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Tennis team starts 2-0 in MAC

Todd Koehler uses his forehand at second singles
Softball team uses the broom vs. OU

by Erik Pupillo
sports writer

The softball team wanted to pull out the broom as it squared off against Ohio University in a four-game series this weekend. Not only did the Falcons bring the broom, but they provided the dustpan as they swept up the remains of the Bobcat team with a four game sweep.

The weekend sweep improves the Falcons record to 21-9 over four game series this weekend.

The Falcons jumped all over OU in the first game Friday when they got one run in the first and two in the second to build a 3-0 lead.

Pitcher Jody Record boreed the broom, but they provided the defense to win a 3-2 nailbiter. The win improved Record's ledger to 13-2.

"It was a constant rain shower and I thought our players maintained their composure real well and they hung on to start our weekend off great," coach Jackie Joseph said.

In game two, the Falcons proceeded to pound Bobcat pitcher Julie Moreno early as shortstop Tricia Askins scored Rachele Highfill with a second inning single.

Highfill inflicted more damage in the fifth inning when Highfill knocked in Missy Clay and Kellen Kophach with a two-RBI triple. Thirdbaseman Dena Romstadt then immediately scored Highfill with an infield single.

With a 4-0 lead at her disposal, Lisa Mountjoy pitched flawlessly the remainder of the game, silencing OU bats on the way to a 4-0 shutout. The win was Mountjoy's first in her last three starts and it improves her record to 6-7.

"The goal for today (Friday) was to win both games and we accomplished that," Joseph said.

"Lisa had a real strong performance and we scored four runs for her. The defense really backed her up and she pitched confidently."

Saturday's first game was a pitchers' duel as Record and Bobcat pitcher Jennifer Glanville both allowed one run in the first and then mowed down the opposition allowing no more runs during the scheduled seven innings.

The action stagnated until the bottom of the eighth when Karen Applebaum led off with an infield single. OU then brought in relief pitcher Julie Moreno, who faced 1-0 to the MAC title, we have to play consistently and get the wins against teams we should beat.

OU coach Chris Miner thought that this year's Falcon squad may be one of the strongest in seasons past.

"BG is playing very well. They're a lot stronger on an overall basis compared to last year. Their pitching is extremely tough and their fielding has improved drastically."

The Falcons pack their bags and hit the road to play Kent State on Tuesday afternoon.

Students respond to ticket policy

The BG News: Monday, April 13, 1992

We are writing in response to the article "Ticket plan for OSU announced," (The BG News, April 2). While we realize there are only a certain number of tickets allotted by OSU to BG fans, only distributing 1,000 of these to students is appalling.

More than 1,000 students support the Falcons during games when they have a losing season, counting us. Having such a small number of students at the Buckeyes game, while 3,000 other tickets fall into the hands of Falcon Club members and season ticket holders, seems unjust. We realize these people have supported the Falcons as well as we have, but we ARE Falcons, and that gives us a priority.

We are the ones packing the stadium from all corners of campus sporting our BGSU sweatshirts with so much pride in our hearts, and we are the ones sharing that indescribably feeling with the team after yet another win.

No one can measure up to how we all felt on Dec. 14, after winning the California Raisin Bowl. Ask anyone. The worst part about it is the students have to get "lucky" in order to get a ticket. Although we haven't paid the $100 minimum contribution the prospective Falcon Club ticket holders have, or the price of season tickets, we've all paid the team something deeper - our pride, our confidence and our loyalty.

Our intent is not to say these other fans do not deserve tickets to the game, of course they do. Our point is it seems those who have invested the most spirit rather than the most money should be in the stands Sep. 12, and it is unquestionable who that group is - we are, THE STUDENTS.

All we want is an opportunity to share such a big game with our team, we feel we have earned it right along with them.

Tanya Daniels
Junior
Psychology
Shanaan Garman
Sophomore
Criminal Justice
Tiffany Garman
Sophomore
Fashion Merchandising
Shana Keller
Sophomore
Business
Baseball team baffled by Bobcats

The baseball team dropped a pair of one-run games Saturday at Ohio University.

The finals were 6-5 and 8-7 with Scott Stalker and Dwayne Callaway taking the losses.

On Friday, the Falcons were shut out twice by the Bobcats, 5-0 and 2-0. Greg Sharp and Jeff Brown were the losing pitchers.

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The Falcons Chad Davis makes a head first slide.

Young loses no-hitter, game

(AP) -- Sorry Matt Young, you don't get a no-hitter.

Young pitched eight no-hit innings Sunday for Boston but lost 2-1 to Cleveland. Unfortunately for Young, the no-hit rules were changed last season.

