$650/mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

2 BDRM Apartments, Great Location, 95 & 125 E. Norwich Ave. C/Air, OSP, NO PETS \$625/Mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

2 BDRM DBL, 71 W. Patterson, W/D, W/D, PET \$625/Mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

2 BDRM in Grandview, Upper floor w/new kitchen, windows, A/C, garage and W/D hook-up. \$625/month. Call 273-6900.

2 BDRM Townhouses, 181 E. Norwich Ave. Great Location, HW floors, A/C, OSP, NO PETS \$725/Mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

2 BDRM w/3rd Floor 18th & N. 4th. Spacious apt. with newly updated bath, dw, laundry, car port throughout, basement, security. Available for Fall '04. \$650/mo. Pavich Properties 263-1565.

2 BEDROOM - North campus. Carpeted, central A/C, refrigerator, range, off-street parking. No pets. \$450/mo. Call 94-94. 582-1672 or 451-2414.

UNFURNISHED 2 BEDROOM

2 BEDROOM with finished basement. North campus. Must see! Towhee. Off street parking, w/d hook-up, central air, refrigerator, range, dishwasher, carpeted. No pets. 1 1/2 baths. \$650/mo. Call 109 W. Duncan 582-1672 or 451-2414.

2 BEDROOM, 1711 Summit appliances, second floor w/ balcony facing street, eat-in kitchen, furnished upon request, \$410/month. 309-1995. www.buckeye-realestate.com

2 BEDROOM, North Campus, 2150 Summit St. Huge kitchen, new carpeting, W/D included, Off-street parking, busline, gas heat. \$450/mo 871-7798.

2 BEDROOM, 18th Ave. Living room, large bedrooms, central air, D/W, disposal, ceramic tile-bathroom & kitchen, new windows, microwave, gas heat, off-street parking, Fall. 571-5109.

2 BEDROOMS at 299 E. 17th Ave. \$600/mo. Available September 1st. (740)363-4873.

2 BEDROOMS, south campus, from \$335.00. 291-5416/299-6840

20 E. 14th - Great location! Ceramic tiled kitchens and bath, huge 2 BDRs and living room, FZRR available, W/D on-site, \$649 and up. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

2096 INDIANA- 2 bdrm TH avail for fall. N. campus at Indiana and Lane west of Summit, very spacious, carpet, central air, ceiling fans, blinds, dining rm, front porch, yard area. Off st. pkg. G.A.S. Properties 263-2665 www.GASProperties.com

2135 IUKA - 2 bedroom flats, on-site laundry, off-street parking, central air, closed exterior doors. Some units feature balconies! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

220 E. Lane- 2 bdrm flats available for fall. Corner of Indianola and Lane. Modern Bldg, N. campus. Spacious w/washer/carp, huge blms, blinds, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths, coin op indry. Front porch, pkg. Courtyard. Call Steve. Must see! G.A.S. Properties 263-2665 www.GASProperties.com

245 E. 13th Ave - Large 2 BDR flat \$595 and up. Large living room with new carpet, blinds, washers, ceramic tile, kitchen, and bath! Parking available. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110. www.OhioStateRentals.com

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274-248 E. Lane- 2 bdrm TH available for fall. N. Campus, in-line laundry, w/d hook-up, utility. Very spacious w/ laundry hookups in bsmt. Ceiling fans, dining rm, newer carpet, blinds, front porch, pkg. Courtyard. Off-street parking. W/Little, save a lot. G.A.S. Properties, 263-2665.

286-288 E. 16th Ave. Spacious 2 bedroom town homes with dishwasher, parking, and all utilities included! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

292 E. 15th Ave. Spacious 2 bedroom flats, on site laundry, dishwasher, A/C, and parking. Heat is included. Some units are newly remodeled! Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

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UNFURNISHED 3 BEDROOM

257 W. Norwich. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, off-street parking, security system, jacuzzi, fireplace, 1 1/2 baths. \$1200 Pettit Properties 523-0611

2686 NEIL, 3br/1/2 dbl. Appliances. New Furnace/A/C \$675/mo. Garage avail. extra 10088. REMAX North, John Stomps, 263-6463.

