Reflections of Forward Falcons
The women’s records that are on file in the BGSU athletics department date back to 1973, the first year that BG was a regular member of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW). As documented in previous chapters of this book, however, women’s sport had flourished at BG for many years before 1973. So, an obvious question is, “What happened to the pre-1973 records?”

Unfortunately, the answer to that question is distressing. When the women’s and men’s intercollegiate athletics programs merged in 1976, the files containing the historical records of the women’s program were transferred to the athletics department. Most of the records dating from 1973 were retained in the official files, and the files of previous years were stored along with other athletics department documents under the bleachers of the football stadium. Sometime later, large quantities of water seeped into that storage area. Much to our dismay, all of the files were damaged beyond repair and had to be discarded. Consequently, the only available information about the pre-1973 years is in (a) the memories and scrapbooks of coaches and athletes who participated in women’s sport, (b) accounts published in the Key, (c) media guides, which appeared on the scene in the mid-1970s, and (d) articles published in the BG News and other news outlets.

This chapter represents an effort to recover and retain the memories of Bowling Green’s forward Falcons. In the spring of 2009, Jackie Giammara, a BGSU journalism major and University Honors student, learned of our project and immediately saw an opportunity to merge her interest in women and sport with our efforts to document the history of BGSU women’s sport. For her Senior Honors project, Jackie designed a survey for the athletes and coaches who had participated during the years covered by this book—1914 through 1982. She sent questionnaires to the former athletes and coaches for whom we had contact information. After receiving responses from more than 100 athletes and 19 coaches, she transcribed the quotations that appear on the following pages. We are deeply grateful to Jackie for her contributions to this chapter and for the important role she played in the preservation of the voices of so many forward Falcons!
We sincerely thank all of the respondents for providing valuable information as well as heartwarming, and often hilarious, memories. Although we could not include quotations from everyone, the complete transcriptions are available in the Women’s Sport Collection (WSC) located in the Center for Archival Collections (CAC) in the William T. Jerome Library.

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And now to the reflections of the forward Falcons...
**Life Before BGSU**

BGSU’s forward Falcons had eagerly participated in sport and physical activity throughout most of their lives prior to arriving at BGSU. Most had played informally with neighborhood children and family. Some had participated in junior high or high school sports through Girls Athletic Associations (GAAs), intramurals, and physical education classes. Others had enjoyed community recreation leagues, city/county leagues, church leagues, private sports clubs, ponytail leagues, YMCA/YWCA sports programs, and industrial leagues. A few women had participated in summer travel leagues, city/state/national/international tournaments, semi-pro leagues, and programs sponsored by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), United States Field Hockey Association (USFHA), United States Volleyball Association (USVBA), the American Softball Association (ASA), Jr. Olympics, and the Jr. Wightman Cup. Many of them continued to compete in these types of programs after they enrolled at BGSU.

The sports in which these women had engaged were numerous and varied. Neighborhood games included kick-the-can, hide and seek, baseball, street kickball, baseball, and football. The organized sports were softball, volleyball, basketball (from limited dribble to half court to rover to unlimited dribble to full court), tennis, swimming and diving, track and field, cross country, field hockey, synchronized swimming, golf, archery, baseball, badminton, archery, horseback riding, snow skiing, ice skating, and soccer.

Some women expressed disappointment that their high schools had not offered athletics programs for girls. Several indicated that even though they were good athletes, their schools would not allow them to play on the boys teams in tennis or golf. Others were dismayed that they had been required to play softball rather than baseball. On the upside, several indicated that they did play on the boys golf or tennis teams, one tennis player being the first girl to do so in her school!
LIFE AT BGSU
Regardless of graduation year, most of these athletes referred to inter-school competition as “intercollegiate.” Their BGSU sport experiences ran the gamut from play days and sports days, to extramurals, to state, regional, and national intercollegiate tournaments. Quite a few athletes were on two or more BGSU intercollegiate sport teams. Many of them remembered the annual Swan Club shows and intercollegiate synchronized swimming contests with great fondness.

The intercollegiate sports in which they had participated were golf, volleyball, tennis, basketball, indoor and outdoor track, cross country, swimming and diving, lacrosse, field hockey, softball, synchronized swimming, and gymnastics. Many of these sports fielded both junior varsity and varsity teams. Tournaments included dual meets and invitationalas as well as competitions at the state, regional, and national levels. Several athletes had participated in MAC championships and AIAW and NCAA national tournaments.

Some athletes had played soccer, lacrosse, and rugby at the club level. Intramural sports included coed volleyball, coed tennis, volleyball, basketball, coed basketball, flag football, coed flag football, softball, styxball, paddleball, and water polo. Some were very proud of having been intramural champions!

All of the BGSU athletes who responded to the survey noted that their experiences playing sports had, and in some cases continues to have, a major impact on their lives. Overall, they credited their sports experiences as instilling in them such values and traits as fairness, tenacity, good sportsmanship, respect for others, the importance of teamwork, strong self-esteem and confidence, setting and obtaining goals, and excellent time management and organizational skills. They also acknowledged that playing sports allowed them to develop lifelong friendships and created an outlet for positive use of their energy, creativity, and competitiveness. They have used these skills and traits frequently throughout their personal and professional lives, crediting them as the basis for many positive outcomes. Remaining physically active also was a common thread among their responses as well as making sure their daughters and sons were physically active and/or involved in organized sports.
Memorable Moments

The respondents told many interesting stories about traveling, competing, playing in not-so-great conditions, earning letter jackets, receiving money for team meals on trips, making friends with members of other teams, achieving individual and team goals, and winning state and conference championships. Several of them reported that their most memorable moments included defeating their counterparts from Ohio State! Quite a few women commented that they had returned to BGSU to receive their letters in 2005 and were pleased that their participation in competitive sports as well as their leadership had been acknowledged.

My sister Mary and I were on the team together. We were a good duet team because we were sisters and thought alike. In those days you couldn’t hear the music under the water so just had to count to yourself and carefully watch your partner. We did consider ourselves athletes and we got some attention in the newspaper and yearbook. Mary and I were sent to Cleveland in May 1949 for a National Duet competition and the Swan Club sent us a telegram at the Cleveland Hotel Statler wishing us luck.

Norma Herve Zorn, 1951
Synchronized Swimming
I best remember the fact that it may have been because three of us from the university were playing on an AAU basketball team that the Department, which did not like the idea, decided to initiate a university team coached by, I am sure, “volunteer” Dorothy Luedtke. We only practiced twice a week and maybe played five or six games. I can remember us crawling into Ms. Luedtke’s own car early on a Sat. morning to drive down to Columbus to play OSU.

Leanne Grotke Andreas, 1963 field hockey, basketball
I remember traveling to Michigan to play field hockey at Cranbrook where the Detroit Lions practiced. WRA outings were great at Oak Openings.

Pat Walther Hoopes, 1952 basketball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball

It was the semi-final game of the women's basketball state tournament. We were down by 1 and had possession of the ball. I looked at the clock—there were 10 seconds to go—the ball was passed to me just outside of the elbow.

My roommate and teammate, Barb, was great at driving in and I considered passing to her to get the foul and maybe even make the shot. Everything went into slow motion as I was making consideration of my next move. Barb yelled, "shoot the ball!" That encouragement was all that it took—I shot, all net, we won!!

Cynthia Williman Spiers, 1974 basketball, softball, field hockey

Oak Openings offers a break from school

BGN, AUG. 26 2002

AT ISSUE Need a new place to relax and unwind? Oak Openings may be a fun place to go to get away from the pressures of school.
Laughter, laughter and laughter characterized our team spirit. We were a group of women that found fun in our sport. Traveling and competing in nationals was a wonderful highlight. I also remember a dual meet where my parents were able to attend. Our relay team came from behind to win. The president of the university was also in attendance and it was a day filled with pride.

Cheryl Dick Boyce, 1976
As a senior in college, I remember being part of the first group of women to be offered scholarships to play a sport. Coach Peterson chose to give the money to the players in the program at the time. She offered me a double scholarship worth about $980. I said that I didn’t want to be paid to play but understood that was the direction we were headed.

Gretchen Weitbrecht, 1977
volleyball

Weitbrecht, women eye tournament

By Sue Cusser
Sports Writer

You don’t have to play high school volleyball to make the list. Gretchen, intercollegiate volleyball squad. All of this year’s varsity team can

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in my life. I did it for the team so we would

I ran it at Ohio State to get points to win the meet. I ran it although I had never run that far in a meet in my life. I did it for the team so we would

When we won the Mid-West Championship and got to go to the nationals.

Sue Svenson Smith, 1973
swimming and diving

Women tankers win title second season in a row

The women’s swim team accumulated a winning season last week by successfully defending its Mid-West Championship title at Depauw, Ind.

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We needed someone to run the 3 mile at Ohio State to get points to win the meet. I ran it although I had never run that far in a meet in my life. I did it for the team so we would

Women tracksters state champs

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Probably our most memorable times involved the Swan Club shows. They were not competitive experiences, just wonderful, creative experiences with wonderful people involved.

Eve Williams Phillips, 1956 synchronized swimming

One of the things that really irritated us as young women swimmers was that the entrance to the men's locker room seemed like a big deal but then it seemed like a very big deal and put it up without anyone knowing the difference.

Valerie Newell, 1956 swimming

Six swimmers named all-Americans

1956 synchronized swimming

Eve Williams Phillips, 1956 synchronized swimming
One of the most memorable moments I had at BGSU was also the funniest. We had convinced the men's swim team (who we trained with) that we were going to shave our heads for the first night of finals of the Ohio State Championship meet being held at BG. We walked on deck as a team that night with our white "hoodies" up, doing our team cheer chant and went around the far side of the pool. When we dropped our hoods as a group, the whole place went nuts. We had bald caps on but everyone thought we had actually shaved our heads...it was a riot!! And, of course, we went on to win, again!

Lauri Nichols Kemmerling, 1982
Swimming

Spikers' winning streak to 10

By Cheryl Gesheke
Assistant Sports Editor

If the volleyball team has its way, the season will not be ending for some time yet.

Winning five games over the weekend, a 16-game winning streak finished regular season play and with a sweep of the state tournament in Cleveland, the Falcons are poised for a winning season and a shot at the state tournament.

The Falcons' winning season started with a victory over Miami and continued against the University of Cincinnati.

Coach Pat Peterson said it was the "first time BG has had a winning season in front of the" fans.

TO START the weekend, the Falcons gave BG a good fight, although the Falcons won all five games.

In the fall of 1977, we upset Miami at the "Ohio Big Schools Championships." It was a thrilling win and the talk of the tournament. The chemistry on that team was special.

Anne Eshleman Tiernon, 1979
Volleyball
I swam one night (Swan Club show) with a safety pin stabbing me in the chest. In a cowgirl duet we had a “fight” and I “died” and dropped my “gun” and a little boy from the audience walked over and gave it back to me.

Connie Wood Anderson, 1956
synchronized swimming, speed swimming

BGSU’s women’s basketball team beat Ohio State!

Jo Anne Brause Turner, 1975 basketball

A tennis match at the University of Dayton and hosting the Ohio College Women’s Tennis Tournament in 1971 held at BG. We were all busy helping.

Deborah Drummond Davis, 1972
tennis

Women cagers victory
prepare for state tour

BGN, Apr. 24 1970

The athletic facilities on campus will not be confined to the men this weekend with women tennis and softball teams hosting Kent State, Ball The Bowling Green merged individually until all 12 were under water.

