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Reward issued for homicide info

Hurst's family, Crimestoppers offering \$15,000 for help in solving murder case

By John May
Lantern wire editor

A reward of up to \$15,000 has been offered for information leading to an arrest in connection with the July 23 triple homicide at 235 E. 11th Ave.

One Ohio State student, Kayla Hurst, 21, was murdered along with Eric Hlass, 22, and

Aaron Grexa, 23.

The reward was put out yesterday by Crimestoppers with the aid of Hurst's family and their attorney Art Morrow.

"The family has a great deal of faith and respect in the Columbus police, but they are low on leads, and rewards are a way to attract leads," Morrow said.

The reward fund was established by Hurst's parents. Hurst is the only one from the Columbus area, and her parents are putting up the reward fund in memory of their daughter.

But Hurst's parents do not want all of the focus to be on their daughter.

"There were two other people killed besides Kayla but if you kind the killer to one you find the killer to all three of them," Morrow said.

There have been other things

done to try and create leads.

"We have already gone door to door in the area, and this is another approach to get leads on the crime," said Sgt. Brent Mull, spokesman for the Columbus Division of Police.

Mull said Crimestoppers plans on putting billboards in the area where the crime was committed, but no date has been set for when the billboards will be displayed. Crimestoppers also plans on placing an ad in *The Lantern* to

help attract leads.

The reward, however, is geared to more than the university area.

"It is geared toward the community at large, since they lived in between the university area and Weinland Park," Mull said.

Anyone with any information which could help lead to an arrest in connection with the murder of Hurst, Hlass and Grexa should call the Crimestoppers hotline at 645-8477.

Early finals may get official axe by Trustees

Motion was approved by Senate in November

By Katy Lyn Poth
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State Board of Trustees will meet for the final time this calendar year today at the Longaberger Alumni House. Among the many issues to be discussed, one decision will have an immediate effect on students, faculty and staff.

Plans are in place to implement the elimination of early senior finals this quarter, the official approval must be given by the board. Tim Gerber, professor of music and chair of the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress for the 2002-2003 academic year, said the issue has already undergone a lengthy process to arrive at the board meeting.

"The elimination of specially arranged senior finals has involved literally hundreds of faculty and students across campus," Gerber said.

The motion to eliminate early senior finals was proposed in the spring and approved at the Nov. 13 meeting of the University Senate, the university's legislature in which faculty and student members oversee all actions of the administration.

"This action requires a change in the Rules of the University Faculty and Bylaws of the University Senate, so it must be officially approved by the Board of Trustees," Gerber said.

Gerber said it is very likely the board will pass the motion.

"The board has confidence and places trust in the faculty and staff and realizes that much work has been done to assure that all issues have already been addressed," he said.

David Frantz, secretary of the board, agreed. He said he would be surprised if the issue did not pass routinely.

"The issue was initiated by the office of the provost and then approved by the University Senate. It will now be discussed at the board meeting in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and ultimately will end up on the consent agenda for the board," Frantz said.

Frantz said this issue is not new.

"Faculty and students have pushed for it for a long time, and it sailed through the University Senate without any objections," he said.

The motion before the board is to change the

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Couple said juveniles shot trailer

Lantern staff report

An Akron couple may have provided the Franklin County sheriff's office with a lead in the shootings on Interstate 270.

The couple, one of the 12 cases linked by police, claim to have seen juveniles firing the gun that put a bullet through a horse trailer behind the couple's car. Investigators said the couple's statement was being considered, but are not confirming juveniles are the shooters, according to media reports.

Patrol Sgt. Rick Zwayer said the couple has not confirmed if the shooting took place on I-270, and a witness following the couple said it happened on U.S. 33, several miles from the other shootings, according to media reports.

Ballistics show the bullet found in the trailer did not match the four positively linked, but investigators said they were conformable linking it with the other shootings.

The sheriff's office was still investigating leads to the case. A \$10,000 reward is being offered for any information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the shooter or shooters. Officials said they have received more than 885 tips so far.



The Global Gallery decorated its window for tomorrow night's Holiday Hop. Global Gallery, along with Ten Thousand Villages, are nonprofit, volunteer-based marketplaces in Columbus.

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Gallery aids needy artists

Global Gallery, Ten Thousand Villages promote fair trade for disadvantaged

By Jenifer Brown
Lantern staff writer

Putting people before profits while promoting fair trade and cultural awareness — that is the idea behind Global Gallery, a nonprofit, volunteer-based, fair trade marketplace.

Global Gallery was founded by four area churches which provided financial and human resources. The store, which has been open for 12 years, is located at 682 N. High St. in Columbus' Short North neighborhood

and shares its space with UNICEF, a separate entity.

"Our missions are similar in that they help children and we help artisans in developing countries," said Barbara Logan, director of Global Gallery.

Global Gallery, along with Ten Thousand Villages, its newly opened sister store at Easton Town Center, are just about the only stores in Columbus which sell fair trade items. Both stores are members of the Fair Trade Federation, an organization whose members are dedicated to offering fair wages

and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers worldwide, according to their Web site.

"We pay living wages to the artisans and we buy up front. If the items don't sell in the United States, then we lose out, not the artisans," Logan said. "We see the handicrafts and tell the stories behind each piece."

Coffee, cocoa and chocolate are some of the most popular items purchased at Global Gallery. These items are purchased through Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative that worked directly with small-

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Tax on U.S. steel abandoned

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush yesterday scrapped import tariffs he had imposed last year to help the battered U.S. steel industry, defusing a threatened trade war with Europe and Japan but creating political problems for himself in states that could be key in next year's election.

The president declared that the 21 months the steep tariffs had been in place had given the U.S. industry a chance to consolidate and modernize and were no longer needed as a result of "changed economic circumstances."

However, the decision prompted an angry response from the steel industry and its political supporters, who accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise and turning his back on an industry that was still in need of protection from unfair foreign competition.

"In his rush to appease the Europeans and the Japanese, Mr. Bush willfully ignored the fact that damage to the American steel industry and American steel communities continues to this day," said Leo W. Gerard, president of the United Steelworkers of America. Gerard said 42 steel companies had gone bankrupt over the past five years.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said the administration had "shattered any credibility it ever had with the steel industry in West Virginia and across the country."

Imposing the tariffs had won the presi-



CHRISTOPHER ROLINSON/AP

Ronnie Blatt of Clarrington, Ohio and member of the United Steel Workers of America, and Sue Cole of Connellsville, Pa., right, a secretary for the USWA, protest the potential removal of steel tariffs during a fundraising visit to Pittsburgh by President Bush yesterday.

dent support in steel states such as West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania, all considered important to his re-election chances next year. But that action last year had come under heavy attack from states dominated by steel-consuming industries that were

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Students linked to real tech projects

By Mandy Zatyynski
Lantern staff writer

Sounds of drilling and grinding echo against the lockers and brick walls on the third floor of Hopkins Hall during an early Friday morning, but students scattered among the lab in room 346 remain fixed on their computer screens. Slight murmurs and mouse clicks, with an occasional punch on the keyboard, drown the construction tool squeals down the hall.

Casey Parthemore huddles in front of the computer screen, focusing intently to match a background image of a building with the foreground of a basic architecture course Web site. Frustrated, she scoots her chair away, sliding the mouse across the pad.

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Bush signs Assistance Act to aid federal jobs

By Adam Crawford
Lantern staff writer

With the possibility of the federal government losing half of its workforce, President George W. Bush signed legislation on Nov. 11 that will try to attract college graduates to federal jobs through a loan assistance program.

The Federal Employee Student Loan Assistance Act raises the amount of money federal agencies can give their employees for tuition reimbursement. The original bill sponsored by Sen. George Voinovich allows federal agencies to give up to \$10,000 annually and a total of \$60,000 toward loans.

According to a press release from Voinovich, the purpose of the loan assistance program is to recruit and retain high-quality employees and make federal employment more attractive.

"My own experience has taught me that all the things in which government can invest, resources dedicated to people

bring the greatest returns in improving the quality and efficiency of services for taxpayers," Voinovich said in the statement.

Marcie Ridgway, press secretary for Voinovich, said the program is targeted to recent college graduates with a \$20,000 increase.

"The federal government is going to see a big turn and see a lot of job openings," she said.

Ridgway said Voinovich was concerned some government employees would choose to retire early, so he came up with a new loan assistance program which he hopes will give potential employees more incentive to fill jobs.

Edmund Byrnes, a spokesman for the Office of Personnel Management, said most government agencies handle the program differently.

"The program is used to attract the best and the brightest. We are trying to keep up with the private sector," he said.

Byrnes said there are more

than 50,000 job openings in the federal government and the program is a recruitment tool to get the best government employees.

Max Stier, president and CEO for the Partnership for Public Service, said his organization is a nonprofit group whose mission is to find employees to succeed in government jobs.

Stier said filling these jobs has become a new challenge for the federal government, especially because half of the work force could leave next year.

Stier also said Ohio State graduates along with other universities have the opportunity to serve in 100 different federal agencies.

"There is not a profession you could name that the federal government doesn't have," he said. "This could be anywhere from embassies to the government accounting office."

The Department of State and the Government Accounting Department uses the assistance program the most, he said.

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scale farmers throughout Latin America, Asia and Africa. According to their Web site, this cooperative sells more fair trade certified coffee than any other company in North America.

"In a free trade agreement, what the producers are paid for the product is less than the cost to produce it," Logan said. "With coffee prices so low right now, many producers are not making enough money to cover their costs. That's one reason why our coffee is so popular."

The volunteers behind Global Gallery work to promote fair trade through a variety of ways. The biggest event is the annual dinner held the Thursday before World Trade Day, a celebration of cultural awareness and fair trade. The next World Fair Trade Day will be May 8.