275 E. 13th Ave. 3 Bedroom townhomes offer newly remodeled kitchens w/dishwasher, alarm system, central air & bonus room. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeye-realestate.com

3 BDM Fall, N. OSU, \$695/\$750/mo., Future Realty 488-2449.

3 BDR flat, THs, N. OSU, offst. pkg. \$725-\$895/mo, Future Realty 488-2449.

3 BDR half double & finished at E. 14th Avenue. Quiet area. Whole house insulated, vinyl siding, new washer & dryer, 6 ft. privacy fence, yard & lots more. \$650/month, 341-3077.

3 BDRM 18th & N. 4th. Party Deck Spacious 3 bdrm with newly renovated bath, carpet, w/d, washer/dryer, nice deck. \$675/mo. Avail. Fall '04. Pavich Properties 263-1565

3 BDRM Apartments, 55 E. Norwich Ave. Great Location, C/Air, OSP, NO PETS \$975/Mo. Call 261-3600. www.cooper-properties.com

3 BDRM DBL, 69 W. Patterson, Newly Remodeled, W/D, DW, NO PETS \$82

UNFURNISHED 3 BEDROOM

77-79 CHITTENDEN Ave. Brand new Fall 2004! This 3 BRD half-double features a kitchen with all new appliances including dishwasher and microhood! Also features 2 full baths, A/C, W/D, alarm system, ceiling fans, front porch, and off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeyerealestate.com

97 W. 8th Ave. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, off-street parking, security system, 14'x12' tile floor, 1 1/2 baths, \$960 Petting Properties 523-0611

97-99 E. 11th Ave - Newly remodeled half-double with parking, front porch, dishwasher, ceiling fans, central air and W/D. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511. www.buckeyerealestate.com

AFFORDABLE 3 bedroom/2 bath. Southwest Campus area, west of High St. near Law & Med Schools. Low deposits, off-street parking, laundry facilities on premises. Call 299-2900. www.studenhousingosu.com

AVAILABLE FALL 3 br, clean, half double, nice kitchen w/ W/D, backyard, off-street parking, patio. \$850/mo. Call 297-6389. www.buckeyerealestate.com

AVAILABLE NOW. 3 bedroom half double, laundry facilities, \$450 + deposit, 2 bedroom, Wyandotte Ave., \$350 + deposit. 614-451-0102.

AVAILABLE NOW. Prime location, beautiful large 3 bedroom apartment, multiple balconies, gas heat, central air, off-street parking. On site laundry, \$750/month + utilities. 614-291-5001.

BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom at 51 King Avenue. Available Fall. Full bath apartment with finished basement in Short North area. Comes equipped with all new appliances. A/C, berber carpet, huge closets. Petting Properties. Considered one of the best looking properties on King Avenue. Pets are negotiable. Call 299-2900 (1333/person), jumbo 3 br suite \$1,125 (\$375/person). Call Zach (614)404-7531 for details. Ideal for 3 people.

BRATTON RENTALS. 293 E. 15th Ave. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2nd floor. 2 bath features gas heat, off-street parking, central air, on-site laundry & parking. Call Steve at 614-297-9926 or 740-398-3472 to make an appointment, can be seen at apartmentsofcampus.com

CLINTONVILLE 181 W. Paceville. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, 2nd floor. 2 bath features gas heat, off-street parking, central air, on-site laundry & parking. Call Steve at 614-297-9926 or 740-398-3472 to make an appointment, can be seen at apartmentsofcampus.com

CLINTONVILLE DOUBLE. 3 BDRM, 1 BATH, HRDW FLRS, W/D HOOK-UP, BSMT, OFF-ST PARKING. AVAIL 2/15/04. \$700/MO. 299-4524

E. MAYNARD Ave near N. High St. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, no pets. \$850. Available Sept. 1, 2004. Call 263-6301.

FALL, 2/5 6th, 3 br, new furnace & stove. No pets. 478-8249

FOR RENT. CLINTONVILLE 3 br double, livingroom, diningroom, large kitchen, basement & small yard. Off-street parking. Near High busline. \$850/month. Available June '04. Call 486-0111, leave msg.