Deborah Drummond Davis, 1972
tennis

Playing Ohio State and playing in the Ohio College and University State Tournament.

Kathy Freese, 1971
volleyball, basketball

Jo Anne Brause Turner, 1975 basketball

BGN, Feb. 20 1974

The Falcons were Gail Allen who pumped in 13 points and Mary Copeland added 15 markers and Kaye Koonce winners, 10 points for the 3rd straight.
Being the State Collegiate Vaulting Champ during my Junior year was exciting. After that, the Toledo Blade Newspaper published a Sunday Supplement huge article on me, and again, it was nice to have gymnastics being brought into the spotlight.

Cheryl Vasil Christiansen, 1980 gymnastics

I remember when we were given a pair of tennis shoes for volleyball. I even got high tops because I had an ankle that gave me problems. Even though we had to return them at the end of the season, I thought that was super. The travel was amazing. Having the opportunity to stay in motels and spend time on other college campuses. If I recall correctly, we played in Cincinnati the day the Reds won the World Series.

Deb Voss-Petro, 1977 volleyball, tennis
My junior year, women athletes earned letter jackets for the first time. I earned one for lacrosse. Looking back, those brown and orange, ill-fitting polyester jackets were not exactly stylish. Certainly not the cool leather and wool jackets the men earned. But they were Ours. We were proud to get them and proud to wear them. Mine still hangs in my closet.

Sue Rossman Galandiuk, 1979
field hockey and lacrosse

I remember setting a record for the 50-yard butterfly at Miami University my freshman year. Also the 12 woman team won first place in intercollegiate competition. An interesting point is I swam against my sister, who attended the University of Michigan, in this event.

Judith Anne Mesnick Burry-Stock, 1964
synchronized swimming, competitive swimming and diving

My first hand stop as a field hockey goalie, when I was merely protecting myself and reacting but received great praise from Ms. Durentini!

Laura “Peg” Brown, 1972
softball, field hockey
Traveling on the bus, singing songs, playing for the love of the game, sharing snacks with the other team after the matches.

Patricia Fleming Galvin, 1973 volleyball, tennis

My memorable moments would include the feel of Anderson Arena for both games and practices; it has such a warm and inviting atmosphere as a basketball venue. Sometimes I would go there just to study in the bleachers before practice and I spent much of the summer playing pick-up games there as well. My other vivid memory would be of the road trips in 12 person vans, which the head coach and assistant coach had to drive, when post game meals consisted of drive-thru fast food eaten on the way back to BG.

Kristie Gordon, 1982 basketball

Leading those rookies are senior Telljohan, Sue Cowman and M. Tollhurst. Telljohan and Cowman are the captains of this year's squad.

ANOTHER TOP returning player according to Bole is junior Kristi Gordon who had knee problems last season. Bole said that Gordon is 100 percent now and should see a lot of action. After those four, however, Bole said that things are pretty even. “I don’t even know who I am taking to Morehead State,” she said. Bole can only take 12 players on the road and she has 15 team members.

“I have a pretty good idea about who the top ten are,” she added, “but I’ll be deciding for sure who can help us at Morehead the rest of this week in prac-
My most memorable moment as a BGSU athlete was during the 1980 Cross Country season. It was the first season that the MAC Conference held Championships for women's sports, and Cross Country was the first sport that fell under their jurisdiction. Our team won the team championship, and I was the individual winner. It was an honor to have been a member of the team that won the first women's MAC team championship and to be the first individual MAC champion in any sport.

I went to the indoor track nationals at the University of Missouri, Columbia, when I was a junior. I finished 7th, and then found out years later that I was All-American, but no one told us at the time. The track team and Sid Sink honored me and two of my teammates for being All-American, even though it was 20 years later.

Betsy (Elizabeth) Miller Ryan Seth, 1981

cross country, track and field

Betsy Ryan qualifies for national cross country meet...

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Pam Koeth, 1979

track and field

Koeth captures first place

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By Bill Paul
Staff Reporter

Pam Koeth's continued dominance in the shot put led the women's indoor track team to a third-place finish at this past Saturday's seven-team Michigan State Invitational.
The women’s golf team had the opportunity to play in a national event in Minneapolis. Mrs. Black found the funds from the College of Education so two of us could play in the tournament. We flew to Minnesota; it was my first airplane trip.

Diana "Dee Dee" Ross
Hastler, 1969
golf

Playing tennis at BG was like playing in a wind tunnel. We knew how to play in the wind but our opponents always struggled. It still makes me laugh today.

Amy Longley, 1975
tennis

Quickness, ball-handling key to women hoopsters

When we competed at Miami University they had a very small gymnasium, which really couldn’t fit all four gymnastic events. So, as a walker, I had to start outside the gymnasium, run down the hallway, through the gym doors and then perform my routine once I entered the gym.

Connie Snyder-Nicholson, 1976
gymnastics

Female net squad splits two matches

The Bowling Green women’s tennis team split a pair of recent matches. BG dumped Ohio Northern University, 4-1, while falling two sets, 6-0, 6-4, while Sharon Kennedy and Amy Longley combined for a 6-1, 6-3, triumph.
I was not a member of the synchronized swim club, but one year Ms. Andrews asked me if I would like to be in the show. A momentary thrill faded slightly as I learned I was to be a "statue"; oh, well, fame must start somewhere! In two separate numbers, before the actual swimming began, I was to hold a pose while spotlights flashed on me, giving the appearance of a reflected marble statue. One was the Statue of Liberty, and a second was just called "Girl in a Toga."

Becky Smith, 1962
synchronized swimming

During my Junior year
my doubles partner, Carol Rantala, and I were 2nd in the state in 2nd doubles.
What a great honor.

Robin Ziska Miller, 1979
field hockey, tennis

I still recall how overwhelmed with excitement I was to really be competing against another collegiate team (so to speak). I don't think however, my level of play matched my level of excitement!

Carole J. Huston, 1966 tennis

BG To Host Lady Netters

Approximately 20 Ohio colleges and universities will attend the All-State Women's Tennis Tournament at the University this weekend.

This will be the first time the tournament will be held at Bowling Green. Last year it was played at Kent State where the BGSU contingent finished third of 17 schools competing.

Action will commence at 10:15 a.m. Friday and continue through its elimination cycle till the finals Sunday.

President William T. Jerome will be the guest speaker at the banquet to be held at Pett's Alpine Village Friday evening.

Awards will be presented Saturday afternoon.

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INTENDED AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF TITLE IX

In general, our forward Falcons believed that most consequences of Title IX had been positive, especially the opportunities that it created for girls and women from grade school through college to develop skills, play sports, and compete at higher levels. Additional positive consequences included mandates for proper equipment and uniforms, access to training and practice facilities, travel, and more equitable situations for coaches of girls and women’s teams. Several respondents mentioned that Title IX had made it possible for their daughters to receive athletic grants for college.

Several women blamed Title IX for the elimination of some men’s sports and scholarships. On the other hand, others suggested that the loss of some men’s teams had been the result of administrative decisions rather than an effect of Title IX. In either event, Title IX did inadvertently lead to gender conflict that continues to exist today. Other unintended consequences of Title IX included sport specialization, playing for the scholarship rather than for the joy of participation, male coaches replacing female coaches for women’s teams, a negative effect on women’s physical education programs with the separation of teaching from coaching, and more pressure on athletes and coaches to win.

It has given young women equal opportunities to participate in sports. It opened up opportunities for the young girls to start building their skills at an earlier age. Girls could get scholarships and dream of becoming professional athletes, too.

Bobbie Dunham, 1969
swimming
I think it's wonderful now that women with talent can go a long way and play professional sports.

Mary Lou Kieffer, 1953
field hockey, basketball, volleyball,
archery

It helped my daughters!
Betty Thomas Fraser, 1953
intramural basketball, field hockey

It's great to see so many women out there competing in the world's work. I especially like to see the great women basketball coaches, sportscasters, players and journalists.
Colette Williams Brennan, 1953
synchronized swimming, swim team, tennis club

I got my letter, which was a thrilling event, and dinner. Finally recognizing awesome women athletes!
Pat Walther Hoopes, 1952
basketball, soccer, field hockey, volleyball
Title IX has definitely affected women's sport and while not everything is equitable even now, at least we have women's teams, coaches are paid, scholarships are granted, trainers work with the teams and there are facilities for women in the training rooms and the weight room. This was the intended result although scholarship money is still lagging and the budgets for men's and women's sports are not equal. The unintended consequences were men taking over the coaching of women's teams. I still cheer for women's teams coached by women and I think it is wonderful that Pat Summit has won more basketball games than any other coach-man or woman. The other unintended consequence was the removal of women athletic directors as the men took over. While women now serve as Assistant ADs, many women under the AIAW lost their jobs when the NCAA took over.

Lynne Fauley Emery, 1956
synchronized swimming

Advantages of Title IX not fully realized 30 years later

By Laura Collins
BGN, FEB 2 2005

three ways a school can be considered in compliance with Title IX. The first — proportionality — means that a school must have the same ratio of male to female athletes as the school district as a whole.

Barbara (Bobbi) Kavchak Crane, 1966
gymnastics and diving

Title IX opens and closes doors
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Too many people are afraid of labels these days. If they oppose affirmative action, then they're a racist. If they believe guys shouldn't be allowed to marry, then they're homophobic. If they're pro-choice, then they're going to Hell. Nowadays, our society has responded to a theoretical politically correct concept while we are rapidly losing our moral compass and culture.
It has provided wonderful opportunities for young women. It has helped change the culture of women in sports. I'm afraid that some of the pitfalls of men's intercollegiate sports are being experienced by women. Parents at the high school level are schlepping their daughters around trying to find programs that will best help them get a scholarship. Of course, some men's programs have been dropped at the collegiate level and Title IX has taken the blame although I think it is more about administrative decisions rather than Title IX.

Carol Brausburg, 1966
field hockey and basketball

Men's sporting cuts may be issues of budget, not Title IX implications

“...There are still vastly more opportunities for men to compete in intercollegiate athletics and greater sums of money spent on male sports today, despite the fact that more women are enrolled in our colleges and universities.”

Dave Pagani, 2007
Clearly, women's sports would still be in the dark ages without Title IX. Hundreds of thousands of girls and women would not have had the opportunity to participate in sports at the level they can now enjoy. Beside the opportunity to participate, women now have much more respect for their talents, can earn a living in some chosen sports, can enjoy making business contacts on the golf course, tennis courts, etc. Many can now enjoy the fruits of their labor by achieving a college scholarship, playing professionally, being athletics administrators, and the list goes on. I believe the unintended consequences are (a) blaming Title IX for the demise of some men's sports, (b) blaming the addition of women's sports for budget woes, (c) the decrease in women coaches, and (d) we're still fighting battles that should have been addressed thirty-something years ago.

Carole J. Huston, 1966

Huston awards premier of women's MAC a passing grade
Title IX had a huge impact on women's sports. High school teams went from GAA and "milk and cookies" after the games to real competition. Everything improved: numbers of competitions, number of sports offered, uniforms, officials, coaching, money spent, etc. The same is true at the collegiate level. One unintended consequence is that many colleges have had to scale back their men's programs. I don't think the women who supported Title IX wanted men's sports to be diminished. They simply wanted what the men already had. A second unintended consequence is that many more men now coach women's teams.

Sharon Kennedy Paul, 1973, tennis

There were four children at home and college would have been difficult to afford. Volleyball became my path to college and without Title IX, that probably would not have happened.

