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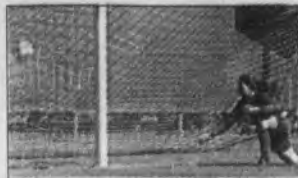
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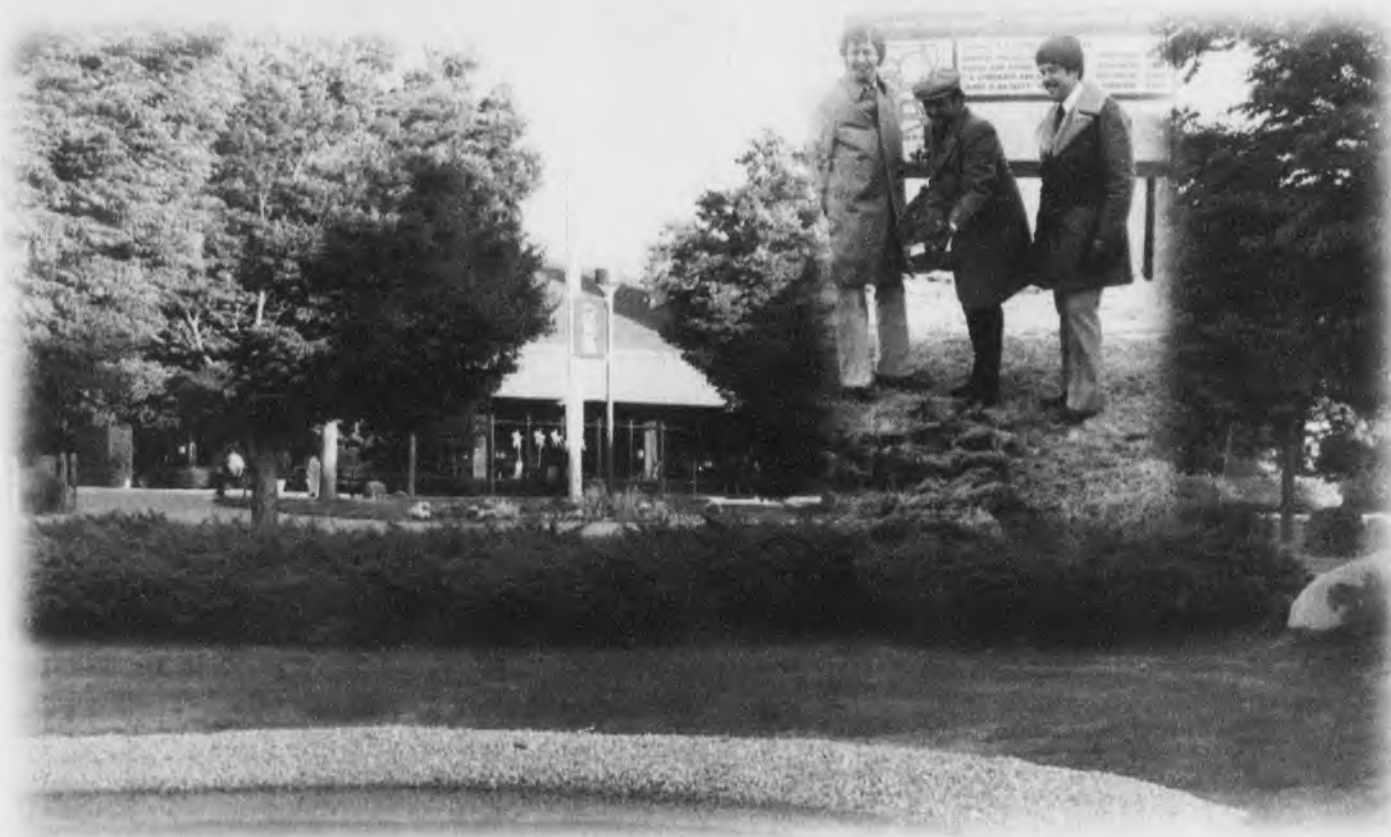


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HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED: This year will be the 25th anniversary of the Student Recreational Center at BGSU.

Student Rec Center set the national precedent in 1979

By Holly Abrams
REPORTER

When the Student Recreation Center opened Jan. 2, 1979, it was the first facility in the nation devoted to general student recreation with no additional fees for students. Few sports facilities existed at the time, and those that did were more traditional intramural facilities.

"We're very proud of this facility because indeed it was the model for practically every recreation center that has been built since 1979," said Richard Bowers, assistant vice president and director of recreational sports. "[Then] this kind of facility just did not exist."

The building originally cost \$9.35 million and took two years to build, and one of the major

draws was the Olympic-size Cooper Pool. While the building has seen many changes throughout the years, it still draws a record number of people each year.

Last year there was a record 515,000 visitors in the building with 70 percent of the student body using the facility once a week, according to Teri Sharp, director of media relations in the department of Marketing & Communications.

Additionally, as of July of this year the recreation center has seen over 9 million visitors in its 25 year history, according to Brady Gaskins, assistant director of recreational sports.

