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Fire on Hunter drives out residents

Apartment complex
damage unknown

By Adam Jardy
Lantern editor

A fire broke out yesterday afternoon in the University District, shattering the life of one Ohio State student and displacing those of several others. No one was home at the time, but one pet dog was reportedly killed in the fire.

The fire, which occurred at 1503 Hunter, was reported to the Columbus Fire Department at 3:34 p.m., Capt. Tom Delong said. It started in the upstairs apartment of OSU student Amanda Bashore, who was not home when the fire broke out.

"We sent out nine (fire trucks) on the original call," Delong said. "I'd say it was about 25 minutes before (the fire) was contained."

Chief Robert Schmidt was among the first firefighters on the scene.

"We had a fire; we put it out," he said. "The only things rescued were a cat and a dog."

Delong explained that the fire had started on the upper level of the apartment and spread from there.

"When I got here, we had smoke coming from the windows on the south side and the eaves along the front," he said.

The building was an apartment complex consisting of one-bedroom apartments.

Jessica Brooks, a student in social and behavioral sciences and resident of the complex at 1509 Hunter, said she was sitting in her apartment when a man knocked on her door and warned her to get out.

"I'm kinda shocked," she said. "I was just inside. Some guy riding his bike knocked on my door and let me know (about the fire). The whole back of the house was in flames."

The bike rider was Micah Versluis, a graduate of OSU and resident of the same city block.

"I was riding my bike, and I saw this puff of black smoke," Versluis said. "I came over to see what was going on, and there was a huge fireball coming out the back window. I figured it had just started, so I start-



RACHAEL MCGHEE/THE LANTERN
(Above) A fire broke out on the second floor of a Hunter apartment yesterday afternoon.

(Below) Firefighters continued to spray water on the extinguished back area where most of the damage was sustained.



ed knocking on doors."

It was at this point that Versluis found Brooks inside her apartment and warned her to evacuate.

"She grabbed her kitten and got out," Versluis said. "A minute later the fire trucks showed up."

Witnesses who saw the event praised Versluis as a hero, but he downplayed his role.

"I wouldn't say I'm a hero," he said. "I'd hate to see someone burning alive on the same block that I live in."

The Ohio State Student Advocacy Center and the Red Cross were on the scene offering assistance to the

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Campus stricken with computer problems

By David Cross
Lantern staff writer

Students found themselves without e-mail at the beginning of the week after a power outage caused corruption in the central e-mail system.

Subcontractors who were changing a switch in a power substation last week accidentally caused the power to one of the campus' two main circuits to shut off, said Jim Stevens, associate vice president of physical facilities.

The circuit that was shut off supplied power to Baker Systems Engineering and the central e-mail systems housed inside.

"The power spike and outage corrupted the data base with about roughly half of the central system e-mail users," said Bob Kalal, director of information technology policy and services.

The campus default e-mail systems are located in multiple location on campus, and 20,000 out of the 75,000 e-mail accounts the system manages, Kalal said.

The students who were unable to use their OSU accounts were those whose information was located on the e-mail system in Baker.

The system that held 10 million files was being corrupted.

"To avoid further corruption we had to close the system and rebuild the data base,"

Kalal said. "You want to do it right and not cause further corruption. It's a slow and painstaking process."

The power outage happened between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and was fixed by 10 p.m. Monday.

"The system is regularly backed up, so we have the raw material to be able to restore the system to an earlier state," Kalal said.

Kalal said the campus e-mail system sends 1.5 million messages daily.

"It's just something you have to deal with using technology," said Kristan Oelbracht, a senior in theater, who said she had a difficult time arranging her schedule for a theater

production on which she was working. "I wound up having to use my Yahoo account to send e-mails, which I really don't like giving out."

Along with e-mail system being down — one part of WebCT, an e-learning tool used by OSU — was damaged.

WebCT branches that where not affected were the Medical College, OSU Lima and the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. The main campus' WebCT was fixed and ready for students to use yesterday around 1 p.m.

The Office of Information and Technology received around 4,000 calls to their help desk during the incident.



ADAM GODFREY/THE LANTERN

Libertarian presidential candidate Michael Badnarik lays out his platform during his speech in the Ohio Union yesterday. STORY ON PAGE 3

A possible new union

By Benjamin Presson
Lantern staff writer

The Graduate Employee Student Organization, in association with the Ohio Federation of Teachers, is working to gain support for a collective bargaining contract between Ohio State and graduate employees which would increase the health care provided to graduate teachers and research assistants.

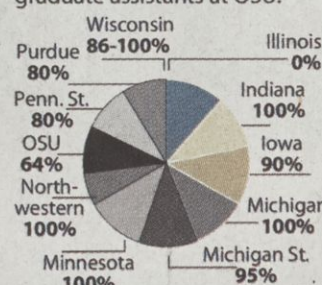
The GESO held an informational picnic outside the Ohio Union Wednesday afternoon to spread awareness about the collective bargaining proposal and House Bill that seeks to secure better health care, benefits, grievance policies, and good faith efforts for graduate employees at Ohio State.

"OSU is a huge university, and leads in a lot of academic fields, but lags in employment relationship and the benefits, such as health care, it offers to its graduate employees," said Scott Banville, a member of the GESO's steering committee and an English graduate. "We have no leave for family situations or emergencies. These are the kinds of things for what we're fighting."

Students gathered in front of the Union while they ate ice cream and participated in the Union Support Card Drive, which backs the signing

Graduate Assistant Health Coverage at Big 10 Schools

The Graduate Employees & Student Organization (GESO) are working to increase healthcare for graduate assistants at OSU.



Note: Graduate school at University of Illinois offers no assistance, however, graduate students may purchase health care through the student health center.

SOURCE: www.osu-geso.org

of a collective bargaining contract between OSU and graduate employees.

Health care has been one of the GESO's main issues in the past couple of months.

"Four schools in the Big Ten offer 100 percent health care coverage for its part-time graduate employees,"

Metallica in concert

Metallica returns to Ohio State's campus to rock the Schott

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said James Tackett, an organizer with the Ohio Federation of Teachers. "OSU isn't even close to that. Health care is an issue that can't wait."

Jessica Lucas, the president of the GESO, wants what other Big Ten universities have secured for themselves in recent history.

"We want a written, legally binding contract with these provisions included, that can be voted on by all graduate employees," Lucas said. "Only with a union can we negotiate a legally binding contract with the university regarding our work."

Last year the GESO led a petition drive and gathered 1800 signatures from part-time graduate employees in support for better health care and benefits. "We've had a 46 to 64 percent jump in health care coverage," Banville said.

James Tackett said the petition signatures were only the first step. "Eighty five percent of the 1/4 we assessed signed support cards, but those cards weren't to form a union, only to offer support."

House Bill 249, the GESO's biggest step towards securing benefits, and sponsored by both Ohio's House and Senate, touches on the fact that Ohio is the only state in the country to offer collective bargaining rights for full-time graduate employees but not for part-time graduate employees. "They're trying to attract better graduate employees, but they're not giving them enough incentive to come and teach at OSU," Tackett said. "We want it decided through the legislative process."

The next step is to show the overwhelming support for the bill, Tackett said. "We need a minimum of 51 percent of the total graduate assistants in support of this bill, but we'd like 75 percent or more," he said.

At the beginning of October, the GESO will be holding the "Alliance of Graduate Employee Locals" conference. More than 50 Union activists from other universities will be on hand to help support the GESO's bid for better health care and benefits through unionization.

The dean of the graduate school did not respond to a request for comment by deadline.

Conference working to increase voter participation

By Ryan Green
Lantern staff writer

The Moritz College of Law held an "Electronic Voting Conference" to discuss the issue of voting in the 2004 election, in light of the widespread problems with the last presidential election and the anticipated closeness of the upcoming election.

The assembled audience and panel discussed many issues concerning voting, especially the alienation of voters.

"The biggest problem of voting is the disenfranchisement of overseas voters," said Michael Shamos, a career professor of computer science at Carnegie-Mellon.

Shamos said this group of voters is as large as seven to eight million, which is worse of a problem than malfunctioning voting machines and voter negligence.

Tova Wang, senior program officer and Democracy fellow for the Century Foundation, said many voters and poll workers do not know enough about what they are doing and education is a key to making every vote count.

Everyone agreed that voting citizens could take it upon themselves to make the process work better.

"Volunteering to work as a poll worker in your area and getting involved can help," said Deborah Goldberg, the director of the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for justice at the New York University School of Law.

Goldberg said that the Brennan Center has eight recommendations that realistically could not take effect with just 40 days until the election, but there is time for some.

The Brennan Center recommendations involve appointing independent experts to oversee computer security, conduct reviews, and implement recommendations.

"We strongly encourage (voters) to take a look at the recommendations at www.brennancenter.org to see whether or not they could work to pressure election officials to improve elections here in Ohio," Wang said.

A special guest in attendance was Ohio Sen. Teresa Fedor, D-Toledo of the 11th district.

"If we learned anything in 2000, it's that everyone who's eligible to vote is able to and it

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Michael Shamos
Professor

counts," Fedor said. "We should have a complete system of checks and balances (for voting) that is fair and honest."

All of the speakers at the conference said that much needs to be done to fix the problem, but it will not happen overnight.

The old method of punch cards does not work and technology is the future, the panel said.

"This is something that my colleagues and I are very serious about," Fedor said. "We want to maintain the integrity of the voting system by taking the recommendations and hearing concerns on both sides (Republican and Democrat), and we know that technology can help. From what I understand, it is impossible, in principle, to get it 100 percent right, but there are a lot of things we can do to improve voting security."

Those who participated in the conference were: Henry Brady, professor of political science at the University of California at Berkeley; David L. Dill, professor of computer science at Stanford University; Goldberg; Martha R. Mahoney, professor of law at the University of Miami; Shamos; Peter Shane, the Joseph S. Platt/Porter Wright Morris & Arthur professor of Law and director, center of law, policy and social science at the Moritz College of Law at Ohio State; Daniel Tokaji, assistant professor, Moritz College of Law at OSU; Wang; Matt Zimmerman, staff attorney; Electronic Frontier Foundation and many audience members.

Kerry stops in Columbus, criticizes war

By Adam Godfrey
Lantern campus editor

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry made a stop in Columbus yesterday at Fire House 1, despite the fact that he had cancelled his cam-

paign visit to the Ohio State campus Wednesday night because of his strained voice.

During his stop, Kerry reacted to statements made by Ayad Allawi, the interim government prime minister of Iraq, that gave a positive outlook on the

progress in Iraq.

"The prime minister and the president are here obviously to put their best face on the policy, but the fact is that the CIA estimates, the reporting, the ground operations and the troops all tell a different story," Kerry said.

Welcome Weekend

FRIDAY

8 a.m. Department of Animal Sciences Open House
9 a.m. Younklin Success Center Open House
10 a.m. Wexner Center Student Extravaganza
12 p.m. American Indian Student Services Welcome Reception
2 p.m. Historic Costume/Textiles Collection Exhibition
3 p.m. Pillar Pursuit Prize Reception
3 p.m. Honors & Scholars Open House
3 p.m. Make Buckeye Necklaces with AOSCH
4:30 p.m. Graduate Student Annual Fall Picnic
5 p.m. FREE Pre-Yom Kippur Homemade Dinner
5 p.m. Ohio State Men's Soccer vs. Bowling Green
5 p.m. Graduate & Professional Student Happy Hour
5 p.m. Cookout at Heritage House
5:30 p.m. Shabbat & Yom Kippur Dinner
6 p.m. Late Night goes NUTS
6 p.m. Navigators Fun Night
6 p.m. Japanese Animation Showing
6:30 p.m. Christian Graduate Student Alliance Welcome Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Ohio State Women's Soccer vs. Purdue
7:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Conservative & Reform Services
8 p.m. Toby Lightman Concert
9 p.m. Buckeye Area Late Night Games
9 p.m. OSU Ice Breaker
9 p.m. Bradley Paterson Big 5-0 Birthday
10 p.m. The Shakedown
10 p.m. Icebreaker Part I

SATURDAY

9 a.m. Yom Kippur Services
10 a.m. Scarlet Mask
12 p.m. Dance Linx Welcome Back Dance Workshop
12 p.m. Black Caucus Meeting
1 p.m. Ohio State Field Hockey vs. Penn State
1:30 p.m. Black Caucus Cookout
3:30 p.m. 1st Annual Hockey Day at OSU
5 p.m. Miracle Miles 5K
6 p.m. May Week 2005 presents The Whiles
7 p.m. Heritage House Student Fellowship — HomeGroup
9 p.m. OSU Ice Breaker
9 p.m. Iota Phi Theta Ice Breaker
10 p.m. The Shakedown
10 p.m. Icebreaker Part II
SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Summit UMC Worship and Student Lunch
1 p.m. Alpha Psi Lambda Welcome Week Picnic 2004
2:30 p.m. Allies for Diversity Welcome Back Meet & Greet
4 p.m. International House LLP Welcome Social
5 p.m. Miracle Miles 5K
6 p.m. Sundays @6 Christian Worship and Dinner
6 p.m. May Week 2005 presents The Whiles
6 p.m. MUNDU World Party
7 p.m. Heritage House Student Fellowship — Home Goup
7 p.m. Mack Hall Ice Cream Bash
8 p.m. Dip 'n' Flick
9 p.m. Iota Phi Theta Ice Breaker

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students residing in the building.