GERMAN VILLAGE, available Fall 414 Whittier, large 3-4 br, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, great location, \$350/person. 253-8182 or www.homeareaproperties.net

GORGEOUS 3 Bedroom, 2507 Deming, A/C, stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, north campus, available now. \$825/month. No last long! 261-1467.

GREAT APARTMENT Grandview area, minutes from Campus. 133 King Avenue. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, A/C, W/D included. 2.5 baths, owner is Agent. 1st Place Realty, \$950/month. 799-9722.

GREAT HALF-DOUBLE for senior & grad-students. This charming Clintonville rental is near the OSU campus, close shopping & downtown area. Each side features 3 bedrooms, living-room, dining-room, kitchen w/ appliances, hardwood floors, 2nd floor parking with washer/dryer hook ups. \$650/month. Mary Allen @ 431-0902. Edie James @ 943-0912.

HALF-DOUBLE Available Now. 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, 18'x18' Double, 3-4 bedrooms, new hi-eff furnace with central air, new kitchen, dishwasher, washer/dryer, petting properties. Available now. \$500/mo thru August, \$945 Sept 1st. Call Rick 371-2650. www.theStoopyGroup.com

HALF-DOUBLE Fall 88 McMillen Avenue, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, 291-5416/299-6840

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HOUSE-FALL, 61 W. 9th Avenue, three-bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 291-5416/299-6840

NEWLY REMODELED 3 br townhouse. N. Campus, close to High St. Hardwood floors, modern kitchen & bathroom. Buckeye Real Estate, 294-5511.

209 E. 13th Ave. Large 4 bdrm townhouse complete with carpeting throughout, kitchen appliances, W/D hooks, parking. 1 year lease. \$1220/month. Available 2/15/04. 784-9644

222 KING AVENUE near NE 1st, 4 bdrm, \$1500 including water, hardwood, Avail. Sept. 291-5690 ohostaterentals.com

251 OAKLAND North campus, 4 bedroom large brick house, all new carpeting, fenced-in yard, newer kitchen/bath, porch, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, washer/dryer, central air, large rooms. \$1800. NorthSteppe Realty, 299-4110.

NORTH CAMPUS rental, 3 bedroom apt., located at 56 E. Woodruff. Includes 3 off-street parking spaces. W/D. Call 513-774-9550 after 6:30 PM or inquire to: Lwlp1@aol.com

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PATTERSON and High. Large 3 bedroom townhouse, laundry facilities, \$725.00 per month, phone: Steve, 614-208-3111, email: Shand50@aol.com.

SalesOneRealty.com September Move In 2293 Summit \$695 3225 Clinton \$725 2425 Indianola \$725 3025 E. 4th Ave. \$1050 And many, many more! Agent/Owner 884-8484

UNFURNISHED 3 bdrm 129 E. 12th Ave, full rental, spacious 3 bdrm, central campus, many updates including kitchen with dishwasher and new appliances, porch, blinds, hardwood floors, \$825/mo. Call for showing. D&L Properties 638-4162.

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Drama defines the painting

OSU student creates figurative work infused with emotional energy

By Taya Flores
Lantern arts writer

Loaded with a cryptic critique of the female persona, Nina Soriano, a senior in painting, claims stature among conceptual artists, infusing personal ideology with iconic imagery in figurative work.

"The head is painted blue with a contrasting warm background," said Kellie Gedert, a senior in painting and drawing. "The head lays there on its side, cold like it has been decapitated and forgotten under some little girl's bed. The part that catches me off guard is the eyes. They look right at you."

This deepness and eeriness is part of the mystery behind Soriano's work. Dealing with concepts of feminine growth and maturation, Soriano took these idealized images and gave them personality.

"She saw the challenges to find out what these doll images meant as a child and what they mean to her now," Kellie said. "The struggle between growing up and trying to hold onto that innocence in a world that doesn't seem to respect or have a place for innocence anymore."

Along the lines of female development comes the arrival of identity and understanding individual place in a chaotic society.

