By Brad Kane Lantern campus editor

TEMPE, Ariz. — "That's what a national championship game should look like." While Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel was referring more to the incredible battle between the Buckeyes and the Miami Hurricanes in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl, his words could also reflect the thoughts of every Buckeye fan following OSU's dramatic 31-24 double overtime victory — every national championship should end with scarlet and gray masses cheering in triumph.

"Two great heavyweights slugged it out, and we came up with the win," Tressel said after the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Throughout a game in which they were double-digit underdogs, the Buckeyes stood toe-to-toe with the reigning national champions and former dynasty in the making. Then, as in the two previous OSU victories, the defense had to stop the opponent on the last play of the game.

Trailing by seven and on their last down, the Hurricanes were less than one yard away from sending the game into a third overtime. Holding the national championship and a 34-game winning streak in his hands, Miami quarterback and two-time

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Heisman finalist Ken Dorsey dropped back in an attempt to tie the game.

After linebacker Matt Wilhelm batted Dorsey's pass victoriously to the ground, every Buckeye fan from Tempe to Columbus realized OSU had just won its seventh national title and the first consensus championship since 1968.

"We won the game, but it was The Game on the national stage — two overtimes," said Mike Doss, captain, safety and Defensive Player of the Game. "We're just sitting here looking at each other like, 'We won the national championship.' Like little kids in the candy store — it's Christmas for us."

The Buckeye crowd in Sun Devil Stadium erupted. "This day is the culmination of a lot of work and a lot of sacrifice," Tressel said.

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OSU captain and quarterback Craig Krenzel was named the Offensive Player of the Game. He rushed for more yards than both OSU phenom Maurice Clarett and Miami Heisman finalist Willis McGahee.

After the awards ceremony, the 14-0 Buckeyes followed Tressel's tradition and sang "Carmen Ohio" with all those in attendance.

But, for the first time in 34 years, they sang as national champions.

"We didn't get the respect we deserved, but now we got it," said defensive back Will Allen. "You'll see us again. We aren't going to stop."

ELIZABETH NIHISER/THE LANTERN Senior captain Mike Doss receives the Defensive Player of the Game award after the Buckeyes beat Miami 31-24 in double overtime Friday, Jan. 3.

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By Carrie Lymanstall Lantern campus editor

After holding its breath throughout two overtime periods of the Fiesta Bowl, the city of Columbus and the university let out a collective sigh of relief following a relatively calm celebration Saturday morning. Cheers rang out from the east

residential area as time expired in the second overtime. "Across the Field" and "Hang on Sloopy" blared from homes, fireworks were set off from off-campus homes and numerous "OH-IO" chants were heard on the streets.

Eventually, many people in the campus area made their way to High Street to congratulate one people converged at 15th Avenue and High Street and chanted "No. 1" repeatedly.

"There was a 20-person pile up in my living room after the game was over. All the years of frustration and losses to Michigan finally ended. This was our year," said Nick Damman, a senior in sport and leisure studies.

"It was the best night of my life," he said. Parties were much smaller than

those following the Michigan game - largely because residence halls were not open and the game was not held in Columbus.

"I just hung out with some friends and watched the game from their house off campus," said Andrea Moss, a junior in psychology



MELISSA MILLER/THE LANTERN

another with high-fives and Ohio State fans give each other high fives celebrating the Buckeyes' National encourage passing cars to honk Championship win. Hundreds of fans lined High Street early Saturday morning their horns. A crowd of about 100 followig Ohio State's victory in the Fiesta Bowl.

> and political science. "The most chaotic it got was people tackling each other after we won."

The Columbus Division of Police made their presence known around campus. About 300 officers monitored the area, which was 50 more than following the Michigan game.

Reports from the Columbus Division of Police show 14 arrests were made in the campus area following the game. Most were for alcohol violations.

A few other minor disturbances were reported following the Buckeyes' victory over Miami — a Dumpster was set on fire at 13th Avenue and High Street and several other small fires were reported around campus.

At his arrival at Port Columbus airport on Saturday from Tempe, Ariz., Mayor Michael B. Coleman said he was proud of the Buckeyes and their fans.

"We've got the best team in the nation, the best university in the nation and the best city in the nation," he said.

OSU President Karen A. Holbrook and Coleman said plans are in the works for an official victory celebration.

Local retailers were prepared.

Kathi Mertz, soft goods buyer at SBX said her store was sold out or nearly sold out of all national championship merchandise, but the store would continue to receive new shipments throughout the week.

Tempe awash in scarlet and gray

By Brad Kane Lantern campus editor

The entire season, the Ohio State football team has played great at home, while it struggled on the road. Good thing the 2003 Fiesta Bowl

was a home game. While each school was allotted

about 15,000 tickets for the Bowl Championship Series national championship game, OSU fans so outnumbered the Miami Hurricane fans that Ohio Stadium was seemingly relocated to Tempe, Ariz.

"It was great," said linebacker Matt Wilhelm. "It felt like we were at home. We felt like we were playing at the Horseshoe.'

While no official numbers were given concerning the number of fans each team had, the "O-H-I-O" cheers more than drowned out any cheers the Miami fans could muster.

"Our crowd was electric," said OSU football coach Jim Tressel.

Throughout Mill Avenue - the main shopping strip at Arizona State University - OSU fans made the sidewalks a stream of scarlet and gray. In needed it softer."

the makeshift merchandise shops, Buckeye goods made up about 70 percent of the Fiesta Bowl merchandise.

'I was thinking 'I love our fans for how they always travel.' It was unbelievable," said two-way star Chris Gamble.

During the game, the crowd was never quieted by anything Miami did and kept on cheering for the Buckeyes. "Our crowd was a huge factor,"

Tressel said. "It felt like a home game. It was loud when we needed it loud and wasn't loud when we



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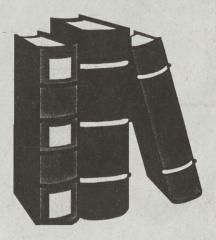
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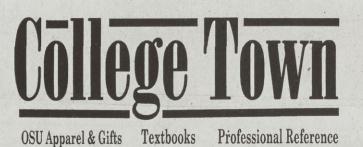
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Task force will address riots

By Jennifer Stevenson Lantern staff writer

Ohio State and leaders of the city of Columbus have recently created a task force to curb riots that have plagued the off-campus district for more than a year.

Mayor Michael B. Coleman and OSU President Karen A. Holbrook met with other city and university officials in early December to study the reasons behind celebratory riotous behavior.

The committee will be comprised of university faculty, students and staff and city and community officials. David Andrews, dean of the College of Human Ecology, will head the committee.

Andrews has spent his last 21 years developing, implementing, evaluating and administering programs designed to enhance family and individual development. He has focused his research efforts on programs aimed at helping high-risk youth.

Local residents and students say they believe this program is a necessary step that should have been taken long ago. They say this is a problem students will not outgrow.

"I think a committee like this shouldn't be formed in response to something. It should be a measure of avoiding something like this in the future and should have existed before any of the riots," said Michael Bodmann, a senior in psychology.

The responsibility of the task force is to identify preventative measures and behavior-changing strategies of those involved and generate a list of

deterrents and consequences for those who par ticipate in dangerous and unlawful activities.

Steve Bratton, an apartment manager for Bratton Rentals and a member of the Peace Corps Reserves, said enforcing stiff punishment for those involved would deter others from following suit.

"I know in the military if you see some guy mess up and get punished, they make an example out of him and you don't think about doing what he did," Bratton said.

Bratton also noted that he has not seen any damages to his properties because of the riots and believes many of the problems are related to the influx of visitors who come to the games.

"I think more damage is done by fans, alumni and people staying for the weekend than by the students," he said.

Consumption of alcohol by students and fans is believed to be the No. 1 cause of campus rioting.

"The excessive use of alcohol by young people, whether to celebrate a sports victory or the end of final exams, has led to far too much senseless destruction in our neighborhoods near campus," Coleman said in a press release.

Andrews also stated in the press release it is likely that the entire task force will be broken into work groups that might focus on alcohol, including availability, open container laws and binge drinking, media influences and responses, peer influences and responses, university regulations and sanctions, community policing and law enforcement and others to be determined.

Much of the reason why students behave in such a manner, besides alcohol, may be attributed to the attention they receive from the local and national media.

"Students need a way to release their pride and celebration of the greatness of the school. That is threatened from a loss and heightened by a win. They riot because there is no other way to show the world immediately how they feel about OSU," Bodmann said.

"So if people get attention and fame for doing things like tipping cars and lighting fires, it's going to encourage more of that behavior and all of that's exponential with drinking," he said.

Many members of the community seem to be embarrassed and tired of the riotous image that Ohio State students are projecting.

Fred Finkelstein, a student at Columbus State and resident of the OSU district, said that OSU is at the center of many jokes and conversations at his school.

"It makes everyone look bad. People just can't believe that they don't care about their school and if they are so proud of going to OSU why don't they take care of it?" he said. "It gives the school and the community such a bad reputation."

Other goals of the task force are to prevent antisocial and violent behaviors on campuses, draw upon the expertise of those closest to his body of knowledge and construct a set of guidelines and policies that would facilitate the effectiveness of local responses.

The team is expected to complete its work by April 7.

Photos lead to arrests

By Andrea Noll Lantern staff writer

Three more people were arrested and charged for being involved in the Nov. 23 riots following Ohio State's victory over Michigan.

Benjamin Salaman, 20, of Columbus; Seth Haley, 20, of Dayton; and Christopher Dawson, 21, of Stow, Ohio, were all identified by pictures on a Web site set up by the Columbus Division of Police.

Dawson, an OSU student, brings the number of OSU student arrests to 16.

Columbus Police worked with University Police to set up a link for people to see pictures of rioters. From the 75 pictures on the site, police were able to isolate 37 faces. Since the site has been active, 28 people have been identified.

Of the 28 identified from the site, three were charged, four are going to be charged, 11 are being questioned and 10 were cleared of all charges. Two of those with charges pending are OSU students.

Those charged in connection with the riots could face up to six months in jail and \$1,000 in fines.

University Police Chief Ron Michalec said the Web site has been a great help. "We've had a lot of help in identifying

the rioters but there are still 11 suspects," he said.

The University Police and Columbus Police worked together to prevent riots from occurring this past weekend. "Roads (Chittenden Avenue to Lane

"Roads (Chittenden Avenue to Lane Avenue) from High Street to Summit Street were cleared of all cars all weekend," Michalec said.

Extra Columbus Police officers were on duty Friday and Saturday nights to prevent any disorderly conduct. Spokesman for the Columbus Police Department Sgt. Brent Mull said the police were set to act swiftly in any situation that could occur.

"We set up a mobile command unit in the campus area. It's a way to say we're here, and we can take the street," Mull said.

Mull said the police could be around all week depending on events from the weekend.

Police were ordered into riot gear around 11 p.m. in preparation but only a few isolated incidents occurred.

"A couch was set on fire at 8:30 p.m. and a mattress after the game. Both were taken care of quickly and no real problem arose," Mull said.

At about 1 a.m., police closed N. High Street from 11th Avenue to Lane Avenue because of the crowds. It reopened around 2:15 a.m.

Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Hall warned students to behave appropriately.

"Students arrested will have the appropriate action against them," he said.

WHILE WE WERE AWAY Jennings rejected VP for FSU presidency to I

Former Ohio State president Edward Jennings was passed over for the presidency of Florida State University last month in favor of an FSU alumnus.

The vacancy left by current FSU president Talbot H. D'Alemberte will be filled by T.K. Wetherell, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives and president of Tallahassee Community College.

• Jennings, who served as OSU's president from 1981 to 1990 and as interim president before Karen A. Holbrook's inauguration in October, was one of five candidates for the top spot at FSU, a Tallahassee school with 35,000 students.

VP crosses border to Michigan for job

Jerry May, Ohio State's vice president for development, has accepted the top development job at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor beginning Feb. 1.

May has been the vice president for development since 1992. He was head of the Buckeyes' record-breaking "Affirm Thy Friendship" campaign, the most ambitious campaign in the university's history.

The campaign began in 1995 with a goal of \$850 million, which was later increased to \$1 billion. The campaign ended in 2000 with a total of \$1.23 billion, making OSU one of only a handful of public universities to raise \$1 billion or more during a single campaign.

May is originally from Michigan, where he spent 13 years before arriving in Columbus.

Another brush with the law for Cooper

Former Ohio State linebacker Marco Cooper is in trouble with the law ... again.

Cooper, 20, was charged with cocaine possession on Dec. 16. Cocaine was found inside the car he was driving, which was stopped for a traffic violation.

Just a month earlier, Cooper was sentenced to five years' probation, 100 hours of community service and a six-month driver's license suspension for an April 27 arrest for drug possession and carrying a concealed weapon.

Cooper was suspended from the football team, but in a statement to *The Lantern* in November, Cooper's attorney, Bill Meeks, said the former linebacker planned to return to school at Ohio State this

spring. Cooper's probation hearing will be Wednesday.

Young fan dies before Fiesta Bowl

A 14-year-old Dublin boy died in a plane crash in Arizona Wednesday.

Bryan Antonick, an eighth-grader at Karrer Middle School, was killed when a twin-engine Beechcraft plane piloted by his second cousin, Leland Oliver, crashed at Ryan Airfield in Tuscon, Ariz., minutes after takeoff. The plane ride was intended to be a short sightseeing trip.

Oliver was taken to Tuscon Medical Center, and two ôther passengers were taken to University Medical Center. All three remain in critical condition.

Antonick and his family were visiting relatives in Tuscon before driving to Tempe to see the Buckeyes play in she the Fiesta Bowl.

Big foam banana proves expensive

Ohio State has settled a lawsuit filed by a former University of Iowa mascot against the school for injuries she suffered when she was hit by an OSU band member with a foam banana in October 1999.

In the settlement, OSU agreed to pay \$25,000 and court costs to former Herky the Hawkeye mascot Angela Anderson for being struck in the back of the head with a 3-foot foam banana.

The tentative agreement still must be approved by the Ohio Court of Claims.





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Provost is candidate for lowa presidency

By Jamie Duffy Lantern staff writer

Edward J. Ray, Ohio State's executive vice president and provost, is one of six candidates being considered for the presidency of the University of Iowa.

Iowa's Web site stated the Board of Regents, the governing body for Iowa's three state universities and two special schools, will make the final decision on the appointment of a president to succeed Mary Sue Coleman, who left Iowa in August to become president of the University of Michigan.

According to the Iowa's Web

site, the University of Iowa Presidential Search and Screen Advisory Committee announced six candidates for the position on Dec. 21. The search committee was to prepare detailed recommendations and submit them to the Regents before it met with the candidates. The search committee has been charged with forwarding the names of at least four finalists for the position.

Another familiar face to OSU, Greg Williams, is also a candidate. Williams is the president of the City College of New York. He is a former Iowa law professor and administrator and was previously the dean of OSU's law school.

The Presidential Search and Screen Advisory Committee proposed the candidates for the position be evaluated based on certain criteria. The complete set of criteria can be viewed on the University of Iowa Web site.

Ray interviewed with the regents on Dec. 16 with four other candidates.

Ray has held the position of vice president and provost since December 1998 and has been a professor of economics since 1977.

Coleman left the University of Iowa after holding the position as president since 1995.

Nutrition mixes with business

By Jamie Duffy Lantern staff writer

A marriage between nutrition and business has produced a new major within the Department of Human Nutrition - nutrition in industry. The new major is aimed at non-business majors at Ohio State who are planning a professional career in business organizations focusing on food and nutrition.

Robert Disilvestro, a professor in nutrition, said this is a great opportunity for new students entering the college.

"This really creates a diversity of opportunities for jobs that have industry positions and like to put people in those positions that have a nutrition background," he said.

A plethora of benefits have resulted from the implementation of the new program.

"The majors that existed were great for what their focus was,

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but they were not geared towards careers in industry," Disilvestro said.

Anne Smith, professor in nutrition, also stressed the origins of the major.

"Success and interest from graduates in the other two programs have shown us there was a real need for another program," Smith said.

Students involved with the Department of Human Nutrition view the new major as an invaluable opportunity for students pursuing both nutrition and business fields.

Pam DeMange, a senior in human nutrition, said this is a great way to earn a background in two fields.

"Once you have graduated, having that background is going to be good. It is like having the best of both worlds," DeMange said. With a broader choice of careers, a business background can add strength to any field,

DeMange said.

The new major requires all students to earn a business minor, ensuring competency within operational aspects of nutrition industry.

"With a major like this, the job market is much more broad and there are more jobs available," Disilvestro said.

Career opportunities may include marketing, advertising, sales and other related areas in food and nutrition-related businesses

"The College of Business was very supportive with this decision. I think it is good for the business college because it will get more non-business majors in there," Smith said.

To accommodate the new nutrition in industry major, courses from the traditional dietetics and nutrition majors have been replaced with courses that include a general business minor or its equivalent.



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Several graduating students search the arena for friends and family during the autumn commencement ceremony, held on Dec. 9. More than 1,700 students were awarded diplomas in the ceremony after, being addressed by Dr. Louis Sullivan, president emeritus of the Morehouse School of Medicine and former Secretary for Health and Human Services.

