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Intercollegiate athletics have been an important part of the Bowling Green scene almost from the beginning days of the University. Traditions have been established, and a reputation for excellence and for variety and scope in our sports programs have been the result. It is evident that this year’s football team and coaches intend to revive our reputation — not ride on it.

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Sept. 16 WEBER STATE
23 at Miami
30 at Western Michigan
Oct. 7 at Toledo
14 KENT
21 at San Diego State
28 MARSHALL
Nov. 4 OHIO UNIVERSITY
11 DAYTON
18 at Tampa

1973
Sept. 15 V. M. I.
22 at Dayton
29 WESTERN MICHIGAN
Oct. 6 TOLEDO
13 at Kent State
20 MIAMI
27 at Marshall
Nov. 3 at Ohio University
10 EASTERN MICHIGAN
17 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
24 at University of Idaho

1974
Sept. 14 at East Carolina
21 DAYTON
28 at Western Michigan
Oct. 5 at Toledo
12 KENT STATE
19 at Miami
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BOWLING GREEN'S GRADUATE ASSISTANTS IN FOOTBALL for the 1971 season include (first row, l-r) Paul (Rocky) Alt, Crestline; Jim Hodakievic, Warren; Larry Kehres, Diamond; (second row, l-r) Mike Von Stein, Bluffton; Mike Norman, Orrville; Dave Finley, Dover, and Tom Mulligan, Warrensville Heights.

HELPING TO KEEP things running smoothly in the athletic department are seven attractive secretaries. This year's group includes, l-r, Becky Meek, Bernece Burris, Pam Dotson, Marty Frobose, Ann Baer, Nancy Zeigler, an unidentifiable "walk-on" and Lauretta Lahman.
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TODAY'S GAME

The irresistible force meets the immovable object. That's the billing for today's battle when two of the four undefeated football teams in the Mid-American Conference knock heads.

The two opponents — Bowling Green and Western Michigan if you haven't guessed — are a study of contrasts and opposites.

The Broncos of Western Michigan were supposed to come into Saturday's game with a perfect 3-0 record and carrying high the MAC title hopes of Coach Bill Doolittle who is on record of picking his own team as this year's conference champions.

Western is a senior-dominated club with 34 returning lettermen and 17 starters back from a 7-3 team which brings a seven-game winning streak into play. The Broncos also are awesome on defense where they rank second in the nation.

On the other hand, Bowling Green's sophomore-dominated Falcons are the surprise of the league with wins over Ohio University, 20-19, and East Carolina, 47-21. The Falcons start seven sophomores and have only 15 lettermen back from last season.

BG's weapon has been a devastating offensive machine which ranks third in the nation while averaging 505 yards a game in total offense. The Falcons rolled up 592 yards rushing and passing to tie the fourth-best mark in MAC history against East Carolina.

Coach Don Nehlen's chargers are also averaging 331 yards a game on the ground and are moving the ball at a 5.2 clip on every running play to rank fourth in the country.

Both BG and Western have excellent size in the offensive lines with an average over 220 pounds. The Broncos also are big on defense where a 224 average compared to BG's 204 pounds a man.

Something has got to give on Saturday.
FIELDS, Jerry, Tri-Captain, two letters, 21, 5-11, 223, senior, fullback, Youngstown (South), health and physical education major in College of Education...ATHLETIC: Fields had a disappointing junior year but is coming off a great spring...While fighting off two top sophomores for starting job, he was leading ball carrier in spring game with 127 yards in 23 carries for 2 touchdowns...Third year as starter...Power runner...Second in rushing as sophomore (95 for 280)...Slipped to fourth in 1970 (59 for 158)...All-city fullback and captain of Youngstown South team...Averaged nine yards a carry...Scored four TDs and had 99-yard run vs. Campbell Memorial...Best college game was 85 yd. performance vs. Kent as sophomore...

PERSONAL: Son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fields...Has two older brothers...Hobby is swimming...Wants to teach and coach...Born 6-21-50.

—— FALCON FULLBACK FIELDS FEELS FINE ——

By Bob Moyers

Jerry Fields is alive and running well in the Bowling Green backfield.

This was certainly evident recently when the 223-pound senior fullback from Youngstown carved out 58 yards and scored the winning touchdown in Bowling Green's 20-19 upset of Ohio University.

Forty-six of those yards came in the second-half when the Bobcats concentrated on stopping sophomore tailback Paul Miles (115 yards in 27 carries). The move backfired when the tank-like fullback made 11 punishing trips into the line with the key effort being the two-yard plunge for the TD which gave BG a 20-13 lead in the fourth quarter.

Last week during the Falcons' 47-21 rout of East Carolina, Fields ripped off 47 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns. He is BG's leading scorer after two games with 18 points.

For the past two years, the former all-city fullback and captain at Youngstown South has been alive but not very well in the Falcon backfield. Although bothered by injuries, Fields had a good sophomore year as he ranked second in rushing with 280 yards on BG's second-place MAC club.

Last season was a nightmare for Fields and the 2-6-1 Falcons. The Youngstown battler went down for the count with more injuries and only 158 yards of real estate.

Coach Don Nehlen calls his "new Fields" a product of the responsibilities of being one of the Falcons tri-captains and the presence of four sophomores who are ready to take away his job if he should falter. Nehlen also credits backfield coach Ron Chismar with the improvement shown in Fields' play this season.

"Jerry showed this spring that he was going to do the job this season when he ran for 127 yards in our spring game. This fall he also ripped off another 100 yards in our big final scrimmage. And if he doesn't keep improving, we got four sophs just waiting for a chance," Nehlen said.