"Nina's work to me seems to be about the conflict between individuality and conformity and possibly some of the characteristics between the two," said Zane Pappas, a graduate student in printmaking. "I think her ultimate goal is to get the viewer to question their stance on certain issues."

Influenced by the idealized paintings of Lisa Yuskavag, Soriano uses the dolls as an ironic icon of female identity as portrayed in the media. With countless advertisements in television, movies and magazines, the role and identity of the modern female is questionable as portrayed by Soriano.

"Some of my paintings are based differently off of advertisements where the models are in normal settings or doing daily things, but they're completely idealized," Soriano said. "I took the dolls as a satirical representation of this idealization."

Other influences of Soriano's work include her father and painter, Edward Hopper.

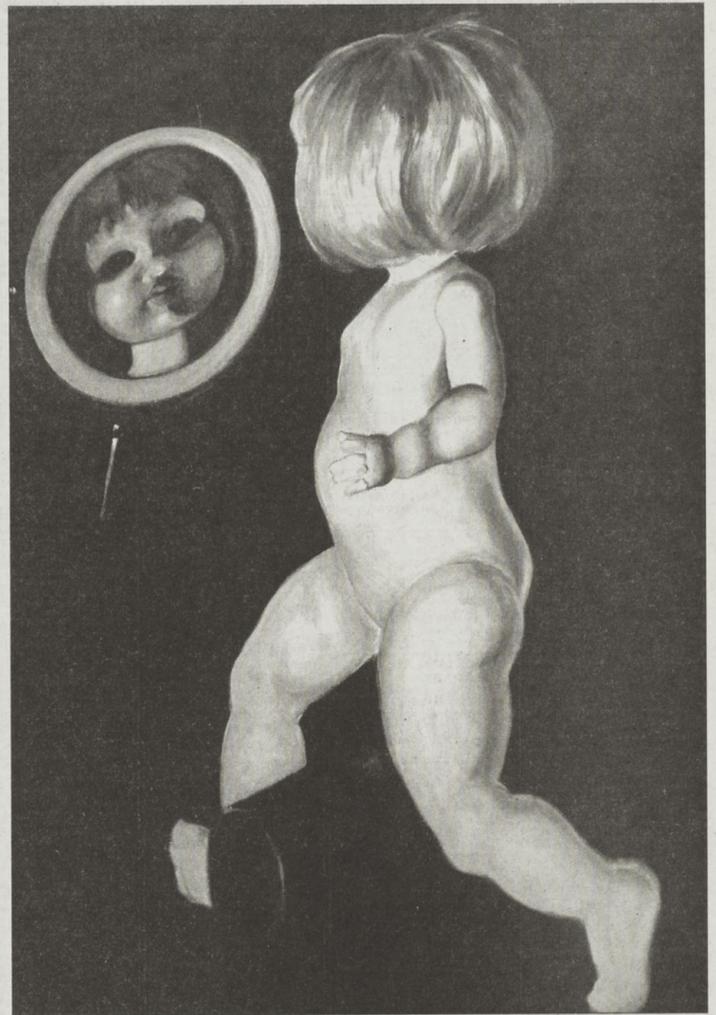
"My dad encouraged me to go for the creative," Soriano said. "He's an inspiration because he works full time and writes poetry. Edward Hopper's use of light inspires me because I'm trying to use dramatic lighting. I thought about Van Gogh and his use of color to give the dolls emotion and Toulouse-Lautrec who really captures personality."

Trying to capture youthful art with dramatic lighting, expressive color and subject personality defines Soriano's work in its entirety.

"Youthful art, when it's displayed is really personal and unobtainable," Soriano said. "I'm trying to convey the world's condition that resonates with truth."

Conveying an identity in humans figuratively not abstractly is Soriano's objective.

"The dolls represent the ideology of creation," Soriano said. "They are iconic individuals; the symbolism of the



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Nina Soriano often uses baby dolls for inspiration. Other pieces take their inspiration from looking at the world in a slightly different light.

maker's mark on creation. The fingerprint is a creator's mark and the scratch is portrayed as human perfection; the flowers of blossoming and maturing."

The imprint of creation is not only evident in Soriano's design,

but her use of color as well. "Color is about emotion, conveying depressed or dead emotion," Soriano said.