Bashore rode in on her bike to find flashing lights and firefighters surrounding her apartment. Other residents in unaffected sections of the building arrived after receiving calls alerting them to the fire.

"I was at work," said Chris Roegig, a resident of the com-

plex. "My neighbor called me and said, 'Dude, your house is on fire.' I came back and found out it wasn't my place. I feel bad for the girl."

Investigators on the scene were unable to determine what had caused the fire or the value of the damages at press time.

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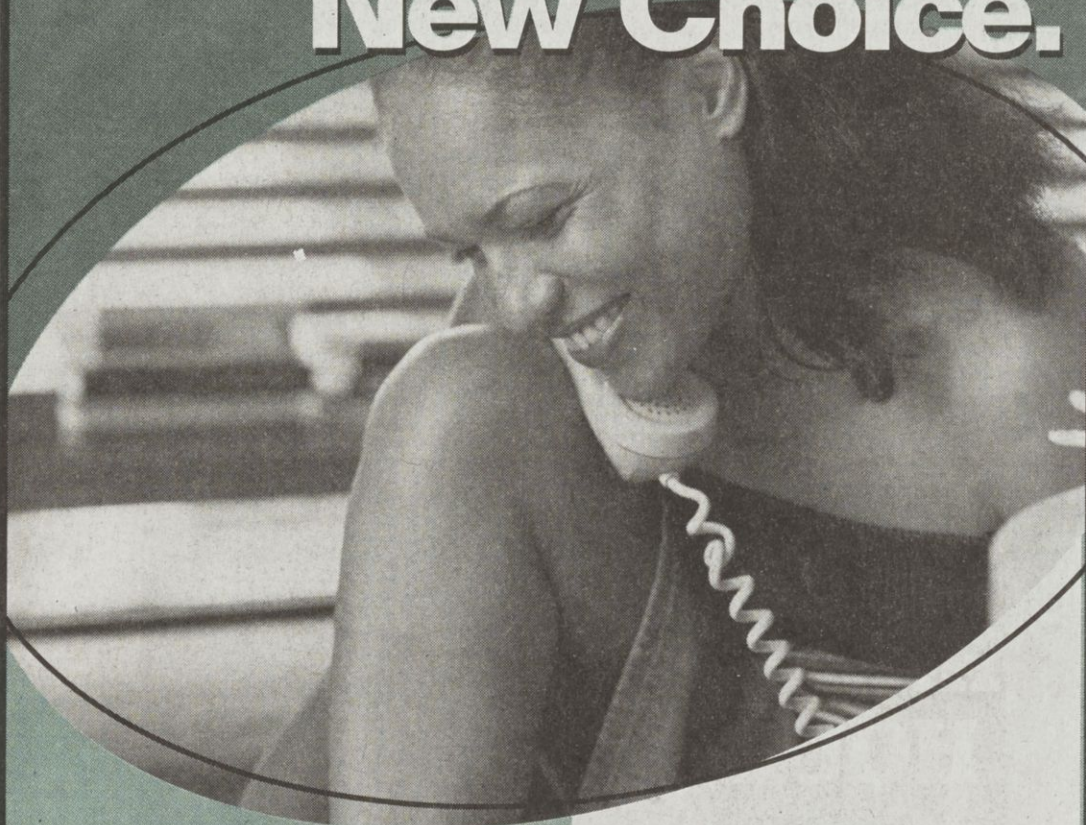
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Greens concentrate on Ohio

By Ryan Kelley
Lantern campus editor

This summer, after the Green Party nominated David Cobb and Pat LaMarche over the ticket of 2000 Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader and California 2003 gubernatorial candidate Peter Camejo, Nader and Camejo began an independent campaign for the presidency.

Local groups, including Ohio State's campus Green Party, have moved to readjust political strategies for the 2004 election.

"We focused a lot on our local candidates," said Doug Wagner, last year's campus Green Party president and current Undergraduate Student Government senator for south campus. "There's no charge (that) we're going to work on, on a national level."

Instead, the 15 active members of campus Greens are focusing their energies toward local and state elections. Campus Greens united with other campus progressive groups, such as Students for a Sensible Drug Policy and Students for Recycling, during last year's USG elections. The result was five wins for the slate, which Wagner hopes will buffer his chances for passing voting reforms in USG.

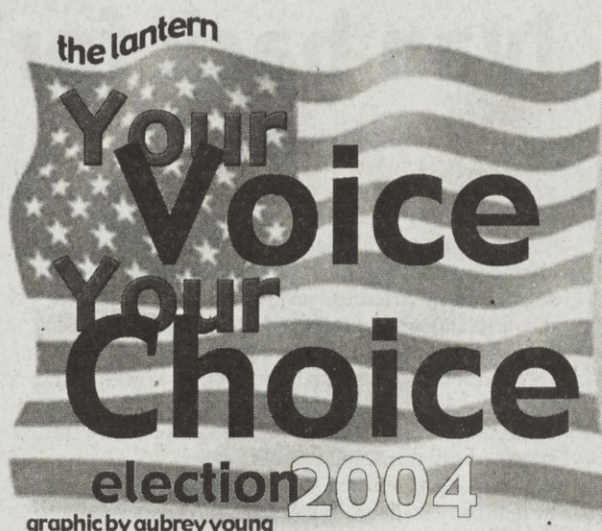
One of those reforms is run-off voting, a major plank on the Greens national platform. Run-off elections are used primarily in single-member districts to ensure an elected candidate receives a majority of votes. Under the system, voters rank choice in order. After the initial round of voting, the candidate with the lowest vote total has their votes thrown to the second choice on each ballot. If there is still no majority winner, the candidate with the next lowest vote total then throws their votes to the candidate ranked second on each ballot. The process is continued until a majority winner is declared. The system, already used in Louisiana Senate races, will also be used in November for San Francisco municipal races.

"It's saves them money (instead of a run-off election)," said Steven Hoeschele, Instant Run-off Program Associate for the Center for Voting and Democracy in Maryland. Campus Greens use the non-profit group as an informational resource. Hoeschele said college campuses are important to their agenda.

"Really, it's about education too. If we can reach college students, they're the leaders of tomorrow. They typically are more reform-minded about policies," Hoeschele said. "It's definitely part of our outreach."

Hoeschele said the Green Party is something more and more people are coming to today.

Campus Green President Jessica Tyler said much of her group's efforts this election season have gone to the Ohio House of Representatives District 19 race. Green



Party candidate Rick Otten is running for election in the eastern Ohio district. He is one of only four candidates running for state and national offices.

"Unfortunately, we don't have that many Green Party candidates," Tyler said.

Tyler said the majority of Green volunteering on Otten's election involved appearing in parades and setting up yard signs.

OSU Nader supporters have thrown all their weight towards the presidential campaign, registering voters and collecting signatures to land Nader on the November ballots in Ohio. Nader is on the ballot in 29 states, 17 of which have spawned legal battles. 14,500 votes were collected in Ohio and more than 8,000 have been invalidated.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the national campaign," said Chad Geese, OSU campus coordinator for the Nader campaign. "I wish we could have Nader in the debate and let people see what he can do."

Geese, who has met Nader three times and refers to him as "Ralph," said he personally col-

lected 250 names for Nader's petition.

"The majority of our kids are either more liberal or voting what their parents voted," he said. "A lot of people like Nader but are afraid to vote for him."

Adam Alderman, a senior in psychology at OSU-Newark, runs Nader's campus campaign there. He said, despite the generally modest task of collecting the 5,000 signatures necessary to place Nader on the Ohio ballot, the 200 votes he registered were difficult to collect.

"The Kerry people view it as a threat and the people for Bush refuse to talk. It's not that daunting of a task. It's not that massive of a movement."

Alderman said Newark meetings for Nader generally draw six to eight people. He said efforts at Newark are geared towards triggering political debate between families and friends.

"Right now, we're trying to make an effort to get people more towards kitchen table politics," Alderman said. "It isn't just a two-man race. That's not what democracy is about."

Libertarian fires up students

By Lindsay Holmwood
Lantern staff writer

Libertarian presidential candidate Michael Badnarik was in Columbus yesterday speaking at the Ohio Union to an enthusiastic group of about 100 Ohio State students.

"I'm in Ohio to let people know that you don't have to vote for the lesser of two evils," Badnarik said in an exclusive interview with *The Lantern*, referring to Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and Republican President George W. Bush. "Voting for the lesser of two evils is a coward's way out. Be brave enough to vote your conscience."

Badnarik, 50, spoke for about an hour on issues directly pertaining to college students, such as the proposed implementation of the draft by the Democrats and Republicans and his opposition to it, referring to the draft as "involuntary servitude." He also discussed his strong support of an individual's rights and less government intervention in the lives of the American people.

He illustrated his point by saying that if a college student, after leaving home, "doesn't let mom and dad make your decisions for you, why would you let the government?"

The former computer programmer also discussed his vigorous support for putting money that is currently being spent on the U.S. government back into the pockets of the American people. His comments about severely reducing the size of government and abolishing the IRS received applause from students, as did his comments supporting the right to bear arms, the current lack of free speech in the United States and his opposition to the draft.

"I hope to teach people about the Constitution and re-establish the idea that the government works for us," Badnarik said, "not the other way around."

Antonio Ciaccia, co-founder for the Objectivists Thinkers Club, a philosophical group at OSU, and sponsor of the event introduced Badnarik with enthusiastic support for the candidate. "Our individual rights are not as absolute as they should be," Ciaccia said. "He (Badnarik) will stand up for the freedoms this country was founded on."

Badnarik's decision to visit OSU is a result of Ohio's position as one of the most important "swing" states for the upcoming election. "Ohio is taking over the role of Florida in 2000," Badnarik said. "The balance of voters here is almost 50-50."

Even though Badnarik only commands 1.2 percent of the popular vote according to a recent Zogby America poll, the goals of the Libertarian Party in this election are to raise awareness on important issues.

George Getz, spokesman for the Libertarian Party in Washington D.C., said, "We want to raise issues that neither Bush nor Kerry will talk about such as, if we weren't putting troops in hostile nations could we reduce the threat of terrorism."

"We think the role of the government should be that of a night watchman, to keep on eye on stuff. Not that of a nagging mother-in-law," he said.

The conclusion of the Libertarian candidate's often-humorous speech was met with a standing ovation. Students were then invited to ask Badnarik candid questions about his stance on various issues like electronic voting, immigration and his lack of mainstream coverage in the media.

Senior materials engineering student Adrian Hruszkewycz said he was impressed with Badnarik's speech, especially his support of small government.

"I like his idea that people rule themselves. It's a very different view," he said.

When asked if the candidate secured Hruszkewycz's vote in November, he replied, "It's possible."

OSU has a student-run Libertarian Studies Organization, but unlike student groups actively campaigning for presidential candidates Bush and Kerry, their organization is dedicated more toward libertarian education and not campaigning for a particular candidate. Some members of the group, which meets once a month, were in attendance yesterday.

The Libertarian Party has a stronger representation in local government than all other third parties combined with 600 total officials around the country. Ten Libertarians currently hold positions in Ohio, two of whom are city council members in Franklin County.

Badnarik will not appear in the debates with Bush and Kerry in the next few weeks because he does not have 15 percent support in public opinion polls required for a candidate to participate. His absence from the debates, he explained, is a result of fear from the Democratic and Republican parties the he will "shatter their stranglehold of politics in D.C."

"They're afraid of me," Badnarik said. "If I were allowed in the debates, I would change the course of U.S. politics forever."

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Congress OKs tax cuts

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress approved yesterday a \$145.9 billion package of tax relief to extend three popular middle-class tax cuts, giving President Bush his fourth major tax victory since taking office.

The Senate approved the measure 92-3 last night less than an hour after it cleared the House by a similarly lopsided 339-65.

Democrats in both chambers joined in support of the politically popular measure even though they criticized the Republican-led Congress' refusal to pay for the new tax relief at a time of soaring budget deficits.

The measure now goes to Bush for his signature. Republicans had been eager to get the measure passed to give the president a big legislative victory in the closing weeks of his campaign for re-election.

In a statement, Bush praised Congress for tax relief that is "putting more money into the hands of the American people and helping to grow our economy. As the economy strengthens, the last thing hard-working American families need is a tax increase."

Without action, the three provisions affecting an estimated 94 million Americans would expire at the end of this year. The legislation keeps the per child tax credit at \$1,000, retains an expanded 10 percent income bracket that affects virtually all taxpayers and retains provisions to provide tax relief for married couples.

"This is about providing tax relief for the hardworking men and women of America," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said in closing Senate debate on the bill.

Debate in both chambers followed similar lines, with many Democrats saying they supported the popular tax cuts but were unhappy that Republicans had refused to consider offsets such as tax increases in other areas or spending cuts to pay for the

package and keep it from making future deficits worse.

Bush had rejected a deal offered by Democrats and some moderate Republicans that would have extended the tax cuts for one year and paid for them by closing various corporate tax loopholes. He held out instead for a five-year extension in a gamble that opposition would lessen as lawmakers got closer to the Nov. 2 elections.