AROUND THE OVAL

Art exhibition

The Visiting Artists/New Faculty Exhibition will feature the photographic works of Gretchen Garner from Columbus and Franza John from Berlin. The exhibition will run today through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hopkins Hall.

Non-credit classes

The Office of Continuing Education will start its non-credit business and communication courses today, which will run through mid-March. Courses range from "Invest- A View from the Trenches."

ing in Stocks" to "Effective Public Speaking" and are two hours each week, starting at 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. today in Mount Hall.

Free yoga

Free Hatha Yoga classes will be offered Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. -6:15 p.m. in McCampbell Hall.

Heart and Lung

Mauro Ferrari will be speaking Friday at noon at 165 Davis Heart and Lung Hospital. The topic will

Museum of Art

The Columbus Museum of Art will present "Tony Mendoza's World View" Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The presentation will feature Mendoza's photographs, writings and videos.

Kasich on Fox

The Fox News Channel will broadcast the show "From the Heartland with John Kasich" on Saturday at 8 p.m. Kasich is an OSU presidential fellow and former Congressman.

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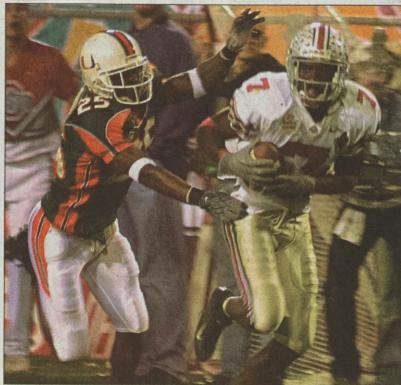
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The best damn team



ZACH WITTIG/THE LANTERN Ohio State's Chris Gamble clutches the ball during the third quarter of the Fiesta Bowl as Miami defender Alfonso Marshall goes for a tackle.

Big plays, quarterback lead to victory

By Brad Kane Lantern campus editor

Although the Ohio State offense was less than impressive during the Fiesta Bowl, it came up big when it needed to and scored enough points to help capture the university's seventh national championship.

The Buckeyes gained only 267 yards of total offense, compared with Miami's 369. Their leading rusher was quarterback Craig Krenzel, who completed just onethird of his passes.

Yet, the offense scored 31 points - the most it had since Nov. 2 against Minnesota — outscoring one of the most powerful offenses in the nation.

Buckeyes capitalized on The

Buckeye offense came in the first overtime, when it faced a fourth and 14. Krenzel completed a 17-yard pass to wide receiver Michael Jenkins to keep the drive and the season alive.

"On fourth and long, Mike just ran a comeback route and the offensive line did a great job protecting me and giving Mike time to get into his route," Krenzel said. "The ball was thrown on time, and he caught it. The rest was history."

ence call on fourth down later, the Buckeyes were in the end zone and had tied the game.

"If we didn't make those, we wouldn't be here," Tressel said.

The Buckeyes scored first in the econd overtime on a Maurice Clarett rushing touchdown, and the defense did the rest to seal the victory

Seven plays and a pass interfer-

"Craig Krenzel stepped up."



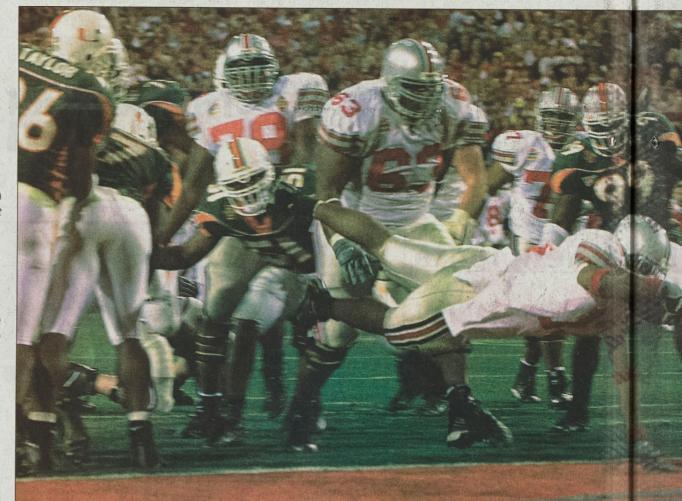
During the first overtime, Ohio State quarterback Craig Krenzel makes it over the goal line in the south end zone of Sun Devil Stadium, tying the score 24-24 and sen

What others are saying

"For anyone who cares about either a determined battle or the human drama of athletic competition, this was a thriller, a keeper, a game not perfectly played but one fabulously contested."

> Michael Wilbon The Washington Post

"Ohio State showed that fat



good chances and did everything right when it counted.

'That is how you win championships - you make plays," said OSU football coach Jim Tressel.

All 17 points OSU scored in regulation came from turnovers. The longest scoring drive was 28 yards, which ended in a Mike Nugent field goal. The longest regulation touchdown drive was 17 yards, which was jump-started when safety Mike Doss intercepted a pass from Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey and returned the ball 35 yards.

and well coached — and played extremely hard," said Miami football coach Larry Coker.

"Maurice Clarett is a tremendous competitor, and he cares a lot about his teammates. I think he's probably relieved to be walking out of here as national champions," Tressel said.

Krenzel gained 81 yards rushing and scored two rushing touchdowns, earning him the Offensive Player of the Game award. His totals were more than both Clarett and Miami Heisman finalist Willis McGahee.

"We've always had the best damn band in the land. Now we have the best damn team in the land," Tressel said as he accepted the National However, the biggest play for the Championship trophy Friday.

margins of victory and flashy offenses aren't the sum total of great football teams."

> Paul Oberjuerge San Bernardino Sun

"What college football presented here Friday night should be the norm, not the exception. Two teams with unquestionable credentials meeting on the national stage for the national championship."

> William C. Rhoden The New York Times

ZACH Maurice Clarett dives into the north end zone on a five-yard run in overtime to lift the Buckeyes to a 31-24 victory-over. Miami.

Defense took the game out of Miami's hands

Buckeyes force season-high five turnovers, stop Hurricanes in double OT

By Matt Duval Lantern sports editor

Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey was supposed to lead his Hurricanes to their second consecutive national championship and extend his collegiate record to 39-1.

The Ohio State defense had other ideas

In a game where the explosive Miami offense was supposed to supply all the fireworks, it was the Buckeye defense that came up with the biggest plays. OSU forced five Miami turnovers and sacked Dorsey four times. The Buckeyes also held Heisman Trophy finalist tailback Willis McGahee to just 67 yards on 20 carries.

"We see the type of teams Miami played," said cornerback Will Allen. "They were playing undisciplined teams. Miami lived off big plays, but our whole year, our defense wasn't doing that."

But while the turnovers set up Buckeye scores, the biggest defensive stand came on the very last snap of the game.

As OSU clung to a 31-24 lead in the double overtime, the Hurricanes faced a fourth-and-goal inside the OSU 1-yard line. With star tailback Willis McGahee on the sidelines with a knee injury, the Hurricanes elected to put the ball in Dorsey's hands to move the game into a third overtime.

But as Dorsey dropped back to pass, a host of Buckeye defenders broke through the Miami offensive line, hitting Dorsey as he was backpedaling. Dorsey was able to get away a throw of desperation, but the ball fell innocently to the ground, and the Buckeye bench rushed the field.

"That last play of the game summarized the whole season," said defensive end Simon Fraser. "It was nailbiter, and our defense was there to get the job done. Everyone believed we could get it done, and it's just unbelievable.

But the biggest story was the turnovers. Coming into the game, Miami committed just two turnovers a game, but the Buckeye



Miami's Willis McGahee, center, is pulled down by Ohio State defenders Tim Anderson, left, and Mike Doss, right.

defense forced five Hurricane miscues, the highest this season.

OSU's first takeaway came on the Hurricanes' first drive of the second quarter. On third-and-four, Dorsey

Johnson's direction. But the only player in the vicinity of Dorsey's pass was OSU cornerback Dustin Fox. Fox

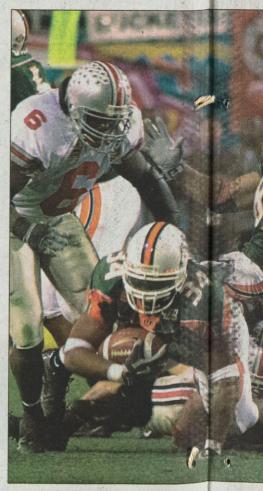
took the pick and returned it 12 yards. The very next drive, Doss looked in favorite receiver Andre brought back a Dorsey interception 35 yards, setting up quarterback Craig Krenzel's first rushing touchdown, tying the score at 7.

"Coach (Mark) Dantonio (defensive coordinator) harped about all week how we need some turnovers," Doss said. "Guys were going out there and trying to make plays. We just continued to go out there and make plays.'

Just 13 seconds later, the Buckeyes picked up their third takeaway, this time as defensive tackle Kenny Peterson hit Dorsey from the right-handed quarterback's blind side. The ball fell to the turf and defensive end Darrion Scott pounced on it. That set up Maurice Clarett's first touchdown of the game and

gave OSU a 14-7 halftime lead. Probably the most important turnover of the game came in the third quarter after Krenzel was intercepted by Hurricane defensive back Sean Taylor. As Taylor was racing up the sidelines, Clarett came from behind and ripped the ball from Taylor's arm. OSU got the ball back, and Mike Nugent kicked a field goal to push OSU's lead to 17-7.

Allen then recovered a fumble of his own in the fourth quarter after Hurricane receiver Roscoe Parrish was stripped of the ball by Fox.



Miami Hurricanes tailback Jarrett Payton (34) keep in the second overtime.

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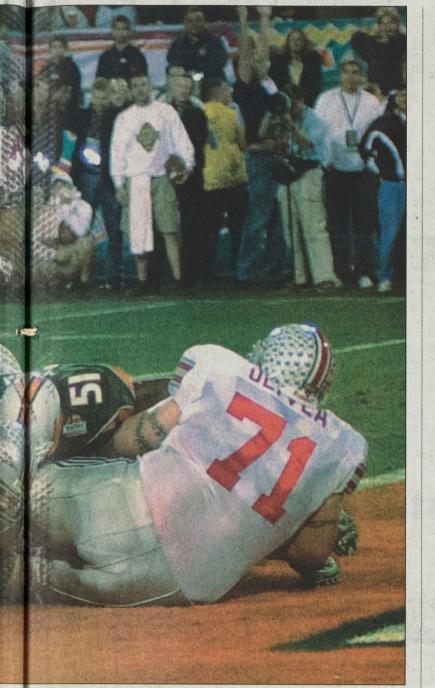


Sun Devil Stadium was illuminated Thursday for fans willing to climb 'A' Mountain, which overshadows the stadium's west side.



Alesha Teitelbaum, 5, gets her face painted with scarlet and gray during the pep rally held at Tempe Beach Park on Thursday. Teitelbaum is from Tempe, Ariz. and cheered on the Buckeyes at the national championship game.

Quad drummer Joshua Glorioso, a junior in business and management information systems, celebrates with other members of the band as Ohio State scores a touchdown during the second quarter.



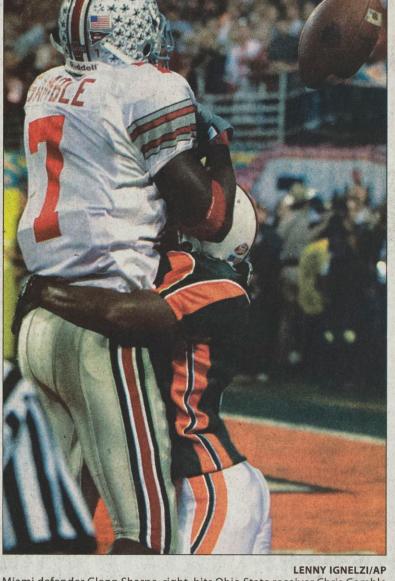
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1st Quarter Miami 7, OSU 0

The Hurricanes scored the game's first points when quarterback Ken Dorsey hooked up with receiver Roscoe Parrish on a 25-yard pass. Parrish did the rest, dragging OSU safety Mike Doss into the end zone. After the Miami score, OSU quarterback Craig Krenzel tried to tie things up in a hurry, but his pass was picked off by free safety Sean Taylor. OSU got only one first down in the quar-



Miami defender Glenn Sharpe, right, hits Ohio State receiver Chris Gamble in the end zone during overtime in the Fiesta Bowl. Sharpe was called for pass interference, giving Ohio State the chance to score.

Late flag crucial in Buckeye win

Pass interference call gives OSU a second chance at championship

the ground and Hurricane players rushed the field in celebration of their apparent second consecutive national championship.

"I was laying on the ground and the ball fell incomplete," Krenzel said. "Their team rushed the field, and I just kind of sat there and, to be honest with you, I just felt dejected thinking the game was over." Fireworks exploded over Sun Devil Stadium. Some Buckeye players began walking away shaking their heads in disgust as former Hurricane players Jim Kelly and Warren Sapp began celebrating. Tressel just stood on the side-

ZACH WITTIG/THE LANTERN tory-over Miami.



ZACH WITTIG/THE LANTERN tt Payton (34) keeps Miami's drive alive

ter, while Milami had five.

2nd Quarter

OSU 14, Miami 7

After giving up the early touchdown, the Buckeye defense turned things up, forcing three turnovers. OSU's offense capitalized, scoring two touchdowns to take the lead. An interception by Doss and a fumble recovery by defensive end Darrion Scott set up short touchdown runs by Krenzel and tailback Maurice Clarett.

3rd Quarter

OSU 17, Miami 14

OSU took advantage of another Miami turnover, albeit an unconventional miscue. After Krenzel's pass was intercepted in the end zone by Taylor, Clarett caught the speedy Hurricane defender and wrestled the ball from Taylor. That led to Mike Nugent's 44yard field goal. Miami closed the gap with tailback Willis McGahee's 9-yard touchdown run.

4th Quarter

OSU 17, Miami 17

The quarter opened with Miami kicker Todd Sievers missing a 52-yard field goal and Nugent misconnecting on a 43-yard try. Sievers redeemed himself with the game-tying kick from 40 yards out with just three seconds remaining in the game. The Hurricanes were dealt a huge blow when McGahee was carried off the field after injuring his knee.

First Overtime

OSU 24, Miami 24

Miami got the ball to start the overtime, and it didn't take long for the Hurricanes to find the end zone. As he had all second half long, Dorsey hooked up with tight end Kellen Winslow II, this time on a 7-yard touchdown pass. The Buckeyes answered with Krenzel's 1-yard run after a late pass interference call gave OSU extra life.

Second Overtime

OSU 31, Miami 24

The Buckeyes got the first shot at the end zone and Clarett delivered. The freshman gave OSU the lead with a 5-yard run. Miami struggled on its possession, and the game ended when Dorsey misfired on a fourthand-goal pass.

By Matt Duval

Lantern sports editor

For a fleeting moment, the Buckeyes lost the national champi-onship before leaving the stadium with the title.

With Miami leading 24-17 in the first overtime of the Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes faced a fourthand-three at the Hurricane 5-yard line with the season hanging in the balance.

The Buckeyes called a time out and the offensive unit huddled on the sideline, surrounding coach Jim Tressel and offensive coordinator Jim Bollman.

But while Bollman or Tressel usually calls the plays, this play was called by quarterback Craig Krenzel.

"Craig called the play during our time-out," Tressel said. "That was all Craig's idea."

As the team broke the huddle, the more than 50,000 OSU fans became quiet and the smaller Miami crowd tried to encourage its defense.

Krenzel took the snap from cen-ter Alex Stepanovich and dropped back to pass, looking for an open receiver in the end zone. As the Hurricane defense began to enclose Krenzel, two-way star Chris Gamble had a step on Miami freshman defensive back Glenn Sharpe. Krenzel stepped up into the pocket and just as he was get-ting hit, delivered a spiral in Gamble's direction.

"After I threw it, I got hit," Krenzel said. "As I was getting hit, the ball was in the air and I saw some contact in the end zone."

A hush seemed to fall over the crowd as both Gamble and Sharpe went up for the ball in the back corner of the Miami end zone. Miami fans erupted as the ball dropped to someone watching over us."

"For a moment, I thought, 'Gosh, that's a shame' 'cause I really felt that the ball was thrown well," Tressel said. "I thought Craig put it on the money."

On the other hand, Gamble was pleading with anyone who would isten for a penalty.

"I was like, 'We can't lose the game on this,' " Gamble said. "He was holding me the whole time. He was all up in my face mask and shoulder pads."

Gamble's pleading must have worked on field judge Terry Porter. Nearly a minute after Hurricane players stormed the field and the traditional Gatorade shower was given to Miami football coach Larry Coker, the Big 12 official grabbed his yellow penalty flag and threw it in the direction of Gamble and Sharpe.

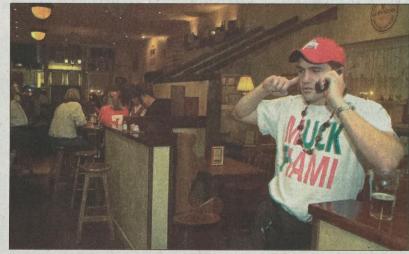
"I saw the guy holding the guy prior to the ball being put in the air," Porter said. "I replayed it in my mind. I wanted to make double sure it was the right call."