Passion and drive radiates in the paintings of iconic dolls that express mood, idealization and

enigmatic energy. "Her enthusiasm towards her work is great and shows extreme promise," said Teri Hackett, a lecturer in art.

Originality, depth and a desire for truth create large

portraits of innocence lost; conveying to be found again.

"I'm trying to find truth in individuals, to pick away at the fake skin people put on to find where their heart lies," Soriano said.

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Cuban against pros in Olympics

Mavericks owner wants players to choose between country, contract

By Keith Parsons
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban already was against his players participating in international play. Watching forward Eduardo Najera get into a fight during an Olympic qualifying tournament over the summer only added to Cuban's resolve.

"The refs can't control the game," Cuban said Monday after a small business symposium before the Mavericks played the Atlanta Hawks. "If you're playing on the USA team, you have a little bit of leeway, because you've got all these stars."

"Eduardo Najera got into a fight at center court with a guy from another team because he was the focal point."

Najera exchanged elbows with Canadian Peter Guarasci under the basket late in the second quarter of the first-round finale for both teams. As the teams headed upcourt, Guarasci shoulder-checked Najera to the floor in front of Mexico's bench.

Najera charged Guarasci and tackled him near midcourt. A brief scum ensued until coaches from both teams broke it up. Both players were suspended for one game of the tournament.

"If you're carrying Team Canada, you're really the only NBA player," Cuban said. "You're going to be the target of the opposing teams."

Detroit Pistons and U.S. Olympic basketball coach Larry Brown doesn't share that view, to put it mildly. The two traded barbs on the issue through *The Dallas Morning News* over the weekend, and neither backed down Monday.

"That's why we've got Asians and South Americans and African kids and European kids playing in our league," Brown said after the Pistons finished practice. "Most of the owners that have issues have benefited by that, so has the NBA."

"All of the sudden now, when we've got what we want, 'It's not good to send our players over.' It's not fair to the game."

Cuban wants his players to choose between their contract with the Mavericks and a spot on their national teams. Five of Dallas' players compete for teams other than the United States, including starters Steve Nash (Canada) and Dirk Nowitzki (Germany).

"I prefer that, if you have a contract, you make a choice," Cuban said. "We all make choices. If it's that important to me to play for my country, I'm not going to sign my contract."

"I want that leeway to play for my country, understanding the risks involved. Notice, you don't see players who are not under contract playing for their national teams."

Brown is the only man to play and coach in the Olympics, and he won gold medals in both capacities. He has served on six previous USA Basketball staffs, compiling a 43-3 record.

"This has become a world sport because of the NBA," he said. "The most popular athletes in the Olympic games are the NBA players. I think we have a responsibility to show our sport to help young kids all over the world to want to be in our league, and I think we've done that."

Of course, Cuban disagreed. "He's entitled to his opinion. It's really easy to spend other people's money," Cuban said of Brown. "And honestly, I don't think Larry fully understands. He understands from a USA perspective."

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Fans are also concerned with the changes Nextel will be implementing. Winston was the title sponsor of NASCAR for more than 50 years, bringing a sense of consistency. Now with a new sponsor, fans are scared that the high-tech company will drive the sport into the ground.

But what old-time and new fans fail to realize is these changes might be the best thing yet for the sport. Nextel will be able to do something Winston could not do for more than 10 years — advertise. Since the government restricted tobacco advertising, getting the word out about the sport proved difficult in the mainstream media. Now, with those constrictions gone, the sport may grow even more. More advertising means more money, which could

help the sponsorship problems many teams, like that of multi-race winner Jeff Burton, now face.

All of these concerns are about to be answered. After a long off-season of talk, the engines will finally fire on a new season with the Daytona 500 Sunday. NASCAR may be moving toward a new era in the sport, but its tradition and history will never simply be tossed away to be forgotten. Instead, a new tradition will just have to be added to what's already there.

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selves on top of a hill, they were buried in a hole, getting swept by the Volunteers in the 200-yard freestyle.