Sen. John Kerry, Bush's Democratic presidential opponent, said he supported extension of the middle-class tax cuts, but he criticized inclusion of corporate tax breaks in the bill and also the refusal of Republicans to agree to Democratic efforts to go further in expanding tax relief for 4 million low-income working families.

"Millions of American families are being squeezed by the weak Bush economy, falling incomes and rising health costs, and we should extend middle-class tax breaks to help them," Kerry said in a statement issued by his campaign.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who is in a tight re-election race, said during the Senate debate that he would support the longer extension included in the bill but would have preferred that the tax cuts had been offset.

Democratic opponents pointed to soaring federal deficits during the Bush administration, including an expected record deficit of \$422 billion this year and said that it was fiscally irresponsible to be passing further tax cuts that will push the deficits higher in future years.

But even opponents conceded that it was tough to ask lawmakers to vote against tax cuts with an election looming.

"The Republicans have so carefully and cunningly on the eve of an election planned several tax cuts in order to try to get the Democrats to vote no," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., told the House.

Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said the GOP refusal to pay for the tax cuts represented "fiscal child abuse" by saddling

coming generations with a national debt that is now more than \$7 trillion.

But Rep. Thomas Reynolds, D-N.Y., argued, "This bill prevents a tax increase on families. If we do nothing, these taxes will go up."

The child tax credit, slated to drop to \$700 next year, would be extended for five years at the higher \$1,000 per child amount.

All of the tax cuts in Bush's original \$1.3 trillion 10-year package which Congress approved in 2001 are scheduled to expire after 2010 although Bush is campaigning for re-election on a platform of getting Congress to make of his tax cuts permanent.

The relief from the so-called marriage penalty, which means that some couples end up paying more in taxes than if they were single, and the expanded 10 percent tax bracket would also be extended so that the higher tax relief would last through 2010.

In addition to those three provisions, the tax package would extend for one year current relief from the alternative minimum tax, which was intended to make sure that wealthy Americans did not escape paying taxes but is starting to ensnare more middle income taxpayers.

The cost of the middle-class tax relief, including the alternative minimum tax, was put at \$131.4 billion over 10 years.

The tax package also includes provisions to extend 23 expiring tax breaks, generally for one year, at a cost of \$12.97 billion.

In the Senate, the three lawmakers who opposed passage were Sens. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Fritz Hollings, D-S.C. All three are strong supporters of tougher action to address government deficits.

Kerry and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., both out on the campaign trail, did not vote on the tax cut legislation. Other senators not voting were Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii; Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii; and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

When once isn't enough: Ivan back for another go

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press

HIGH ISLAND, Texas — Making an encore appearance in the Gulf of Mexico as a tropical storm, Ivan swirled toward the Texas coast yesterday with a potential for up to 10 inches of rain over the weekend.

Florida residents also had that oh-no-not-again feeling as 105-mph Hurricane Jeanne appeared to be zeroing in this weekend for what would be the state's fourth thrashing this season.

"We've just reached some level of normalcy and here it comes again. I've never seen anything like this," said an exasperated Margaret McFarlane of Greenacres, Fla., who was without power for 12 days after Hurricane Frances. She was already stocking up on water, food and other supplies in preparation for Jeanne.

In all, four tropical weather systems were churning yesterday, with the most immediate threat coming from the 22-day-old Ivan, which will not seem to go away after causing 70 deaths in the Caribbean and 60 more when it plowed into the Gulf Coast and through the South last week.

Hurricane Ivan broke up after hitting the United States, but a piece of it spun back and reformed in the Gulf of Mexico as a tropical storm that struck along the Texas-Louisiana line yesterday with a potential for up to 10 inches of rain over the weekend.

"We're expecting it to move inland over the next couple of hours," said Robbie Berg, a meteorologist with the National Hurricane Center. About 7:15 p.m. EDT, winds were clocked at 45 mph. The storm was moving northwest at about 8 mph.

"It's just kind of like a cold front," said Freddie Richard Jr., emergency preparedness director in Louisiana's Cameron Parish. "We're just getting some rain and a little bit of wind."

Ivan was expected to make a button-hook turn and sit over Houston and the rest of southeastern Texas through the weekend, bringing 4 to 10 inches of rain and the threat of flooding.

"Friday night through Saturday morning, if you run a line through Galveston, Houston and College Station, that area probably is really going to get pounded," said National Weather Service meteorologist Kent Prochazka.

The last time the Houston area saw a tropical storm was June 2001, when Allison hit and then looped back, dropping 36 inches of rain, killing 22 people and paralyzing the nation's fourth-largest city.

Florida was on edge over Hurricane Jeanne, which has already been blamed for more than 1,100 flooding deaths in Haiti.

At 8 p.m. EDT, Jeanne was centered about 420 miles east of Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas. It was barely moving, but forecasters expected it to pick up speed overnight and into early Friday. An eventual turn to the northwest was predicted, but it

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Margaret McFarlane
Florida resident

was unclear if that would happen before Jeanne reached Florida.

"It's time for Floridians to seriously pay attention," said Eric Blake, a meteorologist at the hurricane center.

The effects of previous hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan are still being felt across Florida. In the Panhandle, where Ivan came ashore Sept. 16, tens of thousands of people remain without power, a few hundred remain in shelters and residents in Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key still cannot return to their homes.

"We've already refilled our refrigerators, gotten the debris out of the streets and it's going to happen all over again," McFarlane said as she secured her Greenacres home. "I'm not sure how much more people can take. And some people lost their homes, or part of their homes. The rain is really going to cause some damage the second time around."

The hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

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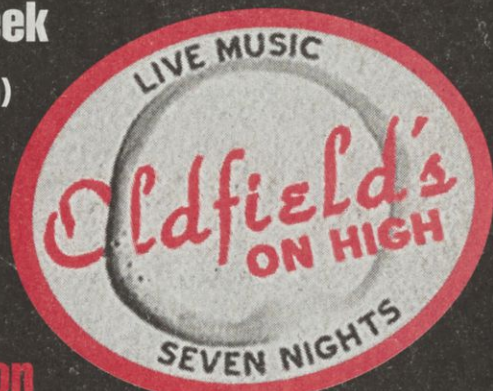
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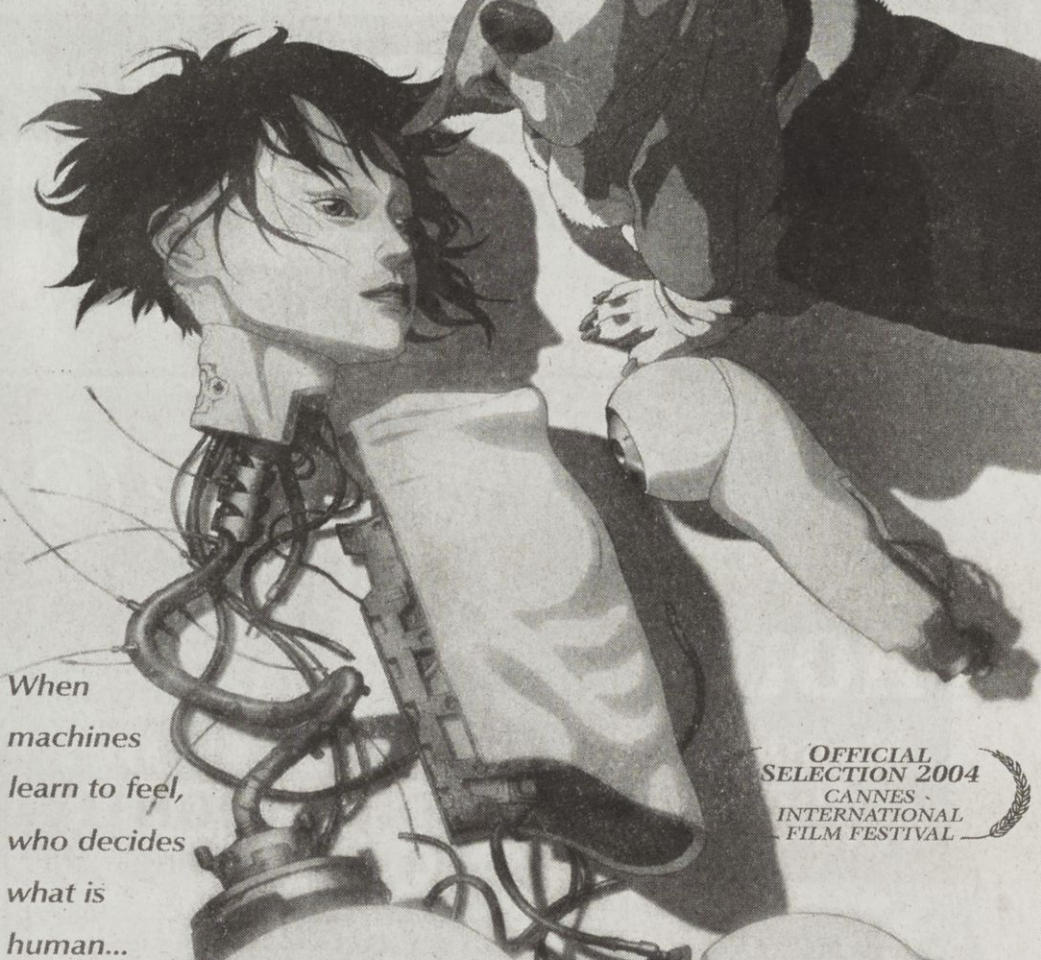
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Popeye was on the ball: spinach helpful

By Mark Pratt
Associated Press

BOSTON — "Eat your spinach," Mom used to say. "It will make your muscles grow, power your laptop and recharge your cell phone..."

OK. So nobody's Mom said those last two things. But researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology say they have used spinach to harness a plant's ability to convert sunlight into energy for the first time, creating a device that may one day power laptops, mobile phones and more.

Photosynthesis, the process by which plants use light beams for energy rather than eating food like animals, has been known to scientists for decades.

But attempts to combine the organic with the electronic had always failed: Isolate the photosynthetic proteins that capture the energy from sunlight, and they die. Inject the water and salt needed to keep the proteins alive, and the electronic equipment is destroyed.

That was until Shuguang Zhang, associate director of MIT's Center for Biomedical Engineering, discovered that protein building blocks called detergent peptides could be manipulated to keep the proteins alive up to three weeks while in contact with electronics.

"Stabilizing the protein is crucial," said Zhang, who collaborated with researchers from MIT, the University of Tennessee and the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, including electrical engineers, nanotechnology experts and biologists. "Detergent peptide turned out to be a wonderful material to keep proteins intact."

The scientists, whose findings were first reported by in NanoLetters, a publication of the American Chemical Society, then created a "spinach sandwich."

Why spinach? In reality, any number of plants could have been used. But the researchers chose spinach because "it is cheap and is easily available from the grocery store," Zhang said.

The spinach was ground up and purified to isolate a protein deep within the spinach cells.

A top layer of glass was coated underneath with a conductive material and a thin layer of gold to aid the chemical reaction. In the middle, the spinach-peptide mixture sits on a soft, organic semiconductor that prevents electrical shorts and protects the protein complexes from a bottom layer of metal.

By shining laser light on the "sandwich," researchers were able to generate a tiny current. While one device by itself can't generate much energy, billions of them together could produce enough electricity to power a device.

"It's like a penny," Zhang said. "One penny is not much use, but 1 billion pennies is a lot of money."

Practical applications are still a decade or so away, but the advantages include the technology's lightweight qualities, portability and environmental friendliness. "There is no waste," Zhang said.

The researchers suggest the technology could be used as a backup energy supply for battery-powered portable devices.

"We have crossed the first hurdle of successfully integrating a photosynthetic protein molecular complex with a solid-state electronic device," said Marc Baldo, an assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science at MIT.

Bush warns of more terror attacks in Iraq

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Denying he has painted too rash a picture of Iraq, President Bush said Thursday he would consider sending more troops if asked, but Iraq's interim leader firmly said they weren't needed. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested parts of Iraq might have to be excluded from elections in January.

Bush and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, standing in the Rose Garden under a bright sun, agreed that Iraq is making steady progress despite bombings, beheadings and violence that has claimed the lives of more than 1,000 Americans.

"On television sets around the world we see acts of violence, yet in most of Iraq, children are about to go back to school, parents are going back to work and new businesses are being opened," Bush said. Allawi said 14 or 15 of Iraq's 18 provinces "are completely safe."

Rumsfeld was asked by a Senate committee how U.N.-supervised elections could be held if Fallujah and other restive cities remained in revolt.

"Let's say you tried to have an election and you could have it in three-quarters or four-fifths of the country — in some places you couldn't because the violence was too great," Rumsfeld said. "So be it. Nothing's perfect in life. You have an election that's not quite perfect. Is it better than not having an election? You bet."

Asked later by reporters to elaborate, Rumsfeld said: "Is it dangerous? You bet. Will there be elections? I think so. Might there be some portion of the country where the terrorists decide they're going to mess things up? Possibly. Does that mean that there won't be elections? No."

Allawi, during an evening appearance sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations, expressed optimism about the election process. He predicted security will get better during the four months remaining before the election.

"Plans are in place," he said. "We hope it will

work." At another point, he said the elections "won't be 100 percent safe" but "at least it will make a very good start for Iraq."