Fields is a Chismar backer. "He has shown me how to pick my holes better. He knows how to handle his players. You can't be a coach and treat everyone the same way. Coach Chismar treats us as individuals," states Fields.

As a tri-captain, Fields plans to lead this season by example. "You have to be a leader by producing. Talk won't get you anything. You have to do it."

At South High School, Fields took his handoffs from Julius Livas, Bowling Green starting monsterback on defense and last year's leading rusher. He will always remember a game against Campbell Memorial when he ran 99 yards for a TD and gained 210 yards in 10 carries.

His best game in college was an 85-yard effort against Kent State as a sophomore. His personal goal this season is to gain over 100 yards in a game.

If he continues to be alive and well, that goal should become a reality.
CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM STARTS FOR 3 FINGERS OLD

If you’re just three fingers old and barely three feet high, does that mean you can’t go to Bowling Green State University?

Hardly. While you can’t be a full-time student, you can join the more than 200 youngsters between the ages of three and 17 currently enrolled in the University’s Creative Arts Program.

Originated in 1965 by the School of Music, the program first offered only Saturday morning classes in music appreciation and piano for children.

Now, classes are held every weekday, morning and afternoon, as well as Saturday, and the program has expanded to include art and dance, in addition to group and private lessons in piano and string instruments.

It’s not really strange to see a four-year-old running across campus carrying a miniature violin case — he’s just on his way to his weekly lesson at the School of Music.

Group lessons in both piano and violin are offered and the children, by learning together, stimulate each other, according to Mrs. Lois Forbes, program director.

Six sizes of violins, ranging from one-sixteenth to a full size instrument, are available at the University to accommodate the pre-schoolers’ tiny fingers.

Groups number no more than six children and if a child progresses faster than others, he can be moved to a more advanced class or given additional individual instruction as encouragement, Mrs. Forbes said.

“Another advantage is that they are always playing for somebody else, so they never experience a complete shock that often occurs when a student who has taken private lessons participates in his first recital,” she added.

After about two years of group lessons, children may enroll in what is known as “private plus” — a combination of group and private lessons — or just take private lessons. Chamber orchestra groups, trios and even jazz ensembles are formed if enough students indicate an interest.

There’s also a music appreciation course, for youngsters aged six to eleven, which includes singing, rhythms and folk dancing.

Guitar lessons, are offered too, and for advanced students, organ lessons.

Children ages three, four and five can enroll in a course called “Discovering the Arts,” which combines the aspects of music, dance and art.

According to the course supervisor, Mrs. Karol Gyman, it is a “basic movement class” designed to strengthen muscles and explore various movements of the body.

Each lesson is based on some perception problem. “For example,” Mrs. Gyman explained, “children explore space in terms of straight lines and curves in art. They learn quickness and slowness by experiencing it in basic modern dance techniques and thus become aware of something they haven’t noticed before.

While the program originated as a training ground for future teachers, it’s now seen as an opportunity for the University to try innovative teaching methods and a valuable, professional service to area children.

Mrs. Forbes is an instructor in music at Bowling Green, and she directs four program coordinators, eight instructors and four artist-teachers, in addition to the undergraduate students assisting with the lessons.

Parents are encouraged to observe at all the lessons, both group and private, so they are able to help the child as he practices at home.

For those who have had no previous musical background, a free six-week course is offered in piano. In addition, adults may enroll in group classes in piano and music appreciation for the first time this fall.

During the academic year, two 15-week sessions are offered for the youngsters. Three summer sessions, each five weeks long, helps students and teachers to continue the lessons despite varied vacation schedules.

Further information on the Creative Arts Program may be obtained by contacting Bowling Green’s School of Music.

by Teri Sharp
One of the unsung heroes in the Athletic Department is the individual who handles over-the-counter ticket sales to all sporting events. The position entails much more than just dispensing tickets. Very often the job requires skills in diplomacy, accounting and public relations.

For the past three years, Becky Meek has been responsible for ticket office sales at Bowling Green. That the University would hire a woman in this demanding position is unusual, but then Mrs. Meek is rather unique. A grandmother, she joined the University staff after she had worked at a saving and loan company for 21 years. As she explains it, "I felt I was getting in a rut. I wanted a new challenge." She recalls that the position was first offered to her daughter who decided not to take it. Thinking this would provide the change she was seeking, Becky applied. Doyt Perry, who was athletic Director at the time, commented, "I believe this is the first time I ever interviewed a mother and a daughter for a job and hired the mother."

The choice has turned out to be a most satisfactory one for Bowling Green. Becky has that rare ability to maintain her cool at all times. She is able to cope with a multitude of problems diplomatically and efficiently and keeps the ticket operation running smoothly.

Actually, handling ticket sales has become something of a family affair. Becky's husband, Don Meek, works at the Bowling Green post office but donates many evenings and Saturday afternoons to the ticket office, and their son David, 14, can be found at nearly every football, basketball, and hockey game selling programs.

From her recently remodeled office below the stadium Becky supervises the many aspects of her job. Of course, she is completely responsible for all over-the-counter tickets and all season tickets for the home football, basketball, and hockey games. She also handles all the accounting and bookkeeping for each game, numerous mailings, and program sales.

But that's only the beginning. In addition to a 40-hour week, she also works five Saturday football games, 12 basketball games, and 18 hockey games. Then there are 11 high school basketball games in the state tournament which is held at the end of the basketball season, and Becky covers those, too. The list is endless. At the end of the season, Becky prepares reports on attendance at every home game.