That call was pass interference against Sharpe, giving OSU new life and a first down at the Hurricane two-yard line. Three plays later, Krenzel dove into the end zone, sending the game to its second overtime, where the Buckeyes won their first national championship since 1968. "That was the flag from heaven,"

said tailback Lydell Ross. "I think it kind of showed we might have had

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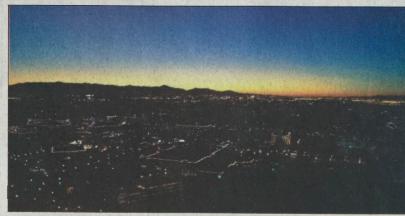
Jim Tressel, Ohio State football coach.



Karl Gillam of Worthington chats with fellow OSU fans who were in Columbus. Gillam arrived in the Greater Phoenix area Thursday and was able to purchase tickets on the street for \$850 each. Gillam was enjoying dinner and drinks with friends at an Irish pub on Mill Avenue in Tempe



Fans cheers on the Buckeyes at a pep rally held Thursday in Tempe Beach Park, blocks away from Sun Devil Stadium.



The sun sets on Thursday, less than 24 hours before the 2003 Fiesta Bowl.

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Prints tie sniper suspect to deaths

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Prosecutors and investigators have linked sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad to at least two shootings, including one that left a man dead at a Virginia gas station, The Washington Post reported yesterday.

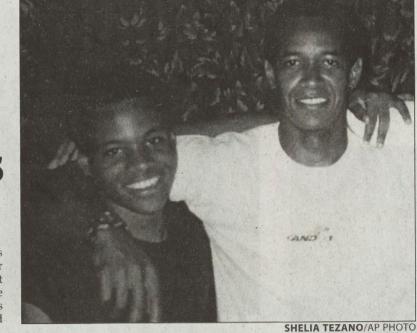
The newspaper, citing four law enforcement sources who asked that they not be identified, reported a fingerprint found on a street map booklet found at the Manassas, Va., station where Dean Harold Mevers was killed Oct. 9 belonged to Muhammad.

Muhammad, 42, and John Lee Malvo, 17, have been accused of shooting 18 people, killing 13 and wounding five in five states and Washington, D.C., including the October sniper attacks that terrorized the capital and its suburbs.

The two are being tried first in Virginia, where they face capital charges. Muhammad is charged in the slaying of Meyers; Malvo is charged in the killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin on Oct. 14 outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church, Va.

The map doesn't prove Muhammad fired the shot that killed Meyers, but one source said: "It's an important piece of the overall picture."

Peter D. Greenspun, Muham-



John Malvo, 17, left, and John Muhammad in a family photo during a visit to Louisiana, provided by Muhammad's former sister-in-law Shelia Tezano.

mad's lawyer, declined to comment on any evidence.

Malvo has a preliminary hearing in Fairfax, Va., on Jan. 14, and prosecutors said they plan to present as many as 20 witnesses in arguing Malvo should be tried as an adult.

"I've never had a case with this volume of evidence coming from other jurisdictions where you have to deal with a wide variety of crime scenes and all the testing and all the forensics," said Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert F. Horan Jr.

Horan declined to comment on specific evidence, but has said he will not use statements Malvo made to investigators as evidence at the preliminary hearing. Sources, have said Malvo admitted shooting at least three victims, including Franklin.

Malvo's attorney, Michael S. Arif, said the volume of evidence will be overwhelming for the defense teams. Arif and his partners will get some

help from Washington and Lee University law professor Roger D. Groot and two of his students. In addition, they are planning to ask the court for money to hire investigators and forensic experts.

"We have to look at everything, and we have to leave no stone unturned," he said.

Further, the rifle that was in the pair's possession when they were apprehended Oct. 24 has been linked to a fatal shooting outside an Alabama liquor store, and to each of the sniper shootings in the Washington area. A magazine found outside the liquor store where a store clerk was killed was found to have Malvo's fingerprints on it, The Post reported.

We have evidence that specifically links Muhammad to the scene," Montgomery, Ala., police chief John H. Wilson told The Post. "It's one of the strongest murder cases we've had in a long time."

Budget tops legislative agenda

By John McCarthy Associated Press

COLUMBUS - The 125th Ohio General Assembly opens for business today, and if a budget deficit with estimates as high as \$4 billion doesn't occupy all the lawmakers' time; school funding, tax reform and job creation will get high priorities, said House Speaker Larry Householder.

Householder, beginning his second and final term as the House leader, welcomes 19 new members - 10 Republicans and nine Democrats — to the 99-member chamber. New Senate President Doug White will oversee the oaths of six new members — three Republicans and three Democrats — to the 33-member Senate.

The Republicans increased their majorities in both chambers to 62 seats in the House and 22 in the Senate as a result of the November election.

Most policymakers agree the budget for the two years beginning July 1 will have a hole in it, but few agree on the size. Householder, a Glenford Republican, said his finance experts tell him it will be more than \$3 billion.

The budget will become the top priority once Gov. Bob Taft sends it to the House Finance Committee at the end of the month, but Householder said he also wants to get started on other legislation.

He will take information gathered at the hearings of special committees he set up last summer to study tax

reform; job creation; primary, secondary and higher education; health care; energy and other issues and try to create legislation to answer some of the challenges those issues raised.

Householder said taxes may top the list. While the state is desperate for all the money it can collect, the state tax code can be made more fair, he said.

"A fair tax system that's balanced across the board could generate more money and yet be fair to all taxpayers and actually reduce rates and provide more economic incentives for consumers to go out and buy because they have more dollars in their pockets," Householder said last month.

Householder was not specific about what shifts he thinks are needed in Ohio tax law, but his Democratic counterpart, Minority Leader Chris Redfern, has a few ideas. Redfern of Port Clinton said the state's economic development policies favor smaller communities and rural areas.

"I do believe we have to take a look at our economic development policies and how at times they hinder urban areas," Redfern said. "Urban areas continue to go wanting."

"When we try to compete with other states, it's not a question of whether we've got water, or whether we've got oil or gas or coal. We've got all those things," Householder said. "Our challenge is bringing all those things together, and that's not a terrible problem to have."

Education also will get another as possible."

look, despite the Ohio Supreme Court's decision to end its jurisdiction in the 11-year-old school funding lawsuit. The court ruled last month that Ohio's system remains unconstitutional because it relies too heavily on local property taxes that create disparities among the state's 612 school districts.

Householder said the Legislature should "look inside the classroom to find ways that we can sort of release the chains on teachers and students to make the classrooms more conducive to learning."

While higher education lagged behind primary and secondary education for increases in the current two-year budget, lawmakers must ensure Ohio's colleges remain affordable and competitive with other states, Householder and Redfern said.

"We're one of the finest state university systems in America which is quickly becoming out of reach for middle-class Ohioans," Redfern said.

Both leaders said they hope the animosity between Democrats and Republicans from the last session will dissipate. Democrats said they were shut out of meaningful talks on the budget, school funding and other issues. Republicans were upset when the Democrats did not produce one vote for the budget.

"It's going to take a lot of hard work, compromise and courage. We're up to the task," Redfern said. "You're going to need as many talented minds in the room

Bear market strikes small colleges

Associated Press

COLUMBUS - Declining stock prices are hurting a number of Ohio's small, private colleges, many of which have come to rely on income from investments set aside for them by donors.

Some schools are cutting budgets and rethinking investment strategies because their endowments have been reduced as the stock market retreated following the bull market in the 1990s.

"We're quite worried, obviously, about how much longer this will last," said Andrew Evans, vice president for finance at Oberlin College.

In two years, the value of its endowment fell by \$91 million to \$519 million. Oberlin and many other indepen-dent colleges depend more on endow-

versities, which receive tax dollars.

About one-fourth of Oberlin's \$150 million budget comes from its endowment. By comparison, Ohio State University's endowment accounts for less than 2 percent of its budget.

Evans said Oberlin cut 78 positions year ago and reduced departmental budgets by 20 percent this year. Other budget-related moves - including eliminating the option to pay tuition with a credit card, a \$200,000-a-year cost to the university - are projected to save \$9 million.

There will be fewer social events for students and less traveling for staff members at the College of Wooster as it looks for ways to make up a \$1.3 million deficit. Last year, 31

jobs were eliminated. President Jack Calareso said Ohio Dominican is considering changing its ment funds to operate than public uni- investment strategy after losing about

6 percent of its endowment — now at \$12 million — in the past two years.

Some schools acknowledge that the bull market that lasted for most of the 1990s spoiled them.

"You were rewarded in the 1990s if you had growth funds. Now you're being punished if you have growth funds," said Bob Walton, vice president for finance at Wooster.

That institution decided on a lower-risk investment strategy in 1999, feeling then that the market was overvalued. That year, Wooster's endowment was \$228 million; this year, it's \$200 million.

Colleges that don't depend as heavily on endowments have fared better in recent years. Otterbein College in Westerville draws 3 percent of its \$48 million budget from its endowment and avoided cuts, as did Ohio Weslevan University, in Delaware.

Accused Nazi guard escapes to Europe

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A man accused of helping the Nazis during World War II and hiding his past has left the United States, and ĥis return is uncertain.

Jakob Miling, 78, of suburban Lyndhurst, is somewhere in Europe. He is accused of lying to obtain his U.S. citizenship, said Stephen Paskey, a Justice Department lawyer.

Miling's lawyer, Joseph McGinness, said the case should be dismissed. He said a deputy U.S. marshal improperly served the paperwork on the case to the home of Mil-

ing's son, Vito. Miling "isn't running from any-thing," McGinness said. "The government knows where he is. They know everything. He's overseas and I don't know when he's coming back." Miling, a native of Nova Bukovi-

ca, Yugoslavia, joined German forces in November 1942, the government alleges. Prosecutors say he worked as a guard in the SS Death's Head Bat-talion at Gross-Rosen, a camp in Avenue at Beachwood Place, and Nazi-occupied Poland, where the quit his job of 21 years.

Germans sent men and women who could work.

In documents filed in U.S. District Court, the government said it notified Miling in mid-September that he would be accused in a lawsuit that would attempt to strip him of his citizenship and ultimately have him deported.

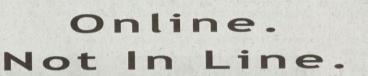
Miling then went on a vacation in Europe, and the government filed the

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OUR VIEWS

Champion again

Buckeyes win against odds, hype

The Buckeyes seized the glory last weekend at the Fiesta Bowl. Not only is the OSU football team No. 1 in the Big Ten, but they're also No. 1 in the nation. They're the BCS national champions — the first time since 34 years. What more can a diehard fan ask for?

It takes a talented team to earn such an honor, and the OSU football team is more than talented.

Each day, whether in the glaring hot sun or the chilly, bit-ter snow, our Buckeyes suited themselves up for practice. They were determined to have a successful season. They didn't care about the obstacles they had to face.

Winning the Fiesta Bowl trophy was no easy task to achieve. Miami was every sports medium's pick for the championship. OSU was considered the underdog by a long shot. However, the football players didn't let the rumors, hype

or statistics blur their vision. The surprising Buckeyes grabbed the trophy out of the Hurricanes' hands before they knew what hit them.

Yet somehow, despite the victory, ABC broadcasters refused to turn their bias against OSU. After the Bucks won in double overtime, ABC's announcers declared there were "two champions," lessening the significance of OSU's victory. They also continued to say Miami's players were still the best athletes on the field.

Though the score was close and the game did go to double overtime, there was no excuse for those comments. The end result proved OSU had at least equal talent to Miami and certainly more heart.

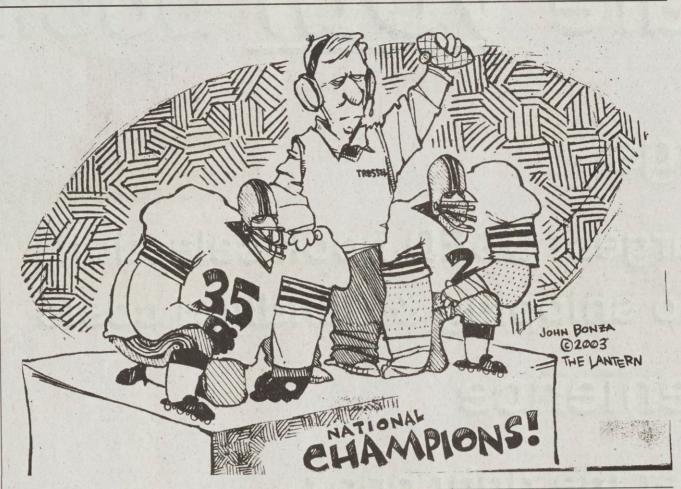
This is the same heart they showed all season. There were times during the season where the Bucks were behind on the scoreboard during the first half of their games. Fans clenched their hands in tightly and held their breaths as they prayed for a miracle.

To their amazement, miracle after miracle occurred. The players always managed to pull from behind. People soon came to realize that it wasn't miracles that brought the Buckeyes to the top - it was talent, skill and leadership. The Buckeyes were contenders.

And now congratulations are in order.

Coach Jim Tressel deserves kudos. When Tressel first came to OSU two years ago he made a promise. He promised he would do all he could to bring the football team back to its deserved status.

When fans were disappointed with former coach John Cooper and his track record with Michigan, Tressel helped turn things around. He did more than carry through with his promise. He brought OSU into the national spotlight. This team is the first Buckeye football team to have a 13-0 regular season record.



Actions say more than words

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Many people in the OSU community labeled me a racist last year for my article condemning the "cruise" associated with the annual Heritage Festival. These grossly uninformed critics don't know me personally, thus their wild accusations and blind judgments fall on

eflecting on our past

personal events, it's

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I still stand by the opinions of that article to this day, simply because I rest in the simple comfort of knowing the history

of my personal conduct and relationships doesn't reflect racist propaganda. I highly doubt Trent Lott

could say the same. His Dec. 5 comments endorsing retired Sen. Strom Thurmond's decades-old segregationist political beliefs weren't only racist, offensive and stupid, but the culmination of a long history of insensitive policies and an "oops" of biblical proportions. Lott's pre-1964 segregationist South persona has stood the test of time and domestic change. As chapter president of Sigma Nu fraternity at the University of Mississippi during the early 1960s, Lott helped lead a national campaign to prevent blacks from being admitted to any of Sigma Nu's chapters.

Throughout his tenure in Congress, he voted against nearly every contentious item on the civil rights agenda, despite the support of others in his party. While speaking at a Sons of Confederate Veterans function in 1984, he professed that the "spirit of Jefferson Davis lives in the 1984 Republican Platform." Yikes.

Southern Partisan magazine caught Lott's 1984 case against the "costs" of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, stating that the observance of the holiday should have been reserved for someone "more deserving." Prior to his Dec. 5 comments, Lott has been a rock of support for Thurmond's segregationist past, despite the reality that Sen Thurmond himself has largely put this past to rest.

Republicans would like nothing more than Lott's absence. They want him shunned far, far away from any conservative ideals or their political agenda. Once he's gone, they hope, the issue will simply fade away. President Bush took Lott to the woodshed for his comments, deeming them "offensive" and said they "don'

simply because conservative values themselves, by nature, aren't derogatory. They have shaped the nature of our current prosperity, paved the way for civil rights reform and are echoed throughout bipartisan Democrat and Independent

political efforts. Personal accountability, dedication to family, community and country, religious faith, hard work and respect for your common man are not just conservative ideals, but American ideals as well. Trent Lott's opinions don't reflect the collective attitude of our conservative leaders, and any case against Republicans claiming a history of racial bias would only be a desperate attempt at political gain, blindly ignoring the dual nature of our nation's political and social oppression that spanned nearly two centuries throughout Democrat and Republican governments alike.

Our history and pattern of events largely dictates the path of our future. We are who we are because our upbringing shapes the way we apply our instilled values on a daily basis.

In Trent Lott's case, I would

YOUR VIEWS

Enemies up north proud of OSU win

As a graduate of Ohio State's archival but cheering for the best team in the Big Ten playing in the National Championship, congratulations on a wellearned win over an extremely talented and powerful Miami football team.

You did your university, the City of Columbus, and, in my opinion most importantly, the Big Ten, proud.

Brian J. Koski BA '97 The University of Michigan, Dearborn

Football fans show top sportsmanship

Congratulations to Ohio State University on their victory in the Fiesta Bowl. I live in Arizona, and I am an Arizona State alum. I have had two experiences with Buckeye fans in this bowl-game atmosphere, yesterday and in Pasadena in 1997.

I don't think my experiences can be unique. I have found Buckeye players and fans to be very good sportsmen and (some-thing all too rare these days) very good winners.

While some people who are accustomed to winning become boorish egomaniacs, this is not the case with the majority of Buckeyes. The respect that is shown to the opponent is really something to be proud of.

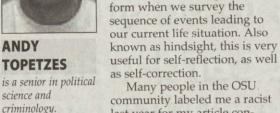
Leigh Rivers Chandler, Ariz.

Buckeyes' behavior was inexcusable

I didn't believe the innuendo about the uncivilized behavior of Buckeye fans until yesterday.

Having attended the Fiesta Bowl for the last several years, I have never felt compelled to comment about fellow attendees - until now. I have been to innumerable sporting events, concerts etc., but I have never experienced such rude and crass behavior as I saw from OSU fans during the game. It was so egre-gious, I felt compelled (along with the rest of my party) to leave at halftime.