Phil Singer, a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, said Rumsfeld's comments were at odds with Bush's own upbeat remarks earlier in the day. "For a White House that likes to condemn mixed signals, it certainly is sending out a few of its own," Singer said.

The Bush-Allawi joint news conference echoed Bush's campaign speeches and the themes of his attacks against Kerry. On his first official visit to Washington, Allawi told a joint meeting of Congress that "the values of liberty and democracy" are taking hold in Iraq despite setbacks. He offered a simple, "Thank you, America" for driving Saddam Hussein from power.

Kerry contends Bush has been dishonest about the war's rationale and cost and lacks an effective strategy to end the crisis. While Kerry urges a start of troop withdrawals within six months and complete pullout in four years, Bush and Allawi said the United States must stand and fight.

Without mentioning Kerry by name, Bush and Allawi suggested his criticism was undercutting Iraq and the United States. "You can embolden an enemy by sending mixed messages," Bush said.

Allawi said, "When political leaders sound the sirens of defeatism in the face of terrorism, it only encourages more violence."

During his evening appearance, Allawi was asked about a purported Kerry comment that Bush invited him here to help with the re-election campaign.

Allawi said he did not want to get involved in U.S. politics. But he added that the main purpose of his visit was to express his "heartfelt appreciation" for what the United States has done in Iraq.

Kerry said that contrary to assertions by Bush and Allawi, things are not improving in Iraq "and we need to change the course to protect our troops and to win."

Speaking in Columbus, Ohio, Kerry said: "The prime minister and the president are here, obviously, to put their best face on the policy. But the fact is that the CIA estimates, the reporting, the ground operations and the troops all tell a different story."

In a rare admission of error, Bush said he should not have said — as he did Tuesday — that the CIA was just guessing in a gloomy intelligence assessment this summer that raised the prospect of Iraq tumbling into civil war. "I used an unfortunate word, 'guess,'" Bush said. "I should have used 'estimate.'"

Before meeting with Allawi, Bush met in the Oval Office with Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East. Abizaid said Wednesday that more troops will be needed to secure Iraq's elections, but that he expected Iraqi or international troops could do the job. "I don't foresee a need for more American troops. But we can't discount it," Abizaid said.

Asked about Abizaid's comment, Bush said the general did not mention to him the need for more troops. "But if he were to say that, I'd listen to him," Bush said.

But Allawi said bluntly, "To have more troops, we don't need." Iraq now has 100,000 people in the police, national guard and army forces, he said.

His address to Congress was warmly received.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., who has criticized Bush on Iraq, said, "Certainly the prime minister was not going to go before the Congress of the United States or the people of this country and interject any element of doubt or questioning about his government's purpose or focus or credibility or ability."

"It was optimistic. ... It was very positive," said Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri, top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee. However, Skelton added, "I would feel better if the Iraqi people would express their gratitude and stop harboring those insurgents. That's the way to express gratitude to America."

Homemade bombs kill more soldiers

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For U.S. troops in Iraq, homemade bombs are the main killers, despite the hundreds of millions of dollars the Pentagon has spent trying to curb the weapons made from simple, easy-to-obtain materials.

As September shapes up as one of the deadliest months in Iraq for U.S. troops, the Pen-

tagon estimates it is finding 40 percent of roadside bombs before they explode. But military officials say the problem persists even with teams of technical experts working to defeat the threat.

In the first 22 days of the month, at least 63 members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force died, Pentagon casualty reports show. With a week to go, September is the

fifth deadliest month since President Bush declared an end to major combat operations on May 1, 2003.

In addition, September has seen the beheadings of two American civilians and insurgent attacks that have killed dozens of Iraqi police and hundreds of civilians.

More than 7,400 soldiers have been wounded since the war began, of whom 4,026 were

unable to return to duty, according to Pentagon figures.

The pace of U.S. military deaths has grown each month since the American occupation force handed over political control to an interim Iraqi government June 28. Both President Bush and military leaders like Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have said they expect the violence to grow further in the months before January elections.

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OUR VIEWS

Vanishing e-mail

Tech problems hurt students

Ohio State is now officially the largest school in the country after Texas lost about 1,000 students last year. That means when something goes wrong, it's going to affect a whole mess of people.

This year's Welcome Week has been plagued with electronic problems: E-mail and WebCT have functioned erratically at a time when students, especially the incoming freshmen, need them the most.

WebCT and a section of OSU e-mail both went down a week ago today. Information Technology has worked to get both back online, and as of yesterday, OSU e-mail was functioning again and WebCT had recovered.

Of course, hiccups in OSU's electronic systems are inevitable. With more than 50,000 students — not to mention faculty and staff — receiving their information from the digital landscape, problems are expected to crop up. However, these problems must be dealt with in a timely manner, especially if it is a system as essential as e-mail and online classes.

These problems would be easier to bear if the university had not phased out paper billing and other forms of paper documentation. Moving ahead with cheaper technology is all well and good, but it makes maintaining the integrity of the computer systems essential. Extra care must be taken to make sure technology is working smoothly, as often as possible, especially at the start of the school year.

Having much of the OSU e-mail system unavailable for large chunks of the first week is unacceptable. Freshmen, an understandably lost-and-confused bunch as it is, will be most affected by the problems. Class schedules, class changes, tuition notices and communication from professors and counselors are all handled through e-mail. Many incoming students are probably unfamiliar with resources to which others are accustomed, such as phoning different departments or knowing where to look online for information.

Perhaps an even bigger concern for some students is the online method of buying football tickets. Some tickets purchased online were sent through e-mail. Students using this form of payment would be out of luck if the e-mail system's reliability is still in flux.

Although students are undoubtedly grateful for the quick response to solve their connectivity problems, Information Technology better watch its step: If another e-mail snafu happens to cause thousands to miss out on Buckeye tickets, students might make the Michigan victory riots look like a Bob Jones University ice cream social.

Research campus

Other students important too

Now that Ohio State is getting back into the swing of things academically, it hasn't taken the administration long to make its point about what it's looking for from its students. At convocation Tuesday, President Karen A. Holbrook told freshmen to ask themselves, "What can I do to make Ohio State distinct as a research university?" Executive Vice President and Provost Barbara Snyder echoed Holbrook's comments, saying, "Ohio State is a student-centered research university."

Ohio State has begun airing more advertisements in its "Do Something Great" series, where several students discuss the topics they're researching at OSU. And the university just announced it topped half a billion dollars in funding to faculty for research. Clearly, research is here to stay at OSU, and there is not a lot that can be done about it.

At first glance, all this research, research, research talk could seem to be a sideways insult to those students who are not involved in research, but like it or not, OSU's attempts to become famous for something other than its football team and marching band are admirable. There's nothing stopping students who aren't in areas traditionally thought of as research areas from doing independent research, and there are plenty of places for students in more traditionally research-orientated areas to get involved.

Without research, OSU has little academically to distinguish itself from liberal arts colleges like Capital University or Ohio Dominican. These universities thrive on teaching students a little bit about everything in an intimate setting.

OSU, as the premier and largest state-run university, would have a difficult time running itself like that. It's perfectly logical that OSU would take advantage of the size and monetary resources at its disposal and become a fountain of academic knowledge for the world. In fact there is plenty of room and resources on campus for OSU to churn out various research projects and have programs geared toward smaller, more intimate and more varied coursework.

However, OSU cannot afford to ignore students uninterested in research, especially because the new essay on undergraduate applications has helped cause a decrease in the number of incoming freshmen. Even though money given to professors for research usually does not take away from money set to funding the university's basic activities, it is a bit out of place for the university to be bragging about how much money research is making its professors while dealing with a severely hamstrung regular budget. Not to mention the University Senate's plan to hire non-teaching professors, whose primary job at the university would be handling research. This is taking the research aspect of the university too far, detracting from the educational goals that should be every university's primary goal for the almighty research dollar.

Research is an important part of the university, but attempts to advance it at the expense of educating students should be stopped at all costs.

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Enjoy the year, Buckeyes

The campus is alive with the sound of freshmen.

Even if you were lucky enough to have escaped the rerouted move-in traffic Sunday, let me assure you: The massive amoebas navigating through High Street are evidence enough to say, "The freshmen are here!"

Attending the welcome fair was a dense herd meandering down memory lane. In the midst of rejecting credit card applications, unsuccessfully searching for the free Chipotle booth and hunting for the best free pen, I suddenly realized what was taking place around me.

For many, it was the beginning of an identity search. Whether it was signing an e-mail list for an organization that they will run in two years or simply bonding with hall mates, a transformation for the class of 2008 was happening in the hallways of the 'Shoe.

Sometimes I long to return to those first three days of being a Buckeye. There was not a worry in the world. Classes had not started. No one was working. It was time set aside to not only socialize and see how well you could turn your dorm room into a "Trading Spaces" episode, but to find out who you would really become in your career at Ohio State.

With classes commencing, those days are obviously gone for this year's freshmen class. Many are still deciding on a major, which makes forming an entire identity a mere afterthought. But I want to ensure you that the first few weeks of college weigh heavily on your collegiate journey.

I walked into Stradley Hall not knowing who I wanted to be or knowing how I was going to change like everyone had assured me. Sure enough, in June I left the dorms as a far different person. Freshman year has an amazing way of

changing people. I can not even begin to rationalize why, but I guarantee the freshmen year will mold who you become.

Here is a challenge from someone that loves OSU and adored her freshmen year: Think about who you want to be. More importantly, who do you want to be when you leave?

Skip one night of going to Old School (and while you are at it, never go back) and have a real conversation with the people around you. I promise the moments that matter; the stories worth remembering will happen in your dorm room or in a classroom, not in some bar you snuck into or an overpriced club.

I remember the funeral my roommate and I gave for our goldfish, who only lasted a week in the dorms. I will never forget our floor decorating for Beat Michigan Week by trying to hang "Let's go Buckeyes!" across all our windows, to later discover we could not even make out the letters from the ground. I still get chills when I recall jumping into a nearly frozen Mirror Lake the Thursday before the completion of a perfection regular season. And no one could forget the landmark snow day complete with a snowball fight with 10,000 closest friends.

You want to "Do Something Great" at OSU? Go love people. Give your life away to something that exists much longer than college. Invest in relationships that last, not nights that leave you empty in the morning.

Keep your eye on the prize of graduation. The coming week is the hardest to endure as the work sets in, the food gets old, home seems too far away and grades seem lower than high school. Never give up or turn back, but take advantage of being a baby Buckeye. Welcome to the family.



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Budget moves perplex

Wow! I literally had to sit down from sticker shock when I opened my statement of account this quarter. Tuition is at an all-time high, and we continue to face increases every term. Considering OSU is a state-funded school, the question must be asked: What can Ohio do to help fund state education instead of the usual tuition increases?

I will admit no simple answer exists. It's easy to jump to accusations about tax increases, state spending and how education is always the first on the budgetary chopping block, but considering that Ohio just announced a \$4 billion deficit, it seems fruitless to waste our breath. There just isn't any money to be handed out.

So what can Ohio do? Tax increases? Lobbying? Mega-millions? Mega-Mega Millions? All of these have been tried and tried again and have failed. Perhaps Ohio could adopt a "corporate mascot" to help fund our university. After all, our state regularly sells out to corporate sponsorship for a fast buck: Cinergy Field, Germain Amphitheater, and "Pepsi's Give Me the Mike Columbus."

OSU is no stranger to sponsorship or name lending either. Some of our finest buildings and programs are attached to prominent names and even more prominent pocketbooks.

However, I do feel there has to be a limit. It's one thing to have those cute Coca-Cola bears prancing around campus informing you that a Coke and a smile will get you your bachelor's, but I just don't feel comfortable with the idea of my next finance class being "How to go into debt (sponsored by VISA)" or having Jared from Subway teaching Nutrition 310.

So what can else be done? As I pondered this predicament, I happened to notice that *USA Today* had an article

about tuition increases. It listed OSU among the top 10 most expensive state-funded schools and that our tuition has increased at least 50 percent in the past three years.

50 percent? What exactly are we getting for this 50 percent?

Now don't get me wrong — I am more than willing to shell out a few extra dollars for bonuses such as wireless access, a decent library system and road improvements that allow me to catch the bus without having to stand halfway in the street dodging cars.

However, the university is making budgetary choices that I personally cannot understand. For example, how we need to spend \$2.5 million to "improve" the Oval, and yet the third floor bathrooms in Denny Hall are still without working soap dispensers? Why we must spend millions on a suspension bridge over the roaring Olentangy River, but we cannot find it in our budget to hire more math professors?

Maybe the solution lies in not what Ohio can do but in what we as members of the OSU community and as taxpayers should do. If we take an active interest in discovering where our money is being spent and make our opinions heard to the powers that be, maybe we can greater influence the use of all that extra dough.

In the meantime, we will have to find some other way to keep the cost of an OSU education down. How about an old-fashioned bake sale! Chocolate chip cookies anyone? Only \$249.95 a dozen.

YOUR VIEWS

Bonuses mean bad Buckeye business

Because universities across the country want to operate like businesses — where outcome dictates process — the use of bonuses have increased. Here, at OSU, we have seen a proliferation of their use — more and more administrators are hired with not only a base salary but also a bonus provision (see the recent hiring of a senior vice president for External Affairs).