Patricia Zelinskas Fife, 1981 volleyball

I played before Title IX and we had to buy our own shorts, shoes, etc. When I coached it was just the beginning of Title IX and I was at a small college. They did start giving the women practice gear, uniforms and equal practice times. I think the women are getting a lot but I wish they knew where the sport had come from. I enjoyed competing in many different sports where now one has to specialize at an early age.

Betty Brenner, 1973 volleyball, track and field, field hockey
I look at my Mom, who attended school in the 40s. She did not have the opportunities in sports that I did and she would have enjoyed it. I am thankful for the opportunities I have had!

Zelda Weaver Searls, 1980

cross country

My swimming scholarship went up dramatically. We had a trainer that we shared with the men’s team. We got new warm-ups, suits, etc. that made women’s swimming easier and more respected.

Jami Dawn Segrist Gray, 1980

swimming

Success reigned supreme for Bowling Green’s women’s swimming last weekend as both squads recorded victories over the University of Dayton.

A 50-48 victory over Dayton’s top team enabled the BG “A” squad to finish its season with an 8-2 record. The only losses suffered by Sue Hager’s squad came at the hands of Ohio State and Ohio University.

The Falcons was Gail Allen who pumped in 18 points and also grabbed 12 rebounds. Cathy Copeland added 15 markers and Kate Fager netted 10 points for the winners.

A balanced scoring attack helped the “B” team record a 57-23 demolition of Dayton.

Nancy Andrews, Sue Oberholzer and Bonnie Brause all hinged Tuesday’s victories.

Title IX elevated women’s sports to equal footing and equal opportunity comparable to men’s sports. However, it also subjected women to the same downfalls men have experienced: individual focus rather than team concept, overly-hyped parents stressing their daughters, college scandals, burn-out, unnecessary injuries and overzealous coaches.

Judy Brause, 1974

basketball
I was in the transitional period. I saw us leap forward to have more opportunities, better practice schedules, scholarships, more equipment, uniforms—stuff the guys had, but I saw the separation of teaching from coaching, loss of warm and fuzzy traditions. The stakes were higher overnight.

Jennifer “Jenn” Jean Gorecki, 1978
basketball, volleyball

My family has seen the good side of Title IX. My oldest daughter received a full-ride to Marshall University to play Division-I volleyball. She had a wonderful experience, and everything was paid for. After her four years, she received an assistantship in sports information and received her masters. Her hope is to become a Senior Woman Administrator someday. All of this probably doesn’t happen to her prior to Title IX.

Jill Dunwald Dick, 1976
lacrosse
Before Title IX, we played only for the love of the sport. Nothing was given to us and if it ever was we were extremely grateful. I just wanted to play and would do anything to compete. We played for fun. Since Title IX, it seems that girls are more interested in what they will get and who will give them the most for playing a sport.

Judy Jeanette, 1975

Women netters undefeated

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Women's tennis

BGN, MAY 13 1975
I feel Title IX was the best venue for women to pursue their athletic dreams. It made women more competitive. It gave respect to women’s programs. The unintended downfalls are when budget cuts occur, both men and women’s programs are cut equally. Title IX created more pressure on women’s sports for the athlete to produce. Overall, willingly accepting the downfalls as they come, I feel it was the best thing that happened in my life for me to become the athlete I was and help me deal with my life’s experiences.

Patsy Redmond Overmyer, 1979
swimming

I remember the exact location of a volleyball team meeting when Coach Peterson told us that we were going to get athletic scholarships due to federal law mandating gender equity. We left that meeting saying, “Can you believe we are going to get paid to play?” I am quite confident that every one of us would have played without the scholarship money, but we certainly were not going to turn it down.

Anne Eshleman Tiernon, 1979
volleyball

Volleyball team spikes its way to season opening victory

It takes a team effort to win a game and Pat Peterson’s volleyball team had what it takes to win as it clinched its season opener the offense and defense played well Friday. Ann Eshelman did an outstanding job running offense as a setter and senior starter Sharon Daniels also led BG’s efforts, according to the coach.

FROM THE defensive angle, Bobbi Little was “all over the court,” Peterson said.
I was recruited for several sports because of Title IX. I really doubt if many schools would have had golf money if it weren't for Title IX. My opinion is it has been great for women's sport, but has hurt men's. Because there is not a women's team that fields as many players as football, it is hard for schools to sponsor less popular teams for men, like rowing, wrestling and still comply with Title IX.

Shelley Dye Stone, 1983

Dye copes with pressure, ready for tourney

By Cheryl Geschke
Assistant Sports Editor
BGN, OCT. 14 1977

Beating last year's Big Ten champion Michigan State University as well as the strong Eastern Michigan team, the women's volleyball team is in a state of elation. BG lost the first game to Michigan 5-15, but came back the next two to whallop them, 15-5 and 15-8.

BG coach Pat Peterson said that the serves were going for bounds and the women were moving hesitantly on court during the first game. Then they got themselves collected and became efficient, Peterson said. "They looked like a totally different team.

'On Cloud 9'

By Cheryl Geschke
Assistant Sports Editor
BGN, MAY 9 1980

Handling pressure is often the key to success. In the highly competitive world of collegiate golf, Shelley Dye is one who has learned to deal with the pressure of making a big put in the last minute to make it on the college team.

How is Dye able to handle this pressure? "I don't concentrate on everyone's expectations of me," Dye explained. "I only try to play to my own expectations, because I know what I'm capable of doing. If everyone tells me to go on the green, I still stick to my game plan.

Without Title IX, women would not have had the same opportunities as men in sports. I was a walk-on for the varsity field hockey team. I was encouraged by my high school coach to try out for the team. I arrived several weeks ahead of the fall session and worked my butt off to make the team and I was fortunate to not only make varsity, but I was also fortunate to be awarded a grant money for each year I played. It was unexpected and not usual for women to be awarded any type of scholarship money.

Cynthia Jane Torn Knowles, 1981

Gavron aims to turn around women's field hockey results

By Cheryl Geschke
Assistant Sports Editor
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Second-year coach Sue Gavron is hoping for a well balanced women's field hockey team this year, and from the looks of things, she might have it.

With eight returning starters, Gavron expects both the junior varsity and varsity teams to improve. As a group, we'd like to remaining rookie players can't be compared to this year's roster.

"They've had a year to get used to me," Gavron said, "and we recruited well."

Team members who may have a chance to lead the stickers to their first season victory include three freshmen recruits and a transfer from the University of Michigan.

FRESHMEN PLAYERS traveling to San Mateo Valley Invitational this weekend are Cindy Dilley, Hope Cheinil, and Cindy Fern.

The lady stickers are one of 8 teams competing in the exhibition tournament. Teams are matched with schools not included in their regular season schedule although they're working now.

She added that the team is looking forward to this season and are determined to make it through to the state tournament this season. That would really be a turnaround.

Juniors Kathy Yard and Tammy Smith and sophomores Laura Curtis and Pam Whitehead also will make the trip to Michigan.

Seniors Mary George, Susan Kaurka, Jean Schaffer, Marcia Ganz and Annie Mell who played right back last year. Gavron has not decided the position of players for their opener.

Michigan State will also be a formidable opponent. Parks added. Both agree that BG should finish near the top of the tournament field, which will also feature Ferris State, Longwood College, Miami, Michigan and Oakland.
THE INFLUENCE OF TEAMMATES AND COACHES

The forward Falcons reported that their coaches and teammates had exerted a profound effect on them. Teams were like family, and the teammates supported one another. Many of their friendships have endured throughout their lives. The coaches had inspired the athletes by serving as role models, teachers, advisers, and mentors, and the athletes were impressed with how generously coaches had given of their time. They appreciated how coaches dealt with others, managed with little or no budget, played all of them in various positions to help them develop their skills rather than focusing on winning, pushed them without breaking their spirits, were positive to all players, taught them not to settle for mediocrity, and cared more about athletes performing as well as they could but not worrying about being “the best.” They also appreciated that the coaches had encouraged them, chauffeured them, helped them develop social skills, and even taught them how to dress. Several mentioned that they continue to use what they learned from their coaches in their careers, especially those who became teachers and coaches themselves. When asked what they would say to their coaches today, the athletes enthusiastically expressed gratitude for the opportunity to play, to be part of a team, for the time the coaches gave, for their patience, for fun memories, for teaching them life skills, and for their coaching, advising, and mentoring. A few athletes stated that they would like to find out what happened in the lives of their coaches since the athletes left BGSU, and several noted that they had kept in touch with their coaches and have thanked them personally.
Thanks to the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department as it was known then! Thank you for the wonderful years at BGSU. For excellent teaching, opportunities to travel, the excitement of learning, being part of a group, discipline, and especially the camaraderie shared amongst students and faculty.

Colette Williams Brennan, 1953
synchronized swimming, swim team, tennis club

I loved Bowling Green because it was a small school and your instructors and many students knew you and called you by name. In my major, there was not one instructor I disliked. Even the tough ones you wanted to be in their class because they offered so much to learn. I know I am a better person for having known my coaches.

Mary “Sue” Schoenlein (Shaner) Gross, 1957
synchronized swimming, speed swimming
My instructors had a great impact on my life by providing guidance as well as being wonderful role models. They truly cared for their student athletes. My teammates provided friendships, encouragement and an environment that was a joy to be involved in.

Carol Strausburg, 1966
field hockey and basketball

All of my coaches had a positive effect. Since I have had contact with my coaches, I have expressed my gratitude to them many times. However, if I were to talk to them right now, I would thank them for the gift of an exceptional education with skills to be used for a lifetime. I would thank them for their courage for being trailblazers and for refusing to accept that “girls can’t play sports.” They dedicated themselves to the betterment of not only the young women they coached, but to the sport they coached, as well as to their university. They did it without fanfare, thanks and against great obstacles. To all of them, they have my deepest heartfelt appreciation and thanks!

Cheryl Renneckar, 1968
volleyball, field hockey, basketball, softball

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Women’s Intramural Director Interested In Work; Leads Active Life

Miss Dorothy Luedtke, director of women’s intramurals, is one person who practices what she teaches.

A woman of varied interests, Miss Luedtke enjoys fishing, skiing, reading, and other recreational activities, but her major interest is Bowling Green women’s intramurals. Miss Luedtke, a native of Sandusky, has been a member of the University family several years, coming here as a freshman in 1943 to major in health and physical education.

After being graduated in 1947, she enrolled at the University of California at Los Angeles for postgraduate studies. She later returned to the Midwest and taught at several schools in Michigan before coming to Bowling Green.

Miss Luedtke
Marjorie Moses, 1970

swimming, basketball

I would say my coaches taught me how to become a better person. This in turn, helped me with my teaching and coaching.

Gladys Griesmer Barnard, 1960

swim team

I think my teammates and coach probably had the greatest influence. I graduated in 1973. During my freshman year, the Kent State incident happened. This was the one of the most stressful years. Kent, Ohio was a power house, drugs and protests. A number of my teammates have continued to play and/or coach tennis and I have seen them at various tournaments and clinics throughout the years. We are still long distance friends and enjoy spending time together.

Sharon Kennedy Paul, 1973 tennis

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Marjorie Moses, 1970 swimming, basketball, softball
My coach was a dynamic individual who was able to push us to do our best without crushing our spirit. We always had a great time.

Patricia Stagn Elder, 1973 tennis

Ladies play on 2 fields

The women's tennis team will be on display again, tomorrow afternoon, trying to remain undefeated. With a 2-0-1 record, they host Miami of Ohio at noon on the courts behind the Ice Arena.