An eight-man committee on statistical accuracy, chaired by commissioner Fay Vincent, ruled what qualifies as a no-hitter as far as Major League Baseball is concerned.

The panel voted unanimously to define no-hitters as games of nine innings or more that ended as complete games.

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"I don't know why the commissioner took away my no-hitter," said Melido, who pitched six hitless innings for the White Sox at Yankee Stadium on July 12, 1990. "It doesn't make sense."
Minnesota turns up the heat on netters

by Randy Setter
sports writer

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Hockey team took Toledo by storm

by Chris Abbazzese
contributing writer

The Toledo Sports Arena is filled to its seated capacity - around 5,160. With fans still clamoring for tickets, standing room only seats go on sale. The arena crowd grows to 5,300.

This year sellouts were fairly common, sometimes two or three weeks in advance.

Is the Sports Arena promoting another top of the line, general admission concert for the Toledo rock 'n roll faithful? No.

Then what is this unexplained phenomenon that took Toledo by - uh - storm?

Exactly. It's the Toledo Storm, a minor league hockey team which was the hottest ticket in town since they took the ice.

The Storm, along with teams from Columbus, Dayton, and Raleigh, North Carolina, played in their inaugural season in the ECHL - a league which has grown from five to 15 teams in four short years.

Fans came out in droves to see the Storm wreak havoc on their East Coast Hockey League opponents. The team - which is an affiliate of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings - ended the season in first place in the ECHL's Western Division.

Ed Corwin, Public Relations Director and play-by-play voice of the Storm on 95.7 FM explained some reasons for the team's popularity.

"We always felt Toledo would be receptive to a minor league hockey team but we did not expect the quick response we've gotten," Corwin said.

Toledo previously had a minor league hockey team called the Goaldiggers, but they folded in 1986. If this season's attendance is a sign of things to come, it looks as if there isn't a chance in Toledo that the same thing will happen to the Storm.

Average attendance of a Storm home game was 4,768 - good for the fifth best in the league. This figure isn't too bad for the first year expansion team, considering the arenas boasting the biggest crowds in the ECHL are considerably larger than the Sports Arena.

The Storm also claimed the highest percentage of sold seated capacity in the league. On the average, over 90 percent of the Sports Arena's seats were filled for Storm home games.

Many people came out to spend a night watching the Storm, including many families looking for affordable entertainment.

According to Corwin, the organization's philosophy at its formation in the fall of 1990 was to provide "family entertainment at a reasonable price."

Playing games on Sunday afternoons during football season - which put the Storm in direct competition with NFL football for Toledo's sports viewers - was one gamble the organization took to encourage a large family audience. Six Sunday afternoon games were held this season with relative success.

Families and students on a budget can afford to ride the Storm. They offer discounts of $2 for kids and discounts for students with a valid student ID.

Ticket prices make it affordable to bring the whole family to the game.

The expansion of hockey leagues is along sure sign that hockey's popularity is looming larger than ever.

With the popular resurgence of hockey - evidenced by the growing number of cities that are applying for membership to the NHL and for other minor league franchises - it's no wonder the Storm enjoyed a wildly successful season, much like their parent team.

The Storm is part of the Detroit organization's developmental team. Detroit lends the Storm players they have drafted to get them ready for the NHL. The Storm is two levels below the NHL, much like AA baseball is two levels beneath the major leagues.

The Storm is one of the luckier minor league teams that actually receives good support from its parent team. As Corwin went through a list of players on other teams, it was easy to see most parent teams only contribute two to four players to their minor league affiliates. The Red Wings are different.

"(The Red Wings) have supplied us with more players than any other NHL team has supplied an affiliate," Corwin said.

Detroit contributed seven players.

See STORM, page six.

Woods now has something to prove

CINCINNATI (AP) - Ickey Woods has struggled with knee injuries and a fall from grace since his sensational rookie year with the Cincinnati Bengals in their Super Bowl season of 1988.

Now the running back is hoping to prove that new Bengals coach Dave Shula should keep him on the team.

Woods, a Plan B free agent last winter, received no offers. An inflamed knee forced him to limit his participation in the Bengals' mini-camp for veterans this weekend.

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He has reconstructive surgery on one knee in 1989, one year after his 1,000-yard rookie rushing season.

He has missed 26 of the Bengals' last 49 games and has undergone surgery on both knees since a training-camp injury last year.

Woods said he had a feud with former coach Sam Wyche.

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players to the current Toledo roster. That number was as many as 10 this year.

This year, two Storm goaltenders were called up to the Detroit team and are currently under contract.