"We have ethnic food and music from all of the globe," Logan said. "This year we had tables covered with food all throughout the store."

Volunteers also donate their time and skills for other purposes, such as coordinating special events, web designing, writing news releases and marketing.

Many of the volunteers are Ohio State students. Allison Glas-

"Since volunteers are heavily relied upon, I was greeted warmly and felt accepted when I began volunteering."

Allison Glasgow
Junior in psychology



STEPHANIE ALBERICO/THE LANTERN

The Global Gallery prepares for the holiday season with festive window decorations for this weekend's Holiday Hop.

gow, a junior in psychology, has been volunteering at both Global Gallery and Ten Thousand Villages for four months.

"I had shopped here before and became familiar with the store and its vision," Glasgow said. "I spoke with a student friend who helped me connect with the people of Global Gallery. Once I expressed interest in volunteering, they were receptive."

During her time as a volun-

teer, Glasgow has participated in building bridges with other parts of the community, such as Oktoberfest and the International Festival, through events at Global Gallery.

"Since volunteers are heavily relied upon, I was greeted warmly and felt accepted when I began volunteering," Glasgow said.

Thanks

The Lantern would like to thank the editors that will be leaving this quarter. Your hard work and dedication has been appreciated.

Eric Lowrey

Michelle Payne

Todd LaPlace

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forced to pay higher prices because of the protective tariffs.

Adding to the political pressure, the 15-nation European Union had drawn up a \$2.2 billion retaliation list targeting a wide range of products from other key election states Bush is hoping to win next year such as Florida, California, Louisiana and the Carolinas.

Within minutes of the president's announcement that the tariffs were to expire at midnight yesterday, the EU said it was withdrawing its \$2.2 billion list of targeted products.

Japan, South Korea and other countries that had joined in a successful challenge of the tariffs before the World Trade Organization had said they would also drop their retaliation threats if the tariffs were eliminated.

"These sanctions ... were there as a tool for compliance," said EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy. "They've complied and the sanctions will disappear."

Bush's action was criticized by Democrats campaigning for his job.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said that despite Bush's claims "the steel industry needs additional breathing room to get back on its feet." Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said Bush's action demonstrated a "callous disregard for the workers and the communities whose jobs and livelihoods have been decimated by unfair competition." Former Gen. Wesley Clark said Bush needed to "listen to the 2.6 million manufacturing workers who've lost their jobs" while he has been in office.

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Rules of the University Faculty and Bylaws for the University Senate to remove the phrase, "Examinations for graduating students shall be given at a time near the end of each course, preferably during the last week of classes."

Additionally, a provision will be added to require faculty to electronically submit final grades for graduating students to the office of the university registrar before certain dates.

"The submission of electronic grades is really what has made it possible to eliminate early senior finals and to move the

date of commencement," Gerber said. "But it really places a great deal of pressure on the staff in the registrar's office, especially with the shorter turn around time."

Gerber said the process is especially lengthy because OSU inscribes the name of each graduate on his or her diploma.

"Many people don't realize that the majority of major universities do not put students' names on the diplomas," Gerber said. "This is something unique to Ohio State that we're not willing to sacrifice."

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Students workers avoid strike

By Bryan Tsao

The Guardian (U. California-San Diego)

(U-WIRE) LA JOLLA, Calif. — A major strike was averted when the University of California announced late Tuesday that they had reached a tentative agreement with the United Auto Workers union, which represents over 11,000 teaching assistants and other academic student employees system-wide.

Earlier in the day, the union had announced that its members would strike yesterday, just days before the start of finals week, in hopes of pressuring the university to preserve the union's right to sympathy strikes in its new contract.

Union members will vote on the agreement this week. If the union fails to ratify the agree-

ment, which takes a majority to pass, UAW would have to return to the bargaining table with the university.

Both the University of California and UAW have withheld all information regarding the agreement, pending the ratification of the agreement.

Nonetheless, the UAW bargaining team was very happy with the outcome of the negotiations.

"The bargaining team is pleased and it's enthusiastically recommending that the members ratify the agreement," UAW spokesman Rajan Mehta said.

UCOP officials would not comment on the agreement.

The UAW had decided to strike to protest what they deemed unfair negotiating tactics undertaken by the university when it refused to grant UAW the

right to "sympathy strike," a right the union was afforded in its old contract allowing its members to strike in support of other labor unions.

The university described the union's charges of negotiating in "bad faith" as an attempt by UAW to gain public sympathy.

As late as Tuesday afternoon, union officials were not optimistic about chances for an agreement with the university.

"(Unfair negotiation practices) have included engaging in surface bargaining," UAW spokesperson Beth Rayfield said early Tuesday.

"They've made regressive proposals, they've failed to schedule sufficient bargaining dates, they've made unilateral changes in the terms and conditions of employment, they've attempted to bypass the union ...

Talks are continuing, but at this point the unfair labor practices they have committed have created obstacles that make it hard to move around," she said.

Union officials believe that the threat of a strike forced a change in the university's bargaining position.

University representatives had previously stated that a strike would have no effect on their positions.

"The negotiations had been ongoing and we were more hopeful yesterday and things worked," Mehta said. "We believe that our strong organizing efforts have influenced the university and have brought about this change in their behavior."

Many students felt relieved that their TAs would be available to aid them before finals week.

Mascot assaulted during pep rally

By Caleb Frey

Driftwood, Voice of the UNO Privateers (U. New Orleans)

(U-WIRE) NEW ORLEANS — On Nov. 21, as the pep rally for the University of New Orleans homecoming raged on, so did a physical altercation that involved UNO students and mascots.

According to Lafitte, the UNO mascot, as well as the student who serves as the assistant mascot, were both assaulted at the pep rally while playing around with the students as usual.

"People seem to love to punch mascots in the nose, which is no big deal, I'm completely used to it," Lafitte said.

A female student allegedly did

just that to him. Lafitte explained that when this does happen, in the spirit of good nature he usually retaliates by playfully tapping that person on the head.

"Next thing I know she clobbers me with a right hook," Lafitte said. "You have basically no peripheral vision in the suit, so I didn't even see it coming."

Lafitte claims that as the fight ensued, he was kneed in the groin by the student, forcing him to hunch over as he fought back the swings of the assailant.

"The girl just kept swinging at me, I was trying to defend myself by grabbing anything on her I could," Lafitte said. "Of course the first thing anyone really seems to see is my hands on her throat in all the confusion."

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class, Parthemore is a student in the Technology Enhanced Learning and Research internship program at Ohio State.

"We want to create layers of images," said Parthemore, a senior in sculpture. "It's a lot of trial and error."

But the final project is worth the effort and frustration.

"They create something that is sustainable and usable," said Catherine Gynn, TELR coordinator. "If it's too complex to use, we haven't achieved our goal."

TEL's internship program connects undergraduate students with OSU faculty to create technology-based projects that can be, and usually are, used for future courses. TELR welcomes undergraduates from all majors with a minimum 2.5 GPA and an interest in technology.

Both students and faculty must apply to the program. Students must submit an application, detailing their interests and skills. Faculty must propose a project that will technologically enhance a future course, but the details of the project must be able to be completed in 10 weeks, as the TELR internship lasts one quarter.

"We do a skills assessment of the students and an interest inven-

tory of what they want to develop," Gynn said. "We look for faculty projects that will be used in credit-bearing courses for future quarters. Then we analyze the project that the faculty submits, and we try to make a good match."

Common projects include basic home pages, WebCT course sites, streaming video, digitizing slide collections and interactive quiz material.

"We spend the first few weeks with instructional design and explaining the tools that they will be using," said Juliann Cortese, one of the three instructors for the TELR course.

Although each project dictates the technology programs to be used, students most commonly utilize Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Quicktime, WebCT and Photoshop.

"They tailor what they teach us to our projects," Parthemore said.

In the third week, TELR introduces a faculty member to a student team, which usually consists of two students but can increase to three for larger projects.

"We try to pair a high-skill (student) and a low-skill (student)," Gynn said. "The blend of teamwork makes it more like a real world situation."

For the remainder of the quarter, students continue to meet in the classroom once per week, but the class becomes more individualized and more like a workshop, as the students work to create their assigned projects.

In addition to the four instructors for the class sessions, students may call upon their respective faculty member's department web master for support. In the end, students are extending their learning resources outside of the classroom and working with contacts throughout the university.

"That's what I call the 'no-extra-charge learning experience' — the team management," Gynn said. "We work with other professionals, as needed — programmers and videographers, if the project requires it."

Student teams present their final project to both faculty and peers on the last Friday of the quarter in the TELR showcase event.

"Students show their projects and present their problems and how they approached them," Gynn said.

But the TELR program keeps on giving even after the showcase is over.

After completing one quarter

through the TELR internship program, faculty may hire students to either continue modifying the same project or to begin work on another.

For the first 10 weeks of employment, TELR will cover half of a minimum \$8 student wage.

"I've probably had six to eight TELR students in the past," said Chuck Curtis, professor of plant pathology. "When they're finished with TELR, I usually keep them on."

This quarter, Curtis and his former TELR intern, and now part-time employee Derek Blevins have collaborated to create an animated disease triangle for a plant pathology course.

"Derek has prepared the flash animation. He's done a tremendous job," Curtis said. "It's hard work because I know things he doesn't, and he knows things I don't. It's always interesting and fun to kick around a bunch of ideas."

Curtis said most of his TELR employees eventually move onto other jobs, but some students in the program opt to stay in the university community.

Cheryl Brilmyer, a graduate of OSU and former TELR intern, now holds a full-time position in

the College of Medicine and Public Health.

While enrolled in the TELR internship program in summer 2001, Brilmyer updated WebCT pages for an allied med course.