Early hikers to the spring football game can observe the winning form of BG's singles players, Pat Stager, Toni Meiss and Sharon Kennedy or doubles teams Pat Renner and Patty Browne and Mary Miles and Pam Dean.

The ladies' softball team will be trying to continue their rampage of last weekend when they walloped Defiance, 17-7 and Ohio Northern, 10-8. The winning pitcher in both was Cathy Jensen.

They entertain Kent State tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. on a field behind the Life Science building.

Another women's athletic team will be travelling to the Illinois Invitational Golf tournament, represented by Noel Jablonski, Chris Chudzinski, Mary Jo Vecchiarelli and Mary Cathey. Miss Jablonski was the medalist in a win over Kent last weekend with a round of 85.

Christie Long Knight, 1975 basketball

My golf coach encouraged us, chauffeured us, and talked to us about behavior and dress. Her influence lasted well beyond college for me.

Noel Jablonski, 1971 golf

Your coach not only teaches you the sport but life in general and in pre-Title IX years, I think that happened more than it does now. I remember our coach loaning me her car to drive home for my grandfather's funeral. I was probably a sophomore and lived in southeast Ohio. I had to drive 4 hours one way and had the car for 2 or 3 days. Who does that—I don't even do that!
My basketball coach was relentless when it came to teaching us to demand more of ourselves and not to settle for mediocrity. She cared more about us being our best than being the best.

Randy Mascarella, 1974
basketball, field hockey, softball

I came to BG as a rookie tennis player. My coach allowed me to join the team. My first year, she had me play all of the tennis meets so I could gain as much experience as possible. I played three years before I decided to become a professional in tennis. I would say: Thank you for your long hours with little pay and recognition; Thank you for being there, correcting, cheering, comforting and encouraging; Thank you for helping shape me into the individual that I have become today.

Judy Jeanette, 1975
tennis

I always appreciated how our coach dealt with people as a lady, how she dealt with little or no budget and worked to get money for us and probably most of all how real she was in her interactions with us.

Diane Wian, 1976
swimming

Women swimmers remain undefeated
BGN, Feb. 19, 1974

It may sound strange, but an undefeated team exists on the campus of Bowling Green.

The BG women's swimming team recorded its fifth victory of the season, a 90-39 romp over Oberlin College last Saturday.

Barb McKee led the Falcon women with first place finishes in the 100- and 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard backstroke.

Diane Wian was a double winner for BG as she capped the 200- and 400-yard freestyle events.

The Falcon women won both relays and had many second and third place finishes to come away with a decisive victory.

The women now undefeated in five meets, face a tough upcoming weekend when they travel to the University of Cincinnati to engage in the Ohio college and university state meets.
I thank the professors in the Women’s Physical Education Department as they helped to prepare me as an athlete, teacher, and coach.

Robin Lynn Noel Fisher, 1977

To my coaches, realize how influential you are.
Teach your athletes to be students first, athletes second, and good citizens of BGSU and this nation.

Jenny Uhl Schirmer, 1981 volleyball

It is impossible for me to pick one snapshot of the many and place the greatest significance on that specific event. Being an individual that was part of a group that focused on positive outcomes while supporting each other, what could be better?

Lou Ann McInnes, 1976 lacrosse and basketball

Thank you for being a pioneer for all of us.

Jennifer Gill, 1978 track and field

In grandmother’s day, the daughter was limited to very slight forms of exercise. She was a “crowdy” if she ran and jumped. In fact, it was hard for her to run and jump, even though she had wished to. Her physique was so tight fitting that it was so tight fitting that it was hard to change. In this period, physical education in the schools was unknown in any colleges, and no one

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I think the professors in the Women’s Physical Education Department as they helped to prepare me as an athlete, teacher, and coach.
My coaches taught us that we, as individuals, were not the most important thing, but that we were part of something greater. We were a piece of history that would last for many years to come.

Betsy Kenniston, 1979
lacrosse

Thanks for stepping up and supporting women in sport! We didn’t have the best equipment or the best facilities, but I wouldn’t trade my experiences for anything. For those experiences, I am grateful.

Cheryl Zook Bissler, 1982 softball

I would have to say my teammates—they were like family. We practiced so much together, studied together, traveled together and from so many I increased my knowledge and skills in field hockey through their expertise and modeling. I thank the coaches for teaching me the importance of teamwork, perseverance, goal setting and fun. I appreciated the hard practices, team rules, the high expectations although I didn’t really understand why it was necessary until now.

Linda Fairman, 1980
field hockey
When asked if they had other thoughts to share, many forward Falcons advised current athletes to make the most of their college experiences. Others added that their time at BGSU had been the best years because of the sports they played and the friends they made on the teams. Many reported that the lessons and skills they learned playing sports at BGSU have carried them through the ups and downs of life and added to their levels of success.

A few highlights:

I think it would be fitting for all female sports teams to have a “history lesson” devoted to the development of their sport and how the opportunities that they are currently receiving were earned.

Cheryl Renneckar, 1968 volleyball, field hockey, basketball, softball

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The women on the different teams, especially team sports, followed the other teams. These women also helped the coaches get ready for competition, during the competition and afterwards. They would set up chairs, keep score, line judge or whatever the coaches needed. We did not get paid but did it just because we were BGSU athletes. We also knew that the coaches of any of the sports would help all the athletes if we asked.

Betty Brenner, 1973;
volleyball, track and field, field hockey

Women's athletics has grown and the opportunities provided are amazing. But I am so honored to have been part of women's athletics when there was a true love and passion for participating and the rewards so much more intrinsic than today. Women practiced hard, played hard, studied hard because of a true love of the sport, very little budgets for travel or transportation, but I believe it gave all of us a true appreciation for sport and those that braved the path before us, and a responsibility to continue a tradition for those yet to come.

Sharon Daniels-Oleksak, 1978;
volleyball, basketball
I think our coaches at Bowling Green during that late ’70’s had some tremendous changes to deal with. Prior to the formation of NCAA for women, there were no scholarships, recruiting was done on an extremely limited basis and they were coaching women who played for the love of the sport and not a scholarship. Being caught in a time in which they were going to give money and be held accountable for their wins, losses and success of recruiting was a whole new world. Our coaches were first and foremost professors who coached because they loved the sports. But I sense they took greater pride in their classroom success and drive to develop young professionals. It was shortly after that era of the late 70’s that you began to see the split between the educators and the coaches. Many of the women who were coaches at BGSU quickly made the decision to focus on the classroom and leave the coaching field.

Gretchen Weitbrecht, 1977
volleyball

Volleyball veterans ready

By Sue Casey
Sports Editor

HOW MUCH the early conditioning has benefited the team will be tested Saturday when the Ladybirds travel to Oxford for a double header with Miami University and Wright State University.

“Miami has a new coach this year,” Peterson said. “I hear she produces very good teams. Miami is going into the match with a veteran team. All 12 varsity members return from last year’s varsity or junior varsity squads.

Senior co-captains Gretchen Weitbrecht and Suzanne Eller be

The Feb. 2005 gathering of pre-Title IX BGSU women athletes was wonderful. To be surrounded by so many women who participated in sports with even less support than I had in the 1970s was very humbling. To finally be awarded letters was just fantastic. For me, the best part of the gathering was the opportunity to reconnect with former teammates and coaches—many of whom I had not seen or heard from since I had graduated. Even though over 25 years had gone by, many of us picked up where we had left off!

Sue Rossmann Galandiuk, 1979
field hockey, lacrosse
Mostly what I remember about being a BG Swimmin' Woman was the pride that we took in ourselves and our team. We loved beating Ohio State and showing what one of our most popular cheers meant when it said to "Be up like a falcon, ahead of the rest...we've got spirit making us the best...so clear the way we're coming through...the women of BGSU... so look out State here we come!"

Lauri Nichols Kemmerling, 1982 swimming

It can be exciting to be a college athlete because your job in life at that point is simply yourself. You make the best of your own life academically, athletically, and socially. The University affords you so many opportunities and everyone should take full advantage of the opportunities.

Cheryl Vasil Christiansen, 1980 gymnastics

Talent-rich BG gymnasts eye new goals

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by Ken Koppel
staff reporter

The problem facing Charles Simpson, coach of Bowling Green's women's gymnastic team, is one most coaches would like to have--too much talent.

This year's edition of the Falcons is so rich in talent that the sixth year coach can't decide who to take on the road when BG travels to Mt. Pleasant, Mich. tomorrow to open its season against Central Michigan.

"One of the most difficult decisions I have to make is who to put in," Simpson said. "This is a great thing for a coach to have. We're probably as deep as any team."

THE DEPTH Simpson refers to are eight returning letter winners from last season's state championship squad--the first ever in BG gymnastics history.

Returning are Linda Lehman, Lori Brady and Cheryl Vasil, who Simpson said are the three outstanding performers on his team.

"They've been the mainstay of our team for the last three years," he said.

"They are our veterans."

Lehman, a senior, has been named captain of the Falcon team. She holds the school record with a 9.15 score on the bars, while Vasil has claim to marks in three categories.

THE SENIOR from Canton owns records in the vault, balance beam and floor

This year's letter winner has recorded an 8.90 score in the floor
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart…

So, what happened in the lives of these forward Falcons after they left the hallowed halls of BGSU? Not surprisingly, they reported an amazing array of activities and accomplishments. Many of them were married or partnered and had children. Some had grandchildren. These women were very proud of their offspring, many of whom who are very active and accomplished in sports. Quite a few respondents reported that their families engage in sports together.

Numerous forward Falcons had continued their education, earning master’s and doctoral degrees and were teachers or had retired from teaching. They taught at all levels—elementary, middle, secondary, university—and represented an amazing array of content areas: health, physical education, special education, anatomy, physiology, math, dance, reading, English, technology, cheerleading, biology, and chemistry. Several taught students with special needs. A large number of them coached interscholastic sports such as basketball, gymnastics, volleyball, track, tennis, softball, field hockey, and cross country, with some of them coaching both the girls and the boys teams.

Other forward Falcons had careers as principals, sports officials, members of sport governing bodies, mentors, physician’s assistant in sports medicine, USPTA tennis professional, university administrators, professors, physical therapist, business owners (golf school, swimming club, computer software), employees of large corporations, newspaper reporter, public relations specialist, high school/college athletics directors, banker, athletic trainer, intervention specialist, communication and leadership coach, high school counselor, media specialist, librarian, market researcher, offensive coordinator for women’s football team, newspaper copy manager, YW/YMCA Physical Director, education aide, aerospace physiologist in US Air Force, PGA/LPGA professionals, wellness director, job trainer/supervisor, Episcopal priest, geriatrics, flight attendant, citywide HPE supervisor, sports writer, and tutoring.

Among other respondents were a juvenile corrections officer, a choreographer, several Executive Directors of non-profit organizations (e.g., Special Olympics), a stockbroker, a bookstore manager, a jewelry designer, sales representatives, CEO of a capital
management firm, academic authors, researchers, a special events/convention planner, a city recreation supervisor, a dietician, a laboratory technician, an inventor, a research and development scientist, medical laboratory managers, and a sport historian.

Other activities in which they were engaged included teaching music and hand bells to church youth, giving piano lessons, managing private sports programs, volunteering, organizing synchronized swim shows, working on drug prevention or school safety programs, managing volunteer organizations, addressing poverty issues, teaching senior exercise classes, working in information technology, and writing grant proposals.