Although I do not know the structure of these bonuses, such as amount and contingencies, I question their overall usefulness and value. Are bonuses applicable to the duties and responsibilities of administrators in higher education?

Perhaps in some settings and scenarios, they are. I can see why bonuses might be used as a means of increasing productivity or establishing warranted goals in select situations. For example, if the College of Medicine wants to increase its external funding for research and training, as maybe it should, then the annual salary for the vice president of the medical school might be based on a level of desired increase. I would hope his actions during the academic year would support increased external funding.

Likewise, if the vice president for Minority Affairs was asked to increase the enrollment of underrepresented groups at OSU, her salary might be adjusted accordingly if certain goals were met.

However, at present at OSU, it appears that the concept of monetary bonuses is being used only for top-level administrators, for whom such contingencies might be difficult to define. As a student at OSU, I would like to see the concept of bonuses, if applicable to higher education, used at all levels.

For example, the staff in the College of Continuing Education should be able to operate on a salary-plus-bonuses system so that they can be appropriately 'incentivized' to assist faculty members on conducting workshops for increased revenue. Or, faculty members might warrant a bonus if their teaching, research or service exceeds certain expectations.

Current salary increases for faculty and staff, which tend to be minimal, and plaques of commendation or paper awards are not the same. As universities adopt more and more business principles from the private sector, such as bonuses and instruction-based budgets (read: students), I think it is crucial for OSU to look at ways in which they can be implemented at all levels and settings to improve upon what OSU does. If the concept of bonuses is used just at the top, then it will continue to be perceived as a mechanism for simply increasing administrative salaries without saying so.

Don Spafford, ABD
College of Education
Rehabilitation Services

Anti-weapon ban article missed mark

The author of "Gun ban lifted" from Monday's *Lantern* missed the point entirely when he or she complained that no one "needs" high-power weaponry. No one "needs" a television either, but Congress wouldn't dream of making ownership of one illegal. The author even acknowledged that possession of firearms is a Constitutionally protected right. There are no "ifs," "buts" or "excepts" in that amendment, and there should be none in legislation limiting your right to any type of firearm you desire and can afford.

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Debates set; mudslinging continues

MADISON, Wis. — The debate and discussion of issues is not an inherently conspicuous concept. Indeed, one could make the claim that for much of history, humanity has distinctly avoided debate and resorted to the use of force and coercion to enact one's will upon the world.

With the advent of television, the ability of individuals to do intellectual battle on a massive scale is unlike ever before, and it has had undeniable effects upon the course of our nation. Moreover, this truism extends beyond simply the formal, scheduled debates of the political season, but also to every public speech or statement that either candidate makes or to advertisements they produce.

This election year, however, is as everyone loves to repeat ad nauseum: the most important ever. Thus, it would follow that the debates themselves and the overall discussion in this cycle ought to be just as important and treated as such. And, just as much has been throughout the past few years, things haven't been going as well as one might have hoped.

Both the Bush and Kerry campaigns have finally agreed to the debate schedule set forth by the Commission on Presidential Debates after a long dialogue (and, in the interest of being honest, a bit of stonewalling on the part of the

Bush campaign). Except for, according to *The New York Times*, "their unusual request that (the Commission) sign ... the 32-page agreement detailing parameters for the debates."

Now, it should not be surprising to anyone that the two campaigns want to have particular rules for the debates. Each side clearly wants to stack the cards in its favor: how many questions, which format, etc.

That's not the issue. What is, however, is how both campaigns have been focusing far too much on debating the debate in a more general sense rather than truly discussing the issues that deserve consideration.

For far too long we have been forced to deal with not merely mudslinging — this much is to be expected given the current level of hostilities — but also discussion of how one candidate or the other is being more negative. Who is being rude or conniving is the shape of political discourse in this country, rather than who is actually correct. Instead of really talking about Iraq, we talk about which candidate's supporters produced which negative advertisements and how closely connected the candidate was to the campaigns. Instead of really talking about the economy, we talk about which candidate possesses the superior

military record from almost 40 years ago and how one side or the other ought not to disparage their opponent. Any semblance of substantive discourse has vanished, only to be replaced by the foul specter of political spin built upon a foundation of willful neglect among much of the electorate.

If this is indeed the most historic election of our time, and there is such disagreement within our own borders as to what is the correct path to take, wouldn't it be logical for the campaigns to at least appear like they are taking this great divide seriously?

The discussion over the format of the formal debates is common in American presidential politics. The fact that this discussion parallels that of the rest of their campaigns is what is so shocking in such an important period of history.

Sadly, such behavior isn't too surprising. Controversy makes news, and candidates want the spotlight on them as much as possible. Electioneering has truly become focused into a science, manipulating rhetoric (traditional verbal persuasion) and heresthetic (setting the stage for victory) into electoral triumph. Candidates do not have to take positions; they simply must appear as though they do. Calling politics a game is not simply trendy — it's a fact.

The results of such campaign

gaming is obvious: Bush tries to focus the nation's attention on his strongest issue (the war on terror) but gives few specifics, and Kerry tries not to focus his campaign on anything. Kerry has thus far had little incentive to do so — any position on controversial issues he takes too strongly one way or the other will inevitably alienate portions of his base, so why not simply try to embrace the "anybody but Bush" crowd and try not to look bad?

Ultimately, the voters face an election year consisting of debate that only scratches the surface of discussing real issues and providing real solutions. The current state of politics in America is on one hand absurd, but on the other to be expected. Until the American people demand otherwise, straight talk on the issues is a pipedream. Spin masters will continue to weave their web of nonsense around the American political campaign, creating controversy to create interest.

While we certainly ought to take partial blame for these conditions ourselves, we ought to expect better from our leaders. We can either accept debates about the debates or reject it. Our fate might depend upon our willingness to take a stand.

By Zach Stern
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

Electoral college is mystery to voters

IOWA CITY, Iowa — All told, the Bush and Kerry campaigns have spent more than \$200 million by now, sending 10s of thousands of advertising spots to Iowa television stations. We merit this attention because, simply put, we are special, or at least our state is.

Al Gore and George W. Bush finished within half a percentage point of each other in Iowa in the 2000 popular vote, and that makes it a "swing state," one of 17 around the country in which the 2004 electoral vote winner is not a foregone conclusion. This makes Iowa worthy of the kind of time investment you don't normally see unless somebody is building a rain forest next door.

Across the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, it's another story. Because Illinois is a "blue state," where Kerry is going to win under any circumstance short of a Reagan-style blowout, there is not much reason to spend money or campaign there. Likewise, west of Iowa a straight line of "red states" stretches from North Dakota to Texas. In these states, President Bush is certain to win no matter how much time or money he or Kerry spends there, so they feel it best not to spend any at all.

The sad thing is, they're right. Because all a candidate has to do to win all 21 of Illinois' electoral votes is perform slightly better than anyone else, Kerry is home free. Of the five most populous American states — California, Texas, New York, Florida, and Illinois — only Florida has been given any real attention in this race, because only Florida remains competitive between both candidates.

The more we consider this system, the worse it gets. Even though 4.5 million Californians voted for George W. Bush in 2000, Al Gore got all 54 electoral votes. And more than 51 percent of Floridians voted for someone other than Bush. But because Bush ended up with 537 more votes than Gore, he became president. Because states allocate their electoral votes on a winner-take-all basis that doesn't require the winner to take a majority, the votes of millions of Americans

are routinely ignored.

It doesn't have to be this way. The Electoral College can't be abolished without a Constitutional amendment, and while that wouldn't be a bad idea, there is an easier way. Nothing in the Constitution says that the winner in a state needs to get every electoral vote from that state. This year, voters in Colorado will have the option to award theirs proportionally to the popular vote — that is, if Bush wins in a close election, he would receive five of the state's nine electoral votes and Kerry would get the other four.

Unfortunately, while this is an excellent idea in general, it would be terrible for Colorado. Because it is the only state considering such a reform, the new system would basically guarantee the losing party four electoral votes, and the winner's prize would simply be one more. This would severely reduce Colorado's importance in presidential elections relative to other states, which maintain the winner-take-all strategy.

For this reason, the reform ought to take place nationwide. While proportional apportionment of states' electoral votes is not without its drawbacks, it is far and away a better system than the one we have today. It would render meaningless the idea of red states and blue states, give people a more equal voice in who their president will be, and cut back drastically on the number of campaign ads that swing states such as Iowa are subjected to.

The winner-take-all system of apportionment dates to the late 1700s; often, electors were appointed by the state legislatures, regardless of how the public might feel.

But times have changed, and the Electoral College has not changed enough. This November, everyone in America will be voting for the same office, and they deserve the right to have their votes counted in the same way.

Staff Editorial
The Daily Iowan
(U. Iowa)

Legislators target students, ban pub crawls

(U-WIRE) KINGSTON, R.I. — The ban on pub crawls passed by the General Assembly is an example of good intentions passed hastily in the wake of a tragedy without much thought given to the root causes of the incident.

The death of Francis Marx is a horrible accident that should warn others about the dangers of drinking. However, it was the result of excessive drinking by several parties. It was not because students could travel from bar to bar drinking.

A similar accident could happen on any given night as long as alcohol is involved. By its nature, drinking causes the loss of judgment and a lowering of inhibitions. When such factors are involved, a tragedy can occur. Simply making pub crawls

illegal does not address the issue of drinking. Students can still travel from bar to bar drinking as long as it's not an organized effort. It is incredibly naive to think that this measure will significantly affect student drinking.

It is also questionable whether legislators have either a long-term plan or the common sense to combat disruptive drinking. A law prohibiting drinking might keep students out of bars, but it won't stop them from drinking. Instead, this will force more students to parties, further increasing the likelihood of arrests. This is inconsistent with resolutions passed which have attempted to eliminate parties.

There is no reason to believe that this couldn't have occurred under different circumstances wholly unrelated to students or

pub crawls. This could have happened just as easily after a group of construction workers, lawyers or teachers got a bit out of hand after a few rounds.

Therefore, why are pub crawls, which are predominantly attended by college students, bearing the brunt of the assault? If several bars wish to run a similar promotion aimed at their target demographic, why should they be prohibited by an isolated incident that could have happened regardless of the special promotion?

It is surprising that more protest has not been heard from bars and other establishments that the ban will effect. Their right to commerce is being limited by a law which prohibits organized activity that is legally unorganized.

It is another example of college students being blamed for behavior that can be attributed to any citizen simply because they are college students. As much as it may surprise Rhode Island legislators, even adults have loud parties and drink far more than they should. If they're only looking for students though, they shouldn't be surprised when that's all they find.

Measures should be taken to reduce the reliance on alcohol for a good time in society as a whole. However, drafting legislation that unfairly targets college students does little to combat this root problem.

Staff Editorial
The Good Five Cent Cigar
(U. Rhode Island)