Coaching is another facet of the Toledo organization that needs little improvement. Head coach Chris McSorley is in his third year of coaching in the ECHL and has a good handle on the team and its style of play.

Corwin suggests that the Storm plays a "combination of physical and aggressive play with a finesse skating style." Playing in a small building like the Sports Arena lends itself to a physical style of team play.

"A physical style) does not necessarily mean fighting but could refer to finishing off a solid check," Corwin said.

While the regular season was kind to the Storm, the playoffs were not as inviting. The Storm dropped a first round best-of-seven Riley Cup playoff series to the Louisville IceHawks 4-1. How did the first season rate with Corwin?

MEN

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one doubles against Eastern Michigan. He lost the singles match 7-5, 5-7, 4-6 and the doubles match 4-6, 4-6 while teamed with Westmeyer.

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Clark to donate stipend

by Kirk Pavlich
The BG News

Acting University President Eloise Clark announced Friday she will not accept the additional stipend she had been scheduled to receive for her extra duties this semester.

The surprise announcement came during the University Board of Trustees meeting, while Clark was delivering the president’s report to the board. She said the decision came because times have changed since the original stipend was awarded to her by President Paul Olscamp.

“In view of the changed budgetary climate in the state, and our consequent inability to provide salary increases for BGSU employees, I intend to use my stipend as a donation to the foundation,” she said.

The $10,000 stipend Clark would have received will be used to endow scholarship support for University students in financial need.

The question of whether certain administrators and faculty members were receiving an addition to their pay was discussed at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday. Various senators were upset that they would get no pay increase or pay cut, while some higher-paid employees might be receiving an increase.

See Trustees, page two.

Skating Sib

Jill Davidson (left) and Shannon Riley keep tabs on Davidson’s niece-to-be Chelsea Hunnicut skates down the ice at the Ice Arena Saturday night. More than 500 people took to the ice with their siblings and friends.

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At least 17 to receive market increases

Editor’s note: The following is a partial list of University employees who are scheduled to receive “market adjustment” pay increases.

• Robert Babich, assistant football coach;
• Gary Blackney, head football coach;
• Jack Bush, assistant football coach;
• Eloise Clark, acting president and vice president for academic affairs, 1/1992-1/30/92, (donated to scholarship fund);
• Mike Faragalli, assistant football coach;
• Paul Ferraro, assistant football coach;
• Gail Hanson, assistant director of development/research, alumni and development, effective 7/1/91;
• Peter Hutchinson, associate vice president of academic affairs and economics professor, 2/1/92-6/30/92;
• Patricia Jenkins, financial accounting systems liaison, 's office, effective 2/1/92;
• Cheryl Joyce, coordinator/learning services, WBGU-TV, effective 7/1/91;
• Louis Kutzner, associate vice president for research, dean of graduate college and philosophy professor;
• Robert Lashefsky, assistant football coach;
• Terry Malone, assistant football coach;
• Tony Pusateri, assistant football coach;
• Scott Seelig, assistant football coach;
• Cheryl Tekata, University public art director, public relations;
• Arto Wodoli, assistant to the vice president for University relations, effective 7/1/91;
Barbera to speak in May
Board picks Flintstones' creator for graduation

by Kirk Pavlich
The BG News

Joseph Barbera, co-chairman and co-founder of Hanna-Barbera Productions, Inc., will deliver the commencement address May 9, the University Board of Trustees announced Friday. Barbera, whose creations include Yogi Bear and The Flintstones, will speak to the nearby 2,000 students expected to receive degrees during the 10 a.m. ceremony at newly-named Doyt L. Perry Stadium. Hanna-Barbera Productions, Inc. is the sole producer of the world's largest library of animated entertainment. Barbera and partner William Hanna have worked together for more than 50 years. In other business, the Bowling Green State University Stadium was officially renamed Doyt L. Perry Stadium, Friday, in honor of the long-time Falcon football coach who died last month. The change was unanimously approved by the trustees.

Board Vice President Nick Mileti, a long-time friend of Perry, said the change is important because most people believe the stadium is already named after the coach. Actually, the playing field had been named after the school's winningest coach.

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In another report, Christopher Mileti said Friday he was impressed with Clark's decision and believes it will reassure faculty that everyone is being treated fairly.

"I think it is a tremendous example and I think it will serve to reduce divisiveness [among faculty]," he said.

In another report, Christopher Dalton, vice president of planning and budgeting, painted a grim picture of possible funding cuts from the state.

Dalton said the "reduction exemption" afforded primary and secondary education, along with the state's inability to reduce spending on human services and prisons, would greatly increase higher education's share of the cut. January's cut to higher education reached 29 percent.