I thought booing the opposing band was tasteless but pardonable ... booing an Air Force cadet parachutist simply because he came down with the Miami flag was unconscionable (someone putting his country first and making a dangerous jump certainly had more class than the vast majority of OSU fans). I respect the passion and vivacity of Buckeye fans, but they just couldn't seem to exercise a modicum of self-control. The inability of some OSU fans to use any other word besides the f-word in the presence of numerous children was disconcerting. Not only was beer consistently and repeatedly spilled on me as well as the three others with me, projectiles were being tossed from the upper deck. After using the restroom, I walked away without even washing my hands because halfa-dozen alleged adults (all wearing crimson) were using the sinks as their personal urinals. (I guess that is what they were taught, and I'm sure their mothers would have been very proud of them.) That was it for me. Unable to contain their impulses, they were making asses of themselves and ruining what was a traditionally joyous occasion (as well as one of the best college football games in history) for us. There were many more incidents, but space and time constraints prohibit a more thorough exposition. Fortunately, I will never have to endure any classless, wretched, despicable, pathetic and worthless OSU fan ever again. Hopefully they'll return to Columbus and finish burning down what they weren't able to complete just recently.



Send all comments to buckeyega@yahoo.com.



Ohio State University is not the only community that is proud of the Buckeyes. All of the State of Ohio and other fans scattered nationwide cheered on the Buckeyes.

Everyone seemed to share the OSU spirit, whether he or she were walking on the streets or driving in cars. Many decked out in OSU attire. Tressel's vest was the new popular trend, at least for Jan. 2, 2002, in all of Central Ohio. Even at the game, out in Phoenix and hundreds of miles away from Columbus, the scarlet and gray outnumbered the orange and green by what seemed like 15 to one.

Everyone knows who the champions are for 2002.

Cry for attention Clonaid too ridiculous for news

A religious sect that believes aliens populated earth through cloning claims it has produced two human clones. The story could (and should) have easily come from the pages of the National Enquirer, but instead it was splashed as top news on all major news outlets.

The woman believed to be the template for the seven-pound girl clone, called Eve, has refused a DNA test, and yet a new Associated Press story reported Clonaid, the Bahamas-based company headed by Dr. Brigitte Boisselier, has claimed a second clone was born to a Dutch lesbian couple.

Cloning is a hot topic these days, so it's understandable the story would be of interest to the general public.

But the claims are so extraordinary, it has become ridiculous to continue to treat the story as a straight news story. A casual news follower, one who listens to the top headlines of the day, would be led to believe human cloning has actually ocurred, though most scientists consider the claims baseless.

A company formed by the leader of a religious sect to promote the cloning of humans is blatantly publicity-hungry, and why major, respected news organizations are giving the company, its owners and its claims plenty of publicity is baffling.

Michael Guillen, a former ABC news science editor, stepped up to advocate the group, saying he'll prove the clones are the real thing. Months ago, he tried to offer exclusive coverage to many major news outlets, but they all turned down the proposal. He said he was the only reporter who would be allowed to follow the story. Flags should have been raised at that point, as a news story should never be solicited.

The AP, the New York Times and other serious news organizations should take a stand against running story after baseless story on Clonaid, at least until the claims have been the least bit substantiated.

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reflect the spirit of America."

On the contrary, Democrat strategists don't want Lott out of the picture. They ridicule his comments and political history, but in light of their midtermelection whipping, the entire Trent Lott affair is extra blood in the waters of the partisan power struggle.

Anyone who holds conservative ideals should be more apt to defend Americans of color

say his future doesn't look so bright, at least politically. He is who he is because he has embraced a dark element of history, while many others like him have separated themselves from it.

I think columnist Michael Kinsley of Time magazine put it best by writing, "When you're a politician, the worst slip you can make is saying what you really think."

How dangerous is a kiss?

f there's anything I think I am more at heart with — it would have to be old-fashioned. I love Frank Sinatra, I'm obsessed with French chivalry and I thought the world depicted in "Dick Tracy" was one of the most appealing times to live in.

Unfortunately, it's this same love of everything past which has created a lot of confusion about a facet of everyday life: courting. For those of you unfamiliar with the word, it's an archaic form of the word "dating." It's both confusing in how the process has changed throughout history, as well as how it's recently changed.

I've been exposed to a great many courting rituals through reading and viewing I've done in my life - the humorous subtleties depicted by Shakespeare, the paseo described in Michener's "Mexico," and even the awkward, yet romantic escapades of badly-dressed youths found in almost any stereotypical '80s movie.

But in their own ways, each of these rituals made sense. There were specific, unspoken signals in each time period. There were rules of engagement, which for the most part, everyone followed. A gentleman coming to visit a lady would mean intent of marriage, and compliments in return would mean her expressed consent.

Enter the 20th century.

In the 20th century, two things happened which led us to where we are as far as American courting rituals are concerned: gender roles became increasingly less-defined, and views toward sex became more and more liberal.

Our resulting situation is confusion. Never before in history have genders complained more about not being able to understand each other.

Men, through both personal experiences and what the entertainment media depicts in movies and television, have been taught to be more sensitive. They need to take the caring approach by seeking relationships as opposed to onenight stands, respecting women and their wants and expressing their emotions.

Women, through the same media, have been given surges of empowerment; women can be strong. They don't need men to get by and long relationships are something to be sought after college — after they've had their fun.

As a result, it seems courting behavior has changed drastically. Occasionally the guys are the one using subtlety, testing the waters, passing secret notes and finding out through friends whether a girl is interested in them. And in the same token, women are becoming more assertive, often being more straightforward with

their intentions, flirting rampantly and asking guys out on dates - something unheard of 50 years ago.

Kissing, which used to be a trademark symbol of romantic intent, is now used more recreationally. A kiss can now mean nothing more than slight interest and instead, just desire to have fun. Sex in the past 40 years has also become just as meaningless. The act — which was once almost always performed in marriage — has become less spiritual and emotionally binding, and more commonplace among two people who might never talk again afterwards.

Even cuddling, which had always been considered a more intimate substitute for sex for two people to show exclusive affection, has become commonplace among women who want sensitive attention without any commitment:

Now that traditional symbols of affection have been warped and / or obliterated, confusion ensues. Men and women alike need to regain some respect for physical actions and the mental by-products they create in the minds of those they associate with. Without re-establishing some sort of meaning in the ways people interact with the opposite sex, people will continue being left alone with the thoughts, "Why am I alone?" "What went wrong?" and "I thought she liked me."

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FBI sting nabs men linked to al-Qaida

By Dirk Beveridge Associated Press

HONG KONG - Two Pakistanis and an Indian-born U.S. citizen in Hong Kong face proceedings beginning today to extradite them to the United States on charges they plotted to swap drugs for anti-aircraft missiles to sell to the al-Qaida terror network.

The men were caught in an FBI sting operation by undercover agents who said the three offered to provide hashish and heroin in exchange for four shoulder-fired Stinger missiles, which experts say would be capable of shooting down civilian jetliners flying at low altitudes.

The hearing before Magistrate Ariana Ching is scheduled for five days. But both sides can appeal, so it could be some time before Hong Kong's leader, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, makes the final decision on an extradition.

Little is known about the defendants: Syed Mustajab Shah, 54, and Muhammed Abid Afridi, 29, both of Peshawar, Pakistan; and naturalized U.S. citizen Ilyas Ali, 55, of Minneapolis. They have been jailed since Hong Kong police arrested them on Sept. 20.

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Defense lawyer Jonathan Acton-Bond declined to comment ahead of the hearing.

The men are said to have met in September with undercover FBI to Hong Kong.

GM to take hybrid

vehicles on road trip

agents in a Hong Kong hotel, where they allegedly agreed to sell 5 tons of hashish and 1,300 pounds of heroin, according to an indictment in the U.S. District Court in Southern California. Before the Hong Kong meeting,

Ali allegedly met in April with undercover FBI agents in San Diego, Calif., to discuss drug deals, the indictment says.

In Hong Kong, the defendants allegedly agreed to take Stinger missiles as payment for the drugs. They also allegedly told the FBI agents they would sell the missiles to al-Qaida. The men are charged with con-

spiracy to import heroin and hashish, conspiracy to distribute heroin and hashish and providing material support to a terrorist organization.

The drug charges each carry up to life in prison and fines of \$4 million, while supporting terrorists carries up to 15 years and a fine of \$250,000.

Hong Kong has no death penalty and its extradition treaty with the United States does not allow for the transfer of defendants who could face execution.

Although the men were caught in Hong Kong, it appeared it may have been only a meeting place. There was no indication that terrorists are operating there, and soon after the three were arrested, leaders of the local Muslim community called them outsiders with no apparent ties

Crisis in **N. Korea** topic of meetings

By Hans Greimel Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea honed a compromise proposal Saturday to resolve the standoff over North Korea's nuclear program, but Pyongyang warned the situation remained "serious and unpredictable."

The pace of diplomacy was picking up, with a South Korean diplomat in Russia — an ally of the north, and talks slated in Washington early next week among the United States, the South and Japan. The South Korean proposal was expected to dominate a joint strategy session.

Yesterday the government also announced it will send a high-level envoy to the United States later in the week for more talks on ending the crisis.

Yim Sung-joon, national security adviser, will visit Washington tomorrow through Thursday to meet his counterpart, Condoleezza Rice, and other White House officials, South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted the presidential Blue House as saying.

Japan's Kyodo News agency reported Japan has already agreed with the United States to use diplomatic pressure in resolving the issue. Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi and Secretary of State Colin Powell concurred on the approach during telephone talks late Saturday, Kyodo said.

In advance of that regular session to review policy toward the North, the Bush administration had not budged from its demand that the communist regime in the North unilaterally abandon its nuclear ambitions before Washington considers a next step.

Details of the Seoul plan were scant, but media reports suggested the proposal would require concessions from both Washington and Pyongyang.

South Korea's deputy foreign minister arrived in the Russian capital, saying Russian assistance was essential.

"Our government thinks that the role of the Russian government in the process of peaceful resolution of this problem is very important and con-structive," Kim Hang-kyung told reporters upon arrival.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has moved to reinvigorate Moscow's strong Soviet-era ties with North Korea, hosting its reclusive leader



A child looks at North Korea through a telescope at the border town of Panmunjom, South Korea, Wednesday. South Koreans wish for a peaceful solution to the rising tension over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

Kim Jong II for the second consecutive summer last year. Moscow has said it wants to link its trans-Siberian railroad with a railway being rebuilt between North and South Korea.

Seoul's diplomatic offensive underlines its new drive to mediate between the United States, its key ally, and neighboring North Korea, its erstwhile enemy. But brokering a deal won't be easy.

The United States refuses to talk until the North scraps its nuclear programs. And North Korea insists Washington must take the first step by signing a nonaggres-sion pact promising not to attack the isolated country.

"There is no reason why the U.S. should not accept the proposal, the best way for peaceful solution," the North's state-run news agency KCNA said. "The present situation is very serious and unpredictable."

In past crises with the North, Seoul played a subordinate role to the United States. Now many South Koreans want their government to help chart the course of talks and assume more equal footing with Washington.

Being heard out by the United States is also seen as soothing rocky relations with South Korea amid rising public resentment over 37,000 U.S. troops based here.

The trilateral meeting — yesterday and today in Washington - is part of the allies' regular forum for coordinating policy toward the communist North. This time, they will focus on bringing North Korea's nuclear weapons programs under interna-

tional controls. The communist North alarmed the world in October by admitting to



a U.S. envoy it had a secret uraniumbased nuclear weapons program, in violation of a 1994 accord.

As punishment, the United States and its allies halted oil supplies promised in the agreement. North Korea then announced it would reactivate its older plutonium-based nuclear program, saying it needs to restart a reactor to generate electricity.

The United States says the plutonium-based program, at the Yongbyon complex north of Pyongyang, could be used to build nuclear weapons. And Washington has indicated North Korea may already have two nuclear weapons and can build several more in short order.

One South Korean compromise being considered calls for the United States to resume oil shipments to North Korea, in return for it abandoning its uranium nuclear develop- its weapons programs.

ment, media reported Saturday, citing an unnamed government source.

President-elect Roh Moo-hyun intends to unveil his compromise plan in hopes the crisis can be defused before he takes office Feb. 25.

Giving the North oil removes any justification for its restarting a nuclear complex to produce electricity, the reports said. A government spokesman could not immediately comment.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher indicated Friday that Washington would not compromise. "We have no intention of sitting down and bargaining again," he said. Moscow and Beijing, two of

North Korea's traditional allies, want a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula. But so far, they have stopped short of declaring they will aggressively pressure the North to give up

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By John Porretto Associated Press DETROIT — In one of the clearest

signs yet that hybrid cars may be going mainstream, General Motors Corp. plans to offer a variety of the gas-and-electric powered vehicles over the next four years.

The plan by the world's biggest automaker, to be announced today, includes hybrid models for cars, pickups and sports utility vehicles.

GM's new strategy sends a clear signal that auto executives are starting to consider energy-efficient hybrids as potentially viable offerings to the mainstream motoring public.

Hybrids draw power from two different energy sources, typically a gas or diesel engine combined with an electric motor. While environmentally friendly and fuel efficient, their high cost has prevented them from finding more than a niche market.

For now, the only versions avail-

high cost of hybrids by allowing buyeral and local tax breaks.

automotive forecasting firm IRN Inc., said the cost benefit - extra mileage per gallon — typically isn't enough to

and if you push the envelope for better gas milage, I think you'll see more penetration," Wall said.

a fuel economy advocacy group, said in a report last week that while hybrids could cost \$4,000 more than a conventional vehicle, drivers could save nearly \$5,500 in gas expenses over the vehicle's life.

In 2005, GM will begin producing a hybrid Saturn VUE sport util-

Malibu sedan in 2007.

ity. It will also include a hybrid option on its forthcoming Chevy Equinox SUV in 2006 and its Chevy

Officials have tried to offset the ers in some areas to qualify for a fed-

Mike Wall, an analyst with the

sway most people. "If the tax breaks are sweetened,

The Union of Concerned Scientists,

able in the United States are small cars made by Honda Motor Co. and Toyota Motor Corp.

GM will offer hybrid options on several vehicles, starting later this year with the GMC Sierra and Chevrolet Silverado pickups for use in commercial fleets. The hybrid versions of the trucks will increase fuel economy by 10 to 12 percent, the company says.

Those same trucks will be available to retail consumers in 2004. If demand is high for all hybrid models, GM says it could produce a million or more a year by 2007. GM sold nearly 4.8 million vehicles in 2002.

"We're taking a very pragmatic approach, targeting a wide array of popular models with varying degrees of complexity to give consumers a variety of choice," said GM president and chief executive Rick Wagoner.



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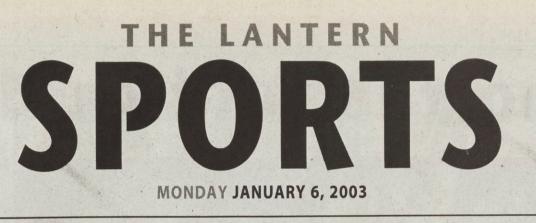
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Buckeyes round up Longhorns

Women's basketball team lassoes No. 17 Texas, extends winning streak at home

By Amanda Manser Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State women's basketball team defeated the No. 17 Texas Longhorns 70-66 in the Big Ten-Big 12 Challenge last night before a season-high 2,996 fans in St. John Arena.

The victory was especially significant for the Buckeyes as they played in a nationally televised game for the first time in OSU women's basketball coach Jim Foster's tenure at OSU. The Buckeyes are on a sevengame winning streak and are perfect at home this year. The win improved their record to 10-2 overall, while

Texas dropped to 7-4.

"It was a good, hard-fought basketball game," Foster said. "We came back at them; they came back at us. I think they're going to be a real factor in the post-season."

The Buckeyes, coming off a Big Ten opening victory over North-western on New Year's Eve, took the first lead of the game and never looked back

Senior forward Courtney Coleman, who leads the Big Ten in field goal percentage, was the leading scorer for the Buckeyes with 21 points. Sophomore guard Ashley Allen scored 17 points for Ohio State and sophomore guard Caity Matter chipped in 12, including two key free throws down the stretch.

"It took a lot of effort. It went down to the last 30 seconds of the game," Coleman said.

Ohio State shot 62 percent from the field to go up to 36-25 at halftime, finishing the game at 58 percent overall. The Buckeyes took off on a 20-4 scoring run midway through the first half, fueled by eight points from Allen. Senior forward D'wan Shackleford came off the bench for the Buckeyes to contribute

six points during the drive. Matter sparked the Buckeyes in the second half with two threepointers within the first three minutes. Texas came within two points late in the game, but a 10-2 OSU rally late in the second half put the Buck-

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MIRIAM DICK/THE LANTERN Ohio State guard Ashley Allen drives past a Texas defender. Allen's nine first-half points help lead the Buckeyes to a 70-66 win over the Longhorns.

Buckeyes fall to Louisville in overtime

By Matt Duval Lantern sports editor

After the first half of Saturday's game against No. 24 Louisville, the Ohio State men's basketball team appeared to be on the verge of knocking off its first Top 25 opponent of the season.

Unfortunately for the Buckeyes, the Cardinals turned up the intensity in the second half. Coupled with OSU's poor shooting, the Buckeyes fell 72-64 in the first overtime men's basketball game in the Schottenstein Center. The loss was also the Buckeyes' first at home this season.