Spare moments, and some busy ones, are often devoted to trouble shooting. Forgotten tickets must be replaced, season ticket holders who are not satisfied with their assignments must be relocated, and last minute requests for seats for VIP's and coaches who are recruiting must be filled. Becky handles them all pleasantly and efficiently. Jim Krone, director of tickets and athletic promotion, says of her, "she has a remarkable capacity to maintain her poise with the public even under times of acute stress."

This unflappable characteristic has stood Becky in good stead in a variety of situations. One instance she recalls occurred on a Saturday morning as she was preparing for that day's game. Around 11 a.m. things seemed to be pretty well under control, and Becky decided that she had time to grab a cup of coffee before the onslaught of visitors. She hurried into the equipment room, as she often did for a quick break, and suddenly came to an abrupt halt. There was the football team, in varying stages of undress, preparing for the game.

It would be hard to say who was more surprised — Becky or the players. Becky coolly decided to get the coffee she came for and then made a speedy exit. As she left, Glenn Sharp, equipment manager, called after her, "Next time you do that, just call out, 'Boys close your eyes. I'm coming through.' "

Becky is a sports enthusiast and she enjoys having the opportunity to work with the coaches and meet the football players. However, since she has been in the Athletic Department, she has not seen one University football game. She is too busy selling tickets. Jim Krone says, "She is really special. You can count on one hand the number of people who would put in so much time so willingly."

She is very proud of her son's accomplishments in sports. He plays baseball, basketball, and football, and she never misses a game.

Becky doesn't view herself as exceptional. She says, "I don't see why more women don't handle this type of job. It keeps me busy, but I don't have any trouble."

Right now Becky is working on a unique goal. In the three years that she has been with the University the Stadium has never had a capacity crowd. Her dream is to see the Stadium completely sold out.

Bring On Toledo!
By Rick Brechmacher

Picture this: The rain is falling at a steady rate. The practice field is a sea of mud, the yard stripes hardly visible. But the 144 Falcon bandsmen are practicing for Saturday's game. The charts have been studied and the important thing now is execution. The leaders stand on either side of the field, barking directions to the rain-soaked players. Each move must be perfect. A mistake could be costly. And the key word is always HUSTLE!

This scene is typical of Falcon Marching Band practices as the bandsmen prepare a new show for each home football game. Whether the day is hot or cold, wet or dry, the Falcon Band is always hard at work. The minutes spent on the field each Saturday are backed by many hours of rehearsal.

The Falcon bandsmen arrive in Bowling Green ten days prior to the beginning of classes for their pre-season training. Each day of this period is filled with hours of hard work in preparation for another marching season.

All freshmen seeking a position in the band report to campus first, and, under the guidance of squad leaders, are introduced to the system of marching used by the Falcon Band. It is important that each member works hard to perfect the routines and recognize the whistle calls.

One day later, all the veterans join the freshmen and are refreshed on what the freshmen have been learning. As the system becomes more familiar, enthusiasm and excitement grows in anticipation of putting everything together.

A typical day during this pre-school period consists of a rehearsal on the field from 8:30 to 10 a.m., an indoor playing rehearsal from 10:30 to noon, followed by lunch. After lunch, the band returns to the field from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and rehearses indoors again from 7:15 to 9 in the evening.

Each aspirant is given a fair chance to prove himself worthy of membership and no hasty decisions are made by director Mark Kelly and his assistant, Jon Piersol. These two seek the right blend of playing ability, marching ability, desire and spirit in each candidate, for every member must not only be a fine individual, but he must be able to work with the group.

The selection of 120 regulars and 24 alternates is finally made, and the bandsmen are ready to put all they have learned into practice.

The remainder of the pre-school schedule consists of preparing the pre-game routine and the first halftime show.

After classes begin, the hours of work on the marching field decrease, but the rehearsals become more intense as the bandsmen must now make every minute count.

The rehearsal schedule now includes field practice on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4 to 5:45 and an indoor playing rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons. Each weekend of performance, the band also rehearses on Saturday morning.

Prior to the march to the stadium, the band has a final indoor rehearsal at 12:10 in the Ice Arena which the public is invited to attend. It is during this concert that final reminders are made about the day's show.

As the band comes on the field to enthusiastic cheers, all the hours of work are rewarded by the exuberance generated in the stadium. These hours of work and the dedication of each member are what makes the Falcon Marching Band an important and enjoyable part of football at Bowling Green.

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- Western Mich Fight Song
- Gentle On My Mind
- Alma Mater
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“Only Four More Minutes”


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Western Michigan University, with an enrollment of nearly 22,000 on its campus at Kalamazoo, is the fourth largest state university in Michigan in number of students and diversity, complexity and level of academic programs. Created in 1903 by the Michigan legislature as a two-year teacher-training school, Western has since grown to a point where it now offers doctorates in five areas, specialist (6th year) degrees in seven subject matter areas, and master’s degrees in 54 academic areas. The first doctorates were conferred in 1968 and more than 50 have since been granted.

Western’s faculty of some 1,150 utilizes 25 campus buildings to conduct classes, mostly on the newer West Campus. The University has its own Board of Trustees, appointed by the governor of Michigan.

Western operates on a year-round schedule, with two 15-week semesters (fall and winter) and two 7½-week sessions (spring and summer) during which more than 17,000 students attended this year (10,300 in the spring and 7,000 in the summer), thereby gaining maximum utilization of its physical plant. A degree can be earned in two years and eight months.

During the previous fiscal year W.M.U. granted 5,391 degrees, including 1,162 graduate degrees.