"I met Larry Hurtubise in 2MD (medical multimedia design) and

followed up with him to get an internship or work-study position," said Brilmyer, now an instructional designer for the College of Medicine and Public Health. "I got an internship for one year, and after I graduated, they hired me full-time."

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OUR VIEWS

Blaming games

'GTA' not at fault in shooting

Certainly the days of Atari and games like "Pong" are long gone. Now, players are spending their time on games where the cyber version of Craig Krenzler looks like his real-life counterpart, and they can experience life on the streets of a war-torn Baghdad.

Violent games like the "Grand Theft Auto" series are becoming more popular. In "GTA", players take control of a character and are sent on various missions for mob bosses across a fictional city. A mission usually requires murdering rivals, stealing money and cars, all while trying to evade police. The game also allows a large amount of freedom as players can walk freely through the cities, killing innocent civilians as they go along.

But while the majority of people take the game for what it truly is — innocent entertainment — there has been a growing sector of the American populace which has taken upon itself to condemn video games like "Grand Theft Auto" and "Doom" for the recent rash of school and sniper shootings, including the Interstate 270 incidents on Columbus' South Side.

As video games have become more violent, critics say gamers see a blur in the line between reality and virtual reality. They point to a June 25 shooting in Tennessee where two step brothers — 16 and 14 years old — fired at passing cars on the highway. A 45-year-old man died from a gunshot wound. When asked in interviews, the two boys admitted to playing "Grand Theft Auto" and being influenced by the game. As a result, the family of the man killed filed a lawsuit against the game's manufacturers.

But while there is no questions games like "Grand Theft Auto" are ultraviolent, they don't deserve the blunt of the blame. In the case of shootings involving teenagers, the parents are ultimately responsible for controlling what their kids are playing. Video games are now required to carry a rating label, telling potential buyers what the game involves.

Kids who are left to "virtual baby-sitters" often times need something to fill the void left by absent parents. Unfortunately these video games often take that spot.

While "Grand Theft Auto" has sold millions of copies across the country, we have yet to see millions of gamers take to the street, brandishing shotguns, stealing cars and running drug networks. The mass majority of "Grand Theft Auto" fans take it for what it's worth — a violent, yet entertaining game which isn't to be taken too seriously.

Payday options

Paper paychecks must be offered

Cashing an OSU paycheck will soon no longer be a regular option for university employees. Instead of receiving paper pay stubs, faculty, staff and student workers will receive their pay information online and over a telephone interactive voice response system.

Employees will automatically have their money directly deposited into their bank accounts, and those who do not have a bank account will receive a payroll card with their paycheck amount credited to the card.

By eliminating or reducing paper paychecks and pay statements, OSU will deal less with lost checks, stopped payments, as well as, mailing and printing costs.

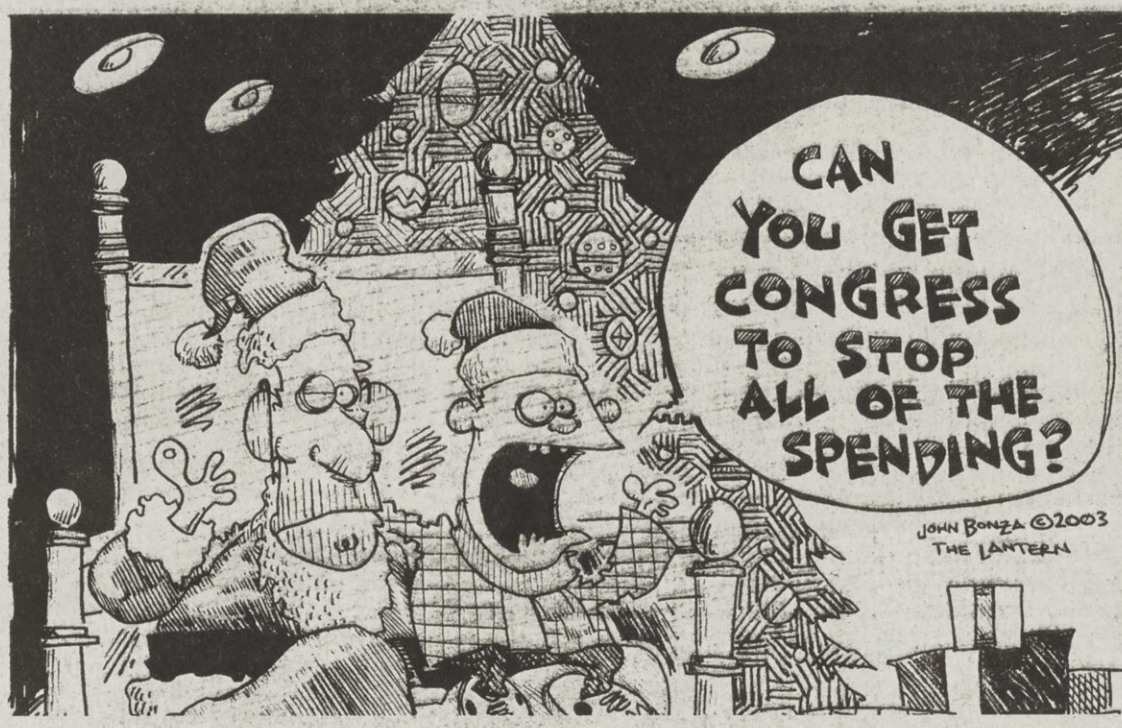
While the electronic pay system may be accommodating to the university, it may not be for the people who are getting paid. Online banking is offered by most banks, but people elect to use such a service. They can still do in-person transactions and receive tangible documents just as easily. Automatically switching to an Internet/telephone-based payroll system may be more useful and quick than paper checks but could be a hassle for those who don't have access to the Web or simply want physical proof at the end of the pay period. The employee's who choose to receive a paycheck versus direct deposit do so for a reason.

The alternate is a payroll card. Employees can access their money at ATMs or engage in cash back debit transactions at point-of sale locations such as grocery stores and drug stores. At ATMs people can only take out limited amounts of money at a time, some as little as \$200 per transaction. Getting the full cash amount of a paycheck could be quite a detailed process. The safety issues of carrying large amounts of cash can't be ignored either. Debit cards, just like checks, are easily lost and stolen. It is harder to cash a check than stop someone from using a stolen debit card at a grocery store.

Although Human Resources promises those who don't want to use a payroll card can have their checks mailed to their home, there is no guarantee it will arrive on payday. Some people just want to pick their pay check up at the end of a day and receive the reward for all their hard work.

For a number of people, switching to electronic payments and direct deposit won't be a problem. Nevertheless, employees deserve to be paid in the way most easiest to them. If they want to pick up their paycheck at the end of the month, then that option should equally be available.

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Are players role models?

The term "role model" is thrown around quite a bit in the world of professional sports.

Many athletes such as Eddie George, Peyton Manning and Derek Jeter have been deemed role models because of their stellar athletic ability and impressive on-camera conduct. But the public will never truly know how most athletes behave off-camera and it is for this reason that athletes cannot be role models.

Although the media reports both the public and private lives of professional athletes, what we learn about those athletes is, for the most part, what they want us to learn. With some obvious exceptions — Dennis Rodman and Mike Tyson — most players attempt to portray themselves in a positive light when in public.

But looks can be deceiving, as Kobe Bryant has so aptly demonstrated. I know, I know, I am tired of hearing about him too, but he provides a perfect example.

From Day One in the NBA, Bryant was given more press coverage than most pro athletes and was perceived to be a "good guy" because of his aptitude on the court and his quiet, polite demeanor off it.

Then Bryant was arrested and taken to court for alleged sexual assault. No one but he and the accuser know whether or not he is guilty, but everyone now knows that he is a cheater. The infamous purple diamond Bryant purchased for his wife shows that he is not above trying to buy forgiveness.

No matter the court verdict, Bryant already has proven that he is not of the high moral character many had once believed he was. He shows us that, no matter how much time the media may devote to a player, the public can never truly know him.

Another factor preventing athletes from becoming role models is the fact that they play a game for a living. I realize that pro athletes work incredibly hard for their success, and I am not denying them their due credit for that dedication.

Every season, they spend hours in the weight room and on the practice field. They continually break down tape and, no matter how good an athlete may be, he is always trying to improve his level of play.

Many spend days, even weeks, away from their families. Their job permeates every aspect of their lives, making it less of a job and more of a lifestyle.

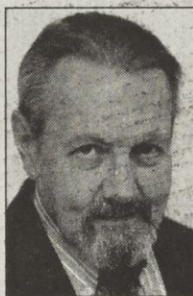
I know that many of them do wonderful things for their communities. They give time and money to charities, visit sick children in the hospital or coach sports camps for area children. But hard work and philanthropy alone do not make someone a role model.

Everyone must remember that athletes are paid to play a game. They are not saving lives, and they are not making the world a better place on a daily basis. It could be argued that they are making the world better by providing entertainment for millions of people, but life would go on without sports. It would be different, but it would continue.

Life would be dramatically different if not for doctors, nurses, firemen, policemen, teachers and members of the military. I realize there are corrupt individuals in every profession, but, for the most part, those who have chosen to make their life's work helping others, are special and deserve the respect and admiration of others much more so than someone who plays a game for a living.

I do not dislike sports or the athletes who play them. In fact, sports have been a guiding force throughout my life, and I have spent countless hours playing and watching them. I am also not implying that all athletes are bad people — many deserve respect.

The bottom line is that athletes should not be role models. They can be admired for their hard work and dedication, but role models should come from within an individual's inner circle of family and friends.



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Honesty is the best policy

Here's a thought as we go into finals week: Surveys at places like Rutgers, the home of Professor Don McCade, who seems to be the most widely quoted expert on academic dishonesty, and The Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University suggest that 75 percent of students indulge in some sort of cheating.