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"I thought we had more than enough opportunities to win," said OSU men's basketball coach Jim O'Brien. "We just didn't make the plays.

The Buckeyes (7-4) are 0-4 against teams ranked in the Top 25. The three other losses came to Duke, Pittsburgh and Alabama, which are





Fiesta Bowl brought out many emotions

Although I am now in my third year at Ohio State, I never considered myself a diehard Buckeye fan. That's not saying I root against the Buckeyes, because I never do that.

But in my lifetime, I've never considered myself a diehard fan of anything. I've always cheered on the Cubs and Bears, but I don't have one room of my house devoted solely to Ryne Sandberg or Mike Ditka. I have never painted my face or entire body the two colors of my favorite team and don't see that happening in the near future.

Instead, I usually prefer to just enjoy the sport itself, no matter which teams are playing. I can watch Ball State battle Western Michigan or Florida-Georgia and find the same enjoyment.

But that all changed at the Fiesta Bowl. They say the first step is admitting your problem, so I'm going to do it publicly. My name's Matt Duval, and I'm an Buckeyeaholic

While I still refuse to dress up as Captain Buckeye because I'll be the first to admit I don't have the body for it, I will always cheer on the scarlet and gray, no matter where I'm at. Even among the 20 Illinois fans in my family, I have no problem expressing my support for Ward Cleaver, I mean Jim Tressel.

But as a working member of the media in Tempe, I found it awfully hard to control my emotions. However, I felt I did a good job of keeping my loyalties hidden. . . for the first three and a half quarters.

It wasn't until I reached the Buckeye sideline with six minutes remaining in the game did I show a little emotion. While I might not have been jumping up and down like former OSU players Eddie George and Keith Byars, I pumped my fist after an OSU first down and groaned when the Hurricanes began moving the ball down the field

I, and almost every other Buckeye fan in attendance felt our hearts drop when Craig Krenzel's fourthand-goal pass fell incomplete in the first overtime and then felt immediate joy when the official finally threw his penalty flag.

It wasn't until the second overtime when Ken Dorsey's pass fell to the turf did I fully realize how diehard I truly was. Never before had I felt so relieved and excited. I went onto the field with the rest of the players and began taking pictures of players embracing each other and donning their new national championship hats. But probably the most gratifying moment of Friday night came long after the game was over. Sitting in my hotel room, I realized that somewhere on a desolate farm in Nebraska, ESPN analyst Trev Alberts was crying in his Iowa Hawkeye towel.

the top three ranked teams in the nation.

During the opening half, OSU jumped out to a 27-10 lead as Louisville scored only two points in the game's first seven minutes.

The Buckeyes led 32-18 at halftime and seemed poised to run away with a victory. Louisville shot just 6 of 26 from the field in the opening half.

"They completely outplayed us in the first half," said Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino. "They had execution like their football team did last night.'

But things quickly turned around in the second half as the Buckeyes began their own struggle from the field. OSU was just 6-of-21 shooting in the final half as the Cardinals chipped away at the lead.

They were able to get back into the game because we made some turnovers and they take a lot of threes, and they were falling in the second half," said OSU guard Brent Darby, who led the Buckeyes with 24 points. "It's just disappointing losing at home."

After shooting just 2 of 10 from behind the three-point arc in the first half, the Cardinals made 7 of 14 in the second half.

The Cardinals finally took its first lead in the closing moments of regulation.

Because his outside shots were not falling, Louisville's Reece Gaines decided to look inside. On consecutive possessions, Gaines drove down the middle of the lane and was sent to the free-throw line after being fouled. He made three of the four free throws to give Louisville a 56-53 lead with just 1:44 left to play.

Darby later hit two clutch free throws with just 6.2 seconds left in the game to tie the score at 57-all, which sent the game into overtime.

But in the extra sessions, Gaines and Bryant Northern proved too much to handle for the Buckeyes. The duo scored all 32 of their points in the second half and overtime.

"There was no discussion about moral victory," O'Brien said. "I am disappointed we didn't win, especially when we had a clear chance to win but didn't take advantage."

ELIZABETH NIHISER/THE LANTERN

OSU safety Mike Doss tries to elude Miami tailback Willis McGahee after picking off a pass from quarterback Ken Dorsey in the second quarter of Friday's 31-24 double-overtime victory over the Hurricanes in the Fiesta Bowl.

Senior stayed for Fiesta

Doss wanted diploma, national title before stepping up to NFL Draft

By Matt Duval Lantern sports editor

Football League Draft.

as the second round and guaranteed millions of dollars Almost exactly one year ago, Ohio State defensive back Mike But in a tearful address to the media, Doss announced his Doss walked up to the podium

at the Woody Hayes Athletic intentions to stay and play his Center to announce whether he senior season for the Buckeyes. "OSU gave me a chance to was going to forgo his senior season to enter the National get my education," Doss said in his press conference. "I want to

If he did leave early, Doss

could have been drafted as high



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continue that."

goal in mind.

"I wanted to win a national

championship," Doss said after the Fiesta Bowl. "I truly believed we could do it, and I wanted to do that."

That unselfishness and dedication was apparent to Doss' teammates.

"It showed a lot about his character and the love he has for us," said defensive back and Doss' good friend Will Allen. "He told me that he would But Doss also had another come back and we'd go to the

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Hurricane running back has knee surgery



ELIZABETH NIHISER/THE LANTERN

Miami tailback Willis McGahee runs for a touchdown during the Fiesta Bowl. He injured his left knee during the fourth quarter of Friday's Fiesta Bowl. McGahee was carried off the field and had surgery yesterday.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) -Miami running back Willis McGa- cruciate and medial collateral ligahee had surgery yesterday on two torn ligaments in his left knee following a crushing hit by Ohio State defensive back Will Allen during the Fiesta Bowl loss to Ohio State

The All-American sophomore was operated on for four to five hours at HealthSouth Doctors Hospital, next to the campus, school spokesman Doug Walker said.

Dr. John Uribe, who performed the surgery, declined to set a timetable for McGahee's return.

"Willis tolerated the procedure very well," Uribe said in a statement. "If nature does its job and his rehabilitation goes well, he should be able to make a full recovery.'

Doctors found torn anterior ments but no tear to the posterior collateral ligament. Assistant coach Don Soldinger said Saturday McGahee had torn all three ligaments.

McGahee was injured early in the fourth quarter of Friday's game, a 31-24 double-overtime victory by Ohio State for the national championship.

He took a screen pass from Ken Dorsey on third-and-10 from the Ohio State 35 and was hit by Allen for a 2-yard loss. McGahee had to be helped from the field. He was in severe pain much of the night, coaches said.

McGahee ran for a schoolrecord 1,686 yards and 27 touchdowns this season and was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

Matt Duval is a junior in journalism and The Lantern sports editor. He takes full credit for the Buckeyes' Fiesta Bowl win and National Championship because he wore the same red shirt to every game this season. All thank-you notes should be sent to duval.15@osu.edu.

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Browns fall short in wild-card game

By Alan Robinson Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Cleveland Browns have been haunted for 16 years by The Drive. Now they've got to live with The Comeback by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tommy Maddox, the Comeback Player of the Year, led one of Pittsburgh's great comebacks ever. throwing three touchdown passes in the final 19 minutes as the Steelers rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to stun the Browns 36-33 yesterday in an AFC wild-card game.

Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala's 3-yard touchdown run with 54 seconds left won it as the Steelers, coming off so many playoff disappointments at home under coach Bill Cowher, kept their postseason going with one of the franchise's most memorable victories

"I don't think anybody in the building thought we weren't going to win," said Browns quarterback Kelly Holcomb. "I think everybody thought we were going to go on." The Steelers denied the Browns

their first road playoff victory since 1969, their first playoff win of any kind since returning to the NFL in 1999 and gave themselves a huge momentum lift going into Satur-day's divisional round game at AFC second-seeded Tennessee.

The Jets, shutout winners Saturday over the Colts, played yesterday at top-seeded Oakland - no doubt after thinking for most of the afternoon they were going to Tennessee.

"I was already in Oakland," Browns receiver Kevin Johnson said, wistfully, referring to where Cleveland would have played.

Not even the Steelers of the '70s ever pulled off a comeback from a deficit like this - mostly because they rarely fell behind like this. Even in the famed Immaculate Reception game, they trailed Oakland only 7-6 before Franco Harris' game-winning, tipped pass scoring catch in 1972.

"It's one of those wins that you can't see happening, but you just keep hoping it will keep going the way it's going," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said of the frantic comeback.

For the Browns, it was an eerie flashback to John Elway's memorable 98-yard "The Drive" to beat the Browns for Denver in a 1987 playoff game.

The Steelers were shredded all afternoon by Holcomb, who threw for 429 yards and three touchdowns, and trailed 24-7 until Maddox's 6yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress with 3:50 left in the third quarter.

"I can't say how many times I must have said, 'We've got time. We have time, so don't panic,' " offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey said. "I never felt there was a panic button pushed by anyone."

Except the Browns.

Their game-long inability to run the ball — rookie star William Green ran 25 times for just 30 vards proved their undoing in a game they seemed to have locked up. It would have been their first playoff victory. over their biggest rival, who also beat them in January 1995 in their only previous postseason matchup.

This is going to hurt. This burns inside," said Browns receiver Dennis Northcutt. "It's going to be very hard to move on."

the Browns were forced to throw on almost every down, and, once the Steelers' defense tightened up, that left Pittsburgh the time to come back Even after Pittsburgh's comeback

began, the Browns had enough left to drive for Phil Dawson's 24-yard field goal and Holcomb's 22-yard touchdown pass to Andre Davis that made it 33-21 with 10:17 remaining.

The Steelers, who have lost four home playoff games under Cowher

Unable to wind the clock down, since 1992, including last year's AFC already convinced thousands of championship game to New England, didn't fold this time. It helped they rallied from 11 points down in the fourth quarter only last week to beat Baltimore 34-31.

Deshea Townsend defends as time runs out in the fourth quarter in the AFC Wild Card playoff game in Pittsburgh

yesterday. The Steelers came fom behind to beat the Browns 36-33 and advance to the next round of the playoffs.

The Browns forced Pittsburgh to punt once, but Maddox — making his first playoff appearance since a few insignificant downs with Denver in 1992 - led a 77-yard drive that ended with his 5-yard scoring pass to Hines Ward with 3:06 left, cutting the deficit to 33-28.

Still, the Browns - who had

Steelers fans to head for the exits needed only a first down or two to run it out and secure one of the sweetest victories in the franchise's history, new Browns or old.

"We came in here with the idea this was like a heavyweight prize fight, that you've got to knock them out because they're not going to quit," said Browns coach Butch Davis

But Northcutt, who had made big play after big play with two scoring catches and a long punt return, couldn't hold onto a Holcomb throw on third-and-12 and the Browns punted.

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"I just dropped it, plain and sim-ple," Northcutt said. "It hurt standing on the sideline, knowing I could have secured the game.'

Maddox, going 30-of-48 for 367 yards and overcoming two interceptions, then found Plaxico Burress for 24 yards, Hines Ward for 10, Burress again for 17 and Ward for 7. Fuamatu-Ma'afala, playing the power back role that Jerome Bettis usually plays when he's not hurting with a sore knee, then powered up the middle from the 3 with 54 seconds left, and the Steelers' sideline erupted

The game ended with Holcomb's 16-yard completion to Andre King at the Steelers' 29 as the Browns couldn't get into range for a possible tying field goal.

Until Maddox took over, it was all Holcomb all the time in a remarkable performance by a quarterback starting only his fourth NFL game as Cleveland tried to win a road playoff game for the first time since 1969. Now, that winless streak has reached eight.

Holcomb, subbing for the injured Tim Couch, had no running game for support, not a single minute of playoff experience - and no fear. Only Bernie Kosar, who threw for 489 yards in 1987 against Jets, has thrown for more yards in a Browns playoff game.

Holcomb, one of the most inexperienced quarterbacks to start an NFL playoff game, threaded completions of 83, 32, 29, 15 and 43 yards against the NFL's seventh-ranked defense but one weakened by injuries to cornerback Chad Scott and safety Mike Logan.

DOSS FROM PAGE 13

national championship. I told him, 'Let's do it,' and we'd be by his side.'

Throughout the Buckeyes' run to the championship, many of the underclassmen rallied around Doss and the other 12 OSU seniors.

"We wanted to win this for him, for the 13 seniors," said defensive end Simon Fraser. "We wanted to go out there and win this for them."

Winning championships is nothing new to Doss. At Canton McKinley High School, Doss won back-to-

back state titles in 1997 and 1998.

to leave OSU without a championship. "I've won championships at

every level I've played in since I was eight years old," Doss said. "It's definitely a great honor and great bless-

Doss' play in the Fiesta Bowl earned him the Defensive Player of the Game Award.

Doss finished the game with nine tackles and a second-quarter interception from Miami's Heisman Trofinalist quarterback Ken phy Dorsey.

Doss also played a major role in High School, Doss won back-to-ck state titles in 1997 and 1998. Because of that, Doss did not want have been apparent to fans,

Doss played a vocal role inside the defensive huddle.

"I just said that someone had to make a play," he said. "It was fourth-and-one; it was the last play. It came down to it, and we were able to step up to the challenge.

Not only did the victory give Doss his national championship, but it also gave the three-time All-American a little retribution.

In his first game as a Buckeye, Doss faced Miami in the 1999 Kickoff Classic. The Hurricanes got the best of OSU that day in a 23-12 victory

against every team he's played. That one loss to Miami stuck with him.

"In my career, all the teams I've played, I either was .500 or I won," Doss said. "To lose to Miami that game gave me motivation to win this one.

NFL, the same thing he passed up But now, Doss could be in for

"Mike Doss is going to get even more millions now," Allen said. "This is going to rise his stock up. He's going to be playing on Sundays

for a long time

Freshman point guard Kim Wilburn became involved in a crucial jump ball situation at midcourt, which gave the Buckeyes possession with 30 seconds remaining. Forced to foul, Texas sent Matter to the line

to seal the OSU victory and extend her own perfect streak to 22 from the free-throw line. The fact that Texas is a big-time

opponent and the game was on the line wasn't an issue, Matter said. "You really can't think about now much time is on the clock. If you're a "You really can't think about how confident shooter, it really shouldn't

matter," she said. Sophomore forward Kala Bowers and freshman guard Nina Norman

tied for game-high honors with 12 points each for the Longhorns.

The Buckeyes hope to maintain the level of intensity as they continue into

booster," she said. Yesterday's win marked the second time Ohio State has defeated a ranked opponent this season. OSU

the Big Ten season, Coleman said.

"We know that we can play at a

certain level. This is a confidence

beat No. 19 Arizona 84-65 last month. "We've taken care of our business pretty much in the non-confernece segment of our season," Foster said.

It was also a homecoming victory for the Buckeyes, who played their first game in St. John Arena since the end of the 1998 season.

ey will return to the forme basketball venue for their final regular season game against Michigan, featuring a commemorative reunion for the women's Final Four team of 1993.

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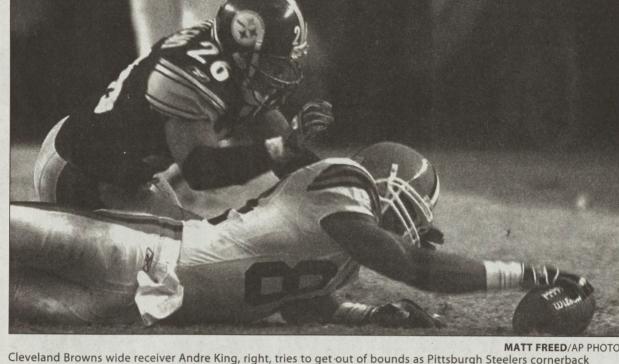
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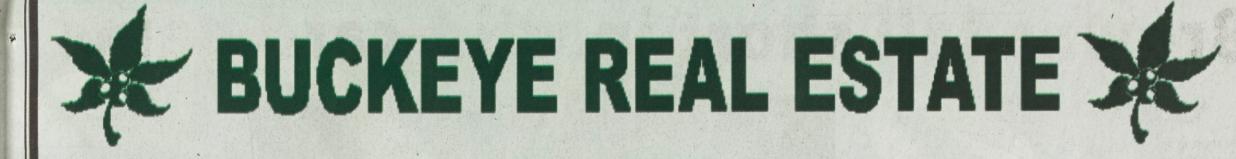
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MOVIE REVIEW Nicholson matches brilliance of 'Schmidt' screenplay

By Jordan Gentile Lantern staff writer

For more than three decades. Jack Nicholson has given voice to our collective rage with characters who rail against the petty rules and bureaucratic hassles of modern life. He's the cinema's most enduring misanthrope.

In writer-director Alexander Payne, whose "About Schmidt" has earned Nicholson some of the best reviews of his career, the actor is finally matched with a filmmaker who explores the subject of human rage with equal fascination.

But there's a curious conflict: While Nicholson's post-"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" performances brim with sneering acidity, Payne's characters are more muted in their frustration. They're not rebels but weaklings who follow life's rules and end up with nothing to show for it. Such was the case with Matthew Broderick's character in "Election," for which Payne was nominated for a screenwriting Oscar, and again it is the case with Warren Schmidt.