Some of Western’s more outstanding academic programs include a new master’s program in preparing teachers of disadvantaged youth, the first such graduate program in Michigan; a highly advanced paper science and engineering curriculum of B.S. and M.S. degrees; a speech pathology and audiology program accorded world-wide acclaim; a School of Librarianship; a renowned Blind Rehabilitation Institute to train teachers of the blind; a printing management degree program; and the largest occupational therapy department in the nation.
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KEN WATSON, FB (25)
Detroit, Mich.

KEITH PRETTY, TE (80)
Allen Park, Mich.

TOM ELIAS, LB (39)
Plymouth, Mich.

BERNARD THOMAS, DT (74)
Vandalia, Mich.
MIKE WEGER: A LION HUNTING THE GOOD LIFE

Mike Weger is the modern professional athlete personified.

He's a celebrity, fashionplate, businessman, social gambit, and also one heckuva football player.

Weger's current status at 26 years of age is remarkable, considering the fact that only ten short years ago he suited up for his first varsity football game at Bowling Green Senior High School.

From BGHS he advanced to heroics on the Falcon gridiron, and from there launched a pro career with the NFC's Detroit Lions.

Now entering his fifth pro season, Weger has adopted a life style not uncommon to handsome, vigorous young men with professional athletic prowess.

His off-season employment stints include computer marketing and sales, professional modeling, appearing in television commercials, working in business investment, and touring the banquet circuit.

His lovely wife, Linda, matches that pace as one of Detroit's leading fashion models. She is in demand as a top advertising model, and also appears in showings of new and elite fashions. Her work involves frequent travel — including a recent trip to Hawaii on assignment for VOGUE magazine.

For entertainment, the Wegers enjoy the theatre, cinema, horseback riding, scuba diving and "partying with friends."

Although Mike Weger's off-the-gridiron world is a stylish, dramatic success, he is a football player first and foremost.

When asked about specific plans for the future he replied "I really don't have any. I'm still young as a football player, and right now that career is the most important thing. I've been shopping around for good investment opportunities, but outside of that, I'm concentrating mainly on football."

That concentration has served Mike well in the past, and will probably do so for years to come.

He was drafted ninth by the Lions in 1967, and played his rookie year on the "bomb squads" — more deliberately known as the "specialty teams". The following season he replaced Bruce Maher as a starting defensive back, and has played on Detroit's first defensive unit ever since.

Weger has never been a spectacular, dashing football player, but always a steady and aggressive one. Teammates Lem Barney and Dick LeBeau are more publicized for their work in the Lion's defensive secondary, while Weger simply gets the job done.

In 1968 he picked off five interceptions, in '69 grabbed three more, and last season snagged a personal high of six.

He was slowed by torn ankle ligaments in pre-season activity this year, but is now healthy and starting once again as the Lions' bid for a Central Division flag.

Weger's fondest memory as a Falcon occurred in 1966, his senior year, when BG upset Miami, 17-14. "We went down there and spoiled their Homecoming," he recalls. "We weren't supposed to win that one, but (P. J.) Nyitray came in, we burned 'em, and were all those people surprised!"

Mike's career as a Falcon boasts one exclusive honor — that of being named BG's first and only major-college All-American. The Associated Press tapped him in 1965, his junior year, as a defensive halfback.

He also garnered first team all-MAC honors in '65, and repeated the following season while serving as Falcon team captain.

Weger's trek from BG stadium to the glitter of big-city life has been a short and dramatic one. But if his current success on and off the gridiron has spoiled his ego or good judgement, it's certainly not apparent when the young man speaks his mind.

It is apparent, however, that Mike Weger is a stylish, good-looking, aggressive type, with a zest for life, a beautiful wife, and a confidence that breeds good money and good fortune to boot.

INTERCEPTION BY THE BG LION
Ed. Note: Ever wonder what would happen if you asked the sons and daughters of football coaches to write or draw about anything dealing with football or their father? Well, anything can happen as evidenced by the following creations.

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My Dad, The Coach

My Dad is a coach. He’s not the kind of man to sit around and watch t.v. He is a hard worker and works on my grandpa’s house. On Sundays he looks at football games and keeps us from looking at our shows. Dad also turns to the news when we are looking at our own shows. He’s the boss of the whole family. He took us to Baltimore, Maryland, for our vacation this summer. He taught us how to do cartwheels, roundoffs and to stand on our hands. He is very concerned about our school work and is always the first one to see our grade cards. Dad cooked a big feast on my mom’s birthday, and he is a chef in a kitchen. He’s very handy at fixing things around the house and can fix flat tires too. He takes us to the A & W root beer stand on Sundays on our way home from church. He gets a pint of root beer for us girls and a whole quart for himself. When mom doesn’t have time to go shopping, Dad takes us girls and goes shopping, and he gets what ever we ask him to. During football season he has little time to spend with us because he’s always out on the field. As long as Dad enjoys it, we do too.

Patti & Connie Jackson
Age 6    Age 8

KIRT KISSELLE
AGE 7

JEFF RUEHL
AGE 12

KEITH KISSELLE
AGE 4
THE YEAR OF THE SOPHOMORE -- A LA 1955

By DEAN ROACH
Sports Editor
Daily Sentinel-Tribune

Ed. Note: The editor extends his thanks to Dean Roach, sports editor of the Bowling Green Daily Sentinel-Tribune, for his interesting analyses of Bowling Green’s 1955 football team which was as dependent upon sophomores as the current 1971 squad which is enjoying the “Year Of The Sophomore.”