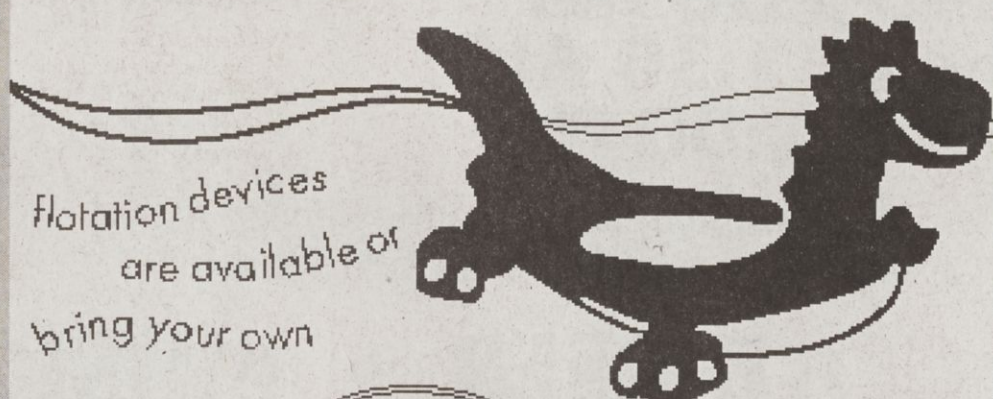
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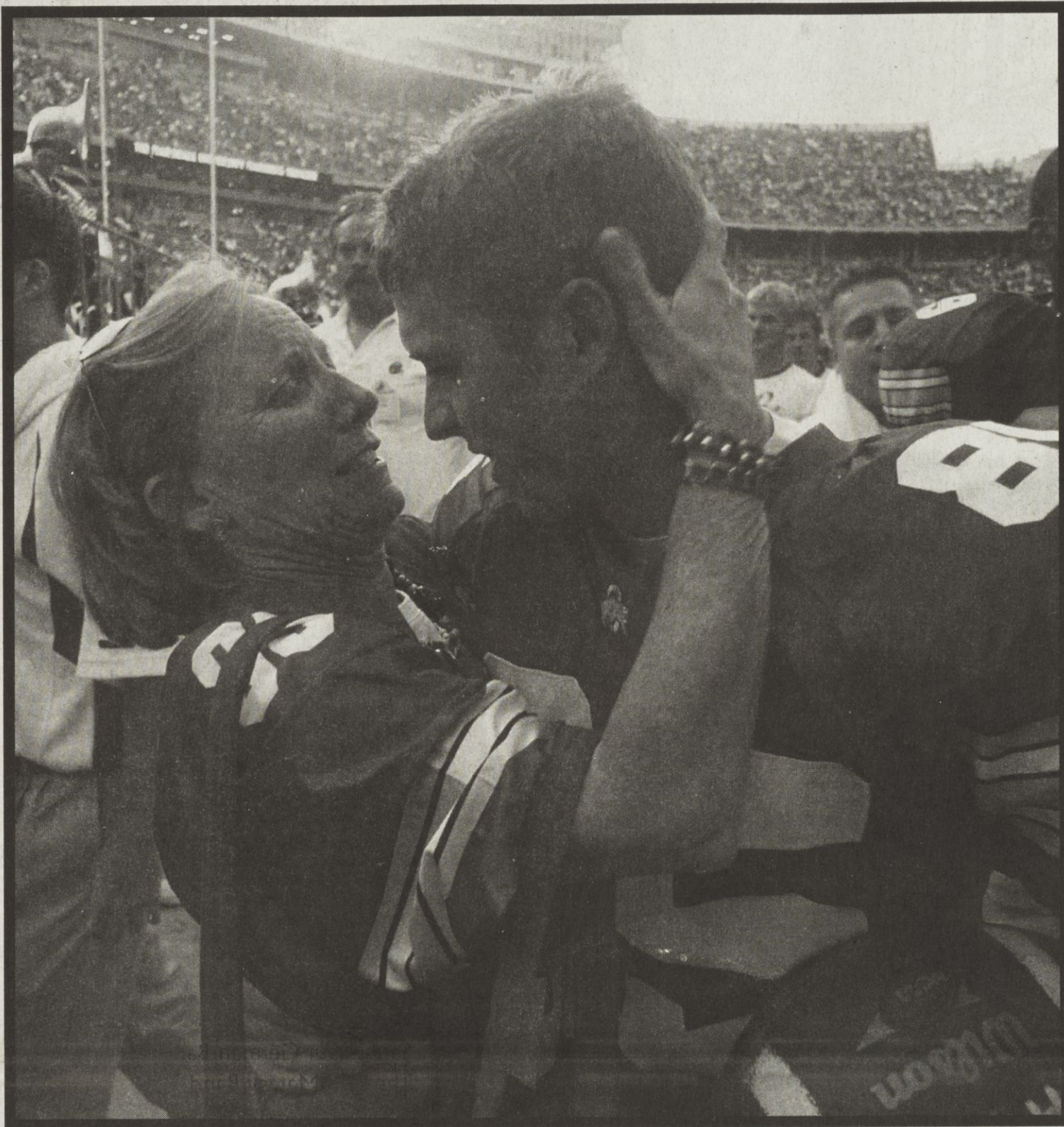


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MIKE NUGENT: THE PERFECT BUCKEYE?



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Ohio State kicker Mike Nugent is congratulated by his mother, Carolyn, after his 55-yard field goal in the final two seconds gave the Buckeyes a 24-21 victory over Marshall.

His kicks are locks and he loves mom, too

By Edward Mauler
Lantern sports writer

Kicker Mike Nugent has carried the Ohio State football squad on his foot so far this year to the point that whispers of "Heisman" are floating around the Woody Hayes Athletic Center. Whether or not the remarks are sarcastic, the possibility does loom for the senior captain from Centerville, Ohio.

"The first time I heard someone even mention (Heisman) was about 10 minutes ago and asked me what I kind of thought of it, and I

thought it was just crazy," Nugent said Wednesday afternoon. "I think there is a reason why they have a kicker award."

In Nugent's three-year-and-three-game Buckeye career, he has nailed 56 of his 70 field goal attempts — good for an 80 percent mark — with many of those misses coming during his less-than-stellar freshman season.

"He became a veteran after getting thrown into the fire as a freshman," coach Jim Tressel said. "Really from the bowl game on — I felt good in our bowl practice his freshman year, that he had really come to the point of where

you could count on him."

He has made eight of nine attempts this season, including a last-second 55-yarder to send Marshall home with a tough loss. His lone miss was a 53-yard field goal during the Cincinnati game that had plenty of distance but was wide right.

Nugent's leg has been the offense's go-to limb for the previous two seasons, years in which the Buckeyes made consecutive trips to the Fiesta Bowl — winning both, including

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Women's volleyball prepped for league games

By Lowell Weiss
Lantern sports writer

The undefeated women's volleyball team opens the Big Ten season this weekend with games against Wisconsin Friday night and Northwestern Saturday night.

This marks only the third time in team history that the Buckeyes are entering Big Ten play with an undefeated record. The last time was in 2001.

The team is rolling along after its victory in the Buckeye Classic tournament with wins against Florida International, Northeastern and Montana State.

The No. 20 Buckeyes (10-0) hope to improve upon last year's

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Women's soccer looks to leadership to them to victory

By Edward Mauler
Lantern sports writer

Entering the 11th season for Ohio State's women's soccer team — fresh off two consecutive NCAA tournament appearances including OSU's first-ever win in the tournament last season — coach Lori Walker said her team must improve to compete in the Big Ten Conference this year.

"We want to become a team that dominates the Big Ten," Walker said. "In order to do that you've got to increase the average number of goals that you are scoring. In the Big Ten it's usually a one-goal difference and we want to increase that margin to two or three."

Walker's team set their best record in school history last year with a 13-5-3 mark on the season. The great season was highlighted by victories over top-ranked opponents — No. 5 Virginia and No. 15 Purdue. OSU (4-2-1, 0-0-1 Big Ten) lost to their Big Ten rival Penn State in the

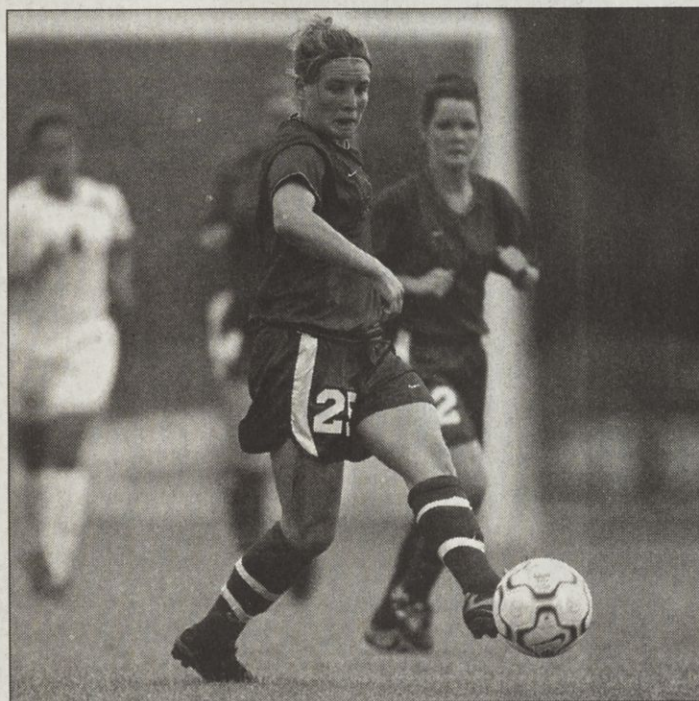
regular season 1-0 after holding the Nitany Lions scoreless for 87 minutes. Walker said the road to the Big Ten Championship runs through Happy Valley this year.

"Penn State has been the perennial power," Walker said. "And what we like about that is that we're one of two teams in the conference that has consistently given Penn State a run for their money. We've beaten them a couple of times since I've been here during the regular season and for us that is where the bar is set. They've been in the top five in the country for a couple of years. We've seen them play already out in the west coast and I think that is a matchup we certainly look forward to. I also think Illinois has a heck of a squad this year."

Walker said senior leadership, depth and possession of the ball is a strength for this year's team.

"First of all, I think that this is the most depth that we've had

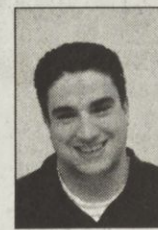
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OSU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Current Buckeye junior forward Lisa Grubb charges through mid-field during the Sept. 15 2002 match against Pittsburgh. Grubb scored the gamewinning goal in the match's 21st minute.

Pickin' & Grinnin'



Sports Editor

AARON
STOLLAR

Iowa 41
Michigan 20
Iowa wins this Yom Kippur clash because Michigan no longer has Hayden Epstein.
Penn State 10
Wisconsin 9
Wisconsin has struggled over series of directions, hyphens, and basketball schools (UCF, UNLV, Arizona) in its first three games but PSU is the only school whose coach's show is sponsored by Depends.
Browns 6
Giants 21
Don't wait for an exhibit in Canton to be "Davis vs. Caughlin, a matchup of coaching minds for the ages."
D.C. United 2
Columbus Crew 0
Crew's winning streak is stopped again just as it was in June by United, whose been on fire recently.



Editor

ADAM
JARDY

Iowa 13
Michigan 14
Both teams are overrated, but someone has to win. The better Michigan's record, the better the game against them at the end of the season.
Penn State 10
Wisconsin 24
As we learned the hard way last season, Wisconsin doesn't like to lose at home. "JoePa" won't go down without a fight, however.
Browns 22
Giants 13
With a Nugent-esque 5 field goals by Phil Dawson, the Browns overcome their losses to injury. If Garcia has a QB rating below my age again, I'm calling for Holcomb.
D.C. United 0
Columbus Crew 1
Opinion editor Ben Nanamaker is so excited about this match that he is starting the "Buddle Surfers" fanclub.



Underground
sports director

JEFF
SVOBODA

Iowa 6
Michigan 9
What kind of team almost loses to San Diego St.? Oh yeah, last year that was us.
Penn State 24
Wisconsin 12
Zack Mills is a poor man's Steve Belisari.
Browns 21
Giants 10
Oh, how I wish the Browns had Roethlisberger right now.
D.C. United 1
Columbus Crew 2
The Crew continues the good karma from benching Jeff Cunningham's favorite player.



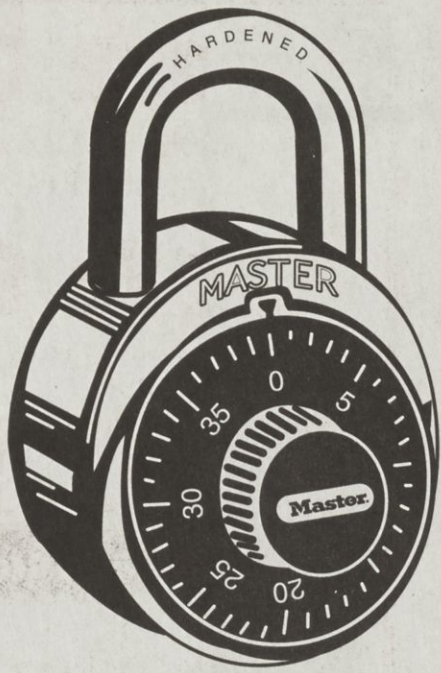
Arts Editor

LAUREEN
ELLISON

Iowa 10
Michigan 21
I don't like the state of Iowa; it smells like pigs.
Penn State 6
Wisconsin 14
I don't think Paterno can see the field through those huge glasses.
Browns 14
Giants 27
I want the Browns to lose ... "Who—Dey!" (Ed. note: That apparently means something to Bengals fans)
D.C. United 3
Columbus Crew 4
I think the Crew will win because Simon Elliott and Duncan Oughton have hot New Zealand accents.



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conference record of 5-15. The first step toward improvement will be defeating the teams that OSU went a combined 0-4 against last season.

The Big Ten, one of volleyball's more competitive conferences, has 4 teams in the top 25, including Minnesota at No. 1.

The majority of the team members will be getting their first taste of Big Ten play this weekend. Eight of the 12 players on the team have not played in a conference game.

After being picked to finish sixth in the preseason poll, the Buckeyes' team members are hoping to shock the other teams in the Big Ten.

"We are the underdogs," head coach Jim Stone said. "We are the team with all the young kids and first-year starters."

Wisconsin (6-2) has owned the Buckeyes in recent history and currently has a 14-match winning streak against OSU. The Buckeyes have not won a match in Madison since 1995.

The Buckeyes will need to overcome a few obstacles to break that streak. Wisconsin

"The thing she does best for our team is that she takes the pressure off the younger girls," he said. "She brings comfort to a young team."

**Coach Jim Stone
on Stacey Gordon**

players average more than 6'0" in height, which brings matchup problems for the Buckeyes.

"We have to play much quicker with better ball control," Stone said. "If we don't have good ball control we will have problems."

Northwestern (5-5) is looking for redemption at home having lost two of the last three matches at home. The Buckeyes match up well with the Wildcats. Both teams are considered to be

smaller than other teams in the Big Ten and have younger squads.

Ami Stevens, one of OSU's freshmen, has a realistic approach to this weekend's opening games.

"Being a freshman, you're going to make mistakes because the game moves so much faster, especially in the Big Ten," she said.

Maya Mapp, a transfer from North Carolina State, said she recognizes what needs to be done to start the conference season 2-0.

"Our offense is great," she said. "But we need to focus on our blocking assignments."