Despite a slim lead going into the final event, accompanied by the efforts of two-time winners Rebekah Rychvalsky and Gunenthe, the Buckeyes could not seal the victory.

Though it is not a storybook ending for seniors Severson, Lindsay Goodson and Stephanie Raezer, the trio could remember times when the outcomes were not so close.

"Our freshman year, we were losing every dual meet; now we are beating Big Ten teams," Goodson said.

Fleck agreed and knew who to credit with the newfound competitiveness.

"They were my first recruiting class," she said. "Without those three girls, we couldn't be where we are now."

The three seniors said the

sweat and tears, and ups and downs were worth it in the end.

"It's been a lot of hard work. I've put a lot of time in but it's worth it," Severson said. "It's taught me so many things about myself and life."

There is not too much time for nostalgia, as the Big Ten Championship is right around the corner. It will take place Feb. 18-21 in Minnesota.

Placing ninth last year, the Buckeyes are heading into this year's competition equipped with a high level of confidence and the motivation to improve.

"I'm excited," Severson said. "I think we've all swam well so far and we can only do better."

As for the direction of the program, Goodson shared a credence that seems to be radiating from the entire team.

"This team is going to be something you are going to be talking about for a while," she said.

Correction

In yesterday's article, "Wrestling win ties record" the top photo pictured OSU's John Clark. Clark was preparing to takedown No. 4 Pat Owen of Northwestern. The matchup was in the 165-pound category Sunday.

In the same article the bottom photo was of OSU's Anthony Magistrelli (174). He was wrestling Northwestern's Nolan Welther.

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St. John in 1999, his teams competed at French Field House and Larkins Hall. He said his team's home is ideal for wrestling because the mezzanine provides an excellent view of as many as six matches simultaneously.

"It is the best situation we could have," Hellickson said.

Moreover, he said St. John Arena's prowess as a place for wrestling existed before his teams began regular competition there.

"St. John Arena has a very storied history for wrestling," Hellickson said. "The Ohio State High School Wrestling Tournament was held there for years, so most followers of wrestling would recognize St. John as a very positive venue for the sport."

A national audience shared that recognition the past two years as OSU hosted the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Duals at St. John Arena. The largest meet in the country, the National Duals, is a three-day event featuring 48 teams which represent all three divisions of the NCAA. Hellickson said many outsiders came away impressed.

The arena will get another chance to gain admirers this year when it hosts the Big Ten wrestling championships March 6-7. Along with Hellickson, Mike Penner will be there.

In his third year as an assistant director for event management for Buckeye sporting events, Penner makes sure every athletic event at both St. John and the Schottenstein Center goes smoothly. He said each arena presents its own challenges and differences in putting on an event.

"At St. John, we are in charge of the whole game, which consists of the two teams, the officials and the scorer's table. We also are responsible for ticket



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The wooden chairs in the stands at St. John Arena give it a historic feel. While the OSU basketball teams no longer compete in the venue, it still houses many sporting events.

sellors and ticket takers. It's sort of a dual role," Penner said. "At the Schottenstein Center, we're only in charge of the game because the Schottenstein Center staff handles the ticket takers and the ushers."

Though his job at St. John is more involving, Penner said he enjoys games there.

"The atmosphere created by all the events there is very lively," Penner said. "You can feel the tradition like an aura. I can't really explain it, but when you walk in, see the wooden seats and know all the great teams who played there, that's it."

Stokes echoed Penner's

sentiments.

"I really enjoyed it because the students were loud," Stokes said. "It was definitely a campus arena. It's set pretty much in the center of the OSU campus so students could walk there."

He said as he has gotten older, he has gained more appreciation for his college days. St. John remains a sentimental place for him.

"Absolutely. I played my four years there," Stokes said. "It's great knowing I was part of history with a lot of outstanding players who put out a lot of blood and sweat on that floor."

Those, like Stokes, who are

fond of reminiscing, have reason to rejoice, however.

As it turns out, basketball's exit was not permanent. The OSU women's basketball team played two regular season games at its old home last season, defeating national power Texas and archrival Michigan. Earlier this season, the Buckeyes also defeated in-state foe Wright State at St. John.