A student at a Rutgers focus group was quoted as saying, "I guess the first time you do it, you feel really bad, but then you get used to it." Another in that same group said, "People cheat. It doesn't make you less of a person or worse of a person. There are times when you just are in need of a little help."

There are plenty of places to get that little help. We students can go to Internet sites like schoolsucks.com which delivers papers at \$4.95 a page or cheater.com and a myriad of other sites that offer similar services for dishonesty despite their laughable disclaimers. Not as easy as it once was. There are now faculty guides for finding Internet cheats. It still goes on and the researchers tell us sometimes at twice the rate three decades ago.

I find that appalling and angering. Students who can't cut it, but make it by chicanery not only frustrate fellow students who do their own work, they cheapen our grades, our degrees and finally the university.

I agree with Professor Glenn C. Altschuler of Cornell who wrote recently, "Cheating, after all, is simply one manifestation of moral laxity that will not go away without a transformation in values."

So how do we get from here to there? How do we make that transformation in values?

Literature from the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University suggests enforcement of rules and publicity — perhaps without names — but getting the message out that another fool who thought he could get away with cheating has been caught. The literature also suggests that rigid codes of honor that are more

vigorously discussed and taken more seriously as a shared ethic can have a very significant impact. I would suggest another. Among this faculty, I am sure there are great women and men of impeccable integrity whom you can study and emulate.

What you are at this university today is pretty well formed. If you are a person of honor, you'll probably stay that way. If you are a cheat, you'll probably continue on an additive path of unfair advantage ending up like some of the people in today's headlines. If you are somewhere in the middle, now is the time to, in the best sense, exploit the tremendous opportunity for good that is Ohio State.

There are already enough cheaters out there. Enron and Worldcom executives cheated and wiped out the life savings of ordinary trusting people like you and me.

And business is not alone. My brothers and sisters in journalism have brought their fair share of shame to our profession. Jayson Blair gave *The New York Times* what its publisher called "a huge black eye" when he wrote what purported to be stories from out of town from his New York home and even turned in expense accounts to pay for them.

You can even be entertained this week by the journalistic sins of disgraced *New Republic* Associate Editor Stephen Glass, who also fabricated stories, in the movie "Shattered Glass."

But, hey, it's not all bad. At Staples High School in Westport, Conn., indignant students have joined their principal John J. Brady and the PTA to work toward stamping out the cheating their classmates seem compelled to do because of the competition to get into Ivy League schools. It all got started when a student was caught with a cheat sheet printed on the inside of the label on his bottled water. The water even acted as a magnifier so he could cram more fine print on the label. How sad. He had the creative power to develop such a scheme, think of what he could do if he applied his knowledge honestly.

YOUR VIEWS

Cow editorial leaves bitter taste

I would like to respond to *The Lantern's* Wednesday editorial on the subject of caulated cows. The writer claims the process of cutting a hole in a cow's stomach is humane because the cow is anesthetized, but one can do all sorts of inhumane things to an unconscious subject.

For example, one cannot claim that shaving someone's head while he is asleep is OK because he does not suffer the initial trauma. It is certain that when he wakes up with no hair, he will be negatively affected. The same can be said "in the case of a cow with a hole in its side."

To claim that a cow is not affected in the long term by this is ridiculous. To actually know this implies that someone on the *Lantern* staff is communicating with a cow. Instead, people observe that it does not seem to affect the animal namely on the grounds that it does not die.

But the main issue is the claim that animal rights groups should support this procedure because it leads to healthier, happier cows. It appears that *The Lantern* believes a cow that gets to live a few extra years "in a miserable factory farm" is somehow happier than a cow that succumbed to disease. This is perhaps plausible, but to claim animal rights groups would petition for extending the life of animals — as opposed to defending their humane treatment — borders on incoherence.

The procedure is used to improve the health of cows, but the real issue is figuring out why are they unhealthy. The answer is simple — long before the first cheeseburger, cows ate grass. Unfortunately, this is not economical, so grain has been used as feed instead. Not surprisingly, cows tend to react negatively to an unnatural food source, thus creating the high rates of disease.

There are many ways to argue in favor of animal testing, but the editorial addressed none of them. Let us not kid ourselves — holes are not being cut in cows because people want them to be happy (as the article claimed). It is being done because people want to be economical. To claim it is done for the cows' best interest borders on satirical. Unfortunately, the editorial was meant to be serious.

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Columnists wanted

The Lantern is looking for opinion columnists for Winter quarter 2004.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday Dec. 15.

Applicants must be full-time students, faculty or staff who are not in a leadership position for a prominent community/school organization such as USG.

If selected, columnists will be required to write approximately 10 columns (one column every week) about a variety of topics of their choosing.

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- Topic will be selected from one of two prompts that will be posted on www.thelantern.com
- Column must be sent as an e-mail or as an e-mail attachment, and must be sent to marin.12@osu.edu.

Editor's note: The column prompts can be found at *The Lantern Website* under the Campus heading.

Rocket blasts field near U.S. Embassy in Kabul

By Stephen Graham
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suspected Islamic militants fired a rocket into a field next to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan yesterday, Afghan authorities said. The blast occurred less than two hours after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld left the Afghan capital.

There were no reports of injuries in the 6:15 p.m. explosion about 300 yards from the embassy compound, and 100 yards from the headquarters of international peacekeepers in Kabul.

Rumsfeld had earlier held talks with President Hamid Karzai at his palace elsewhere in the city. The defense secretary left about 4 p.m. to continue his tour of Central Asia.

"We are reviewing our security posture," a spokesman at the heavily fortified embassy said. He spoke on condition of anonymity and declined further

comment.

The blast underlined the violence plaguing Afghanistan two years after a U.S.-led offensive swept the Taliban regime from power and heightened tension in Kabul ahead of a loya jirga, or grand council, next week to ratify a constitution.

Yesterday's blast echoed around the city, drawing swarms of Afghan police and soldiers to an expanse of newly tilled field next to the U.S. Embassy compound.

Security officials walked the field with flashlights. One emerged from the darkness holding a piece of shrapnel he said was from a small rocket. Reporters were evicted before the impact site could be found.

Troops from the 5,700-strong International Security Assistance Force blocked roads around the U.S. compound.

Lt. Cmdr. Frank Coburn, a British ISAF spokesman, said a forensics team was sent to the site. He said he couldn't confirm wit-

ness accounts suggesting it was a rocket.

Matyullah Ramani, a senior Kabul police officer, said: "It was Taliban or (Gulbuddin) Hekmatyar" — a renegade commander allied with the Taliban. "They are trying to disrupt the loya jirga."

Karzai's administration has little control outside the capital because of attacks by pro-Taliban insurgents and fighting among provincial warlords.

Recently, attacks on aid workers and Afghan government staff have increased sharply in the south and the east, forcing relief agencies to reduce their work there. Kabul has also been affected.

Five rockets rained down on the city on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, slightly injuring one Canadian civilian working at a peacekeepers' base.

On Nov. 22, an explosion in the garden of an upscale hotel in Kabul frequented by foreigners shattered windows, but caused no injuries.

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Saudi tape produces panic

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Information that a Western housing compound in Saudi Arabia was being surveyed by terrorists appeared to be based on a videotape of the residential complex found during a raid of a militant hide-out, the manager of the housing facility said yesterday.

Richard May said the management of the Seder Village was notified more than a week ago by the Saudi National Guard that the tape had been discovered during a raid on terrorist suspects.

"We don't know exactly what was on this tape. We never saw it, but we were informed by the Saudis that there were some external shots taken of the compound from various points," May said.

Yesterday, armored personnel carriers guarded the rain-soaked Seder Village compound, where cars were being screened by guards wearing yellow raincoats.

Elsewhere in the capital, security also was tight. Armored personnel carriers were seen parked outside other western housing complexes and soldiers armed with semiautomatic rifles stood behind sandbag checkpoints at key intersections throughout the capital.

Soon after the Saudis discovered the alleged surveillance tape during a Nov. 25 raid, they met the compound's managers, informed them of their discovery and asked them to upgrade security, May said.

Saudi authorities could not be reached for comment yesterday, the first day of the weekend in the kingdom.

On Tuesday, the U.S. and British embassies named Seder Village as possibly the next terror target after the May 12 and Nov. 6 bombings of residential housing compounds. The embassies said Seder Village was under "active surveillance" of the terrorists,

adding that their information was based on, "close consultations with the Saudi authorities."

May, a Briton, said the embassies' warnings created an "unnecessary panic" among the residents. Some feared an attack that night and moved into hotels, but many returned the next day after realizing the "immediate threat didn't exist," he said.

The 500 residents of the compound were immediately informed of the Saudi find and upgraded their security, May said. He said the residents are mainly Westerners. Americans are a minority.

Roadblocks were erected around the dun-colored walls of the compound, which has 270 spacious houses. The National Guard dispatched several units to the 25-year-old facility, which already was equipped with surveillance cameras. "Other appropriate measures" also were taken, May said.