Many women reported that they were still active in sports such as golf, swimming, tennis, softball, rollerblading, hiking, back packing, biking, skiing (water, snow, cross country), walking, gardening, traveling, working out, canoeing, jogging, volleyball, mountain climbing, horseback riding, bike touring, and scuba diving. Some continued to participate in organized competitions such as USVBA volleyball, USTA tournaments, swimming races, road races, Senior Olympic softball, track and cross country, Senior Games, Babe Zaharias-American Cancer Society Golf tournament, state/regional/national golf tournaments, triathlons, marathons, masters swimming, and ultra running. Other pastimes in which they engaged included gardening, walking, writing, yoga, music, fiber arts, painting, watching sports on TV, leading Bible study classes, writing plays, and attending sporting events. With such an active group, we were not surprised to learn that, in some instances, physical activity had taken its toll. A few respondents reported knee surgeries, joint replacements, wrist reconstructions, arthritis, and other long-term injuries.

We hope that you enjoyed the reflections of the forward Falcon athletes as much as we did! It was so gratifying to learn how much they remembered about their experiences and how meaningful those experiences had been to them. It was equally thrilling to know how successful they have been and how much they have contributed to society. We sincerely thank them for sharing their lives with us.

But this is only half the story. We also heard from the coaches.
As would be expected, the coaches’ pre-BGSU experiences in organized sport varied widely. Their experiences also tended to vary by gender and age group, with men and younger women having had the most extensive opportunities to participate in sport. The sports in which the coaches had participated either as athletes or as coaches included football, swimming and diving, track, tennis, soccer, wrestling, baseball, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, fencing, badminton, softball, golf, gymnastics, and tennis. Reflective of the physical education professional preparation emphasis on officiating, several of the women had been officials in sports such as lacrosse, basketball, field hockey, softball, and volleyball.

Experiences as athletes in secondary and college sport ranged from no organized sport whatsoever to low-key sporting experiences to well-developed intramural programs to highly competitive leagues and conferences. A few of the women had played in city recreation programs and industrial leagues. One female coach had been an Olympic gymnast and had participated in the Pan American Games, a U.S. State Department Goodwill Tour to Russia (gold medal), and the U.S. World Games. Another had been selected for the Chinese national women’s basketball team that represented China in international basketball tournaments either at home in Taiwan or overseas.

Some of the respondents had had no coaching experience before coming to BGSU. On the other hand, many had been teachers and coaches in high schools and colleges. Some had coached as graduate assistants at BGSU, while others had been teachers and assistant or full-time coaches at other universities. Some of the men had been involved with sport in the military, with one having coached a WAC volleyball team and another serving as a coach and an athletic director at a university.
Life at BGSU

During the years covered by this book, most BGSU coaches were also faculty members. These combined assignments were manageable because there were fewer competitions per season and only 2-3 practices per week. Due to the limited schedules, many students participated in multiple sports, and some faculty coached more than one sport. Typically, the coaches worked alone. Occasionally, a graduate assistant would serve as the assistant coach or manager. Initially, coaches received no reassigned time in their teaching loads for coaching. Eventually they received 2-3 contact hours per week.

Athletic contests were intended to promote sportsmanship, and coaches stressed the development of social skills. In keeping with that philosophy, home teams served punch or pop and cookies to the home and visiting teams after the games. Bowling Green coaches were expected to dress in dresses or skirts and heels in order to maintain a feminine image. The few spectators who attended women’s contests were usually family members and friends. There were no bands or cheerleaders.

Some pre-AIAW coaches expressed dismay that women had not been allowed to compete as strenuously as they would have liked. Divided-court basketball and short swimming races were examples of limitations placed on these athletes. Other regrets included no scholarships, no conference competition, no varsity letters or jackets, and no recruiting. Some coaches, though, were glad that they had not been required to deal with athletic grants and recruiting or with the scrutiny and criticism of spectators and fans.

According to the coaches, the AIAW brought many changes in BGSU women’s athletics. The appearance of athletic grants-in-aid meant that recruitment was necessary and that, once again, the athletes began to receive varsity letters as well as letter jackets. The rules of some games evolved to become more reflective of the skills and abilities of female athletes. Budgets increased, which resulted in team uniforms and more reasonable travel expenses. By the time the women’s program joined the NCAA, even more changes had occurred. There were more grants-in-aid, extended seasons, and increased support for women’s teams. Unfortunately, these gains were accompanied by the elimination of some junior varsities and fewer opportunities for women to try out for teams.
Our coaches reported that during the 1960s and 1970s, competition for positions on the athletic teams was intense. Coaches held open try-outs, and numerous students would show up. For example, it was not unusual for 150 women to come to the North Gym to audition for the 24 slots that were available on the A and B basketball teams. Other teams experienced similar levels of interest, and hundreds of women had opportunities to compete for BGSU.

Some reflections were constant across all the time frames that these coaches represented. Bowling Green’s women’s teams were highly skilled and highly competitive. The coaches were proud of their athletes. Many of them mentioned having won state, MAC, and other championships as well as having coached athletes who had been selected as All-Americans. Several coaches mentioned that they still keep in touch with their athletes and that they have wonderful memories and a great sense of satisfaction regarding their years in coaching.

**WHAT COACHING MEANT TO THEM**
The coaches were pleased that their time in intercollegiate athletics had allowed them to develop long lasting relationships with athletes, other coaches, managers, and supporters. They discussed the joy of coaching the athletes. They mentioned the long hours involved but indicated that it was worth the time to watch the women grow and develop through the sport experience. Coaching also allowed them to travel to other colleges and universities and to involve themselves in leadership positions with the professional associations that administered women’s intercollegiate athletics. Many coaches mentioned that they had learned as much from their athletes as their athletes had learned from them about dedication, hard work, passion for the sport, and setting and reaching goals.
WHO AFFECTED THEM?
Most of the coaches praised their athletes for having had the greatest effect on them. They described their athletes as being dedicated, cooperative, mentally and physically tough, team-oriented, and competitive. They expressed appreciation for what the athletes had taught them about teamwork, perseverance, and love of the game. The coaches were very proud of the accomplishments of their players, both while at BGSU and in their lives after graduating. A few coaches mentioned other coaches and faculty who had supported their coaching and their teams.

Two professors, Iris Andrews and Amy Torgerson, were very influential in the development of my teaching and coaching skills. I am also grateful for exposure to all the staff at BGSU. My years as an undergraduate, graduate assistant, and my coaching assignments prepared me well for my 25 years of teaching and living life. My father, Ray Whittaker, who was dean of students at BGSU at that time, also played a major role in my development because of his ability to deal with difficult situations and stay true to his values. I realized the impact of his strengths on my life during those years as well as throughout my adult life.

Dona Rae Whittaker Vogel, swimming
Pat Peterson—her basketball knowledge and willingness to help me, a novice coach. To the athletes, thanks for the good times.

Ina Temple, swimming and diving, basketball, volleyball.

Creating the biggest impact on me has to be my teams. As you coach, you learn about people’s lives…their challenges, their hopes and dreams. It is energizing and inspiring to work with athletes willing to dedicate many hours to perfect their skills and move on to the next level in their sport and in their lives. I would tell the athletes that I learned much from them and coaching transformed my life. Thank you for all you have taught me.

Betty Jean Maycock Roys Harrington, gymnastics
We had a wonderful faculty and support staff, and throughout my professional career they became constants in my life. To my athletes, I would thank them for selecting BGSU for their education.

Thank you for being a part of a pioneering time in women's athletics.

Thank you for helping BG be successful in athletics and for supporting me and my coaching styles.

Sue Hager, basketball, softball

My athletes had the greatest effect on me. They were dedicated, cooperative, and supportive of my desire for all of us to be good representatives of BGSU. I would say, thank you. It was a pleasure to know you, travel with you, and be on the same teams with you.

Dolores Black, softball, golf
Women swimmers score in international meet

Five women swimmers from Bowling Green swam in the Women’s International Intercollegiate meet held Friday in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

BG’s medley relay comprised of Kathy Hase, Anne Wyman, Jean Harkins, and Lisa Harkins was fourth but went on to finish third in the finals.

Miss Harker was fifth in the 100 yard backstroke while Marsha Bryner captured seventh in the one meter diving competition.

Jean B. Campbell, swimming, synchronized swimming

The philosophy of professionalism among the entire Women’s Physical Education faculty reinforced my educational foundation for sport and had a great impact on me. I hope the athletes I worked with have fond memories of our time together. I hope that they have developed skills and values which have served them well throughout their lives.

Patricia Peterson, basketball, field hockey, softball, volleyball

The student athlete swimmers had the greatest impact on me, and how being on a team kept students in school. The team became a family. I love you all. You are my fondest memories.

Jean B. Campbell, swimming, synchronized swimming
Women P. E. Teachers To Convene Here

Expect More Than 30 to Attend Meeting; Plan Full Program

The Women's Physical Education section of the Ohio College Association will hold its annual convention here Friday and Saturday. Between 30 and 50 members are expected at the convention.

Mr. Michael Poppe of Ohio State University, Mr. Al Patnik, national spring board diving champion, and Mr. Carl Clark, national tower diving champion, will give a picture demonstration on the afternoon of Nov. 3 for the benefit of members of the women's physical education department and majors and minors in physical education, who will be admitted to the demonstration by ticket only.

Mr. Poppe and his swimming team are scheduled to appear at the University at a later date for the dedication of the Natatorium.

B. G. Graduate is President

Miss Rachel Bryant, of Otterbein College, is President of the organization. Miss Bryant is an alumna of Bowling Green State University and is the daughter of the former superintendent of schools in Bowling Green. George Bryant, Miss Carolyn Bryant of Bowling Green State University, is secretary of the association.

Among many other representatives of colleges and universities will be Miss Ruth Glazow of the University of Wisconsin, Miss Violet Boynton, Miss Carolynn Tarbell, of Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. Gertrude Meullin of Oberlin College, Miss Carolyn Tarbell of Ohio Wesleyan.

Dr. Pratt Will Speak

The welcoming address at the meeting will be delivered by President F. J. Pratt. Miss Bryant will make the presentation at the reception to be held at the hotel. The banquet will be held at the hotel.

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The students impacted me the most. It was a challenging time and experience for them to compete at a higher level. It would be interesting to talk with them to find out what they learned from their experiences as a student-athlete and if the experiences helped them develop into successful professionals.

Sally Hattig, golf, softball

**Purdue tourney next for women golfers**

By Sue Cser
Sports Writer

For the fourth straight week, the women golfers take to the highway for their next tournament. Unlike basketball or field hockey, golf cannot be "scouted," Hattig said. Therefore, the coach must remain optimistic about the group's consistency.

Invitational at West Lafayette, Ind.

Among the competitors will be Michigan State University (MSU) and Indiana University. In its three previous matches, West Lafayette has finished behind those two teams. Those teams will be tough. The facility will be challenging. They are working very hard this past week," Hattig said. "They have all turned in good scores during practice, and I truly believe we are accomplishing a lot and consistently improving."

Six Falcon women will be going this weekend, and their scores will be based on next scores for...
My athletes had the greatest effect on me. There were very few scholarships, and most of those were split up to help more students. Yet, there was incredible dedication by the athletes to train and compete. Travel was hard—in vans—with four people to a room. Expenses for meals were always low, yet teams were close and had fun. Thanks for the great memories—a lot of smiles! Your dedication and hard work made it all worthwhile. Also, we were pretty good, even by today's standards when you consider the conditions we had at the time.