As the film begins, Schmidt has retired from a lifetime's work in "the insurance game," as he calls it. Having indulged for years the notion that his professional purgatory

reflects a heroic devotion to his family, Schmidt is a little startled to discover the extent of his irrelevance after he retires.

His domestic life is a testament to boredom and his boasted professional expertise, it turns out, was but an illusion. In an unsettling scene, Schmidt shows up at the insurance company to lend a few pointers to his young replacement, only to discover that the new guy has already learned everything it took Schmidt 40 years to master.

Still, he tries to maintain his stoic composure. We get a glimpse of the character's deeply-buried anger only after he becomes a sponsor to one of those third-world children you see on television. Despite the obvious fact that the boy cannot read, Schmidt uses their "correspondence" to vent, complaining about everything from his wife's body odor to his daughter's fiancé, a noaccount waterbed salesman with a mullet from hell.

His letters are humorous in a pitch-black way. Indeed, the entire film — the last half of which consists mostly of Schmidt killing time in a Winnebago in the days leading up to his daughter's wedding — is a tart but ultimately forgiving rebuke to his emotionally-constipated, middle-American mentality

Schmidt's tragedy is that of a man who has spent his entire life afraid of living. The film's most poignant moments come as the character tries to take baby steps toward a more spontaneous existence; its wisest moments, however, show a man slowly coming to terms with the idea that it may be too late for change.

Instructively, when Schmidt finally gets the chance to lay into his new son-in-law during a wedding toast, he thinks better of it, offers the newlyweds some pat words of encouragement and takes his seat. Given the chance to let Nicholson rip into the lad, many directors would have succumbed to the temptation - but not Payne. He knows the tone he wants to set and, besides, we've seen that act before.

A lot of people forget that Nicholson's best work came prior to his scorching fame, in films like "Five Easy Pieces" and "The King of Marvin Gardens," quieter pictures that showcased the actor in deeper roles. As the scripts got weaker, however, Nicholson started chewing scenery - an understandable, if regrettable, career choice.

With "About Schmidt," Payne has provided Nicholson with another chance to stretch as an artist and, in return, the actor turns in a sad, touching, immortal performance.



Jack Nicholson stars in director Alexander Payne's "About Schmidt." The film has been nominated for a Golden Globe for best drama and Nicholson was nominated for best actor in a drama.

CD REVIEW New Phish album may flop for some

By J. Brad Fisler For the Lantern

Phish, a Vermont-based quartet and the current king of the "jam band" genre, released its ninth studio album, entitled "Round Room."

This latest effort came following a two-year hiatus in which the band took time off from performing and recording together, and undertook various projects. The band's fan base, a collection whose magnitude is snowballing into an ever-growing flock of Phish-heads, is eager for this latest unveiling.

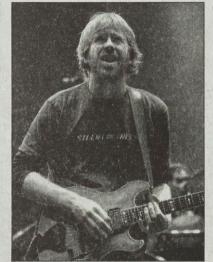
A band defined by its legendary live shows in which the audience doesn't know what to expect next, Phish is less appreciated for its stu-dio work. What makes its studio releases original, however, is that the content, or themes of the albums, clearly differ from one to the next.

Unlike previous releases, "Round Room" showcases a mellow softness outlined with jazzy undertones in lieu of common characteristics such as funky, upbeat, rock-blues or blue-

"46 Days" and "Mexican Cousin" that can undoubtedly take off and go in the midst of the fiery intensity the foursome can create.

The former is a track which may be labeled the album's "pop song," and the latter is a ballad which sounds like it was created late one blurry night, scribbled on a cocktail napkin. Listeners who prefer "jamming," the musical spontaneity the band is noted for, would most likely enjoy this record compared to some that have preceded it. Songs like "Pebbles and Marbles," "Seven Below," "Walls of the Cave" and "Waves" storm out in a fantastic fit of free-form bliss. From a lyrical standpoint, music fans looking for sincere and heartfelt love songs, the colossal takeover of corporate America or somber sob stories of growing up amongst the hardships of society should consider

other artists. Frontman Trey Anastasio and fellow songwriter Tom Marshall create more of a fictional or fantasy world won't bend to your will." that inhabits their lyrics and stories, often taken from the perspective of someone or something else. It is a style where the listener is forced to use his or her imagination to connote meaning.



STEPHEN CHERNIN/AP

Trey Anastasio of Phish looks out into the crowd as he performed Tuesday at New York's Madison Square Garden. The band returned to music with their album "Round Room" after a two-year hiatus.

"I am just a raindrop that accelerates without control, losing bits and pieces in descent 'till I'm no longer whole.'

In "All of These Dreams," as the title would suggest, fans listen to the possibility of pursuing long time dreams.

'Knowing the cache of dreams up on that hill beckons and sways but

"Round Room" highlights Phish's diverse and genuine abili-

'Lord of the Rings' towers over weekend box office

By David Germain Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "The Two Towers" has scored a triple.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" was the top film for a third weekend, taking in \$25.65 million, according to studio estimates yesterday.

The middle chapter of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy epic, "The Two Towers" pushed its 19-day total to \$261.7 million.

With no big new films, box-office rankings shaped up much the same as last weekend. Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks in a cat-and-mouse chase between a con man and an FBI agent, remained in second place with \$21.3 million, lifting its 12-day total to \$97.6 million.

Romantic comedies again held the No. 3 and 4 spots, with "Two Weeks Notice" grossing \$11.6 million and "Maid in Manhattan" taking in \$9 million.

cal "Chicago," with Renee Zell- Streep, Nicole Kidman and weger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere, which came in at No. 9 with \$5 million.

Playing in relatively narrow release at 816 theaters, "About Schmidt" averaged a healthy \$10,723, while "Chicago" averaged \$16,500 .in 304 theaters. The Two Towers" averaged \$7,082 in 3,622 theaters, while 'Catch Me If You Can" averaged \$6,719 in 3,170 theaters.

'The Two Towers" has passed "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," which came out a month earlier and has reached a total gross of \$252 million.

Worldwide, "Two Towers" has hit \$560 million, and distributor New Line hopes it will top \$1 billion and become the No. 2 film behind "Titanic," which climbed to \$1.8 billion.

"Two Towers" picks up where "Fellowship of the Ring" left off and leaves viewers hanging, awaiting the conclusion next December with "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

Julianne Moore, grossed \$326,000 in 11 theaters for a \$29,636 average. Spike Lee's "The 25th Hour,"

starring Edward Norton as a drug dealer on his last day of freedom before going to prison, earned \$131,000 at five theaters to average \$26,281.

George Clooney's directing debut, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," with Sam Rockwell as game-show host Chuck Barris in a fictionalized thriller, took in \$91,789 at four theaters for a \$22,947 average.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through yesterday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final

figures will be released today. 1. "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," \$25.65 million. 2. "Catch Me If You Can,"

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grass tracks. Bassist Mike Gordon's increasing vocal role is a fine complement in such songs as "Friday," 'Mock Song" and the fanciful title track

When fans search for a new assemblage of rocking, climactic setending songs, they will have a hard time finding many in "Round Room." There are some tunes like wave and a raindrop.

This album is truly a fine example of the songwriters' creative whim. In "Anything But Me," Anastasio sings about the life of a satellite, a tiny

ties, talent that has catapulted the band to a wider realm of recognition.

It is quite clear, however, that this release, as is the case with the band itself, is not for all tastes. It is even questionable if the true fans of the music will appreciate the work, as expectations for this break-ending CD are naturally quite high.

In its first weekend of wide release after debuting in a handful of theaters last month, Jack Nicholson's acclaimed black comedy "About Schmidt" climbed to No. 5 with \$8.75 million. Nicholson plays a retired insurance actuary reassessing his life after his wife dies.

Also expanding was the musi-

for

"This is a movie without a beginning and an end. It's not a sequel but a continuation of a story," said David Tuckerman, million. New Line head of distribution.

Several films that opened over the holidays to qualify for the Academy Awards continued to do well in limited release. "The Hours," starring Meryl

5. "About Schmidt," \$8.75 million.

6. "Gangs of New York," \$7.4

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9. "Chicago," \$5 million.

10. "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," \$4.5 million.

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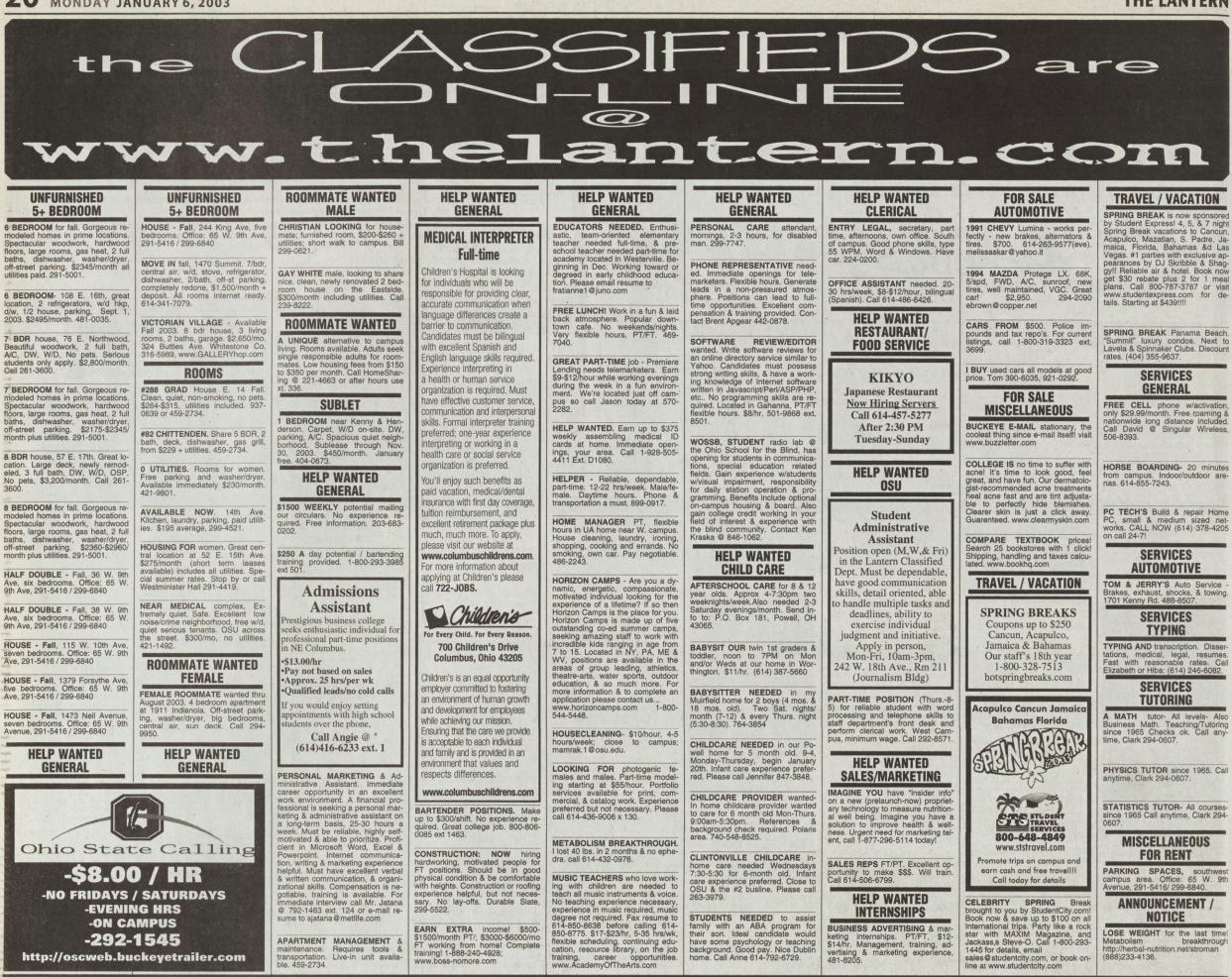
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About The Team

Last Season: 24-8 overall record, 11-5 in the Big Ten (tied for first place)

Arena: Schottenstein Center (19,200)

Coach: Jim O'Brien sixth season at school (102-57) 337-274 overall record in 20 seasons **Outlook:** The Buckeyes have made it to the NCAA Tournament the past four seasons after five consecutive seasons with a losing record. The Buckeyes have a young but promising front line and an excellent backcourt in seniors Brent Darby and Sean Connolly. They have a talented trio of inside players: juniors Zach Williams and Velimir Radinovic and sophomore Terence Dials. A co-captain as a sophomore, the 6-7 Williams chipped in 9.6 points and 5.8 rebounds for the Big Ten Tournament champion. Radinovic, a 7-foot center, is looking for a breakout year. Dials. at 6-9, is a big-time dunker and gritty rebounder. Darby, a veteran scorer who averaged 12.8 points last year, should assume control of the team with Brian Brown and Boban Savovic gone. The Buckeyes will need to improve their free-throw shooting this season, they shot only 68% last year.

The Buckeyes are predicted to finish fifth in the Big Ten Conference and have a chance to make this year's NCAA Tournament in March. They are ranked 47th nationally.

BIG TEN PREDICTIONS

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Men's Basketball Coaching Staff



Jim O'Brien Head Coach

Jim O'Brien is in his sixth year of coaching at Ohio State. He graduated from Boston College in 1971.

Coach O'Brien became the 12th head coach in Ohio State's 101-year men's basketball history at the start of the 1997-98 season. He since guided the basketball program to the Final Four after a remarkable turnaround from five-consecutive losing seasons to the pinnacle event in college basketball. O'Brien was honored as the 1999 Clair Bee Coach of the Year.



Paul Biancardi Assistant Coach

Paul Biancardi is in his sixth year as an Ohio State assistant coach. He is also one of the recruiting coordinators for the Buckeyes.

As an on-floor coach with game-coaching duties, he works closely with the Buckeyes back court players on individualized skill development. His duties extend beyond recruiting to assistance with practice planning, gamecoaching and work with the Ohio State perimeter players. He is a graduate from Salem State University (1985).



LaMonta Stone Assistant Coach

LaMonta Stone was added to the Ohio State men's basketball staff in May 2002.

Stone will assist coach O'Brien with recruiting. He was an assistant men's basketball coach at Eastern Michigan University the last two seasons after a successful high school coaching stint at River Rouge (Mich.) H.S.

Stone joined the EMU staff after spending six seasons as the head boy's basketball coach at River Rouge High School.



Monte Mathis Assistant Coach

Monte Mathis is in his second season as an assistant coach on the Ohio State staff. He served on an interim basis during the 2001-02 season and was hired full-time in August of 2002.

Mathis spent four years with the University of Toledo men's basketball program as an assistant coach before he accepted the Ohio State men's basketball video coordinator position in August of 2000.

Mathis will handle scouting of all opponents and assist with recruiting.



Randy Shrout Director of Basketball Operations

Randy Shrout is in his sixth year as the Director of Basketball Operations for the Ohio State basketball program.

Shrout is responsible for the day-to-day administrative operation of the basketball program. He serves as Coach Jim O'Brien's liaison to the many departments with the university and athletic program. His major responsibilities are monitoring of academics, budgeting, team travels and meals, and future game scheduling. He graduated from Indiana State University in 1973.