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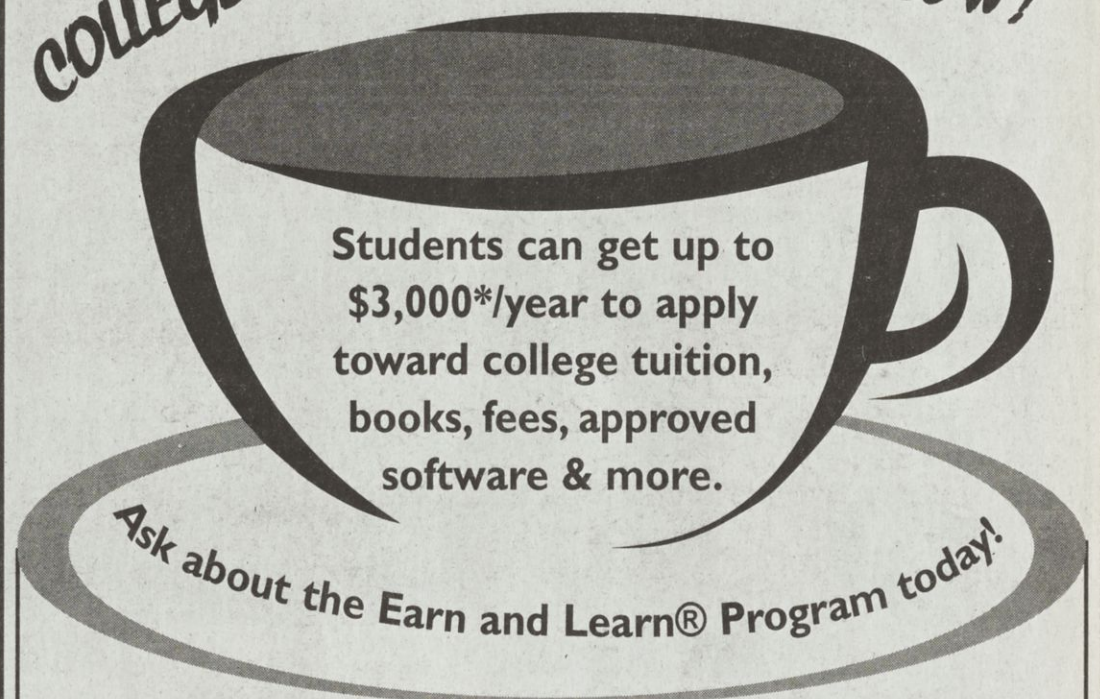
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Lawyers silenced in sniper trial

By Sonja Barisic
Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va.— The judge in the capital murder trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo yesterday ordered attorneys to stop talking to the news media after a letter written by Malvo appeared in *The Washington Post*.

Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush refused to let defense attorneys show or read the letter to the jury, calling it hearsay. *The Post* printed the letter's text yesterday and included excerpts in Malvo's handwriting. The newspaper did not say how it obtained the letter.

In court yesterday, the judge questioned the prosecutors and defense attorneys in the case, and all told her they did not leak the letter.

Roush also said she was "dis-

turbed" by the daily news conferences defense attorneys have been holding after court.

"I'm going to enter a gag order because I am increasingly disturbed by this. I think it's an attempt to reach the jurors or the jurors' families," Roush said. "No more talking to the papers, no more having press conferences."

Defense lawyer Michael Arif argued in court Wednesday that the jury should be allowed to see the letter because it showed Malvo's gloomy state of mind months before the sniper spree that left 10 people dead in and around the nation's capital.

After court, defense attorneys said there may be other ways to get the letter into evidence, but they did not elaborate.

Malvo wrote the letter to LaToria Williams, a teenage niece

of convicted sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad, during a visit to Muhammad's family in Baton Rouge, La., weeks before the October 2002 sniper attacks.

Williams testified outside the jury's presence that she was scared after reading the letter because "he said that he was a ticking time bomb."

Lawyers for the 18-year-old Malvo, who is on trial for the shooting death of an FBI analyst, are pursuing an insanity defense, contending that Muhammad brainwashed him and turned him into a killer.

Muhammad, 42, was convicted last month of capital murder in another of the deadly Washington-area sniper shootings, and a jury recommended the death sentence. Malvo could also face the death penalty if convicted.



JOHN STENNES/AP

Polk County, Minn., Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Mike Murray organizes a group of searchers setting out on all-terrain vehicles to look for missing University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin Wednesday morning, northwest of Crookston, Minn.

President's shooter wants freedom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for the man who shot President Reagan said yesterday that psychiatrists support letting an unsupervised John Hinckley Jr. leave a mental hospital for visits with his parents. Government lawyers insisted the would-be assassin was still dangerous and trying to deceive his doctors.

Both sides completed their arguments on the fifth day of a hearing on Hinckley's request for permission to leave St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington for the visits. U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman declined to say when he would issue a ruling.

Hinckley, 48, has been at the hospital since he was acquitted in 1982 by reason of insanity in the shootings of Reagan, presidential

press secretary James Brady and two law enforcement officers. Reagan was nearly killed and Brady was permanently disabled. Hinckley said he shot Reagan to impress actress Jodie Foster.

In closing arguments attended by Hinckley, his lawyer said Hinckley's mental illness was in remission and that he would pose no threat on such visits.

Lawyer Barry Levine said that all of the mental health professionals who testified, even those representing the government, supported unsupervised visits. They only disagreed on the conditions of the trips, and Levine has said he would support all of them.

"The government has offered no evidence that contradicts the unanimous opinion in this case,"

Levine said.

Levine said Hinckley is sure to be watched by the Secret Service, which has shadowed him when he leaves the hospital grounds on supervised trips to the theater, shopping mall and bowling alley.

"The fact that the Secret Service may be there ought to supply the court with a greater level of comfort," Levine said. "They've been there 100 percent of the time."

Government lawyer Robert Chapman maintained that Hinckley is a threat and was hiding his true mental conditions from his psychiatrists. They noted that he had stopped reading and writing, two activities that helped professionals determine his mental health.

Kidnapping suspect wants to remain in custody

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — The man charged with kidnapping in the disappearance of a University of North Dakota student who remains missing, said through his lawyer yesterday that he wanted to remain in custody for his own safety.

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, a three-time convicted rapist, appeared at his bond hearing wearing a brown parka over orange jail clothes. He spoke briefly, acknowledging that he understood the charges against him. The judge set bail at \$5 million.

Rick Brown, an assistant state's attorney for Grand Forks County, asked for the high bond because

he said that Rodriguez did not have deep ties to the community and, as a result, there was a strong likelihood that he would commit more crimes.

"We feel that this case represents a very classic case of danger," he said.

Brown did not discuss the state's evidence against Rodriguez, but said, "This case was charged with confidence that the state has a substantial likelihood of conviction should this go to trial."

Defense attorney David Dusek said Rodriguez would not contest the high bail. He said that before yesterday's court appearance, Rodriguez "agreed that—for his safe-

ty—he should remain in custody."

Rodriguez was not asked to enter a plea in the case. His preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 4, and arraignment was scheduled for Feb. 6.

Law enforcement officers continued the search for the missing woman, 22-year-old Dru Sjodin, yesterday.

About 1,700 volunteers on Wednesday searched miles of roadsides and snowy fields from the Grand Forks mall where Sjodin worked and was last seen Nov. 22 to Crookston, Minn., about 30 miles away, where Rodriguez lived with his mother. The search came up empty.

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NICK HOUSER

Huskers football future up in air

Chicken Little must be running up and down the streets of Lincoln, Neb. proclaiming that the sky is falling. What other explanation could University of Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson have for brushing up on the laws of gravity?

To fend off whatever may be going on out on the plains, Pederson refused to let the football program "gravitate into mediocrity" as he put it by firing football coach Frank Solich over the weekend.

It seems Pederson may be looking to start a second career on campus as heading up the physics department if this whole sports thing does not work out. After watching the Cornhuskers' season improve to a 9-3 mark following an average 7-7 the year before, Pederson must have seen the Huskers headed towards the black hole of the Big 12.

Just six years removed from replacing a coaching legend in Tom Osborne, Solich got the boot because Pederson, a former OSU recruiting coordinator under John Cooper, said "We won't surrender the Big 12 to Oklahoma and Texas."

Aside from the record, which the departed coach registered a 58-19 mark, like everything else in college football, this comes down to money. If the Huskers "surrender the Big 12" it means they will also forgo a shot at the conference title game, a spot on national television and more importantly, a possible trip to a BCS game and even more greenbacks.

Maybe what influenced Pederson more was the trip to the Holiday Bowl rather than the two big losses to Texas and Kansas State in the last three weeks of the season.

Under Solich, the Big Red, thanks to those unpredictable, BCS computers, made it all the way to national title game two years before losing to Miami 37-14. The coach only reached the Big 12 title game once and had a record of 16-12 in the last 28 games.

More importantly, Pederson, who took over a year ago, was thinking he needed to right the ship just two days before the university announced a \$49 million upgrade of Memorial Stadium. Former Nebraska quarterback Tommy Frazier, who led the program to a national title in 1996, said the project will help attract some of the nation's top recruits. Meanwhile, the sudden side project of Pederson included a new figure to bring those boys to Lincoln.

The move has divided the fans of the Big Red like Moses' parting of the Red Sea. A 9-2 record is an improvement after Solich fired three of his assistants in the off season and brought in six new ones.

Part of that crop is interim coach and former Ohio State free safety Bo Pelini. Despite the changes, Pederson concluded the improvement was not good enough or perhaps he had plans to let Solich go before the season.

It is yet another indicator the move was more about money than winning. Impatient to let the new staff take a couple years to bring Nebraska back to the peak of college football, Pederson has opted for the quick-fix.

Although, the athletic director is starting to put together a string of bold moves dating back to his last job at his last stop in Pittsburgh. He pushed for the demolition of Pitt Stadium, the home of the Panthers for 74 years, in favor of sharing the new Heinz Field. The move has paid off with an increase in attendance, but removing a coach who was spent 26 years with the program might crank up their bulldozing over a historical landmark. Attendance has increased dramatically in the Steel City,

Fifty-four schools fighting for changes to BCS system

By Nick Houser
Lantern sports writer

Out on the gridiron this season, teams like Texas Christian, Bowling Green and Northern Illinois have fought to slip into the forbidden landscape of college football by playing in a BCS bowl game. While each of the attempts eventually fell short, the fight for inclusion has moved from the field to conference rooms and Capital Hill.