L. David Williams, track, cross country

There were many—Carole Huston did change how Title IX affected how I coached and budgeted the team. BGSU has a great women's track heritage and one that I have followed throughout the years, and see as only getting better.

Pat Brett, field hockey, track and field
There were many athletes—Cheryl Vasil, Karen Kemper, Linda Lehman, Kim Glandorf, and many others. Probably the individual who did the most for the BGSU gymnastics program was Hall of Fame member Julie Bender Cleary. A transfer from Louisville, she had to sit out a year due to extensive corrective surgery on her back. No other school would give her the ok medically to compete except BGSU. I knew she would bring national level ability and inspiration to our program and athletes. She proved she had the ability and desire by winning the MAC All-around Championship each of her two years with us. She helped us win the MAC and take a big step up in level of performance.

Charles Simpson, gymnastics

The student athletes with their varied personalities and attitudes had the greatest effect on me. My relationship with them gave me much satisfaction. I would say to them: Have total commitment to doing your best. A winner is a person who does this no matter what place you take in competition. Work hard, every practice is an opportunity to improve performance in competition. Self discipline is important. In life do what you know is right. Be true to yourself. Support your teammates. Give 100% at all times. When the going gets tough, winners never give in.

Smile and have fun!

Tom Stubbs, swimming


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**Swimmers seek eighth straight state crown**

by Joe Macer

BGN, NOV. 21, 1980

An eighth consecutive state championship and a first Mid-American Conference championship tops the list of priorities for Bowling Green's women's swimming team as it prepares to compete in the Miami Invitational this weekend in Oxford.

The Falcons will be looking to turn things around against Miami, who finished one spot ahead of BG two weeks ago in the CGI Relays at Cooper Pool.

"No early season meets are super best times in the 1,000 and 1,500 freestyle; Terri Alexander, who had best times in all three butterfly races; Nancy Hodel, owner of the lowest times in the 50 and 100 backstroke; and Ann McGhee, who posted the best times in the 50 and 100 backstroke. Stubbs said the Falcons will look to Bojelian and other upperclassmen for leadership.

"YOU HAVE to look to your upperclassmen for leadership," Stubbs said. "Unfortunately, they all get to be seniors sooner or later, but I guess that's the whole point of being here."

Stubbs said freshmen Donna good" and that "two or three other freshmen seem to be coming along pretty well."

The Falcons also return their two top divers in Lisa Fry and Mary Jane Harrison, but freshman diver Nancy DeCosta is challenging them.

"THE DIVING looks good. It should be strong," Stubbs said. "Right now, the freshman diver that we looked to is Nancy Dubost. At this point she has done very well."

BG will be competing in the first Mid-American Conference championship meet for women this season and Stubbs is not too pleased that the competition this season is following the "Our objective would be to try to win both of them. We will stand with that at this point," Stubbs said. "Two championship meets back to back is not good."

Stubbs also said he was not worried about the possibility of a slow start by his swimmers because BG started school later than most schools, and the Falcons have some catch-up conditioning to do.

"We will be a lot stronger down the line after we have had the opportunity for a solid month of conditioning and training," Stubbs said.

"We don't have any glaring weaknesses," he added. "It just depends on how far we come in diff..."
To my student-athletes: I hope your classroom experiences during your time at Bowling Green, much like your sports experience, were challenging and your minds like your bodies were stretched, pushed and pulled making you a better person. I hope as a coach but more importantly an educator that I instilled in each of you the wisdom of not accepting the obvious or the easy path as the right response, but that you stand up for your convictions.

Ron Zwirel, swimming and diving

Women tankers defend title

by Keith Walther
News staff reporter

Bowling Green's women's swim team will defend its Mid-American Conference championship this weekend, as Miami hosts the MAC women's swimming and diving championships in Oxford.

The competition began yesterday afternoon with preliminary events and will run through tomorrow night. BG won the first annual MAC title last year, while Miami was runner-up.

The top challengers to de-throne BG appear to be Eastern Michigan and Miami, who both defeated the Falcons this season in dual meet competition. However, both meets were very different situation for the swimmers, according to BG coach Ron Zwirel.

"When you get into a championship-type meet with a lot of teams competing, it is a lot harder to run away with it," Zwirel said. "There is more competition and you have to worry about more than just one team."

BG will be led by Penny Currie, who set a school record this year in the 100-yard freestyle, and Cathy Schmitz, who set a school record in the 200-breaststroke.

Other top performers for the Falcons will be freshman Amy Kindy in the freestyle events, Donna Homberger in the backstroke, and Jerry Alexander in the butterfly.

My players had the greatest effect on me. I learned what toughness is from my women's golf team. Mentally and physically, the players were among the toughest people I have known. I want to thank them for this lesson. It has gotten me through some difficult times in my life. I would like to thank them for giving me a perspective that has more depth than I could possibly have known if I hadn't met the extraordinary cross-section of personalities and talent levels of these athletes. I cared deeply for all my players and I would hope they truly understand that. They were a very special part of my life.

A. J. Bonar, golf
Memories, memories

Many coaches recalled a particular game or season that was memorable. They also commented about the joy of watching players improve, either individually or as a team. Several reminisced about enjoying the travel and competition with other schools, despite the lack of funds.

Betty Jean Maycock

The most memorable are the students I coached. Many have stayed in touch and it has been enjoyable to see how their lives have progressed from a naive coaching student. It was my sin as an adult, I knew what to do. My son and his team were coached by you.

Roys Harrington, gymnastics

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Women's gymnastics

By DOREEN VIGNOUICH

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Sue Hager, basketball, softball

BGN, April 21, 1967

I performed with our team at a halftime show for a basketball game. We received a standing ovation. That had never happened before. What a moment!

Betty Jean Maycock

Women cagers eye state crown

By JAMES TURNER

The women's basketball team is aiming for a state championship this year. The team is working hard to improve their skills and strategies, with the goal of winning the state title.

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Olympic Performer

Gymnastics Adviser

By DOREEN VIGNOUICH

In Europe, the performance of Olympic gymnasts is widely respected. The gymnasts are known for their strength, agility, and grace.

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I enjoyed traveling and meeting other coaches and forming friendships with them. I remember sitting on a hill at a tournament in Kentucky, with eagles flying overhead and watching future professional golfers compete as university students (Beth Daniel, Nancy Lopez, Jill Wilhelm, etc).

Dolores Black, softball, golf

I was coaching our volleyball team (1973) in the state tournament quarterfinals. We had been awarded match point on a spike which an opponent hit out of bounds. We thought that we had won the match. During that time in the game of volleyball, as a matter of sportsmanship, players were encouraged to make honors calls on violations. On that match point one of our very honest players told the official she had touched the ball as it went out of bounds. This gave the opponents the ball and they ended up beating us. We all had mixed feelings regarding our player’s actions but respected her honesty. Her honors call was an example of the value placed on fair play. The honors call was eliminated from the game the following year.

Patricia Peterson, basketball, field hockey, softball, volleyball

Women golfers win OAISW tourney

By Lauri Leach
Staff Writer

Coach Dolores Black’s golfers reigned in the Ohio Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women’s Tournament on the three day golf course last weekend at Bowling Green. Black’s ladies came in with a 662. Seven teams of four players each competed in the BGSU Invitational. Terry Mayes from UK was the championship medalist, scoring a 152. Bowling Green topped both the first flight and the second flight. First flight medalist was Karen Parshall with a 167, while Carol Sommerville scored 181 to become 2nd flight medalist. Coach Black praised her golfers.

“The girls just did a tremendous job. It was good to beat Ohio State and it was nice to know that Michigan was also there,” said Coach Black.
I entered my free style relay as a medley relay and vice versa the first time we used a computer to fill out entries. The athletes told me not to worry; they would swim and win, and they did!

Jean Campbell, swimming, synchronized swimming

Undefeated women netters host weekend triangular

We beat Ohio State in a dual tennis match at Ohio State. It was spectacular!

In 1971, the lines on the 12 courts behind the Ice Arena needed to be re-painted before the State Tennis Tournament. The athletic department didn't have the money to do it, so a bunch of players and friends and I got together to do it ourselves. I still remember that it takes 1,000 feet of masking tape to tape off the lines on a single tennis court! Fortunately, President Moore saw us painting the lines on one court, and he figured out a way that athletics could line the rest of the courts for us!

Janet Parks, tennis, golf
I was coaching my first intercollegiate field hockey match about three days after falling in a hole on the field and rupturing a muscle in my right calf. I was on crutches for my first match. There I was hobbling along the sidelines on crutches, with a huge corsage on my jacket and a funny hat.

Sue Gavron, field hockey

When the faculty members from the Department of Physical Education for Women came to Anderson Arena and cheered for our team.

Nora Liu, basketball

Not one moment was outstanding. Positive moments were when the team played as a team and supported one another. Winning a game was positive, too!

Sally Hattig, golf, softball

Softball notice

All girls interested in playing intercollegiate fast pitch softball next spring should attend the organizational meeting Tuesday at 7:30 in 105 South Hall.

If unable to attend, call coach Sally Hattig at 372-2772 and pick up the necessary information in the south complex, Room 201.
First year for MAC, NCAA field hockey

BGN, SEPT. 20 1981

by Chuck Kremer
News staff reporter

Coach Pat Brett's Bowling Green women's field hockey team has established two primary goals for this season. This season marks the first year the Falcons will be playing under the rules sanctioned by the NCAA, after being under the guidance of the AIAW.

The first goal, according to Brett, is for the Falcons to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA national tournament at the end of the season. The other goal is winning the Mid-American Conference Championship. This is also the first year in which women's field hockey is being recognized as an MAC sport.

"The only NCAA bid that is available to us will be the bid for this region," Brett said.

"We are considered part of the Midwest region and that includes Ohio and parts of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri."

The bids for post season play will be based on the team's performance and the strength of its schedule, Brett explained. There will be no regional play.

"It's difficult right now to be sure of which teams will be eligible for the tournament, since this is the first year of NCAA competition for women," Brett continued.

"We're just looking to have a successful season for now, and when the bids are sent out, hopefully, the NCAA will include us as one of the participants.

"Miami should be the team to beat this year in the MAC since they were the only team from Ohio to participate in the AIAW national tournament last year. Brett said. The Falcons are a scrappy team and have been solid."

In Field Hockey, we tied Ohio State in 1978, 0-0, at the state tournament after we had lost to them 5-0 earlier that fall. In Track and Field, we won the first MAC championship in 1981. It was close to the very end, and there were many incredible performances.

Playing with enthusiasm and intensity and commitment. When the game was over, that was it...the players had enjoyed the moment and moved on.

Mickey Cochrane, lacrosse

Lady Laxers face Scots

BGN, APRIL 7 1978

it," Cochrane said. "However, I do think it was a successful season, as we learned things we weren't aware of prior to this game.

"The offense, though young, appears to be strong."

With Lisa Lawson at center, Cindy O'Leary at first home, Jenny Duran at second home, the Falcons seem to have an offensive punch capable of scoring goals.

But youth at the wings will be an important factor for Bowling Green. With freshmen Cindy O'Leary and Trisha Green, some hiccups in the line-up may be in order to balance the offense.

"We may move Linda Stricklin to help our situation," Cochrane said. "With rookie at the wings, we may be forced to play the center."
Gymnasts, women swimmers win winter sports state titles
by Rob Boukissen, staff reporter

The gymnastics’ team had its best season ever as coach Charles Simpson’s crew finished with a 16-2 record and its first state title. State titles are beginning to become old news for another BG women’s sports team.