When this, the “Year of the Sophomore” for the Bowling Green Falcons, started coming closer into focus as each freshman game passed last year, we started to wonder when the last time such a fine group of sophomores made their appearance in Falconland.

So, we dug out the record books and started perusing each and every one, and we found that the last time a Falcon team depended so greatly on sophomores was back in 1955, in Doyt L. Perry’s first year at the helm — the year that winning football started to become a tradition at Bowling Green with a 7-1-1 record.

And, as we combed the record books, we quickly were attracted to two names on the sophomore roster in the 1955 season.

One was a 165-pound quarterback from Canton Lincoln High School and the other was a 165-pound halfback from Fostoria High School. Sure, we had heard of those names before. Now let’s see. That quarterback was a guy by the name of Don Nehlen and that halfback was a guy by the name of Carlos Jackson.

This year, as Coach Nehlen directs this fine group of sophomores and tries to weld them together with the returning upperclassmen, and as his assistant, Jackson, works at developing the outstanding corps of pass receivers, they must think about that 1955 season when there were 29 sophomores on the 48-member Falcon squad.

Some of the other sophomores on that 1955 Falcon team who performed well and helped bring that winning tradition to Bowling Green were Dill Asher, a big (in those days) 215-pound center from Bowling Green High School; Vic DeOrio, a nifty, shifty 5-foot-6, 155-pound “bruiser” from Nehlen’s team at Canton Lincoln; Ed Janeway, a fine end and punter from Monroe, Mich.; Larry Kelly, a tackle from Canton Lincoln who later coached under Nehlen at Canton South; Karl Koepfer, a 210-pound tackle from Swanton; and Tim Murnen, a 195-pound guard from Toledo Whitmer, who Coach Perry contended was the best all-around football player for his size that he ever coached.

In 1956, there were 26 sophomores on the Falcon roster, including such later stars as Larry Baker, 220-pound tackle from Shelby; Don McFayden, 180-pound halfback from Chicago Morgan Park; Chuck Perry, a 152-pounder from Logan, W. Va., who did nothing but kick, and who is now president of Florida International University, where Doyt Perry (no relation) is advisor to the athletic department; Bob Ramlow, a halfback from Cleveland John Marshall; and Ray Reese, an outstanding lineman from New Philadelphia.

So, then, we checked the statistics of the 1955 season to see how well those sophomores performed, and we learned that Jackson led all ground gainers with 816 yards and he and Giroux led the scoring with 48 points. Giroux was second in ground gaining with 580 yards.

Nehlen, by 1956, was the No. 1 quarterback, and he completed 26 of 49 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns, and his punting average had jumped to 36.8 — and it was the play of Nehlen and the others, by now juniors, who paced the Falcons to their first-ever Mid-American Conference championship on the way to an 8-0-1 season.

Some of the new sophomores on hand by 1957 were Ron Blackledge, and Tom Colaner, a pair of ends from Canton Timken; Bob Colburn, a quarterback from Dayton Fairmont who was to replace Nehlen at quarterback; Jerry Dianiska, a hard-driving fullback from Cleveland West Tech; Dave McClain, a 183-pounder from Upper Sandusky who now is Doyt Perry’s son-in-law and is the first-year head coach at Ball State University in Indiana; Chuck Ramsey, a 205-pound guard from Wellston who now is an assistant coach at Wichita State University; Jerry Roberts, a sure-handed receiver from Toledo Waite; Fred Schmidt, a good halfback from Canton Lincoln; and Bob Zimpfer, a mild-mannered but rugged 230-pound tackle from Sidney.

Nehlen, in 1957, completed 36 passes in 70 tries for 499 yards and four touchdowns, but his punting average dipped to 27.8 yards. The Falcons went 6-1-2 and were second in the MAC. The three years of the sophomores were history.
FANS RALLY TO BLIND CAGER’S AID

by GUS SCHRADE, Sports Editor, Cedar Rapids Gazette

Anyone who mistakenly thinks a college athlete is quickly forgotten and neglected when his usefulness is exhausted should hear about James Speed.

Jim came to the University of Iowa in September, 1970, as a highly-publicized junior college basketball star. He had been named to the all-California JC team the two previous seasons at Imperial Valley, averaging 23 points and 20 rebounds a game.

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When Schultz got back to Iowa City that weekend, members of the Alumni Association had arranged for a huge state staged benefit in his behalf. They gave him gifts, arranged to have his name put on the ring for the 1970-71 season, and raised $8,000. Iowa promised him his scholarship—room, board, books and tuition—would be continued whenever he chose to use it.

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By May 1, 1971, the fund had grown to $14,300. When the news spread, money also was received from people back home in Shreveport, and from those around El Centro, Calif., who had watched him play JC ball.

Although his illness had no connection with athletics, the University of Iowa picked up the tab for Jim’s medical bills. The state of Iowa gave him a free training course at its school for the blind in Des Moines.

When he finished there, he planned to return to the University to finish his education. Iowa promised him his scholarship—room, board, books and tuition—would be continued whenever he chose to use it.

If a man had to have such terrible misfortune, at least he could be thankful he had a coach with as much feeling and thoughtfulness as Schultz. The Schultz family had Jim’s mother stay at their home for two months during Jim’s illness. They gave him gifts, went to see him, drove him everywhere, catered to his every need.

Round-the-Clock Shifts

Jim’s teammates didn’t neglect him either. His roommate was Ken Grabinski, junior forward from Clear Lake, Iowa. Ken and the other Hawk-eye players arranged around-the-clock shifts to sit with Jim during his feverish illness so he couldn’t accidentally harm himself in the hospital.