One more regular season date is scheduled for this year against Northwestern Feb. 19, before St. John returns yet again to the national stage as host to the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship first and second round games March 20 and 22.

Proposed changes affect goalies most

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

HENDERSON, Nev. — Hoping to increase scoring in the NHL, general managers proposed yesterday that goal-tenders wear smaller pads and not be allowed to handle the puck behind the goal line.

The general managers agreed to the suggestions during a five-hour collective meeting that pre-empted a planned golf outing at a resort near the Las Vegas Strip.

"We're attempting to restrike the balance between offense and defense," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said after the marathon session that also included three members of the players' association.

Goalkeepers would be the most affected as the width of their pads would be reduced from 12 inches to 10 inches — where they were before 1989 — and they would no longer be able to go behind the goal line to play the puck.

"I think the goaltenders now are so good at puck-handling, it's difficult to get in and forecheck," said Detroit GM Ken Holland, a former NHL goalie. "They've perfected the position."

Bettman came with a mandate to GMs to produce a better product, and the group put in long hours during the first two days of the three-day meeting to achieve that goal.

Scoring has dropped by 21/2 goals per game in the last 15 years to an average of five per game.

"We now have to go back and take the package and flush it out, make sure we haven't omitted anything or need to clarify something," Bettman said. "Then we have to blend it all together and make sure that it all fits together neatly and there are no inconsistencies."

New Jersey's Martin Brodeur said during All-Star festivities last weekend that he had no problem with thinner pads, but he and Dallas' Marty Turco have virtually become third defensemen because of their ability to play pucks that

are dumped in behind the nets. "I think the couple of changes that we made will really make a difference in how the game is played," Islanders general manager Mike Milbury said.

The group came up with several adjustments that could become rules once they are discussed by a panel of hockey experts put together by Bettman and voted on by the board of governors this summer.

Most couldn't remember a time when suggested changes weren't supported by the board.

If the proposals are approved, the group will have transformed the face of game. And most of the changes would take effect by next season — unless a work stoppage occurs after the collective bargaining agreement expires Sept. 15.

The nets would be moved back 3 feet toward the end boards to 10 feet. In doing so, the blue lines also move in 3 feet to keep the distance the same between the blue line and the goal, and increase the neutral zones to 60 feet from 54.

Before the 1990-91 season, the goal was moved to 11 feet and then to 13 eight years later.

Also back is the tag-up off-sides rule, which will increase the flow of the game and lead to fewer whistles. The thought is it will also create scoring chances because offensive players will be able to change while defensive players will be kept on the ice and in their zone longer.

The GMs also will ask the AHL to experiment with a new system that will give three points for a regulation victory, two for an overtime victory, and one for an overtime loss.

A bigger aspect to this change is the introduction of a game-deciding shootout. A shootout winner will also get two points, while the losing team gets one. Tie games would be eliminated.

That and expanding the width of the blue and red lines would be tried for a year in the AHL before being reconsidered by the NHL.

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players and coaches. Just because we are from the north doesn't mean we can't compete, and I feel comfortable playing against any team in the country right now."

The optimism doesn't stop there for OSU. The Buckeyes return seven of eight position starters from last year's team that came within two wins of a trip to Omaha and the College World Series.

"We are going to be real strong

defensively," Garrard said. "I think we are going to score a lot of runs this year, and we have a lot of pitchers back who we have a lot of confidence in."

Competing for the Big Ten title and a trip to Omaha — something OSU hasn't done since 1967 — is the main focus for Anderson.

"I don't think we expect anything less than competing for the

top spot of the Big Ten," Anderson said. "We made the Super Regional last year and all of us know what that feeling is, so we're going to go out and try to do that plus more. Our main goal is to get to Omaha."

Todd knows it's early, but also shares the optimism his players do.

"It's still early, we haven't played a game, but we've got the

nucleus of quality returning people and if we play to our potential, I don't think there's any reason why we shouldn't compete again for a Big Ten championship," Todd said.

After the Minute Maid College Classic OSU will get a week off before it returns to the diamond in Myrtle Beach, S. C., at the Baseball at the Beach tournament Feb. 27-29.

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