THE FALCONS’ women’s swimming team captured their sixth straight state title and compiled a brilliant 9-1 record in the regular season.

Elizabeth “Parkie” Thompson set the way for the team.

The most dramatic moment to occur in our program and to me was the winning of the state meet (comparable to the MAC championship) and being the first team ever to beat our rival, Kent State.

Charles Simpson, gymnastics

The men’s swimming team was not quite as successful as their female colleagues, but they did finish on the winning side of the ledger with a 6-5 mark.

Other winter sports activities included men’s wrestling as four-year starter Jay Liles, a second-place finisher in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) tournament defeated Marshall to win the championship.

My first women’s cross country team had only 6 runners. For the first meet I had to convince 2 volleyball players to run for us so that we would have a complete team. We became so close and we all enjoyed that season so much. Two years later, we had 35 runners on the team and became the best team in the MAC for the first 4 years that the MAC held women’s cross country championships.

Sid Sink, cross country

Harriers take third straight Mid-Am title
by Marc Delph, sports reporter

Chances of an unprecedented third straight Mid-American Conference championship looked pretty slim for Bowling Green’s women’s cross country team, last Saturday. That was, until the final scores were tallied.

When Ohio University and Western Michigan placed three runners each in the top 10 to BG’s two, there were 15 points crossed on the Falcons’ name course immediately after the race. Fortunately for BG, the prayers of Coach Sid Sink and his Falcons were answered to the tune of a one point victory over OU, 51-52. WMU was right behind, totalling 53.

In fact, Western had the best top three finishers of any team with runners in the second, third and sixth place. But team depth cost them the victory as the Broncos’ next runner did not cross until the 19th spot.

“I was very concerned,” Sink said. “(the finish) was deceiving. It kind of looked like OU won because Eastern (Michigan) had two runners up there. Both teams wear green and I just figured OU won.

“It was a tough race; it went out

see MAC CHAMPS page 11
The women's team won the Wolverine Invitational at the University of Michigan, beating the reigning Big Ten Champion, Michigan State.

The women's team winning the first ever MAC Swimming and Diving Championship in 1981. This was my last year of coaching.

Tom Stubbs, swimming
INTENDED AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF TITLE IX
All of the coaches noted that Title IX had resulted in expanded opportunities for women in education and in sports. It started to level the playing field between women and men athletes, although most commented that equity has not yet been achieved. Views on the unintended consequences of Title IX included women’s sports being blamed for the elimination of some men’s sports, women coaches and administrators being replaced by men, and women’s sports adopting the male model of collegiate athletics.

The opportunities young women have in today’s athletics are awesome, even with the tremendous pressure placed upon them. Not long ago, I stood on the basketball court at Michigan State University and looked up into the tremendously large arena after visiting the new athletic locker rooms and hoped that the athletes (men and women) appreciate the opportunities they now have.

Dona Rae Whittaker Vogel, swimming
Coaches are paid, and the ones coaching are qualified and want to coach; more recognition for girls/women's sports; yet, emphasis on intramurals has declined, so less-skilled cannot compete.

Ina Temple, swimming and diving, basketball, volleyball

Gymnastics Great For Girls Too

CREATES A GOOD FIGURE BGN, FEB. 29 1968

Gymnastics team was also formed. The team is made up of those gymnastics club members interested in competition.

Coaching the gymnastics team is an Olympic gold medal winner, Mrs. Betty Jean Roys, assistant instructor of health and physical education. Mrs. Roys won a gold medal in gymnastics as a member of the 1960 United States Olympic team, and a member gymnastics team was also formed. The team is made up of those gymnastics club members interested in competition.

Another area of competition is the balance beam. A routine that consists of jumps, flips, turns, and rolls is performed on the beam, which is four feet off the ground and four feet wide.

The time limit on the performance is from one minute, 30 seconds, to one minute, 45 seconds. Each girl performs the routine and then returns to the end of the low beam to watch another girl perform.

Mrs. Roys has won many awards for her team, and her girls have done well in competition.

Betty Jean Maycock Roys Harrington, gymnastics

Doors of opportunity opened and that had far reaching impact for many women. The total equation needs to always keep that fact in sight.

Betty Jean Maycock Roys Harrington, gymnastics
It has obviously helped the women with a large influx of monies for scholarships, equipment, and quality coaching. Without Title IX I doubt that it would be where it is now. The opportunities are there for any female athlete that wants to continue competing in college to do so. The unintended consequence is that some universities have chosen to drop men's programs to save money.

Sid Sink, cross country

**BG women harriers talented**

BGN, AUG. 29 1982

by Marc Delph

BOWLING GREEN'S women's cross country coach Sid Sink is a very happy man on these days. He not only has his top five runners returning this season, but has additional strength added to his defending Mid-American Conference team.

"We have a good group," Sink said. "Not just quantity (40 members) but quality. Everyone is returning except two and the top five are back." Having his top five runners, including the number one and two finishers in the MAC last year, returning would be a dream come true for any coach, but Sink has added even more talent to his already strong club.

Her name is Stephanie Eaton, and should sound familiar. Eaton, a 29-year-old graduate student from Lima, Ohio, finished third in the MAC last year. In addition to her running ability, Eaton is a key member of the Falcon's long-distance relay team.

JoAnn Lancelot, will head the Falcon women's cross country team. "I think all three will be super leaders," Sink added. "I believe we need super leaders for the large squad we have this year.

"With all the talent the Falcons possess this year, the expectations are very high. Sink explained. "We have to compete in the state championships, and we have to make the nationals." The MAC, which operates under the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, is a major conference in women's intercollegiate sports.

**Federal Title IX legislation spawns women's MAC**

by Christopher Shank

The idea of inclusion for women was in the discussion stages for several years, at least since each year for the last six years," she said.

Huston said one reason for the delay in adopting the MAC was the necessity of preparing with competing under both the rules of the Associated Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and those of the MAC, which operates under Title IX regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association for men.

"Some of these problems have been gathered into a list of basic differences and are currently before a council of presidents from the member institutions. The main listed differences include the superiority of transfer and graduate students, the recruiting and talent assessments of prospective student athletes, and the regulations of participation.

Though the differences are so pronounced, Huston expressed optimism for a resolution and the future of the MAC. "I think the MAC will be measuring itself against similar leagues like Philadelphia and like programs," she said. "I believe there will be a visibility through the league, which in turn will generate interest and more cooperation.

"We'll start slow, but then we'll increase the pace. I'm not sure we'll ever get it right. That's what I hope," she said.

The presidents may be a few of the folks that express contrasts in the MAC. Tom Sturmann, women's sports director for the University of Illinois, said women's programs "move faster, because the men's programs are strong."
Reflections of Forward Falcons

Title IX has resulted in opportunities for women to participate, receive scholarships, and attain skill levels not formerly acceptable in society. With the growth of television exposure, it has brought women's sports to the forefront. It also allowed greater sport participation in Olympic events. I really thought it would bring reality to men's sports because of the financial obligations to all college athletics. Although it certainly is a positive law, it does have some downsides. We have seen some sports leave our venues because of expenses. The women's programs have developed some of the pitfalls that have plagued men's athletics for many years. As women's basketball became a lucrative coaching venue, men got into the coaching ranks. Fortunately, more young women are getting into coaching because we have graduated many women from strong programs, and they want to experience with their teams the experiences they had with their college coaches.

Sue Hager, basketball, softball

Women swimmers place in AIAW's

By Sue Cramer
Sports Writer

Records, like rules, are meant to be broken. And at the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's (AIAW) swimming nationals in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl., broken records were not unusual.

England's Christine Jarvis, representing the University of Alabama, set AIAW and American records in the 50-yard and 100-yard breaststroke with times of 30.05 and 1:04.36 respectively.

Jarvis, 26, will be swimming for England in the 1976 Summer Olympics to be held this summer in Montreal, Que.

Seven women from Bowling Green's women's swim team represented the Falcons at the AIAW nationals held at the National Swimming Hall of Fame, March 18-20.

"Considering the competition, I think our girls did very well," said head coach Jean Campbell. "The only people who scored in the top places were those on scholarships."

THE 400-YARD medley relay team placed 24th out of 126 participating schools. Freshmen Parkie Thompson (backstroke), Donna Rosenbauer (breaststroke), junior Robbi McKee (fly) and senior Becky Sieisky (freestyle) turned in a time of 4:15.7.

"I was very pleased with our performances," Campbell said. "We were competing against girls who practice three-five hours a day, on the weekends and in the summer. These girls want to see more opportunities in swimming and the opportunities they have in school are literally their college career."

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Some swimmers did not seem to have as much love for the sport when they were on scholarship. Also, they have more money spent on swimsuits and warm-ups, towels, and shoes than necessary.

Jean Campbell, swimming, synchronized swimming
Title IX changed everything. It has provided well deserved opportunities for women in sport as well as an increase in the skill level of athletes and the advancement of the game. It has also increased the expectations of coaches and athletes. Due to recruitment, program administration, practice and game schedules, coaching has become a full time job.

Patricia Peterson, basketball, field hockey, softball, volleyball

I think there is no doubt that the biggest advantage bestowed on women's sports was that it made it normal or ordinary, even expected, that women would have a place in collegiate athletics.

A. J. Bosar, golf
Title IX was great for women’s sports in that it gave them an opportunity to showcase their talents, get an excellent education, and experience being part of a team. The downside was the elimination of the men’s track program at BGSU (one of the nation’s finest programs).

L. David Williams, track, cross country

An intended consequence of Title IX is that it opened up the doors of education to women. In sport, it has given highly-skilled women well deserved opportunities to compete at the highest level. It has brought them athletic grants-in-aid and access to more intense training and advanced skill development. These advances have come at a cost. We lost the women’s educational model of sport, where the well-being of the individual student-athlete was at the center of the experience. We lost anonymity, which sounds odd, but it was wonderful! When I was coaching, no one cared whether we won or lost, so the coaches were free from the pressures that can come from the media and spectators.

We also lost some of the strong intramural programs that used to exist in high schools. The gyms and fields are now the sole territory of varsity athletes, and the average students don’t get to play intramurals until they go to college. Before Title IX, over 90% of the coaches and administrators of women’s athletics were women. Most of the coaches and administrators are now men. I think that’s a loss.

Janet Parks, tennis, golf
Title IX meant that to a brand new assistant professor with a doctoral degree in 1976, the only jobs available all had a coaching component. If you had coaching experience and were a female then you were in high demand at the collegiate level. Another unintended factor of Title IX was the role that recruiting required in terms of adding to the time and paperwork of coaching. Also occurring was the onslaught of "agents" for prospective players who called to see how much money we were giving in the form of scholarships. This was bothersome to me as I thought they should be asking about the academic rigor of their major first. Now, of course, prospective players and their parents are an integral part of the very sophisticated, heavily regulated recruiting process.

Sue Gavron, field hockey

Title IX was slow to take full effect for women's sports, but it did start giving national organization to more women's sports. Some of the unintended consequences were the elimination of field hockey and other smaller sports and the splitting off of larger and smaller schools.

Pat Brett, field hockey, track and field

Recruiting: Maligned but mandatory

By Kevin Colley
Sports Editor

Recruiting: The word conjures up many images in connection with collegiate sports, most of them negative in light of the recent ruling in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) cases for recruiting violations.