“It’s still amazing how this could happen to Jim,” said Schultz. “Iowa City is practically one big medical complex. Yet this illness struck him so swiftly that his sight was gone before doctors could battle it.”

Speed complained of a heavy cold the week prior to Thanksgiving. He didn’t think it was important to tell the team physician that he had a history of sinus problems, probably because he hadn’t been bothered during the two school years he spent at Imperial Valley in the California desert.

An unfortunate coincidence occurred. Last November 27, Jim told his coach, “My teeth are killing me.” So Schultz directed him to the university dental clinic, where he had two carious molars removed.

Jim was back watching his teammates practice later in the afternoon. But a few hours later he developed a headache. After a nearly sleepless night, he returned to the dental clinic and received a mild medication for pain. The teeth sockets were healing normally.

That was Saturday, November 28. Next day Schultz went to Chicago for a Big Ten basketball meeting and wasn’t able to fly home until Monday. He called to Iowa City Sunday night, however, and learned Speed had phoned Mrs. Schultz to say he could not go to classes Monday because the headaches were worse.

When Schultz got back to Iowa City Monday, he decided to see if the headaches were caused by something more serious than tooth extraction. Dr. W. D. Paul, team physician, immediately sent Jim to the student infirmary.

“Unreal Timetable”

“The timetable of this thing is un-real,” Schultz said. “Jim had only a half-degree of temperature when we checked him into the hospital that afternoon. Yet between midnight and 4:30 the next morning it had leaped to 104.”

Experts in ophthalmalogy and neurology were summoned. They discovered from a spinal tap he had meningitis. But the real culprit was a severe swelling of the ethmoid sinus cavities. His eyes were swelled shut, cutting off the blood supply to the optic nerve.

Not only did this quickly destroy his eyesight, but his very life was endangered because of pressure on the brain. An emergency operation probably saved him from suffering brain damage.

“Once this infection was solidly under way,” said Dr. Maurice Van Allen, professor of neurology who headed the team of physicians, “I am of the opinion nothing could have been done to save his sight. The pulling of his teeth had nothing to do with it. This merely was a red herring that delayed finding out what the real problem was.”

It must always be a world of darkness for James Speed. If the damage had been to the cornea at the front of the eyeball, there would be the possibility of transplant. But the retinas at the back of his eyeballs were so badly scarred he will never have any useful vision.

Jim isn’t alone in his darkness. Big-hearted Iowans and others—sight unseen—have forked over $14,300 to help this unfortunate young man find a pathway to guide him in the years to come.
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Most Extra Points Attempted: Game: 22 Carl Bachman Vs. Findlay, 1921; Season: 80 Carl Bachman, 1921; Career: 583 Vern Wireman, 1968-70
Most Punts: Game: 14 punts Vs. Ohio University, 1947; Season: 80 Tom Lawrence, 1969; Career: 147 Tom Lawrence, 1968-70
Most Yardage Punting: Game: 503 yds. Vs. Ohio University, 1947; Season: 2923 Tom Lawrence, 1969; Career: 5342 Tom Lawrence, 1968-70
Best Punting Average: Game: 53.3 Bill Bradshaw Vs. Ohio University, 1953; Season: 44.0 Bill Bradshaw, 1953; Career: 42.2 Bill Bradshaw, 1952-54

TEAM GAME RECORDS

Net Rushing Yardage: 590 yds. Vs. Findlay, 1921
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Most First Downs Rushing: 22 Vs. Western Michigan, 1956
Most Passes Attempted: 48 attempts Vs. West Texas State, 1969
Most Passes Completed: 26 completions Vs. Marshall, 1969
Most Passes Intercepted: 7 interceptions Vs. Xavier, 1946
Most Passes Had Intercepted: 5 interceptions Vs. Western Michigan & Toledo, 1954
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Pictured above (left to right) are Frank and Steve Vamos, Falcon Club "Honorary Coaches". The 1971 Ford LTD and 1971 Buick LaSabre are Falcon staff cars courtesy of Vamos Ford and Vamos Buick.
There’s a basketball renaissance in the planning stages for the Falcons with first-year coach Pat Haley determined to rebuild the Falcons into a cage power similar to the Nate Thurmond-Howard Komives championship teams of the early 1960’s on which he was a starting guard.

The 30-year-old coach immediately went out and recruited what could develop into the best freshman team in BG history. But unless the NCAA grants instant eligibility for freshmen, the likes of 6-9 Bill Howard and 6-8 Cornelius Cash from Dayton Dunbar’s state runner-ups; 30-point-plus all-grants instant eligibility for freshmen, went out and recruited what could which he was a starting guard.

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By JACK R. MCLAIN

Time really passes. When you're doing something you really enjoy and are fortunate enough to work with so many fine individuals, you just don't realize how fast the years pass. What I'm trying to say, I guess, is that it hardly seems possible the Mid-American Conference has reached its Silver Anniversary milestone.

All the same, every minute of this period has been most rewarding and gratifying to me personally for I am one of the football referees fortunate enough to have been accorded the opportunity and privilege to serve the MAC since its inception in the winter of 1946-47.

During these 25 years, I have come into contact with scores of excellent coaches, players and officials. Names which readily come to mind include Woody Hayes, Johnny Pont, Ara Parseghian, Frank Lauterbur, Johnny Gill, Bo Schembechler, Don Peden, Dutch Trautwein, Kermit Blosser, Trev Rees, Doyt Perry, Harold "Andy" Anderson, Tony Hinkle, Johnny Brickels, Herb Royer, Carroll Widdoes and Bill Hess among the coaches.

