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Could an athletic scandal such as those that rocked Arizona State or New Mexico or Oregon happen here? That was a question posed by the late President Hollis Moore in his remarks to faculty and staff at the opening general session on Sept. 22, 1980.

He announced at that time that he was commissioning the Office of Institutional Studies to examine intercollegiate athletics at Bowling Green.

In his remarks, Dr. Moore noted that in his judgment, “the athletic program here is sound and well managed.”

Results of the 1980-81 study, which have been released by Interim President Ferrari, appear to confirm that Bowling Green’s program is well managed and sensitive to the sound academic progress of student athletes.

The review of athletics focused on the academic patterns and performance of Bowling Green’s student athletes over a 10-year period.

For the study, student athletes were defined by the eligibility roster submitted by the head coach in each sport. Those rosters are prepared by the coaches for the registrar prior to the start of each season to ensure that the student athletes meet academic requirements (a minimum of 2.0 grade point average) and have made progress toward a degree (defined as having completed 36 credit hours during the previous academic year).

A total of 765 male student athletes from football, basketball and ice hockey were included in some aspect of the study.

Specific questions, as follows, were addressed:

1. Most of the problems leading to scandals at other institutions stem from the recruitment of athletes who are not academically qualified. What about Bowling Green’s practices in the recruitment and admission of students?

2. University policies on recruitment of athletes are dictated by the NCAA and Mid-American Conference rules and regulations. Most athletes who enroll at Bowling Green enter as freshmen. All must have posted a minimum 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale during their sixth, seventh or eighth semester of high school.

3. The academic records of 256 entering freshman student athletes for the years 1975-79 were examined.

Freshman baseball and football recruits had an average high school GPA of 2.62; football recruits, 2.63, and hockey recruits, 2.79.

In 1979, the only year for which the average high school GPA of all entering freshmen was available, freshman athletes’ average high school GPA was 2.60 compared to a total class average of 3.11.

What are the admission requirements for student athlete transfers, and how much dependence does Bowling Green place on those transfers?

To be accepted as a transfer student with fewer than 90 quarter hours, an athlete or non-athlete must have a 2.5 GPA at his former institution, although a special petition can be filed for a student who has a lower average.

About one of every eight students who come to Bowling Green is a transfer student. A similar ratio exists for student athletes—approximately seven to one.

In general, the preferred mode of building University athletic teams has been through the recruitment of student athletes.

The transfer of credit to an athlete’s transcript from other institutions has been the source of considerable scandal nationwide. What has been found at Bowling Green?

Of the 256 freshman athletes studied for the years 1975-79, only 11 students had credit transferred. The majority of athletes were eligible for their enrollment at Bowling Green. Those 11 players

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Four sports fall victim to state budget crunch

Athletic Director James Lessig has announced that, effective at the end of this academic year, the wrestling, field hockey and men’s and women’s indoor track programs will be discontinued.

The program reductions were made following discussion with the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee and at the direction of Interim President Ferrari.

The cutbacks were made in response to sharp reductions in state subsidies due to Ohio’s continuing fiscal crisis, inflationary pressures on the total athletic program and the University’s plan to hold future general fee increases to students as low as possible.

“This is one of the most painful decisions that any athletic program can make,” Lessig said. “We feel particularly bad about the young athletes who came to this campus to participate in one of the programs that has been dropped.”

He said the athletic department will assist those student athletes from the four sports that have been discontinued who wish to transfer to other schools and added that all grant-in-aid commitments will be honored for those who continue their education at Bowling Green.

“We realize that we have to be a part of the University’s overall financial cutback,” Lessig said. “We have in the past attempted to reduce costs through various measures. We have already cut nearly $100,000 from our 1981-82 budget and have restricted spring trips to those teams that can raise the necessary funds through private gifts.

It is now apparent to meet any additional cuts leaves us with no choice but to reduce the size of our total sports program. It will be our goal to sponsor a somewhat smaller, but still very high quality athletic program,” he said.

Lessig added that almost all of the other schools in the Mid-American Conference will be making similar program reductions.

Until this past December, Bowling Green was required to sponsor 12 sports for men in order to maintain its status in the NCAA’s Division I. On Dec. 4, the NCAA passed legislation reducing that number to eight.

Earlier this month, the MAC Council of Presidents approved legislation reducing the number of championships sponsored by the conference from nine to eight for both men and women. Eliminated were championships in field hockey and men’s cross country.