It is a basic necessity in college athletics, however, especially to build a winning or at least a decent athletic program.

Take Oklahoma's football program for instance. The Sooners, a perennial Big Eight Conference power, suffered through three years of probation for violations of NCAA recruiting rules.

"Many people think that recruiting applies only to the major sports."

While on probation, the school was banned from appearing in nationally televised games, lost its right to make postseason bowl-game appearances and suffered heavily through public ridicule generated by its violations.

High school athletes steered clear of the school, and the Sooners at Oklahoma faced almost insurmountable tasks when trying to recruit potential athletes.

Even the Ohio State University football program is not without questionable conduct. The Buckeyes are currently being scrutinized by NCAA investigators.

While right, however, recruiting is an invaluable asset to college athletic programs, not only in the major

"In the past, Bowling Green recruited the entire country, but now we've narrowed our efforts to the Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana areas," he explained. "In this area, we have contacts with coaches, the press and a private recruiting service for the Midwest."

The nature of the individual in the first thing looked for in a Falcon basketball prospect, Parker said, "is to determine if the individual will fit into the BG program."

"Primarily, we want to know that an athlete we recruit is a good person. Then we try and determine if he can fit into and blend with our style of play and adapt himself to our game."

These assessments have to be made early and in a relatively short period of time. An athlete is allowed only one appearance at a game in a school, although he can visit the school on his own as many times as he desires.

"Coaches are allowed to visit a recruit three times. This is another example of the NCAA's desire to avoid the high pressure recruiting style that were present in the collegiate sports world (over 35 years)."

Recruits are also limited under NCAA rules and may only visit six campuses for recruiting purposes.

"It is tough to tell a kid that we're not able to use him and 15% to 20% of the players leave." But it has to be done.

Local Falcon basketball contacts come mainly from the northeastern Ohio area, especially Toledo, but Parker said the Cleveland area is also a primary recruiting consideration.

"We don't have a lot of players from Cleveland, but we still have a lot of contacts in and around that area."
I believe the philosophy of women's sport, particularly at the college level, is different after Title IX. Prior to Title IX, the majority of women athletes at BGSU were physical education majors. By participating in one or more individual and/or team sports, students gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and skill. As a result, these athletes were much better prepared for their future teaching and coaching careers in the area of physical education and related fields. The faculty members might coach one or multiple sports. It was just part of their teaching load. There were no big checks waiting for them at the end of each month. As for the records of winning or losing, they bore very little or no effect on their academic status, although a winning season was more desirable.

The entire atmosphere of women's athletic programs has changed due to Title IX. A team's winning or losing records are far more important after Title IX. Recruitment of both coaches and athletes has become a major factor for a successful program. A talented and trained female high school athlete now benefits from the effects of Title IX. But for the coaches, unfortunately, the stability of their positions depends upon the winning or losing records.
It changed the nature of the athlete. Scholarships changed the nature of the athletes and their attitudes toward the program. Those without scholarships disliked those that had scholarships and those that had scholarships disliked those that had more. The pressure to win was now more important to the administration and was transferred to the program and coaches and to the athlete. It became more of a job than a passion. It did enable BGSU to keep the gymnastics program alive.

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Title IX was needed when instituted. It has increased opportunities and support for women's athletics in high schools and colleges. I question the way it has been implemented. There was no provision by the government to provide financial assistance for the added costs involved. The unfortunate result has caused many athletic departments to reduce the number of men's sports. In talking to my former women team members, they are concerned about this.
As a student-athlete, opportunities in sports for women were lacking. As a graduate assistant and diving coach for both the women's and men's teams, I began to witness a transformation with regards to opportunities. Unfortunately at that point in time, the equal and/or like opportunities for women only surfaced in the form of team recognition, but never really addressed the three prongs of Title IX or its eleven components. From 1994-1999, I had the distinct pleasure of serving as the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at Bowling Green. During my tenure I engaged in a number of administrative battles to elevate women's programs to the level of their counterparts. Against strong opposition, I added women's soccer while opposing the dropping of men's programs. Not an enthusiastically supported decision by many on and off campus; however, it was a decision that assisted the university at that point in time in meeting its Title IX obligations while moving towards a more equitable balance of sports programs.

Ron Zwierlein, swimming and diving
Several coaches had additional reflections to share. They included comments on the quality of the women’s physical education program, the importance of keeping women’s history alive, the effects of Title IX, the emphasis on academic achievements, and President Hollis Moore’s critical role in the progress of BGSU women’s sports.
I believe that there is too much pressure being put upon the athletes and coaches after Title IX. I also believe that an athlete’s first and foremost goal is being a student at BGSU. To acquire a successful higher education degree is the future for everyone.

Nora Liu, Basketball

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Bowling Green is a wonderful institution with a lot of dedicated people working to support and grow the programs for women's athletics.

Pat Brett, field hockey, track and field

Women set record

By Cheryl Giashie
Assistant Sports Editor

OXFORD O., Walking away with first place and setting a state record in the 400-yard relay at the Miami Invitational made the trip worthwhile for women's swim team's quarterback Lee Washington, Leslie Heinman, and Frankie Terry. Her relay partner Carly Brittain also received a 47-second split with a 2:41.23.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Hermain, Brittain, Holly Olson, and Washington also set an individual record. With 4:58.95 and Franklin contribute to the team's victory, the Falcons placed seventh in the meet.

Professors recall her dreams of Olympics

by Scott Slack
News staff reporter

Eighteen years ago a 13-year-old girl set in front of the television set watching the Olympic Games. From that point on she would follow a dream that would lead her to contend for the very games from which the dream was derived.

"I watched the Olympics on TV," and decided that's what I wanted to do," Nancy Shafer, an associate professor of statistics, said.

Shafer finished fourth in the Olympic trials, both in 1984 and 1988, and also traveled to Europe with the U.S. National team.

Shafer, who grew up in Canton, didn't exactly have the training facilities in her youth that most young athletes have today.

When she first began running there were no girls' sports programs in the Canton school system.
Refl ections of Forward Falcons

Many former gymnasts now coach or teach in the schools of Ohio and Indiana. The teams continually earned the scholastics award for the team with the highest GPA of the Athletics Department. They won one State Championship and three MAC Championships. They represented the University in the best tradition of the scholar athlete. I was and still am most proud of each and every athlete I had the opportunity to work with and teach.

Charles Simpson, gymnastics

Gymnasts earn MAC title, NCAA berth

by Kermit Rowe
News staff reporter

BGN, MAR. 9, 1982

Bowling Green's gymnastics team raced to the peak of its season by edging out Eastern Michigan for the Mid-American Conference championship last weekend, according to BG's cross-country coach, Charles Simpson.

The Falcons also received a berth in the national championships, which are held by BGSU.

The Falcons, who set a new school record for the team, are looking forward to competing at the national level.

Women harriers pass big test

by Ken Koppel
Staff reporter

BGN, SEPT. 26, 1979

While University students begin classes today, Bowling Green's cross-country team took a big step Saturday and according to BG's Sid Sink they passed "with flying colors."

Before the Falcons left for Lexington, Ky., for the Kentucky Invitational, Sink said that, this, the first invitational of the year, would be "a real eye-opener" for his inexperienced team. However, before this season finished, Sink said that it could be the other midwestern schools keeping an eye on BG.

The harriers turned in their second consecutive strong showing, finishing fifth place in the 11-team field with 149 points.

For the first time, the women harriers turned in a team score, as they finish the first time on the national level.

Despite their lack of practice time, the runners lived up to the task. Senior Becky Dedson took 12th place in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:44. Freshmen Stephanie Eaton and Kathy Kacor, who followed closely behind, finished 23rd and 29th in the race, with marks of 20:25 and 20:42, respectively.

"Becky (Dedson) ran super," Sink said. "She's a strong runner. That's one of the reasons why."

Dedson said that she likes running because it gives her time to concentrate more.

"It's a real cross country competition. I enjoy them in these type of conditions. It feels like a couple more weeks driving and I'll be up there."

The ROUGH course did not discourage Kacor, who is trying to come back after a lower leg injury.

Kacor said it will still be a "gruelling" test to see how she's back one hundred percent.

"I usually run all summer," Kacor said. "I didn't run a lot this spring and I think it's giving me problems. But it's fun to be doing it again.

The Boilermakers' Alumni team paced the meet with a strong team showing. Ronna and her mark of 18:35. (continued on page 350)
In the infancy of women’s athletics, we taught, trained and prepared our officials. They were much better than they are today. Now, in my opinion, many of the current officials are in it for the money and not the betterment of the game. We still need to get better marketing and promotions for all our women’s athletic teams.

Sue Hager, Basketball, Softball

I believe that former President of BGSU, Dr. Hollis Moore, had “Forward Falcons” in mind when he created the unique position of Associate AD for non-revenue sports. Not only was it the first full-time position for women’s sports but a first for a woman to be appointed (full-time) in charge of 23 men’s and women’s sport teams at an NCAA Division 1 University. He was able to make this great transition predicated on the strong foundation that individuals such as Sue Hager and Dorothy Luedtke and others had established. I was indeed fortunate to have been appointed to this position. It allowed me to work with highly talented coaches and student-athletes. It also afforded me the opportunity to contribute at the state, regional and national level. These experiences will forever be with me. (September, 2009)

Carole Huston, Associate AD, 1976-1987
Life After Coaching
After leaving their intercollegiate coaching days in the past, our former coaches stayed busy with a vast array of activities. Some of them continued on the faculty at BGSU, doing the requisite teaching, scholarship, and service. Others took positions as administrators in universities or with professional groups. A few chose the private sector, where they taught and/or coached sports such as swimming, golf, and synchronized swimming; directed theatre productions; earned advanced degrees; entered the medical field; or produced instructional materials related to sport. Several of our former coaches are keeping the history of BGSU women’s sport alive through activities such as managing the Athletic Archives and Museum, producing a DVD on the history of the women’s basketball team, and compiling a history of BGSU women’s sports. Two were selected to serve on a committee to plan the 100th anniversary of the University.

The coaches who have retired are generously sharing their time and expertise as volunteers in their communities. The organizations with which they have volunteered include churches, a fire department, a domestic violence shelter, the BGSU Libraries, the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Wood County Emergency Management Agency, the BG Parks and Recreation Foundation, Special Olympics, the Red Cross, the Medical Reserve Corps, the Community Emergency Response Team, Wood County Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, and the BGSU Retirees Association.

Most former coaches still live in Bowling Green or in nearby communities. Others have moved to Florida, California, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, or Virginia. Their responses gave the distinct impression that all of them are leading happy productive lives. Activities they specifically mentioned included enjoying children and grandchildren, traveling, fishing, relaxing, volunteering, leading active social lives, staying physically active, and attending BGSU athletic events. We are sincerely grateful to the coaches who sent us their reflections. Their memories and accomplishments are inspirational, and we are privileged to include them in this book.
A Final Reflection

The women who had classes, offices, and team practices in the Women's Building back in the day have fond memories of Margaret Pratt Reynolds, our exceptionally conscientious matron. In every sense of the word, Margaret was a classic. The WB was spotless—The WB was spotless—the cleanest building on campus. Margaret made sure that all of us, faculty as well as students, kept it that way! We will always remember our Margaret!
In 2005, a group of former coaches identified more than 800 female athletes who had competed for BGSU prior to 1978, which was the first year since the late 1940s that women received BGSU varsity letters. The Athletics Department invited these women and their coaches to campus to be recognized and thanked for their leadership.