Also, many exceptional players too numerous to mention and a long list of fine officials. At the risk of missing someone, these would include Jim Beiersdorfer, Dan Teahan, Russ Finsterwald, Joel Burghalter, Carlisle Dollings, Lowell Wrigley, Fred Swearingen, Harry Kessel, Bob Baur, Ralph Vandenberg, Al Sabato, Fritz Graf, Paul Tripinski, Don Hamilton Jr., Don Wedge, Jim Langhurst, Russ Rupp, Bob Daganhardt, Bud Shopbell, Don Elsas, Bob Whetstone, Sam Devine, Gus Skibbie, John Hogan, Carl Brubaker, Del Groezinger, Al Hixson, George Ellis, Ernie Roush, Howard Wirz, Frank Baird, Harold Rolph, Jack Rhodes, Ray Dodez, Pete Lanigan; Frank Luzar and Bob Hepler.

Many officials who got their start in the MAC have reached the heights of this much-maligned and often misunderstood avocation by "graduating" to the professional leagues. The MAC has been such a great preparatory media, in fact, that some of its officiating alumni have worked in professional playoff games, league championship games and yes, even the Super Bowl!

I would be remiss if I failed to mention here that many of these achievements did not come about by chance. Officiating associations were responsible for some of the progress detailed above but, insofar as the Mid-American Conference is concerned, a great deal of credit belongs to Dr. Reese, Robert C. James and now Fred Jacoby — the fine gentlemen who have given the Conference exceptional guidance during their regimes as Commissioners.

An official really is a wonderful creature. You can criticize him but you can't intimidate him. You can question his judgment but not his honesty. He is fair play personified. He is a hard-working, alert, determined individual who keeps sportsmanship uppermost in his mind. He doesn't run, ruin or rule the game; rather, he is a much-maligned, misunderstood individual determined to make his own small yet significant contribution to the American way of life through service to athletics.

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The 1970-71 athletic year at Bowling Green State University certainly had its moments. Both to remember and to forget.

Likewise, the 1971-72 season will also have many exciting events. Again, both to remember ... and to forget.

Just in case you might want to remember and forget some of those moments, the following list of “happenings” should whet the appetite of all Falcon sport fans.

SID SINK ... seven-time track & cross country All-American falling in the cinders during the mile run at the MAC track championships ... then coming back an hour later to win the three-mile from Western Michigan's Jerome Liebenberg with a final lap burst of speed in the meet-record time of 13:36.3 ... A month later at the NCAA championships in Seattle, Sink would run the fastest steeplechase ever by a collegian (8:30.9) in defending his national championship in a race which somehow got lost in the shuffle of television coverage supplied by ABC's Wide World of Sports ... Fortunately CBS tuned in next week at the AAU meet when Sink set his sensational American record of 8:26.4 in the steeplechase.

THE REVOLVING DOOR POLICY ... Doyt L. Perry Day on Nov. 14 produced tears in the eyes of a great man on the eve of his “retirement” as Falcon athletic director ... Perry retired in December and Bob Bell, the man from UCLA, replaced him in January ... Three months later, Bell left the University and Dick Young jumped from his seat on the bench as BGSU baseball coach into the athletic director's chair ... Doors also opened for Bob Dudley, “dean” of assistant football coaches, who stepped up to become an administrative assistant to the athletic director and supervisor of the golf course; Pat Haley, the “fifth” man on the Howard Komives-Nate Thurmond teams, who replaced Bob Conibear as head basketball coach, and Don Purvis, ex-N.Y. Yankee farmhand, who became head baseball coach shortly after his Aquinas College Tommies scored a 13-8 win over Bowling Green.

JOY OF VICTORY AND THE AGONY OF DEFEAT ... Phil Villapiano, AP honorable mention All-American and now Oakland Raider property, forcing his fourth Western Michigan fumble and receiving a humble compliment from the Bronco P.A. announcer who explained: "'Cause the fumble again was Villapiano. Thank God he's a senior." ... Happiness Is Homecoming: BG 44, Kent State 0 ... Reserve quarterback Don Plusquellic's gallant generalship of a last-minute drive vs. Miami which failed only because of Tim Raybuck's last-second knockdown of a pass intended for Gary Schafer in the end zone ... Stu "The Shoe" Shestina's 38-yard field goal with 64 seconds left to beat Marshall, 26-24, seven days before the tragic air crash which brought sadness and death to the college football scene ... For The Future: Freshman Footballers go 4-0, Rip Toledo, 69-12 ... Cross Country team runs winning streak to 15 with 10-0 undefeated season ... Dave Wottle, forced out after two miles of the MAC cross country championships with a leg injury, would run no more for the next nine months ... Without Wottle, harriers run well to finish eighth in the NCAA championships with Sink placing eighth in individual competition ... Soccer team extends nationally-ranked Michigan State into overtime before bowing, 4-2, after last-second goal in first overtime period ... For second year in row, Dayton Flyers score identical 72-70 win over Falcon basketballers on basket by John Bitter (of all people) with one second left ... Then there was the night that Miami (MAC champs and NCAA tournament team) came to town and left a 78-68 loser ... Marquette (ranked second in the nation at the time) also came to town and departed with a 96-74 win which didn't even come close to telling how good they were ... The icemen (hockey team) cometh on strong with 7-4 victory over nationally-ranked Clarkson and pair of wins over Notre Dame ... Icers just miss cracking top ten teams ... With six freshman as starters, wrestlers go 11-6 with 22-14 shocker of Western Michigan rating top billing ... Freestyle relay victory in final event passes swimmers to 57-56 upset victory over powerful Ashland ... Golfers take 10-team Falcon Invitational championship in driving wind and rain as no swinger breaks 80 on BG course ... Lacrosse men led Syracuse (ranked 17th in nation), 7-6, with minute to play ... lose out, 8-7, on pair of goals in final 46 seconds ... The "big" game for Midwest championship went to Denison by 7-2 count ... Stickmen still finish ranked 23rd in nation as John Brizendine wins All-American honors ... Baseball team loses three, one-run games to Miami ... Team drops 10 one-run affairs in first 20 starts ... Doug Bair tosses one-hitter at Western Michigan in 3-0 win ... Bair strikes out 21 batters in 4-3 win over TU ... Cincinnati (NCAA tournament team) falls twice in doubleheader by 5-2 and 8-1 counts ... Tennis finds junior Bill Oudsema taking conference title at second singles ... Whittaker Track scene of Central Collegiate Championships ... In final home race, Sink becomes first runner since Jesse Owens to win six CCC titles as he takes steeplechase and three-mile runs to win most valuable performer laurels for second time in three years ... Summer activity is highlighted by Falcon athletic department softball team which wins Bowling Green American League championship ... but that's another story.