MAC schools are now required to offer eight sports for men and eight for women. Of the eight, at least six must be sports in which the MAC sponsors championships.

Bowling Green will now have seven men’s sports in the conference—football, basketball, swimming, baseball, tennis, golf and outdoor track—and three non-conference men’s sports—cross country, soccer and hockey.

Bowling Green will also participate in all eight women’s sports for which the MAC will sponsor championships—volleyball, cross country and outdoor track, gymnastics, swimming, softball, tennis and outdoor track. One non-MAC sport, golf, will also be continued.

In requesting the athletic department to make selective reductions in administrative support services and an intercollegiate athletics program comprised of fewer sports, President Moore in his remarks to faculty and staff at the opening general session on Sept. 22, 1980, has shown that Bowling Green’s coaches and athletic administrators are running a well-managed program sensitive to the sound academic progress of its student athletes. Results of the study are reported above.
One year later

TELCOM cuts cost of telephone traffic

Some tempos still run short as faculty and staff dial those long numbers which access the University's long-distance telephone system, but after slightly more than a year, the system is basically doing what it is supposed to do—saving dollars.

A toll call cost savings of more than $46,000 was realized last year, and an estimated $23,000 in rate hikes was avoided, according to John Doroghazi, technical support services, who said the 126,762 TELCOM computer should pay for itself in about two years.

TELCOM saves money by placing calls over the least expensive route available, Doroghazi said, but the reports it generates on telephone use also will enable the University to tailor service specifically to the needs of faculty and staff, and that should save even more dollars, he said.

One year ago TELCOM had shown during its first year, for example, is that 74 percent of all University calls are made within Ohio. Doroghazi said that tells telecommunications services, also has been able to design what she defines as a "static" directory information system. System.

Until this year, campus operators routed via TELCOM on eight Toledo microwave circuits, a Detroit microwave line, two foreign exchange lines to Columbus; six Ohio Wats lines and three circuits which access all other states.

The TELCOM also has made toll accounting much more efficient, according to Maxine Allen, coordinator of telecommunications services, has implemented a new director information system with the University's TELCOM computer. Student telephone numbers are now updated weekly, and once the system is operating as it plans, faculty and staff numbers will be kept current on a monthly basis. A terminal similar to the one which Allen uses for her updates is at the fingertips of campus telephone operators.

Provost clarifies examination policy

The Office of the Provost has issued a reminder to all faculty, students and staff that the University has an official final examination policy which should be strictly enforced.

The text of that policy, which is included in the Undergraduate Catalog, follows:

Final Examination Policy

This is the official policy of the University on final examinations as revised by the Faculty Senate on November 29, 1977, and authorized by the president on February 14, 1978.

1. A final examination should be given in all courses where appropriate.

2. Consistent with traditional principles of academic freedom, the faculty member or group responsible for a course shall determine whether a final examination is or is not appropriate (such as in graduate seminars, PSI instruction, etc.)

3. Ohio Board of Regents specifies that an academic quarter consists of 11 weeks. The eleventh week of the quarter at Bowling Green State University is reserved for the scheduling of final examinations. The final examinations shall be administered at the times scheduled for that purpose, except with specific permission of the Provost.

4. In those courses where a final examination is deemed appropriate, faculty shall conduct other appropriate course-related activities during the period scheduled for final examination.

5. Department chairs shall be responsible for implementing this policy.

The Office of the Provost may be secured by providing a memorandum of writing stating the time for which the examination is scheduled, the time at which it is desired to offer it, and the reason for the examination. The memorandum should also certify that the students involved agree to the change and that the academic faculty has been made for up in all cases of conflict. This memorandum, endorsed by the chair of the department and dean of the college involved, should be forwarded to the Provost's Office. An immediate response by telephone will be confirmed in writing by the next day. Permission will not be granted to reschedule examinations except during the designated final examination period. Permission from the Provost's Office is required in order to provide a make-up examination for one or two students on the grounds of conflict or other urgent reasons for being absent from the final examination.

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Athletes follow general student enrollment patterns

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took 18 different courses for a total of 100 credit hours. The institutions to which credit was transferred were all accredited with good reputations.

During the years 1970-74, the transfers of transfer credit were more numerous. The寻找 66 courses for a total of 312.5 credit hours.

Do athletes take to cluster in certain departments or colleges?

Are most of them physical education majors?