"It appears likely that the percentage of the cut higher education will cover will be greater than 30 percent," Dalton said. "This is because much of the rest of the [state's] budget is impossible to cut -- or is deemed impossible to cut."

Trustee John Mahaney Jr. said he could not believe the state government would be foolish enough to think an increased faculty load at each university would solve all of the state's financial problems. He received the Post-Corbett Award, a regional award for achievement in the arts, in 1986 and 1988, and the New York Film and Television Festival's Silver Medal for best documentary as producer of "Artists in America" in 1983. Tickets to the banquet are $20 each for members of The Friends and $25 each for the general public. Reservations to attend must be made no later than Friday, April 17. Seating is limited. For further information, call (419) 372-2006.

Asian program hosts dinner

Representatives of Ford Automotive Group and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Co. will present their views on cars, cultures and cooperation between Japanese and American companies at a University dinner meeting Tuesday. Sponsored by Bowling Green's Asian Studies Program, the fifth Japanese-American business dinner meeting will take place in the University's Ice Arena Lounge.

R. Allen Patrick, associate director of Ford's Business Strategy Office, and Kenneth S. Brown from Ford's Public Affairs Office will discuss "Competing in the Asia Pacific Automotive Markets" at 5:30 p.m. Toyota representatives James M. Wiseman, general manager of public affairs for Toyota Motor Manufacturing U.S.A. and Kaz Sato, public affairs specialist, will present "Toyota Motor Manufacturing."
Miami U. cuts spending

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) -- Miami University's board of trustees on Saturday approved $3 million in budget cuts to meet an expected 5 percent decrease in state funding.

University President Paul Pearson recommended the cuts in Miami's budget for the 1992-93 academic year. Miami is receiving $55.8 million in state support for the 1991-92 year. University officials expect a budget reduction of 5 percent, or $3 million, next year as the state copes with a budget crunch.

The trustees approved elimination of 75 faculty or staff positions, all but 11 of which are vacant.

Cuts also will be made in programs including international education and continuing education. Pearson told trustees he received some correspondence from people upset about the program cuts, but added the reaction wasn't strong enough to convince him to modify them.

The cuts are in addition to a 9.2 percent reduction in state support Miami has experienced since January 1991, Pearson said.

A selective hiring freeze has been in place at Miami since November 1991.

"The cuts are indicative of what colleges across the state and nation are facing," university spokesman Richard Little said Saturday. "Because of the hiring freeze, we've been able to deal with the cuts in the most humane way possible, but we don't know what's around the corner because of the state's budget situation."

The university's main campus in Oxford serves about 16,000 students. Miami operates satellite campuses in Hamilton and Middle-}

OSU to cut student aid

COLUMBUS (AP) -- Ohio State University will limit the number of full scholarships it offers in an effort to cut costs, officials said.

The university determined that it couldn't accommodate every National Merit Scholar who might want to attend Ohio State.

Officials said they don't expect the university to lose any Merit Scholars from its fall 1992 freshman class as a result of the move. Ohio State enrolled 102 such students in its fall 1991 freshman class.

There were about 800 National Merit Scholars in Ohio last year.

"Those scholarships are four-year commitments. It gets to be very, very expensive. We just felt we had to put a limit on those scholarships," said David Hothersall, director of Ohio State's honors program.

Full scholarships covering tuition, room and board are valued at about $6,500 a year.

To date, 122 National Merit finalists have said Ohio State is their first choice for this fall. The university expects more than 80 percent of those high school seniors to attend Ohio State.

Students rally for pro-life

COLUMBUS (AP) -- About 150 Ohio college students attended a weekend rally that a speaker called a "pro-life Woodstock."

Organizers had expected about 1,000 people to attend the rally Saturday against legalized abortion. Nate Schlueter, president of Ohio College Students United for Life, said the turnout at the Statehouse wasn't disappointing.

"I don't think numbers are important," the student at Miami University in Oxford said. "We're not here to bring out great numbers. We're here to get college students together and take a stance on this issue."

Students held balloons, carried banners and listened to music provided by Cincinnati Bible College students.

"I look out there and think this is kind of like a pro-life Woodstock," said Schlueter's brother, Greg, who founded the student group. "Ohio is pro-life and our message is going out all across the country."

Speakers included Janet Folger, legislative director for Ohio Right to Life, and Doug Scott, author of Unplanned Parenthood.
Universities review options for child care

by Amy Reynolds
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Small children stack blocks and color pictures with crayons. In a building next door, Mom or Dad studies biology or English for college credit.