Officials from the 54 schools not part of the BCS have formed The Coalition for Athletic Reform to make strides away from the current system when the contract ends in 2006. They met twice with representatives of the BCS in the last three months.

At stake is a major slice of the revenue generated from the four major bowl games and the television contracts.

Leading the charge in Washing-

ton is Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who held hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is fighting to balance the payouts between the conferences.

Each of the six BCS conferences (Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big 10, Big 12, Pacific 10 and Southwestern) receive \$13.9 million to split among its members for having one team in a BCS game and \$17 million if two qualify. Notre Dame, who competes as an independent, is also a member of the BCS.

On the other end of the spectrum, the non-BCS conferences (Conference USA, Mid-American, Mountain West, Western Athletic and Sun Belt) are given \$1 million each.

"Where BCS conferences stand to receive more than 20 times what the non-BCS conferences get, the resulting competitive disadvantages are unmistakable," Hatch said.

Since 1998, the BCS programs have shared \$450 million, while all the other teams were given just \$17 million.

Tulane University President Scott Cowen has faced the up-hill battle of trying to gain acceptance with the big boys. After the school's

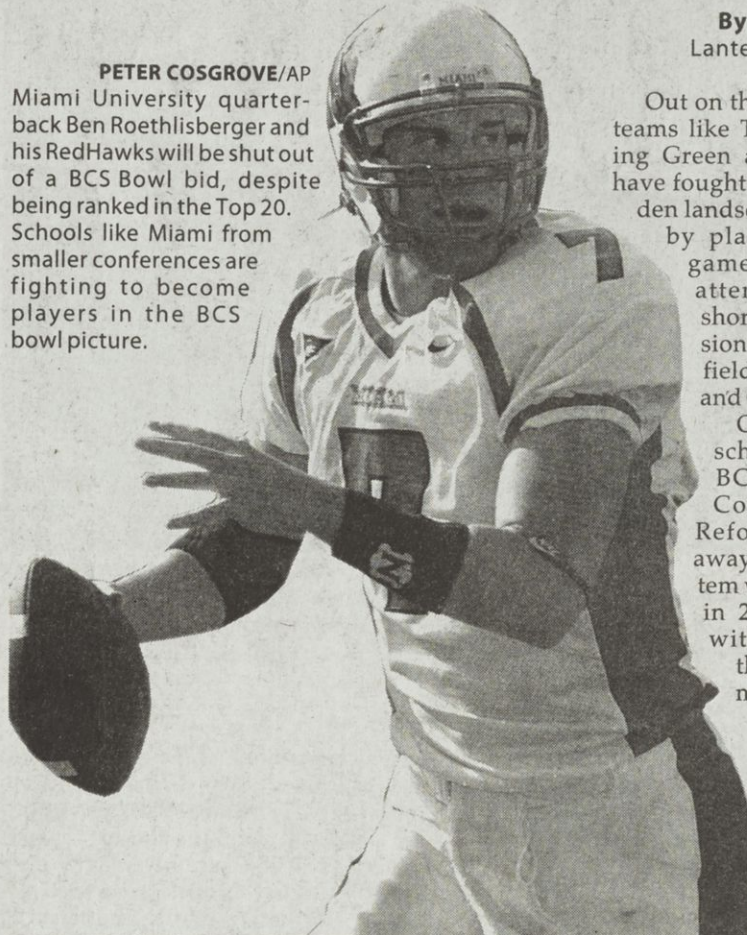
football team completed the 1998 regular season 11-0, instead of playing for a national championship, it was sent to the Holiday Bowl to play Brigham Young.

As the driving force behind the coalition, he testified before the Senate committee there is five faults with the BCS, claiming it instituted a two-class system in Division I-A football.

He took aim at the system which promises guaranteed spots to the champions of the BCS conferences, while schools like Bowling Green or Miami University are left fighting to play in the Motor City or GMAC bowls despite each hitting the 10-win mark.

"The BCS restricts competition among individual schools and conferences. In the past, each school competed for spots in each bowl and each conference competed for affiliations with each bowl," Cowen said. "Now, the schools and conferences in the BCS have agreed with the four major bowls to allocate spots to themselves, eliminating competition for bowl berths among themselves and excluding all other Division I-A schools and

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PETER COSGROVE/AP
Miami University quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and his RedHawks will be shut out of a BCS Bowl bid, despite being ranked in the Top 20. Schools like Miami from smaller conferences are fighting to become players in the BCS bowl picture.

Gymnasts flip into action tomorrow

By Alysia Baker
Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State men's and women's gymnastics teams tumble into action tomorrow with their Mixed Pairs match up in St. John Arena.

"It's a fun meet," senior Megan Porter said. "The crowd enjoys it."

The meet consists of nine co-ed pairs from both teams. After the first round, two pairs are eliminated and the seven remaining compete again. Three are cut out after the second round, and the final four face off for first place.

"It's a real fun atmosphere," junior Randy Monahan said.

The OSU women's squad opens competition with high hopes and expectations. The Buckeyes finished 10-4 overall last season while finishing fifth at the Big Ten Championship, as well as the NCAA Regional Championship. OSU returns 11 letterwinners and plans to pick up where last season left off, said women's coach Larry Cox.

"The team is very goal oriented," he said.

Cox said the best example of OSU's determination and drive hangs in the locker room. The question "How do you want to be remembered?" is posted on the wall in order to serve as constant motivation for the Buckeyes.

"I'd say we're on the right track," Porter said.

Although OSU returns a large amount of talent, the Buckeye roster boasts a mere 13 members. The smaller numbers put additional pressure on the senior class to take leadership positions, said senior Jenni Lymanstall.

"I think we have a good mix," she said. "Each person in our (senior) class has a leadership role in some way."

Senior Bethany Groskopf also said the seniors strive to set positive examples in the gym and the classroom.

"I want to leave with our team having more national respect," she said.

"(I try to) build constantly within myself as well as others to make our team as best as it could be," senior Tiffanie Janke said.

OSU's next competition is the Intrasquad on Dec. 13. Lymanstall said the meet helps decide the line-up for the season.

"It's a little more serious," she

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Wrestlers hit Vegas for tournament

By Zachary Lint
Lantern sports writer

With two invitationals under its belt, the Ohio State wrestling team looks toward Las Vegas as its next big stop before it begins its Big Ten Conference season later this month.

"Our conference is the strongest in the country," coach Russ Hellickson said. "We need to make sure we're ready to battle at the end of the year."

At the 2003 Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational today, the Buckeyes will be led in their respective weight divisions by seniors Tommy Rowlands (heavyweight), Blake Kaplan (184), John Clark (165), Jeff Ratliff (141) and Jesse Leng (133).

Rowlands, the 2002 national champ and lone captain on this year's squad, has found success so far at both the Oklahoma Gold Classic and the Michigan State Open. Representing OSU in the heavyweight division, Rowlands went undefeated en route to becoming the champion in his weight class at both events.

His performance at the Oklahoma Gold Classic garnered him Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honors as well. For some personal incentive, the Las Vegas Invitational looms as the only competition that Rowlands has yet to

win in his collegiate career.

"Some of our younger guys have taken their lumps, but they're keeping a positive attitude," Rowlands said. "Coach Hellickson doesn't want us to start out in a blaze of glory. We're on track for great things, we'll keep moving forward for the end of the year."

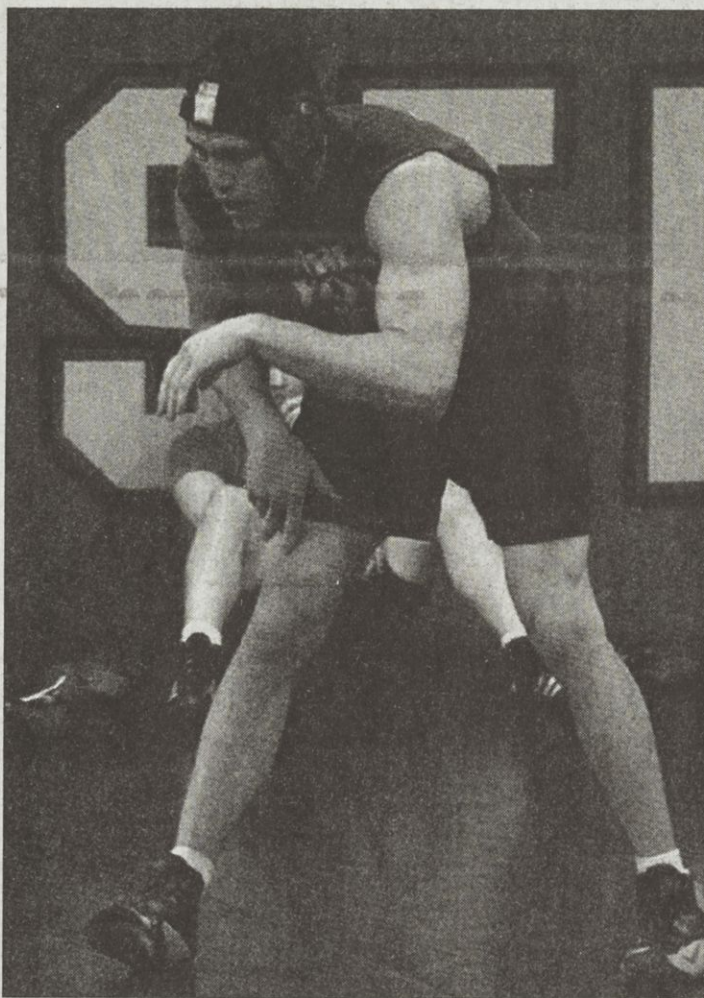
Kaplan, Clark and Ratliff won their respective divisions at the Oklahoma Gold Classic, and Kaplan also successfully defended his 2002 Michigan State Open title in November after jumping up from the 174-pound weight class a year ago to 184 this year. Clark set a career mark this year, capturing his 100th win at the Michigan State Open.