The Buckeyes will be led by returning All-American Stacey Gordon. Gordon, one of the country's most touted players, is ranked first in the NCAA in kills and was also named to the preseason All-American team.

Stone expects Gordon to continue her role as team leader going into conference play.

"The thing she does best for our team is that she takes the pressure off the younger girls," he said. "She brings comfort to a young team."

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the dramatic 31-24 double-overtime National Championship game against the favored Miami Hurricanes.

"Through the rest of his sophomore and junior year he really did take a little heat off us," Tressel said. "He gave us some opportunities to make sure we get some points on the board. It's good to have a guy that is steady like (he) is."

Nugent's steadiness this season has already earned him accolades. He has earned Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honors the previous two weeks — yet he dispels the idea of him one day becoming the sixth Heisman trophy winner from OSU.

"I wouldn't vote for (a kicker) if I had a vote," Nugent said. "I'm not one of those people who sit back thinking we should get more credibility because I just love everything that comes with what we do. I definitely would not vote for a kicker."

Dan Stultz holds the OSU career record with 59 field goals. Nugent is just three boots between the uprights away from tying Stultz's mark, and he is within range of the all-time scoring mark set by kicker Pete Johnson's 348 points. "Nuge" — the name fans in the Horseshoe roar as he lines up for a kick — needs only 64 points to eclipse Johnson's mark.

"I think what I've done so much lately is just taking that experience and talk to certain guys that have been in certain situations," Nugent said about all the experience he's gained through the ups and downs of his past three seasons. "I think the more experience I've gained, I've just used that to my advantage. I've told myself that I've kicked this extra point just a thousand times. There's no reason I can't just do it one more time."

Nugent's 54 consecutive made extra points represent how consistent he is for a special teams unit that often is the "X-factor" in many of the Buckeyes' nail-biting victories. He said the approach he takes with extra points is similar to the mindset he uses in field goal attempts.

"It's not just with extra points," Nugent said. "It goes with the 35-yarder off the left hash, or a 26-yarder off the left hash."

The Heisman Trophy might have to be molded to switch the statue from holding a football (a la Desmond Howard's pose after the 1991 Michigan-OSU game) to being a statue that is kicking a football if Nugent becomes fortunate enough to carry it away from the Yale Club in New York City in December. That would hinge, of course, on whether or not a little-guy kicker can steal votes away from front runners like USC's Reggie Bush and Matt Leinart.

"Yeah, he's a little guy, but he's strong for his weight," said Simon Fraser, a fellow Buckeye and senior defensive end. "We just need to make sure we protect his foot."

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on the team in every line," Walker said. "I think our best attribute this year is our possession. We've got a team that can move the ball front to back, left to right."

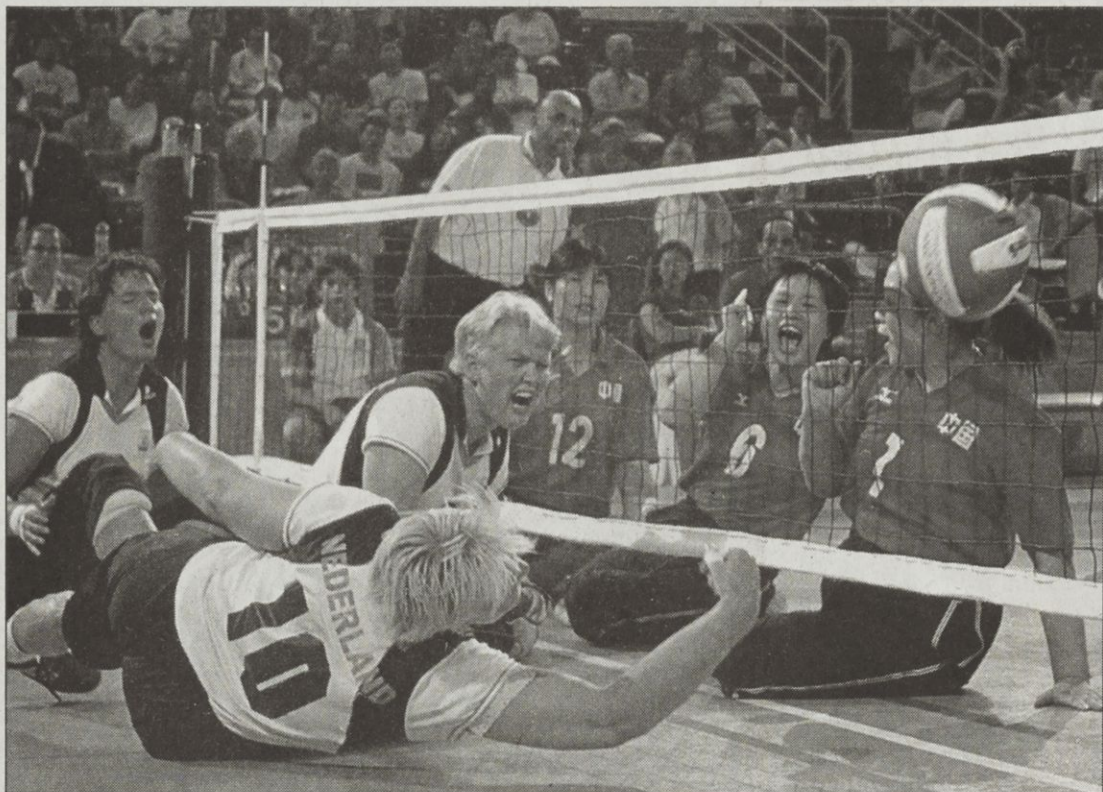
OSU is returning nine seniors — three of them captains. The team returns an All-American backliner in Melissa Miller, a sophomore from Cincinnati. In addition to winning the Big Ten, Miller said reaching the Final Four in the NCAA tournament is a main team goal.

Miller said she wants to "just keep it out of the goal" as a personal goal, which she and her defensive teammates did well last season setting an OSU record by allowing only 17 goals.

Senior midfielder and backliner Emily Gilbert said she agreed with Miller that finishing the season contending for the Final Four is the destination at team wants to arrive.

"My class has left a mark," Gilbert said. "We've gotten farther than any other class has and one of our goals this season is to get to the Final Four — it's going to be one game at a time so that's going to be our biggest challenge."

2004 PARALYMPICS UNDER WAY IN ATHENS



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The Netherlands' Petra Westerhof (10) tries to save the ball as China's players react during a women's sitting volleyball match at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games in the Helleniko Olympic Complex yesterday.

Hamilton keeps gold after lab blunder

By Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

LONDON — Helped by a laboratory's big blunder, Tyler Hamilton will be allowed to keep his Olympic cycling gold medal.

The International Olympic Committee dropped its investigation Thursday into a blood test from the Summer Games that showed Hamilton used a transfusion to boost his endurance. The decision was made only because the Athens lab mistakenly put his backup sample in a deep freeze — not because the IOC believes he was clean.

Hamilton, who declared he is "100 percent innocent," tested positive for blood doping on Aug. 19 after his time-trial victory. But the finding could not be confirmed because there were not enough intact red blood cells in the second sample, the IOC said.

An athlete is considered guilty of doping only when both samples from a drug test come back positive.

Hamilton had been in danger of becoming the first American athlete to lose an Olympic gold medal for a drug violation since swimmer Rick DeMont in 1972.

Asked whether Hamilton had

slipped through the net, IOC medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist said, "It's up to everyone to draw his own conclusions on that."

Although Hamilton's gold medal is safe, he is not completely in the clear.

Both blood samples taken from Hamilton at the Spanish Vuelta on Sept. 11 came back positive, his Swiss racing team Phonak said.

The tests allegedly showed evidence of a transfusion with blood from another person. Blood transfusions can boost endurance by pumping oxygen-rich red blood cells to the muscles.

It's up to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and the International Cycling Union to decide whether to take action against Hamilton for the positive tests in Spain. If found guilty of blood doping, the 33-year-old cyclist could face a two-year ban from the sport.

Cycling spokesman Enrico Carpani said the federation would not comment until USADA had dealt with the case. The U.S. body, which handles cases involving American athletes, has 30 days to deliver its findings to the cycling federation, he said.

Phonak plans to investigate the accuracy of the new tests.

"Since the new method is an effort based on probability and interpretation measurements, uncertainties will remain in this examination and procedure in any case," the team said.

Phonak said Hamilton is suspended from racing but remains on the team, pending the review.

Hamilton, a former teammate of Lance Armstrong, could not be reached for comment after the IOC announcement. But earlier, in a statement on the Phonak Web site, he said, "I am sure that the gold medal that I worked so hard for will stay in my hands."

"I guarantee that I represented the United States of America as an honest, clean and proud athlete,"

Hamilton said he would support the team's inquiry to "prove my innocence."

"I am confident that its result will bring me back to cycling soon so I can pursue my dream of winning the Tour de France," he said.

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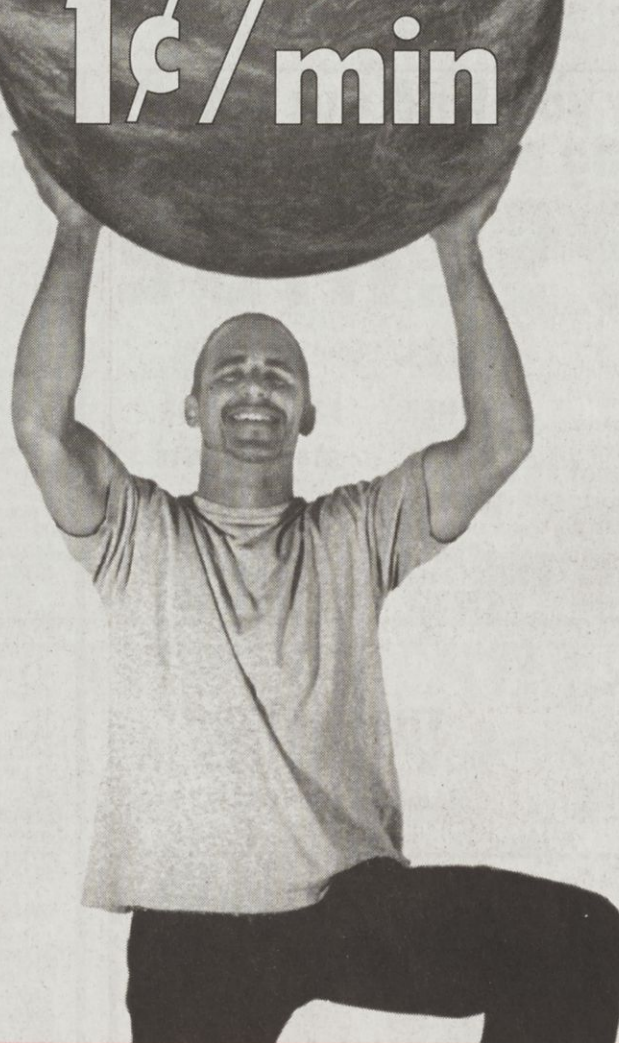
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Out of frying pan into fire

By Lindsey Pond
Lantern arts writer

They live to fight fire, and they die to save lives.

The movie "Ladder 49" is a realistic portrayal of the lives of firefighters. Joaquin Phoenix plays Jack Morrison, a firefighter who finds himself trapped inside a burning building after attempting to rescue a man. While passing in and out of consciousness, his life from when he starts as a firefighter through his marriage plays through his head as he waits for his crew to rescue him. John Travolta plays the fire chief of Ladder 49 in which he is the father figure — essentially the babysitter — of the entire crew.

This movie portrays what firefighters go through on a day-to-day basis, as well as the extreme dangers they face. Although the movie appears serious, the lighter side of the occupation is also shown. In one scene, after Jack is welcomed onto the squad as a

rookie, he becomes the victim in a prank involving a church confessional.

There are also some touching moments between Jack and his family, as well as among the Ladder 49 members. The audience witnesses how emotionally demanding it is to be the family of a firefighter. Not only that, but the audience sees how the losses of fellow firefighters effect them by bringing them closer together. This movie makes for a real tear jerker.

This is the best firefighter movie that has come out since "Backdraft." "Ladder 49" is more realistic and shows more of the struggles that a firefighter has with family and work. This movie is recommend to anyone who likes to laugh and cry at the same time.

"Ladder 49" combines great entertainment value along with a real perspective into everyday life as a firefighter.



Actors John Travolta, center, and Joaquin Phoenix, second from right, pose for photos with members of a fire department colorguard at the premiere of the movie "Ladder 49."

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Four Kegs great place to start quarter

By Ben Gertz
Lantern arts writer

Four Kegs Bar & Grill still attracted many students with cheap drink prices and enjoyable atmosphere Wednesday.

"This is the best place, this is where the most people come to hang out," said Evan Klotzman, a junior in economics.

Throughout the week, the bar has a variety of specials, starting with mug night on Sundays. The deal is \$3 for a 34-ounce draft beer with \$1 refills and the mug can be brought back every Sunday.

"Mug night is my favorite night at Four Kegs," said Dave

Lukin, a senior in finance. "This is by far their best deal." Monday and Tuesday nights offer a bucket of five domestic beers for \$7. Patrons ordering Coors lights get more for their money getting 16-ounce beers instead of 12-ounces, as with other brands.