For a mini-preview of things to come, here are some capsule comments:

BASEBALL — In 1971, the BG baseball team compiled a 19-21 record and
finished fourth in the MAC race with an 8-6 record. Twelve of the defeats were by one run. The Falcons will have a new coach in 1972. Don Purvis, a 1960 graduate of BG and a former N.Y. Yankee farmhand, has replaced Dick Young as coach. All-MAC second-baseman Rod Allen and MVP shortstop Gary Haas head up a group of 11 returning lettermen. For additional information contact the baseball office (372-2401).

BASKETBALL — Pat Haley, ‘63, will enter his first season as head coach with seven junior lettermen returning from last year’s 7-18 team which finished sixth in the MAC with a 2-8 mark. For openers, Haley went out and recruited what is regarded as one of the nation’s top 25 freshman teams. For additional information, contact the basketball office (372-2401). John Heft and Ivory Suesberry are assistant coaches.

CROSS COUNTRY — Sid Sink will be the only runner not returning from the 1970 team which rolled to a 10-0 season and finished third in the MAC meet. The Falcons also were champions of the 29-team Notre Dame Invitational and All-Ohio meets and were second in the Central Collegiates. BG placed eighth in the NCAA championships. For information, contact coach Mel Brodt (372-2401) or assistant coach Lloyd Crable (372-2401).

FOOTBALL — A game where you watch the figures on sweaters, instead of in them. Without it, you wouldn’t have to be reading this program.

GOLF — BG’s 1971 golf team fashioned an 11-3 record and repeated as champions of the 10-team Falcon Invitational. The linksmen finished fifth in the MAC championships. Low scorer Rick Faulk (78.3) will lead six returning lettermen into the 1972 season. For information contact Coach John Piper (372-2876).

HOCKEY — The Falcon icers expect to shoot for a rank among the nation’s top 10 teams during the 1971-72 season after rolling up an 18-12-1 record and winning the MidEastern Collegiate Hockey Association Championship last season. The six leading scorers are back headed by sophomores Gerry Bradbury and Mike Bartley and junior Gord McCosh. For information, contact Coach Jack Vivian (372-2964).

INDOOR TRACK — Bowling Green doesn’t have one. However, ageless Senior Sid Sink (yes, he has one quarter of eligibility left) and a healthy Dave Wottle could team up to give BG a shot at the NCAA indoor championship. For information, contact coach Mel Brodt (372-2401) or assistant coach Lloyd Crable (372-2401).

LACROSSE — in 1971, the lacrosse team fashioned an 8-3 record to again rank as one of the best teams in the Midwest. The Falcons were 6-1 in the Midwest Lacrosse Association for second place. BG lost 13 seniors but perhaps the finest group of freshmen in the history of the sport will be instantly eligible next spring. For information, contact Coach Mickey Cochran (372-2401).

SOCCER — Coach Mickey Cochran (372-2401) will have 13 returning lettermen on hand this fall from last year’s squad which posted a 4-5-1 record. As usual the Falcons will play the best teams in the Midwest.

SWIMMING — Coach Tom Stubbs (372-2673) will have 12 lettermen returning from last year’s 6-7 team which placed fifth in the MAC championships. Sophomore sprinter Steve Breithaupt should be one of the league’s best this season.

TENNIS — There were no seniors of BG’s 1971 net squad which had an 8-9 season and placed fifth in the MAC meet. Senior Bill Oudsema won the MAC second singles title and Junior Tom Lightvoet was second at first singles. For information, contact coach Bob Gill (372-2876).

TRACK — Bowling Green’s 1971 track team had another banner outdoor season behind All-American Sid Sink. The Falcons had 6-3 dual-meet record; placed sixth in the 46-team USTFF meet; fifth in the 50-team Central Collegiate meet; fifth in the MAC meet, and first in the Wayne State Invitational. Junior All-American Dave Wottle will head up the 1972 team. For information, contact coach Mel Brodt (372-2401) or assistant coach Lloyd Crable (372-2401).

WRESTLING — The freshmen who led the Falcons to an 11-6 season and fifth place in the MAC championships will be sophomores in 1971-72. Most valuable performer Dave Wolfe (190) heads up what should be an excellent team. For information, contact Coach Bruce Bellard (372-2876).
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