"Basically we have five seniors and three stud freshmen that we're looking for to step up," Kaplan said.

"We came in second to Oklahoma (at the Oklahoma Gold Classic), which we aren't happy about because we feel that we were a better team. But, it's early and we work to be at our best at the end of the season," he said.

Joining the seniors in Las Vegas this weekend will be freshmen Jermaine Jones (125), James King (157), Alex Picazzo (174) and J.D. Bergman (197), along with sophomore Ryan

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NOLAN SAUNDERS/THE LANTERN

Senior Blake Kaplan and therest of the Ohio State wrestling team are ready for this weekend's Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational.

Bonds questioned in steroid probe

By Rob Gloster
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds appeared before a grand jury focusing on possible tax and drug violations by a California lab that supplied nutritional supplements to some of the nation's top athletes.

The six-time National League MVP entered the grand jury room yesterday accompanied by attorney Mike Rains.

Bonds has attributed his muscular development over the years to intense weight training, proper diet and a regimen of nutritional supplements. He repeatedly has denied using steroids and argues that his evolution as a home run hitter has been steady.

Grand jurors were now able to ask the San Francisco Giants' slugger under oath whether his growth has been entirely natural. The panel is looking into possible violations by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO.

Athletes that already have appeared before the grand jury include track star Marion Jones and her boyfriend, 100-meter world record-holder Tim Montgomery, four Oakland Raiders and Olympic champion swim-

mer Amy Van Dyken.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target of the probe.

Two people have been named so far as targets of the grand jury — BALCO founder Victor Conte, and Greg Anderson, Bonds' personal trainer.

Bonds, 39, became a BALCO client just before his record-setting 2001 season and has praised Conte for giving him a personalized nutritional program.

Anderson's home was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and a drug task force Sept. 5, two days after a similar raid at BALCO.

Bonds weighed 185 pounds as a rookie in 1986 and now is a muscle-bound 230. He holds the season record for home runs and is gaining on Hank Aaron's career mark.

"Go look at the back of my bubble gum card," he said after winning a third straight MVP award last month. "My numbers are consistent."

Except for 1989, Bonds has hit at least 24 homers in each of his 17 full seasons. The only dramatic jump came in 2001 when his record 73 homers marked the

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PAUL CHINN/AP

San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds, center, is flanked by attorneys as he walks through the lobby of the federal building in San Francisco yesterday. Bonds appeared before a grand jury focusing on possible tax and drug violations by the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, which supplied nutritional supplements to some of the nation's top athletes.

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Bengals learn to handle new popularity

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ridicule? They're used to it. Punch lines? They know them all by heart.

Last place? Fits as snug as a receiver's glove.

During their dozen dismal seasons, the Cincinnati Bengals were resigned to their status as the NFL's masters of misery. Heading into their first-place showdown with Baltimore, they're trying to get the hang of something entirely new.

Overnight, they've become a sensation.

"Everybody is loving the Bengals," Ravens safety Ed Reed said.

Once-reluctant players are venturing out in public again and getting an entirely different reception. Autographs are in demand and pats on the back have replaced those under-the-breath remarks.

"It's different," quarterback Jon Kitna said. "I love it. I went to my cousin's basketball game last night and tried to sneak in and sit in the corner, and that lasted about two minutes. I didn't see much of the game. It's a nice tradeoff."

That's the mood across town, where fans are back on the bandwagon and children no longer get mocked for wearing Bengals garb. Coach Marvin Lewis visited a

Catholic elementary school this week to talk about the importance of education and found a receptive audience dressed in black and orange.

"It was tremendous to see the kids from kindergarten to eighth grade — there was about 700 or 800 kids — and all were in their Bengal gear," Lewis marveled. "It was amazing. That was fun."

That's what winning will do.

After a 1-4 start, the NFL's worst team since 1991 has given up its distinction. The Bengals (7-5) are tied with the Ravens for first place in the AFC North heading into their showdown in Baltimore.

Three years ago, Baltimore was the NFL's success story, winning a Super Bowl with one of the best defenses in league history. Lewis was the Ravens' defensive coordinator and has brought those winning ways to the league's most forlorn outpost.

The Bengals have quickly outgrown their penchant for bumbling and crumbling in meaningful games. Since their bye week, they've gone 6-1 and moved into a first-place tie.

The surge started with a home victory over Baltimore on Oct. 19, followed by another home win over first-place Seattle. The Bengals caught the country's imagination by becoming the first team to beat Kansas City.

Past Bengals teams would

have bungled such opportunities for respect. This one has learned how to handle attention and pressure, winning four in a row while in the spotlight.

Credit Lewis, who has taught them how to focus on what's important and ignore everything else.

"We're being coached now like a Fortune 500 company with a mission statement," right tackle Willie Anderson said. "That's the first time in our careers we've been coached to have a mission and take it one game at a time, win here, don't worry about any of these other teams."

They're even handling the sudden celebrity very well. Kitna is getting mention as an MVP candidate, and several players are being discussed as Pro Bowl picks.

It's the kind of attention they've craved but it hasn't gone to their heads.

"It's great because it makes them understand and appreciate more, and enables more to happen in the future," Lewis said.

A victory Sunday would put them in control of the division and make them odds-on favorites for their first playoff appearance since 1990. No one will be stunned if they pull it off.

"They're just the darlings of the league right now, and that's what we're facing," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.



AL BEHRMAN/AP
Cincinnati Bengals fans cheer tackle Levi Jones (76) after the Bengals defeated Kansas City, 24-19, Nov. 16 in Cincinnati. Cincinnati plays at Baltimore Sunday for first place in their division.

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conferences."

He also expressed concern for the lack of an officially sanctioned championship by the NCAA, the financial impact on the two sides, restrictiveness of the current structure and called for a new system which enhances the entire bowl season.

NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand said the talks between the BCS schools and the coalition members said some progress has been made in the talks, but the biggest portion of the pay-outs should go towards the sides that make the great commitment. He said the current structure was the free market at work.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany testified before the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee that last year's national championship shows the system is working to create a game between the top two teams in the country.

"Miami and Ohio State both finished the season undefeated and were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 respectively in virtually every poll," he said. "They paired off in the Fiesta Bowl and gave us one of the greatest college football games ever played."

Parity has started to descend on college football in the last 20 years since the NCAA started reducing the number of scholarships each program could offer. Former Brigham Young coach LaVell Edwards said the change also means it is time for a new system. He was the first coach to be spurred by the Bowl Alliance,

"Talented young athletes are denied an opportunity to make their dreams come true, and I believe it's wrong."

LaVell Edwards
Former Brigham Young
football coach

the pre-cursor to the BCS, in 1996.

Despite going 13-1 and being ranked fifth in the polls, the Cougars were left out of the four big bowls and sent to the Cotton Bowl.

"Every person in our country has the opportunity to turn dreams into reality. It's the reason each of you is here today," Edwards said before the Senate committee. "The reason I'm here is that because of this flawed system, talented young athletes are denied an opportunity to make their dreams come true. And I believe it's wrong."

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said. "Less people are there because the students are gone."

The OSU men's squad also makes its first appearance in competition with their showing at the Mixed Pairs competition Saturday.

"(It's a) fun opportunity for the team to get their feet wet," men's coach Miles Avery said.

Senior Jamie Shepard said OSU is anxious to start the season.

"We know there's a lot of talent on the team," he said.

The Buckeyes hit the mat ranked first in the preseason coach poll, beating out usual

favorite Oklahoma for the coveted spot. The Big Ten represented well in the poll with Illinois, Michigan, Penn State, Iowa and Minnesota all in the top 10.

"It's a good thing," Shepard said. "But it's more important what happens in April (at the NCAA Championships)."

Avery said OSU's goals this year are similar to every other season.

"The expectation is Big Ten champions and NCAA champions if we stay healthy," he said.

"We not only want to win, but

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which has a winner again. So possibly Pederson knows what he is doing.

But who exactly could pull off a quick improvement? It can be done, but some of the names mentioned so far offer predominately passing attacks, which make the Husker faithful cringe as much as the Buckeye Nation, when they see five wide outs and running backs out on the field.

How about Pittsburgh's Walt Harris and his passing attack, or better yet Steve Spurrier brings the Fun 'N' Gun offense to the Great Plains? I wonder if he will wear the visor in late November in a freezing Lincoln?

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez has already said he was not interested in leaving

Morgantown. Other names quickly surfacing include former Georgia coach Jim Donnan, Tampa Bay Buccaneers' defensive coordinator and former Nebraska assistant Monte Kiffin, as well as Utah coach Urban Meyer, Oregon coach Mike Bellotti and California coach Jeff Tedford, or with all the talk of gravity maybe some football junkie and descendent of Sir Issac Newton is interested in the job.

Whatever direction Pederson takes he may want to study the laws of gravity to examine the future of Nebraska football and his own stock.

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really just dominate," Avery said "This year is more focused on having fun. We're just trying to have fun."

Monahan said the emphasis on enjoying the sport came from a lesson learned the previous season.

"Last year we were really focused and really, really, really wanted to win," he said. "It was too much pressure."

OSU dynamics are also different from last year, Avery said.

"This year we have no superstars," he said. "(Talent) is so spread out over this team. This

team's one of the most talented teams I have ever had."

The Buckeyes are also building to continue the high talent level. OSU recently had two high school talents sign NCAA National Letters of Intent to attend OSU next fall.

"Recruiting is certainly one of the most important jobs of a coach," Avery said.

The Buckeyes next meet is the Scarlet and Gray Intersquad Dec. 19 in St. John Arena.