Wednesday night is country night accompanied with a pitcher of Liquid Dope. This is a variety of liquors with a splash of orange juice.

"Liquid Dope is so good," said Leon Daniel, a senior in zoology. "You can't even taste the liquor in it," said Leon Daniel, a senior in zoology.

Thursdays include \$1 domestic drafts and from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays is beat the clock where pitchers start at \$2.

Four Kegs also has its share of wild nights.

"Last year there was a Playboy sponsored SOCOM 2 tournament against Michigan," Klotzman said. "Jennifer Walcott, Mrs. August 2001, was here."

They also have happy hour daily from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. with \$1.50 domestic bottles and \$4.25 pitchers.

Four Kegs is an 18 and over bar, but those under 21 have to pay a larger cover charge.

Metallica set to rock

By C.J. Weldy
Lantern arts writer

A year after shaking the foundations of historic Ohio Stadium, Metallica is back to rattle the home of the Buckeye basketball and hockey teams.

The reigning kings of metal are on tour supporting their 2003 release "St. Anger." Their album features the singles "Frantic," "St. Anger," and "The Unnamed Feeling."

Metallica has been touring extensively in 2004. The band began the year in Australia, played 33 dates in the United States and then headed over to Europe to play a handful of dates.

The fall leg of the "Madly in Anger with the World" tour is in its infancy in North America. The fall tour began Sept. 21 at Gund Arena in Cleveland. The band will play on 34 dates with its trek ending Nov. 24 in San Diego.

Expect to hear a lot of heavy, old-school metal early on in Metallica's setlist. The band has been mixing in a heavy rotation of tunes from their first three albums: "Kill 'Em All," "Ride the Lightning" and "Master of Puppets."

Metallica has had a tough past five years, culminating in a battle against the download giant Napster and lead singer James Hetfield's battle



AP PHOTO

Metallica at a previous concert. Fans can find them at the Schottenstein Center tonight.

to clean up his life and embrace the sober lifestyle through the help of rehab.

The band's struggles are chronicled in the release of its documentary "Some Kind of Monster." The film was released in theaters across the United States on July 9. It shows the band as they question their future when Hetfield lets it be known that he is going to check himself into rehab. The documentary also gives fans a look into how much fun and aggravation came from the making of "St. Anger."

Metallica almost never disappoints in concert, delivering songs from the early years as well as more well known songs such as "Enter Sandman," "Nothing Else Matters," and "The Memory Remains." The energy will be at full force and the volume always turned up to 11.

Former Ozzy Osbourne bassist Robert Trujillo has taken over for the departed Jason Newsted and is a solid sup-

plement for the intense and underrated drumming of Lars Ulrich. Kirk Hammett has provided some of the greatest guitar solos in the history of heavy metal music. His talents are unmatched and add to the intensity of a Metallica show.

Godsmack, a band that has been heavily influenced by Metallica, will try its best to entertain the crowd as the opening act. The band touring in support of its 2004 release "The Other Side," a collection of songs new and old, stripped down to an acoustic sound not often heard in the metal world.

The "Madly in Anger With the World" tour will make a stop at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Schottenstein center. Tickets are on sale at the Schottenstein Center box office or by calling 1-800-GO-BUCKS. They are also available at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (614) 431-3600. Tickets range from \$57-\$77.

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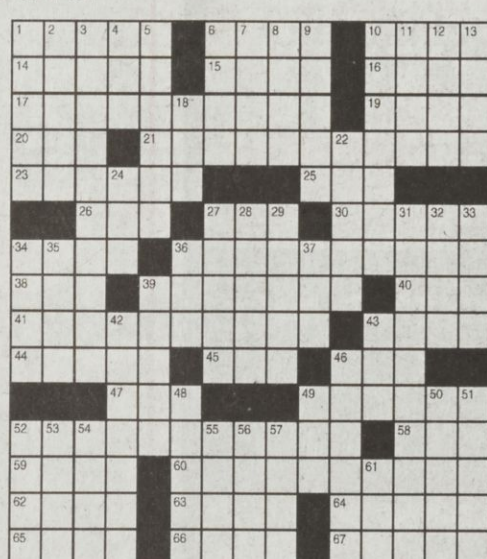
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2083 N. 4th Beautiful location. A walk of windows in living room, walk out to a deck, patio, nice views of Iuka Ravine. Ceiling fans, mini blinds, A/C, W/D on site and off-street parking available. NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110.

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2206 SUMMIT - 1 Bedroom flat located in north campus. Very large new! Fall Large living room, full bath, air, deck, W/D, parking, safe & convenient. www.hometeamproperties.net or 253-8182. 42425

2323 N. High Perfect location to all north campus classes! Just one block north of Lane Ave. Large bedrooms, spacious living room, full kitchen, private entrance, ceiling fans, mini blinds. Pets are welcome! NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110.

266-288 E. 16th Ave. - Spacious bedroom flats located on central campus with all utilities included! Parking available! Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

290 E. Lane Fantastic 1 bedroom apt w/ lots of charm, available now! Fall Large living room, full bath, air, deck, W/D, parking, safe & convenient. www.hometeamproperties.net or 253-8182. 42425

299 E. 15th Ave. - Spacious flats located on central campus. Rear units feature screened in porches! Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

3031 & 3033 Neil Ave. - 1 Bedroom flats with air conditioning, dishwasher and parking. Some remodeled with dishwasher and W/D. Located in the Clintonville area. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

311 E. 16th Ave. - Spacious 1 bedroom flat located in central campus. Unit offers A/C and parking. Some are newly remodeled with new windows! Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

3170 RIVERVIEW Circle - 1 bedroom flats that overlook a central courtyard. A/C, coin-op laundry and parking available. Call Paul at 284-7833 or Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

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60 CHITTENDEN AVE. - Newly remodeled 1 bedroom flats located close to classes. Units feature new appliances, A/C, on site laundry and parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

606 RIVERVIEW Dr. #J - Recently remodeled 1 bedroom flat w/all new appliances, ceiling fan, A/C, on site laundry and parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

61 CHITTENDEN AVE. #A - Recently remodeled 1 bedroom flat w/dishwasher and parking. Call Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

639 RIVERVIEW Dr. - 1 Bedroom flats, A/C, courtyard, on site laundry and parking. Heat included. Call Tina at 282-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

651 RIVERVIEW Dr. - Spacious 1 Bedroom flats with on site laundry A/C and parking. Call Tina at 282-5950 or Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

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

95 E. 11th Ave. - 1 Bedroom flats with dishwasher, air conditioning, front porch and parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

100 W. 9th Ave. - Recently remodeled 2 bedroom flat features W/D, central air, dishwasher, porch, and parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

111 W. Hudson Beautiful location overlooking a ravine. Features a large floor plan with big living rooms, ceiling fans, mini-blinds, ceramic tile. All units include balcony or patio, offering great views of the ravine. These homes come with a dishwasher and washers and dryers on site. NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110.

127-141 E. 11th Ave. - 2 bedroom townhomes feature A/C, on site laundry, parking, washer/dryer, off-street parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511.

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154 E. Tompkins, North Campus, Stove/Ref, A/C, W/D, covered patios, off-street parking, close to High & bus lines, private parking. A must see! Call 419-773-3129 or 937-644-2848.

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

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3 BDM, TNHS - N OSU, Blaker/High, HDWD Floors, \$650/mo, Future Realty 489-2449

3 BDM, TNHS, N OSU, Neil/Dorridge, HDWD Floors, \$650/mo, Future Realty 489-2449

3 BDR, 2 BA apartment 456 E. Tompkins. Available now. Very good condition. Hardwood floors, fenced yard, 1.5 car garage, new kitchen, finished basement W/D hookup. \$750/mo. 614-784-9434.

3 BDRM Apartment, 55 E. North Ave. C/A, A/C, W/D, OSP and No Pets. \$690/mo. Call 261-3600.

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389 E 16th, half dbl, 3BDR, carpet, appliances, bsmt, water pd, some furniture. \$550. 486-7779.

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90 W. Maynard Very spacious unit in quiet neighborhood, all remodeled, new kitchen and bath, W/D, Central Air throughout. Minutes away from the campus and park! NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110. www.chiostaterentals.com

93 DUNCAN beautiful and totally renovated North Campus duplex. Outstanding hardwood floors throughout, newer beautiful new kitchen with all new appliances. FREE WASHER AND DRYER, Dishwasher, built in microwave, Central Air. NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110. www.chiostaterentals.com

AVAILABLE NOW, South campus west of High. Huge 4brdm spacious house. Hardwood floors, A/C, enormous kitchen w/ W/D, D/W, big covered front porch, new windows, low utilities, quiet street. \$999/mo. (\$250/person/mo.) + deposit. No pets. 64 McMillen Ave. Popular walk-in. Medical students. 523-4075

BEAUTIFUL VICTORIAN village, 843 Neil Ave, 4bd, 2bath, wash/dry hookup, wood floors, no pets, nonsmokers, \$1280. 2978777.

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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY, 75 E. 14th, 3 bedroom, \$897/month. Call 614-538-1717.

N. CAMPUS, E. Blake Ave. 3 bed half double. Noe pets. Kitchen appliances included. \$650/mo. Call 331-2349.

NORTH OF OSU, Several 3BR 1/2 doubles, \$600-\$650/mo. All newly painted, A/C, no dogs. Ideal for 2 or 3 students. Call 614-638-3653, ask about our discount lease.

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1146 HUNTER Ave. South campus. Large, very clean half double. Furnished kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, new ceramic tile, hardwood carpet. FREE W/D, off-street parking. \$1100/mo. Available now. Teresa 688-3665.

1333 DENNISON Ave. 4BD, 2.5BA spacious house. W/D, W/D, pets okay. \$1200/month, available now. 486-5322.

138 W. 9th, Modern 4 BR this includes C/A, laundry, parking, DW, and 2 baths. \$750/mo. Owner is Agent, 1st Place Realty 799-9722

142-150 W. 8th Spacious bedrooms with large closets, 2 full baths, sliding patio doors open to a private backyard, central air, off-street parking and FREE Washer and Dryer. NorthSteppe Realty 299-4110. www.chiostaterentals.com

150-161 W. Maynard 4 bedroom penthouse, central air, laundry, facilities, volleyball court, 2 full baths, dishwasher, some units with microwaves, parking. Buckeye Real Estate 294-5511 or Chad 267-1096. www.buckeyerealestate.com

1689 N. 4th A single family house w/ lots of privacy, huge kitchens, and bedrooms, brand new front & side deck, hardwood floors w/ natural woodwork, 2 mantels, paddle fans, washer/dryer, free parking. Sharp! This house is a must see! It's one of my favorites. 614-299-9663. www.buckeyerealestate.com

1844 N. 4th St. Huge totally remodeled house on the corner 17th Ave! 2 large living rooms, totally remodeled kitchen, large bedrooms, 3 floors and much more! Call Tonya for an appointment. 294-1884.

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1899 WALDECK, 4-5 Bedroom home. Available now. \$1650/mo. 891-4928.

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4 BEDROOM flats, 1871 N. 4th Street, Fall, clean, convenient. Air conditioning, appliances, newer carpet, off street parking, pets negotiable. \$540/month & up. 688-9778

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Students bring snapshots into focus

By Hannah Woolf
U-Wire

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — The digital camera market has thrived over the past few years, turning a novelty item into a commonly owned commodity.

Many students have embraced the new technology, while others prefer to stick with traditional film cameras.

So, which is better?

Ryan Gilbert, a freshman in engineering said he is strictly digital, primarily because he likes the ability a digital camera gives him to manipulate his photographs.

"Using the computer, I can touch up the photo, change the colors, change brightness and saturation all myself, and then I can take it to a professional printer," Gilbert said. "If I just turned in film, it would be a lot harder for me to control some of those things."

Sandra Babilya, a sophomore, said she views the situation from a different perspective.

"I completely dislike digital

cameras," Babilya said. "I feel like I have more control when I have a manual."

Some students enjoy the ease of connecting the camera into the computer and, fast as a snapshot, posting their photographs in online albums at which others can marvel. Others prefer the decorative frame-on-the-desk approach.

Christina Myers, a sophomore is not as partial as Gilbert or Babilya, but she said she currently uses a digital camera and enjoys it for the electronic convenience.

"For a regular camera, you need the film, and someplace to develop the film once you're done with it," Myers said. "With digital, you take pictures, plug the camera in the computer and you're done."

"Occasionally I'll take pictures of something my friends are doing, and they're like, 'Can I have that picture?' and I don't have to make copies, I just e-mail it to them," Myers said.

Babilya said she believes hard copies are more important than electronic copies. That is why she sees her choice of camera as more convenient.

"It's better to get a better quality picture out of a regular camera and just have it developed."

However, film is more expensive Gilbert said.

"If you're doing everyday photography, it's cheaper (with digital) to take pictures, look at them and delete the crappy ones," Gilbert

said.

Both Gilbert and Myers said they expect to see digital cameras replace film cameras for recreational use, though they noted that professional photography is an entirely different matter.

"I'll never be digitalized," Babilya said. "People have tried, and I don't like it."



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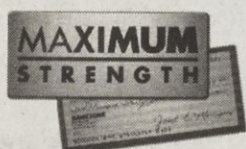
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