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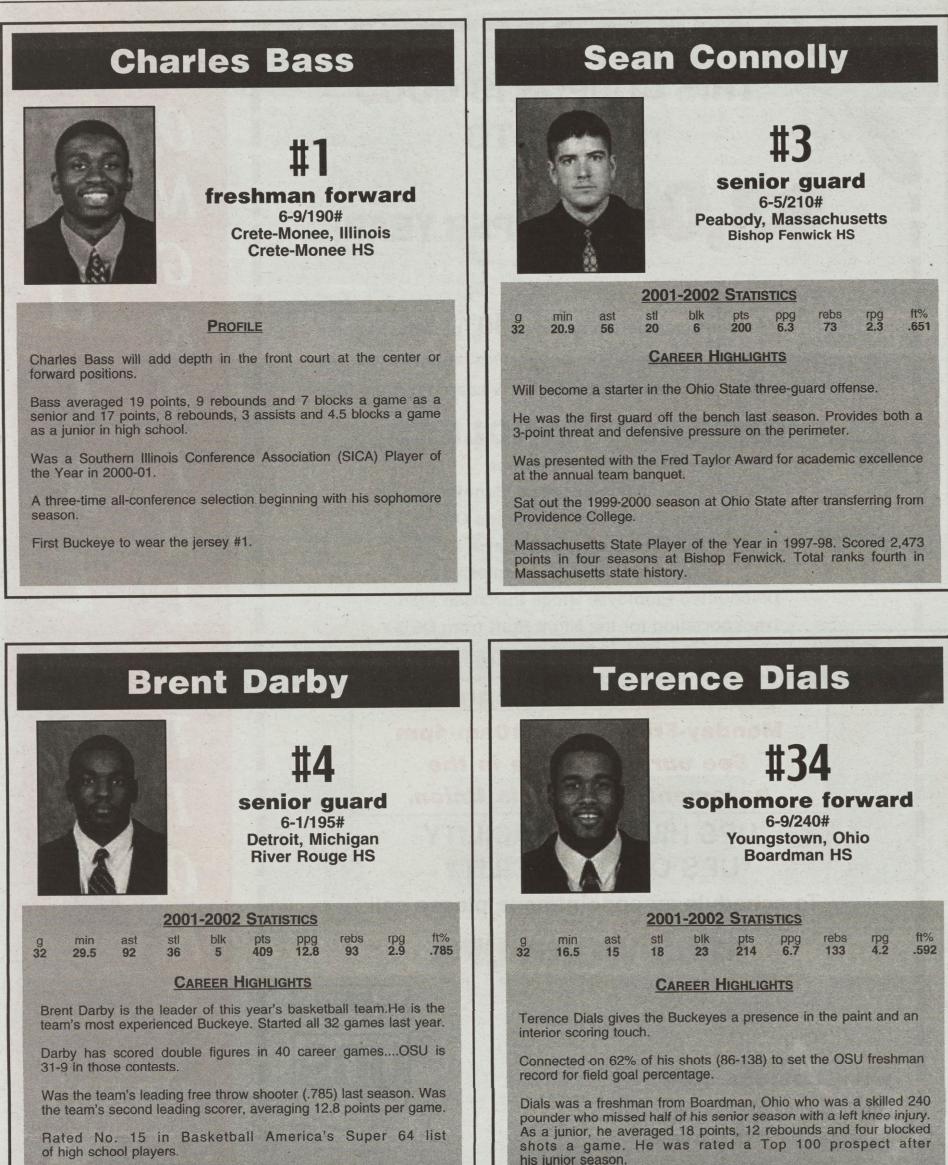
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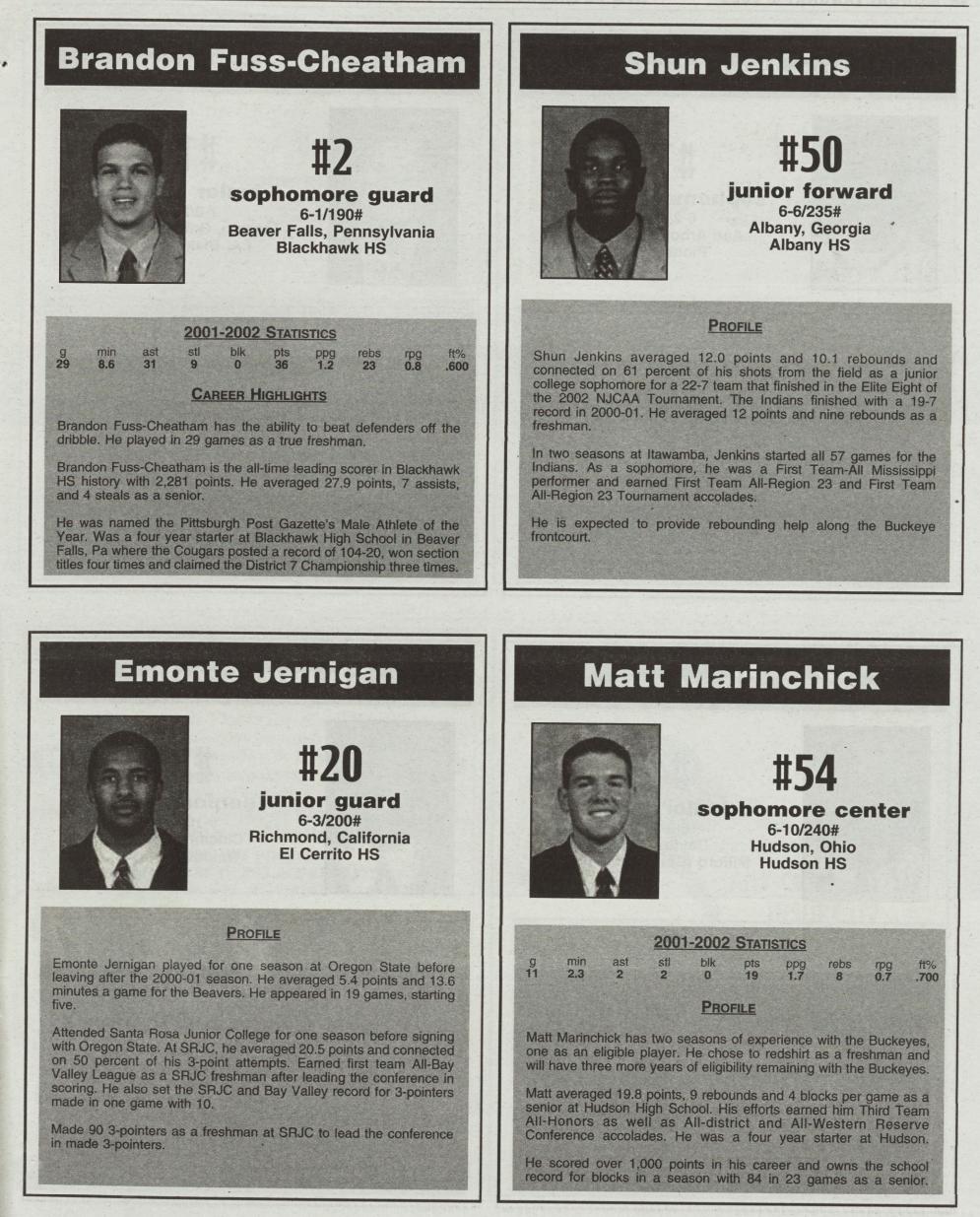


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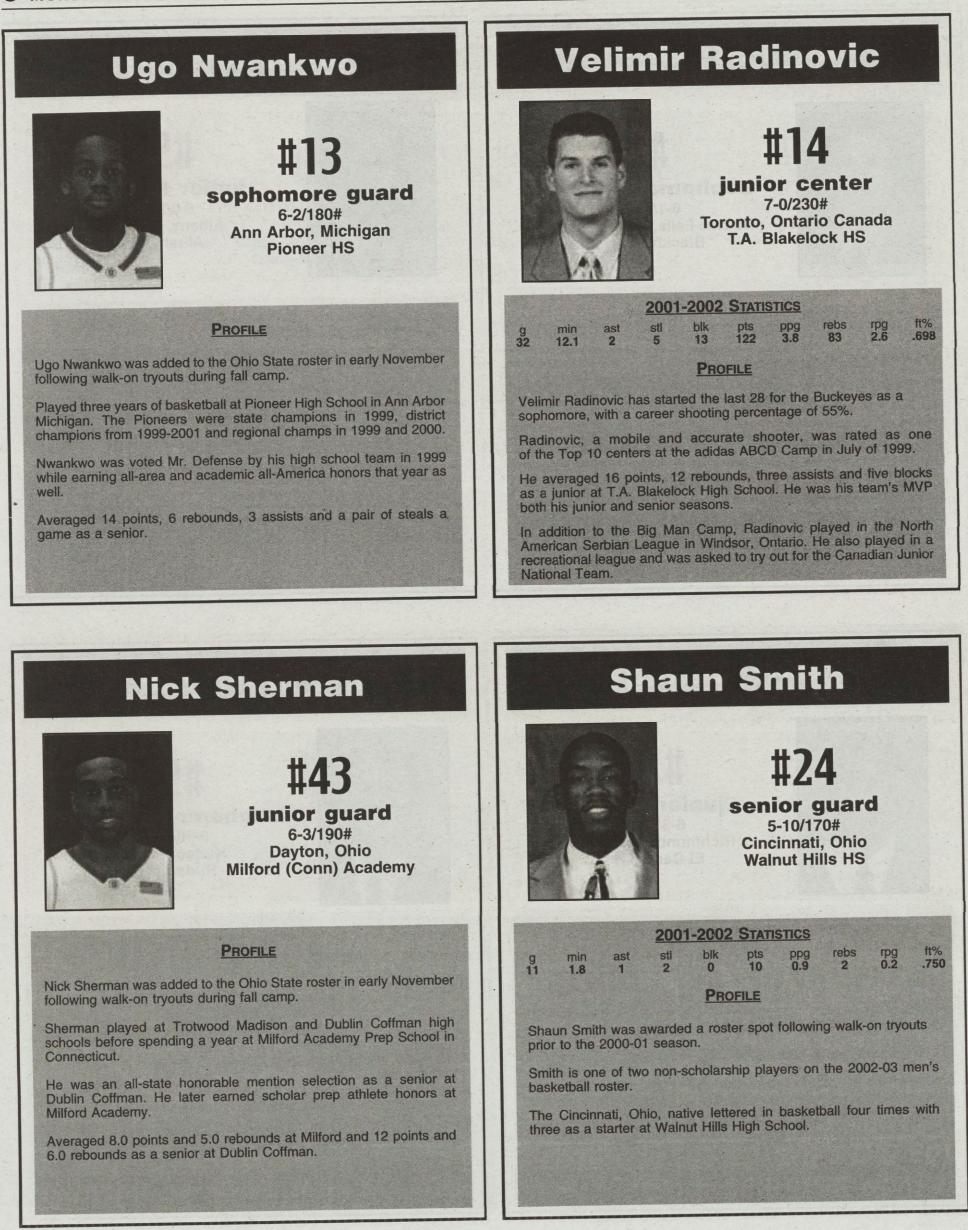
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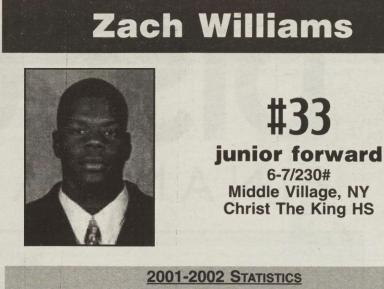
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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Matt Sylvester was rated the second best prospect in the Ohio recruiting class of 2001. He helped Cincinnati Moeller win the Division I state title as a sophomore.

Sylvester averaged 21.3 points, eight rebounds and three assists per game as a senior last season. He was Ohio Co-Player of the Year.

He was the Cincinnati Player of the Year, Greater Catholic League South Player of the Year and Southwest District Player of the Year.



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Zach Williams has been a mainstay in the starting lineup since his first day on the OSU campus.

Williams led all starters in field goal percentage (56%) and rebounding (5.8) last season.

Zach Williams averaged 16.0 points and 10.0 rebounds as a senior at Christ the King High School in Brooklyn.

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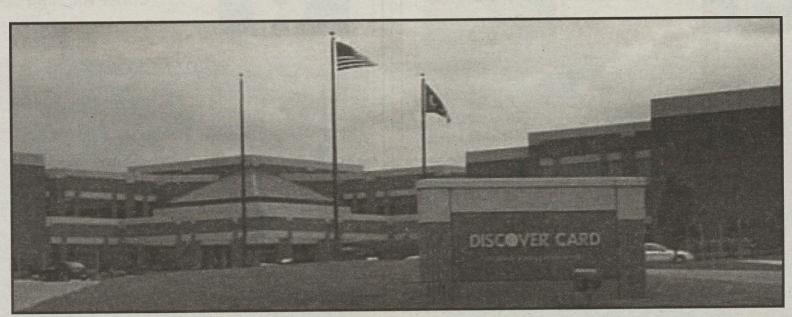


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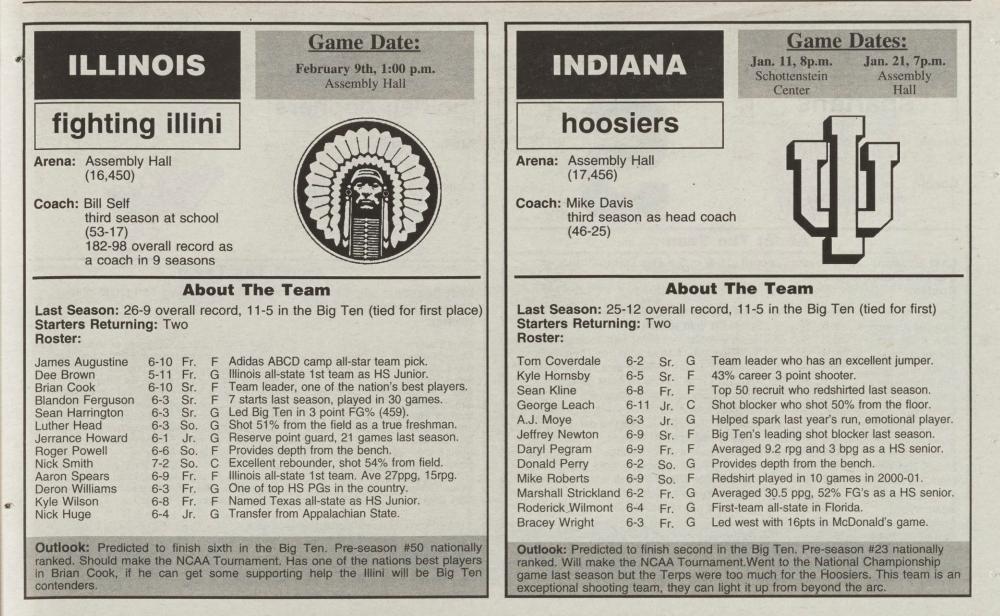
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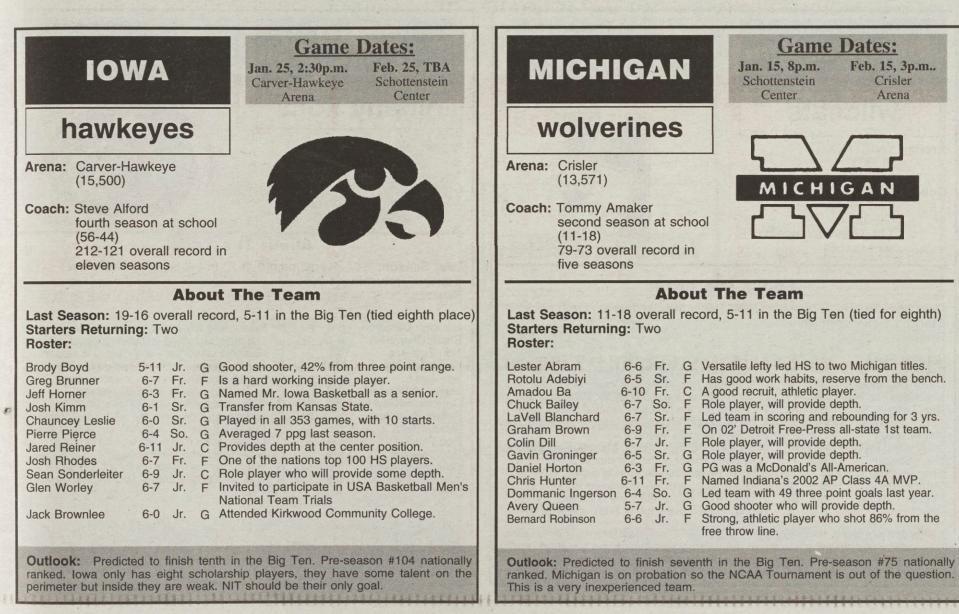
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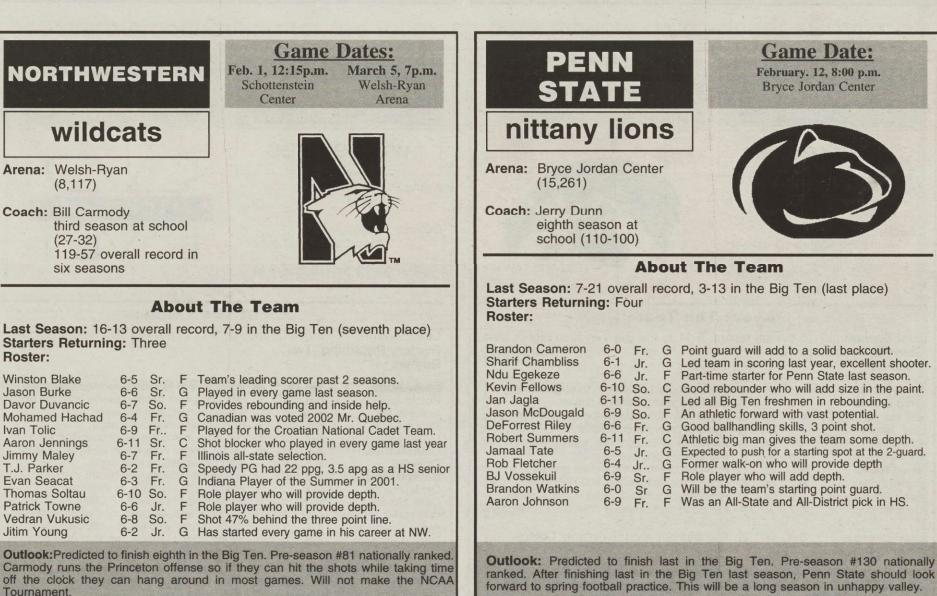
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10 MONDAY JANUARY 6, 2003 BIG 10 BASKETBALL PREVIEW **THE LANTERN Game Dates: Game Date:** MICHIGAN **MINNESOTA** Jan. 9, 7p.m. March 8/9 TBA. February 5, 8 p.m STATE Breslin Schottenstein Schottenstein Center Center Center spartans golden gophers Arena: Breslin Center Arena: Williams (14,759)(14, 625)Coach: Tom Izzo Coach: Dan Monson eighth season at fourth season at school school (167-65) (48 - 43)100-60 overall record in **About The Team** five seasons Last Season: 19-12 overall record, 10-6 in the Big Ten (fifth place) **About The Team** Starters Returning: Four **Roster:** Last Season: 18-13 overall record, 9-7 in the Big Ten (sixth place) Starters Returning: Three 6-4 Fr. G Great leaping ability will help team. Maurice Ager **Roster:** Enters his third season as a starter. 6-8 Sr. F Aloysius Anagonye F Has the versatility to play four positions. Alan Anderson 6-6 So. Mike Bauer Kevin Burleson Forward who can post-up inside or shoot the three. 6-10 Jr. С Received MSU's Most Improved Player. **Jason Andreas** Seventh in school history with 280 career assists. JC transfer averaged 16.6 ppg last season. Has tremendous range with his jump shot 6-3 Sr. G Adam Ballinger F Enters his second season as a starter. Kris Collins GFF 6-9 Sr. 6-2 So. Steve Esselink Jr. Fr. Appeared in all 31 contests last season. Tim Bograkos 6-2 So. G 6-6 Stan Gaines 6-7 Stan Gaines is a good leaper, inside player. Named Michigan's Mr. Basketball. 6-10 Fr. C Paul Davis Jeff Hagen 6-11 So. C Redshirt was awarded a scholarship. Has great quickness and can explode to the goal. Preseason All-American, spot-up shooter. 6-3 So. G Chris Hill So. Sr. Jr. Fr. Maurice Hargrow GFGCGF 6-4 Rashi Johnson 6-2 Jr. G Led Mott CC to 01' JC D-II title game. Outstanding shot blocker, very quick. A two-year starter at Northwestern. First-tea, all-state in Texas. Transfer from St. Francis (Penn.) Jerry Holman Ben Johnson 6-10 6-8 Fr. F Versatile player from Slovenia. Erazem Lorbek 6-3 F Was a standout at Nike camp. Aliou Kane 6-8 Fr. 6-9 Delco Rowley Explosive leaper, soaring to block shots/rebounds. Brent Lawson So. 6-4 So. G 6-4 Kelvin Torbert Rick Rickert Aaron Robinson 6-11 5-10 So. So. Preseason Playboy All-American 6-7 Fr. F Also will play WR on football team. Matt Trannon GF Excellent quickness/hard-nosed on-the-ball defender Transferred from Kent State. F Walk-on during the 2001-02 season. **Brain Westrick** 6-6 Sr. Matt Smriga 6-8 So. F Provides a potent outside shooting touch. Adam Wolfe 6-9 Jr. Outlook: Predicted to finish third in the Big Ten. Pre-season #32 nationally ranked. Should make the NCAA Tournament. This team is loaded with size and speed.