"(Intersquad) gives us a good gauge of where we are," Avery said.

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Derr (149). Bergman received runner-up honors at the Michigan State Open in his first collegiate appearance.

With more than 40 teams slated to compete, the Las Vegas Invitational is known as one of the greatest tournaments in the nation. Hellickson said the diverse draw will give his team the opportunity to gain exposure

to every wrestling faction in America before the end of the weekend.

Giving credit to his senior leadership for the success that they have had thus far, Hellickson said that both he and his staff will have an opportunity to evaluate where the Buckeyes stand as the Big Ten season approaches.

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only time he topped 50.

On the other hand, four of Bonds' five biggest homer totals came in the last four seasons — all after his 35th birthday.

Bonds posed with Conte and Anderson for this past June's issue of Muscle & Fitness magazine and heaped praise on both.

"I visit BALCO every three to six months. They check my blood to make sure my levels are where they should be. Maybe I need to eat more broccoli than I normally do. Maybe my zinc and magnesium intakes need to increase," Bonds told the magazine.

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Hot hip hop duo comes home

By Ian James
Lantern arts editor

Columbus' hip hop ambassadors Soul Position return home tonight for a highly anticipated appearance at Little Brother's.

The group, composed of beat-maker RJD2 and rapper Blueprint, released its first album "8,000,000 Stories" which was the follow-up to last year's "Unlimited" EP.

"The EP was some fun stuff meant to rock shows, but not really conceptual," Blueprint said. "The album is a real album, not just a bunch of battle raps or battle beats."

Both RJD2 and Blueprint have seen success on individual levels. RJD2 with his own album on the prestigiously underground Definitive Jux label, as well as in collaborations with a vast number of rising and accomplished stars in the hip hop world. To his credit, Blueprint runs an up and coming label of his own, Weightless Recordings, and

has been a part of numerous successful tours, namely with Atmosphere.

And it is with Atmosphere's frontman Slug, who brought Soul Position to the masses through the Minneapolis-based Rhymesayers records.

"Blueprint reminded me of a friend of mine and I said, 'Dude I want to put out your records,'" Slug said. "Luckily he gave me Soul Position, which I feel very blessed to put out."

Soul Position blends the best of both of each respective artist. RJD2's beats, derived from ancient soul singles and other obscure variations, are head-bobbing at times and mournful at others. Blueprint's lyrics bounce along through light-hearted and serious subjects. A laid-back vocal style that isn't slow, but comforts listeners through its non-confrontational appeal.

The group's album production is tight through and through,



COURTESY OF DEFINITIVE JUX RECORDS
RJD2 has gained worldwide acclaim for his mixing and production.

despite being recorded at home. This may be the result of RJD2's admitted perfectionism.

"I'm difficult," RJD2 said. "I put Blue through hell. Every group's like that though, one easy going mother**** and one who get's ticked when things go wrong."

Blueprint said he felt lot of growth within himself in putting "8,000,000 Stories" together.

"Those songs were some of the

first solo tracks I've ever done," Blueprint said. "We've come a long way and from there, we have a lot of places to go."

"And we get better every day," RJD2 said. "The next album will be 20 times better."

Soul Position's Columbus homecoming show is at 8 tonight at Little Brother's. Tickets are available at the door or through Ticketmaster for \$15.



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Soul Position represents Blueprint's first foray as solo MC. The Columbus artist also runs Weightless Recordings, a record label in Dublin.



COURTESY OF MOE.

moe makes music flow

By Ellie Sanders
Lantern staff writer

In many circles, the mention of the band moe inspires thoughts of another jam band in a sea of noodling guitar solos and epic, improvisational songs built for those with longer attention spans.

Those more familiar with their music know this is not necessarily the case, as the band will demonstrate during its performance tomorrow night at the Newport.

"When people ask me what we play, I just say it's rock 'n roll," moe bassist Rob Derhak said. "I feel like we just play what we play."

Although the majority of the group's fan base was attracted to the band because of its connection to the jam band scene, moe's music is not stereotypically hippie-chic. It is heavier on the lyrics and the jams have a certain heavy metal tinge beneath. Relating to the jam scene,

the grooves are generally strung out and are shaped by the interaction between the band and its audience.

Devoted fan Dave Weissman is excited for tomorrow's show.

"I have been listening to them evolve ever since 1995, and they consistently put on a different show each time," Weissman said.

Not only is their music constantly evolving, but the perks offered to fans are also changing with the times.

"We've been putting out these instant live recordings which people have been pretty excited about. By the time we're finished with the show, people can walk out like within 20 minutes with a full package, three CD set of the show they just heard," Derhak said. "That's been pretty cool."

Tickets are still available at Ticketmaster and the Newport box office for \$18 in advance or \$19 at the door. Opening band Al and the Transamericans begin at 7 p.m.

FILM REVIEW

Wexner Center to screen Godard feature

By Jake Kimar
For the Lantern

"A Woman is a Woman," the title of Jean-Luc Godard's third feature length film, is perhaps paradoxically the most definitive statement from the entire film.

Inspired by a quote from Charlie Chaplin, that "tragedy is life in close-up, and comedy, life in long shot," Godard said "I'm going to make a comedy in close-up: the film will be a tragi-comic." And so Godard sets out to make a neo-realist musical, in other words, an utter contradiction.

Set in a small Paris quarter, the film spends much of its attention on the whimsy of Angela, a flighty stripper, played by Godard's then-wife Anna Karina. She decides that it is time for either a child or marriage, and as her boyfriend Emile (Jean-Claude Brialy) seems reluctant on both accounts, an unorthodox love triangle ensues.

As is typical for Godard, the film explores the conventions of the formulaic Hollywood

characters by contorting their situations and conflicts while still retaining a slight semblance of a love story. The foundation of the couples dilemma is a contradiction that Godard seems to want to accent quite clearly, that things go wrong for Angela and Emile because they make the mistake "of thinking they can go too far because their love is both mutual and eternal." Godard here takes love, the cure to most of Hollywood dilemmas and makes it the source of conflict.

The playfulness of Godard and his irreverent sensibility as a director make it a pleasure to view, no matter how much sense you can make of the film.

During one of the sequences, Godard has Brialy with Karina in hand, randomly ask Parisian passers-by if they would kindly impregnate the young actress. The reaction shots of offended old men still carry their humor and youth. The cinematography is by Raoul Coutard and is alone worth the price of admission.

Screening first with be a short film by director Richard Lin-



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Anna Karina stars in Jean-Luc Godard's "A Woman is a Woman."

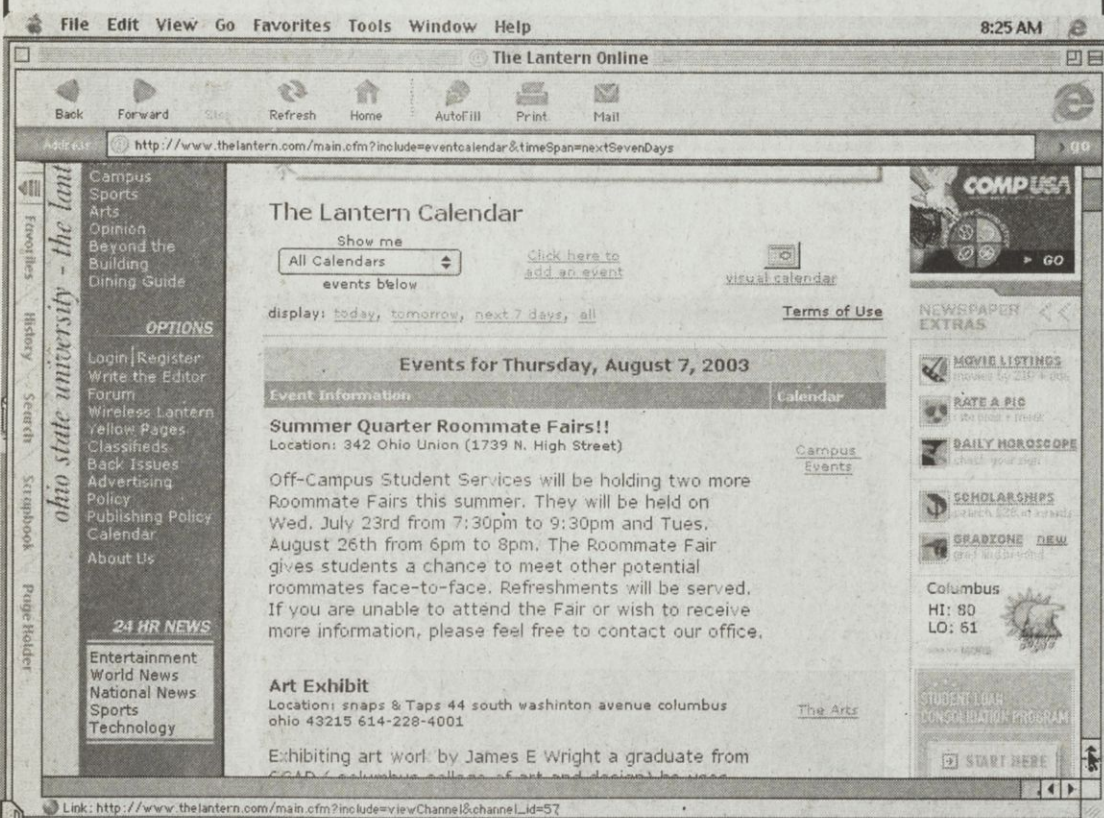
klater, "Live from Shiva's Dance Floor," which features bus driver, author and latter-day Beat philosopher Timothy "Speed" Levitch, who shares his views on

post 9-11 New York City. The films will be shown at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow at the Wexner Center for the Arts' Film and Video Theater.

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