As older students return to school in unprecedented numbers – and as schools realize the value of having a research or on-site training center for students studying child development and education – day-care centers on college and university campuses are becoming a hot topic these days.

According to administrators, campus day care has been available traditionally for the benefit of faculty members or members of the community who want their children to learn in a university's academic environment.

"The child-care issue is really still more important among faculty (than students)," said Rita Bornstein, president of Rollins College in Florida. "I think many (returning students) have already addressed the issue because they've dealt with day care a working parents."

While many students have made other arrangements for their children, many don't know what they're going to do, said W. Norman Tognazzini, founder of the National Association of Returning Students.

"I'm not as optimistic," he said of older students who need campus day-care services. "It's just not there for the need. About 53 percent of households are single-parent. They are always in need."

Tognazzini said a preference at some campus centers for children of faculty members is a problem for students.

"Typically, the day care has traditionally been reserved for faculty or administrators' children," he said. "That's a big issue. We've heard some abominable stories from single-parent women returning to school who can't get child care."

Part of the problem is that while many schools are recognizing the need and allocating funds to create or expand day-care programs, others are so strapped by budgetary problems they cannot respond to the growing need.

For example:

- At the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Childrens Center, built in the mid-1970s, struggles with problems of crumbling walls, poor ventilation and rat and roach infestations.

The center, which in January celebrated its 20th anniversary, provides preschool services with a curriculum developed by the university's College of Education. According to center directors, the slots available for students have remained the same over the years, while demand has more than tripled. Because of budget problems, the center does not expect to expand in the near future.
New HIV-2 strain discovered

by Steven Spencer
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SEATTLE -- Only a few U.S. blood centers are testing for a rare but spreading strain of the AIDS virus despite fears that it could slip into the nation's blood supply.

More than 50,000 people in Europe, Africa, India, the former Soviet Union, and North and South America are infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 2, the second virus known to cause AIDS, according to the World Health Organization.

HIV-2 has been identified in at least 37 countries.

The mutation is widespread in Africa, where it is spread primarily heterosexually and has an incubation period of up to 19 years. At least 43 cases of HIV-2 have been identified in the United States and Canada.

Though rare, many experts say there is reason to believe HIV-2 will spread.

"HIV-2 could be a bigger heterosexual transmission threat" than HIV-1, the first AIDS virus discovered, said Michael Wandell, an epidemiologist and director of regulatory and clinical affairs for Genetic Systems.

Systems is the only federally licensed maker of HIV-2 tests.

While U.S. blood centers are required to test donated blood for HIV-1, testing for the rarer HIV-2 is not required. Experts disagree whether HIV-1 tests always will detect HIV-2.

The federal Food and Drug Commission is evaluating a September recommendation by its Blood Products Advisory Committee that mandatory HIV-2 testing be adopted nationwide by June 1.

"Many HIV-1 tests now used are cross-reactive with HIV-2, and the committee's recommendation is being considered "purely for precautionary reasons," FDA spokesman Brad Stone said. "There's no reason to believe ... that HIV-2 represents a significant risk to the blood supply."

The American Red Cross, the federal Centers for Disease Control and the FDA in 1990 said HIV-2 was too rare to spend time and money on testing. The CDC estimated testing every blood donor for HIV-2 would cost $60 million annually.

"In view of the extremely low prevalence of HIV-2 infections in the U.S. population, there appears to be no public health need at this time to screen donors of blood or source plasma for antibodies to HIV-2 with this test," the FDA told blood centers.

"The blood supply today in America is the safest in the world and the safest it's ever been," American Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole said. "We keep a constant eye on the possible threat of new diseases, like HIV-2."

The FDA licensed a Genetic Systems test for HIV-2 in 1990 and a Genetic Systems combination test for both strains in September.

Fewer than 20 of the nation's 2,400 blood banks and plasma centers -- representing 5 percent, by volume, of all the blood collected -- are testing for HIV-2, according to Donna DeLong, Genetic Systems' marketing and business development director.

"I think it is very possible that HIV-2-infected people are donating today in the U.S. and that blood has the potential to slip through and be transfused into an unsuspecting person," Wandell said.

The National Hemophilia Foundation says any additional cost from HIV-2 testing would be "minuscule" compared with the cost of caring for people who become infected with HIV.

The foundation is calling for immediate and mandatory universal HIV-2 screening.

The United States is the principal supplier of Europe's blood products, and some U.S. labs voluntarily test for HIV-2 when exporting blood products to Europe.

A person with either strain of HIV may not show detectable signs of infection for up to six months. The CDC found that half of the reported HIV-2 cases in the United States in 1989 tested negative for HIV-1.

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