In terms of enrollment patterns, the student athletes have found a parallel the general trend. Nearly half the 1979-80 athletes were enrolled in the College of Business Administration. The next largest group was in education, followed by arts and sciences, health and community services, and Bowling Green University Division. The major popular majors in business were general business, accounting and sales management. The most popular majors in education were concentrated in three large clusters: physical education (athletic majors), the School of Technology and educational distribution.

It is frequently stated that many institutions exploit the athlete, but little attention is given to how ever graduates. Is that the case at Bowling Green?

The last five years of that same time period, 45 percent of all freshman students were graduates, compared to an average yearly all-University rate of 45 percent.

When the academic performance of 121 student athletes was compared with all of the sports without active classes, it was found that freshman student athletes performed a little better than freshmen as a whole; the athletes' average GPA at the end of the freshman year was 2.30 compared to 2.10 for all freshmen.

Sophomores tailed a little worse: 2.47 for the entire class; juniors: 2.52 versus 2.80; and seniors: 2.46 versus 3.02.

Of the 35 seniors, four were physical education majors. The transcripts for the freshman and sophomore years reflected group requirements for courses and elective course selections, while the latter year was given more concentration on the major program.

Dr. Ferrari said that the results of the 1980 study are encouraging, and he has been working on an Intercollegiate Athletics Committee which will monitor very closely those aspects of the program that are needed to make our athletic program which need some attention are adjusted.

He said Bowling Green is committed to maintaining its athletic program as an integral part of the University, and he adds, "We will continue to develop and improve our program."
Aerotechnology program gets wings, lift from OSU

After more than two years in existence, the aerotechnology program has been given wings and is ready to fly. In the colors of a scarlet and gray, two-seater Cessna airplane, which is being leased from Ohio State University's Department of Secondary Education and Ohio Colleges of Applied Science, is ready to offer better flight instruction and still save our students money," Jerry Streicher, director of the School of Technology, said.

For instance, students receive 20 hours of dual flight instruction, accompanied by a private flight instructor's license. Student pilots will also receive 15 hours of solo flight instruction.

Currently, six aerotechnology students are enrolled in the flight instruction course, which is also open to nonaerotechnology students, Lehrer added.

Upon completion of the course, students can obtain their pilot's license by passing an FAA flight test.

The aerotechnology program is designed to prepare students for careers in flight technology as flight instructors and private and commercial pilots. The program is also designed to train aircraft mechanics to operate, as technical managers for airports and airlines, and in aircraft modification, service management and inspection supervisors.

According to Dr. Striecheck, the School of Technology initiated the aerotechnology program because the long-range forecasts for aviation are promising.

Reasons Dr. Streicher cited for bright skies ahead in the aviation industry included fewer Vietnam veterans available for work in the flight industry; a reduction by large airlines in service to small communities, creating a demand in the towns for smaller airlines, and an increase in air travel by business executives.

Academic Council

Academic Council reaffirmed a University policy on minimum course enrollment requirements in its meeting on March 17. In his Jan. 26 address to the Faculty Senate, the state budget situation, Interim President Ferrari asked that the policy be reviewed by the deans of the colleges and the action taken was in response to that request.

The policy sets minimum enrollments at 15 for general studies level courses, 10 for departmental level courses, and five for masters and doctorate level courses. It is the student's responsibility to enroll in courses in which he or she is taking credits needed to meet graduation requirements. The policy states that those sections which did not meet minimum enrollment requirements could not be offered and he expressed concern that such a large percentage of sections may ultimately lead to the need to hire part-time faculty.

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News in Review

City telephone books available
City phone directories for 1982 are now available in telecommunications services, Centrex Building, for distribution to professors, staff, students.
Each office and department is responsible for picking up those directories, which can be ordered by phoning 372-2617.

ROTC offers scholarships
The aerospace studies department has four scholarships for ROTC qualified students, one in each of the following categories: two-year navigator (technical); two-year engineer; three-year navigator (technical), and three-year engineer.
Students majoring in mathematics, physics, computer science or pre-engineering qualify for the technical navigator scholarships. All applicants must have either two or three years of undergraduate and/or graduate work remaining and a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
The scholarships pay full tuition, fees, all required textbooks and a $1,000 tax-free annual allowance, paid equally in three installments. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.
For further information, contact the Office of Army ROTC, 164 Memorial Hall, or call 372-2176.