Outlook: Predicted to finish first in the Big Ten. Pre-season #10 nationally ranked. Will make the NCAA Tournament. This is a very deep team that is extremely talented. They will be determined to reclaim their spot as a national power.



Outlook:Predicted to finish eighth in the Big Ten. Pre-season #81 nationally ranked. Carmody runs the Princeton offense so if they can hit the shots while taking time off the clock they can hang around in most games. Will not make the NCAA Tournament

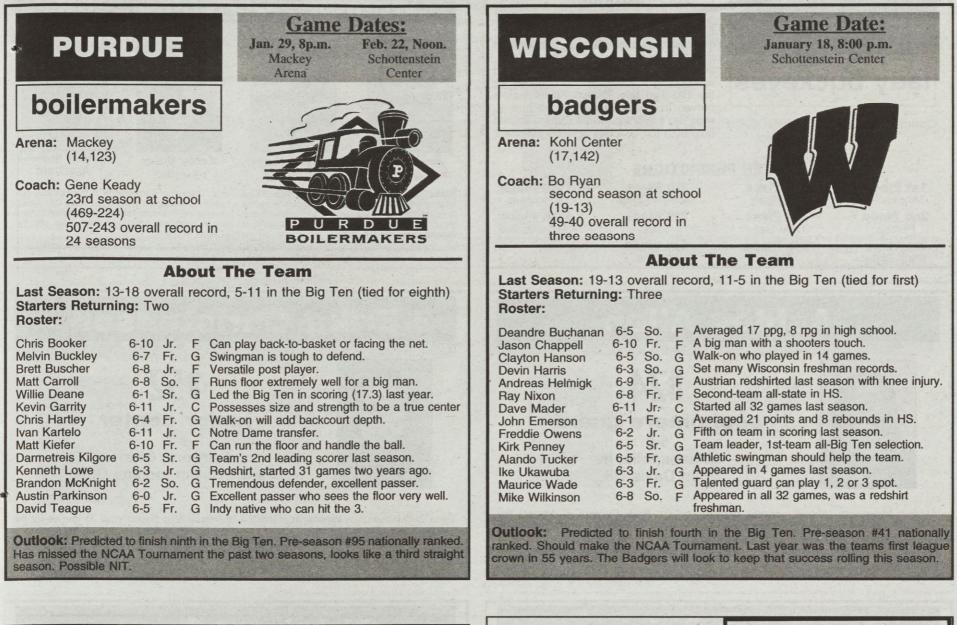


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1st Place Minnesota **2nd Place** Purdue **3rd Place** Penn State

4th Place Michigan **5th Place** Ohio State **6th Place** Illinois

field goal defense percentage and rebounding if they want to contend for the Big Ten title. Coach Foster has a proven track record and knows how to win. The exhibition tour to Europe should help both the coaches and the players. **7th Place 10th Place** Michigan State **8th Place**

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9th Place

Indiana

Outlook:

The Lady Buckeyes are a talented team that must find a way to stay healthy. They finished under.500 last season and must improve their free-throw shooting,

> Wisconsin **11th Place** Northwestern



Jim Foster Head Coach **Pete Gaudet** Assistant

Kelley Meury

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Nikki Keyton is the Director of Basketball Operations. This is her third season in this position. Her responsibilities include managing Fosters' personal schedule; overseeing scheduling in Value City Arena, to incorporate games, practices and special events; coordinating first-class travel, accommodations and meals; managing the fiscal year 2003 budget; on-campus recruiting; planning training table and the Buckeyes' weekly and monthly schedules; and summer camp activities.

This is a new coaching staff for the Lady Buckeyes. Coach Foster has 24 years of experience in women's basketball at both St. Joseph's (Pa.) University and Vanderbilt University.

Ashley Allen



Ashley Allen was tabbed as one of the Top 21 New Players of Impact for 2001-02 by womenscollegehoops.com. She played in every game during the 2001-02 season and was the top free throw shooter for the Buckeyes with a .857 percentage. Started 10 games last season and will see alot of time playing point quard this season.

Erika Christenson



junior center 6-4 Fairborn, Ohio Transfer from Indiana Univ.

Erika Christenson is a transfer from Indiana University. She played in all 31 games for the Hoosiers last season, averaged 13 minutes a game. She ranked second on the team with a .522 shooting percentage from the field (47-90), 103 rebounds and 21 blocks. She will add upfront size the Buckeyes have lacked in the past.

Courtney Coleman #50 senior forward 6-2

Cincinnati, Ohio **Hughes HS**

Courtney Coleman was selected a co-captain of the 2001-02 Buckeye unit. She was Second Team All-Big Ten selection, named OSU Most Valuable Player and broke the 1000 career points barrier. She led the Buckeyes in scoring (16.4 ppg) and rebounding (7.8 rpg) and was ranked eighth among conference leaders in both categories. Ranked third on the all-time OSU field goal percentage ladder with a .580 mark (412-710).

Charisse Crews

I31 sophomore forward 6-0 **Urbancrest**, Ohio

Grove City HS

Charisse Crews was named Ohio State's Most Improved Player. She was third on the squad in rebounding (4.3) in Big Ten competition and shot a solid .509 (28-55) from the field, .786 (22-28) from the charity stripe and averaged 20.7 minutes a game in conference play. She was a four-year starter for Division I Grove City. She was selected the Ohio Capital Conference-Central District Player of the Year her final two seasons. Steered the Lady Hounds to four consecutive conference championships.

Candace Dark



Candace Dark was named to the 2002 Indianapolis Star All-Star team. She finished her four-year career at Fountain Central with 1,875 points and 633 rebounds. As a senior, the two-year captain averaged 21.1 points with best game performance of 34 points coming against state champion North Vermillion. Played guard and forward for coach Phil Rash, whose team went 70-22 during her four years. Adidas All-American All Star team. Burdus Camp MVP All-Star team. Purdue Camp MVP.

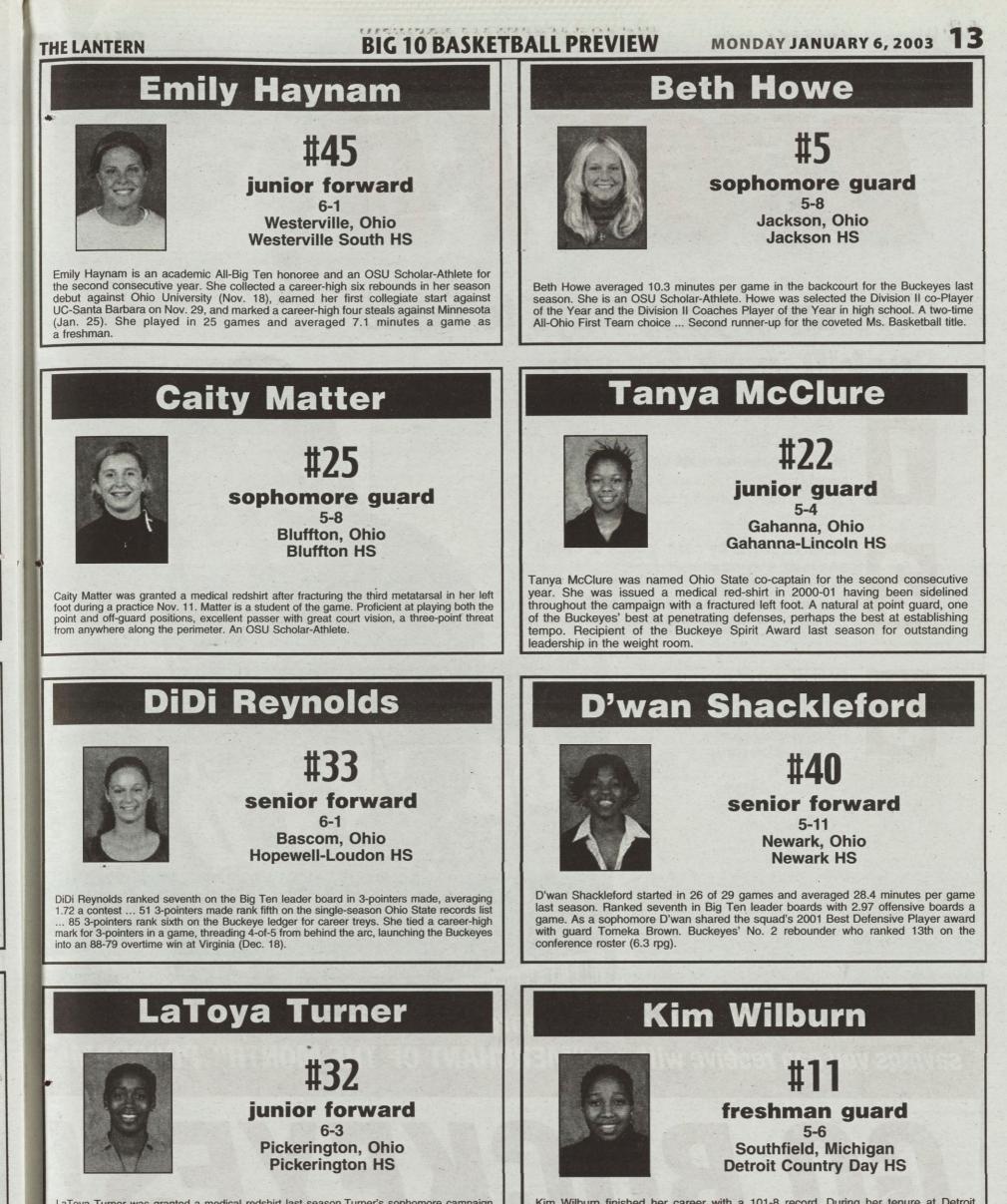


Brandee Gibbs

freshman center 6-4 Maple Plain, Minnesota **Orono HS**

Brandee Gibbs was granted a medical redshirt after being diagnosed with a fracture in her left foot Dec. 12th, 2001. She competed in five games as a Buckeye. Gibbs capped her senior season leading Orono High School to its first state championship run. She is the school record-holder for rebounds and blocks. She was selected as one of the top 100 seniors nationally by Blue Star Magazine.

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LaToya Turner was granted a medical redshirt last season.Turner's sophomore campaign ended abruptly for the 2000 Big Ten Freshman of the Year after tearing her left knee ACLgraft in early January. She exited as one of the leading scorers (17.8 ppg.) and rebounders (6.6 pg.) in the league, claimed the season's first Big Ten Player of the Week honor following a career-high 37 point and 14 rebound performance at Cleveland State (Nov. 17). Added on another 18 pounds through rehab and summer conditioning.

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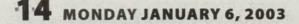
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ye. ate vas Kim Wilburn finished her career with a 101-8 record. During her tenure at Detroit Country Day, the team made four Class B finals appearances and captured two state titles ... Led team to fourth consecutive state final appearance by averaging 13.5 points, 7.0 assists, 5.6 rebounds and 6.3 steals as a senior captain ... Shot 47 percent from the field during her senior campaign ... Finalist for Miss Basketball 2001 by the Detroit Free Press.



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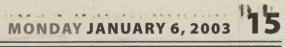
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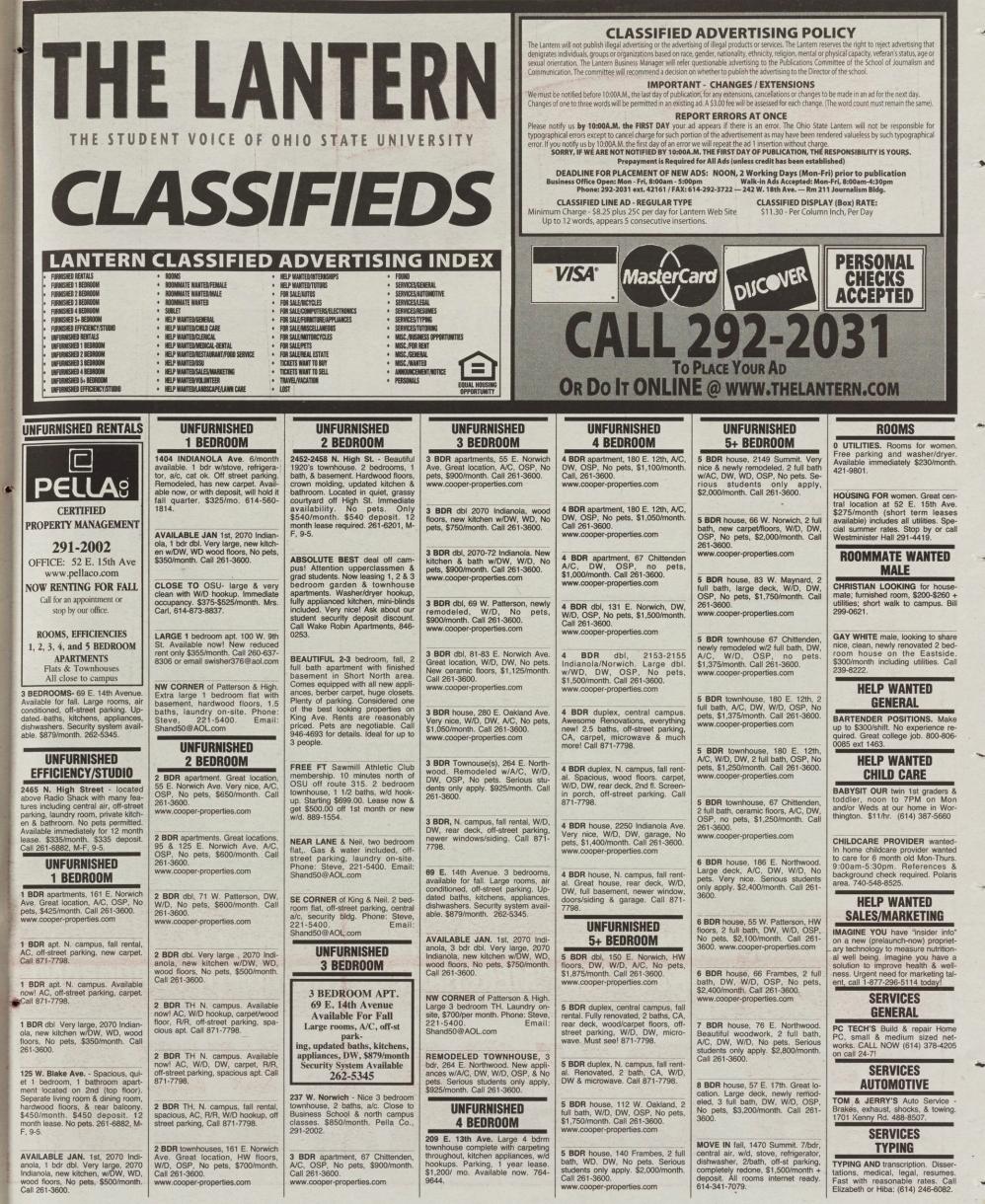
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