Strawberry Patch closes for quarter
Because of administrative changes within food operations, the Strawberry Patch at the Student Dining Hall will be closed for the remainder of winter quarter.
Reopening for spring quarter will be announced in MONITOR.

Adult education to be discussed
"Educational Horizons for Adults," a free workshop, will outline non-traditional educational opportunities available to those 16 or older. New York Times writer Tong-Soon Koehler said faculty and staff are particularly encouraged to support the center's educational programming efforts. Anyone interested in expressing on the air their thoughts or professional views which might enhance the fund- raising drive also is encouraged to contact the station, she said.
"Programming during the two-week event will feature classic films and performances by such stars as Beverly Sills, Orson Welles and Richard Burton.

"Figaro" to open opera season
Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro," the first offering of the 1982 opera season, will open with the directors (March 5) at Kocabaker Hall in the Moore Musical Arts Center.

New legislation changes PERS retirement insurance benefits
A change in legislation governing medical coverage for staff retiring into the PERS Employees Retirement System has been announced by the Office of Personnel Support Services and PERS.
Effective June 30, 1986, PERS members must have 10 years of Ohio service credit to be eligible upon retirement for post-employment health care coverage and the option to provide the same coverage for the spouse at a reduced premium rate.
Employees with more than five years but fewer than 10 years of service credit may still retire when they reach age 60, but free medical coverage will not be available to them.
PERS will inform members of their eligibility or ineligibility for health insurance coverage, and will apply for retirement. Those who are ineligible will have the option of purchasing health care coverage through Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Co. at the existing premium rates at the time of retirement.
Service credit is determined on the basis of University monthly payroll reports to PERS. A person on the payroll report who earns at least $150 in any month receives full credit for that month. If a person appears on the monthly payroll report each month for a year, he earns at least $1,500 a month, one year's full credit is granted.
Those who earn less than $150 in any month or six months of the period from the monthly payroll report fewer than 12 months receive credit which is adjusted proportionally.
Military service, out-of-state public service and federal civil service purchased with PERS before Jan. 29, 1981, can be counted in the calculation of the 10-year period for free health care coverage. Service purchased after that date may not be counted for the health care benefit.
PERS also has issued a reminder that refund of retirement contributions wipes out all service credit. That credit can be restored only by repaying the account withdrawn, and the repayment can be made only after an individual completes an additional 18 months of Ohio public employment.

Datebook

Exhibits
Photographs by Daniel Ward and Peter Lanyon will be on display at the Milner Alumni Center Gallery through March 21. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"Four Student Art Shows," an exhibit sponsored by the Student Art Committee, will be on display through March 21, Fine Arts Gallery, School of Art. The exhibit can be viewed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Monday, March 1
"El Salvador, Another Vietnam?", a film sponsored by the Social Justice Steering Committee, 8 p.m., 204 Mosque Hall.

Tuesday, March 2
International Coffee Hour, 1:30 p.m. Willard Hall.

"Bowling Green Peace Coalition planning session for "Coast to Coast Peace," 2:30 p.m., McFall Center.

Wednesday, March 3
Academic Council, 1:30 p.m., Alumni Union.

"Open House and Choice Situation," a presentation by Linda Theis, president of the American Association of University Women, 7:30 p.m., 210 Math Science Bldg.

Thursday, March 4
"Cultural Conversations," instructors from the People's Republic of China will discuss their views of that country's social, economic and political organization, 7:30 p.m., 120 Union Hall.

"Our Town," University Theatre production, 8 p.m., Joe E. Brown Theatre, University Union, Admission $1.

"The Marriage of Figaro," University Opera Theater production, 8 p.m., Kocabaker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center. Tickets are available at the center's box office 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. the night of the performance for more information call 372-0171.

"Nashville," UA film series, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Main Auditorium, University Union, Admission $1 with University ID.

Saturday, March 6
"The Marriage of Figaro," University Opera Theater production, 3 p.m., Kocabaker Hall, Tickets are available at the center's box office 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. the night of the performance for more information call 372-0171.

"Fiesta," UA film series, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., Main Auditorium, University Union, Admission $1 with University ID.

Sunday, March 7
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"Fame," UA film series, 4:30, 6:45 and 9:15 p.m., Main Auditorium, University Union, Admission $5 with University ID.

"Dances of the People," UA film series, 8 p.m., Alumni Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Monday, March 8
"Men's Chorus," 8 p.m., Kocabaker Hall, Musical Theatre, Admission $1.