In 1974, students began to express interest in a student recreation facility. At the time there

was only a natatorium and gymnasium in the Eppler complex and the courts in Memorial Hall. While the University saw such an increase in enrollment throughout the 1960s and 1970s, these facilities did little to accommodate the student body, and were used primarily for team sports. From April to May in 1975, over half of the 15,000 students signed a petition to help pay for a recreation center. A \$29 quarterly fee was instilled for the next 15 years for students, faculty and staff to help finance construction of the recreation center.

The infamous blizzard of 1978 delayed progress on the building. In addition, there was controversy over the indoor running

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TIMELINE OF REC CENTER RENOVATIONS

- '79 Student Recreation Center opens
- '82 "Soapercise" Program Debuts
- '86 Fitwell Center Opens
- '88 Outdoor Pace Trail installed
- '89 SRC celebrates 10th Anniversary.
- '90 Fit for Hire program started
- '94 SRC catches fire when roof materials above cooper pool ignite
- '01 Air conditioning installed in facility
- '02 Climbing wall debuts
- '04 25th Anniversary and month long recognition during October.

Kerry visits Lorain County over weekend

By Dan Myers
REPORTER

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry visited Ohio Saturday, his first campaign stop after the second presidential debate.

Senator Kerry greeted a crowd of about 20,000 for a Democratic rally in Lorain County, which has one of the highest concentrations of Democrats in Ohio, according to a rally coordinator.

At Lorain County Community College in Elyria, lines of people waiting to see the candidate stretched for more than a

quarter-mile.

At the rally, Kerry reiterated several of the arguments he made in the presidential debate.

"I will succeed in Iraq where this president doesn't know where he's going," he said, promising to convince countries in the United Nations to provide troops and money for the reconstruction of Iraq.

Kerry challenged Donald Rumsfeld's estimate of 100,000 trained Iraqi police and said the number is closer to 22,000.

"I'm going to get [Iraqis]

trained so our troops can come home," Kerry said.

Health care was discussed in Kerry's speech as well. "Every child in America will be covered, you go to school, you're covered. And every family in America will have the right to buy in to the same health care plan that senators and congressmen give themselves."

To lower health care costs, Kerry described a plan to set up a federal fund that would pay for the most expensive health

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BUST THE RUCK



Steven Garner BG News

EXTRA EFFORT: Andrew Hughes works to escape the foray.

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

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Improvements over the years make Rec what it is today

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track. Some desired a 220 yard track, but compromised with a suspended 190 yard track, the larger of which was not feasible with the set budget. A \$400,000 budget was used to supply the center with equipment such as kayaks, cross country skis and toboggans.

The first All-Nighter, titled "Winter Night Delight," was held in 1979 which included 50 non-competitive tournaments and activities. Events included a horse contest, dog show, movies and a bubble gum blowing contest.

The original facilities included an archery studio with targets, and golf driving nets and golf room. In the 1990s this was turned into a free weights room. According to Bowers, prior to this the only free weight facilities were scattered across campus in the residence halls.

The mezzanine (upstairs) floor of the building was originally a passive recreation area with games such as pinball, bumper pool and foosball. As students' interests changed, the 1980s

brought the replacement of this area with stationary bikes and other cardiovascular and weight training equipment.

Activities that attracted students to the recreation center in the past included ping pong tournaments and indoor Frisbee. In the original facility, Andrews Pool was surrounded by live trees and green carpet. In addition, the vending machines in the facility were stocked with healthy snacks such as yogurt and juice, opposed to the typical soft drinks and chips.

Other past events and programs at the recreation center include "Tipover for Hemophilia," an annual statewide domino competition that was held to raise money for hemophilia.

Also in the early 1980s, the center's staff noticed a significant decline in use of the facility during the afternoon hours. The "Soapercise" program was then started so that students could work out while watching their favorite soap opera.

In 1986, the Fitwell Center was established to test cholesterol, blood pressure and other areas

of physical fitness.

In November, news spread nationwide when Cooper Pool was closed briefly after swim team members complained of hair loss. The pool was later reopened after researchers concluded the hair loss was due to excessive exposure to chlorine.

During the winter of 1988, the recreation center drew enormous crowds. Attendance was up 23 percent compared to the prior year. Aerobics classes during this time drew record crowds of 150 to 200 people per class.

The winter of 1988 also brought about the completion of the pace trail behind the center. The 1/3 mile track was originally lined with lights to measure the distance ran. The University was the first in Ohio to have a lighted trail. It originally had pace lights along the trail to monitor runners' distance but according to Bowers, they became a maintenance problem and were eventually eliminated.

In 1989, the center celebrated its 10th anniversary with the revealing of a commemorative plaque to honor all past, present

and future University students as well as to honor the original student recreation center planning committee members. This plaque is still on display in the main entrance area of the building.

The Fit-for-Hire program was started in 1990, where graduating seniors can be tested and receive a physical fitness certificate for their resumes.

Changes during the 1990s included, the installation of an outdoor sand volleyball court, and new carpeting for the facility in 1999.

Interestingly, in October 1994, roof materials above Cooper Pool ignited when a heating wire caught fire and the building had to be evacuated.

The summer of 2001 brought about one of the biggest changes to the recreation center, the \$2.3 million project to install air-conditioning. Prior to this the center had been periodically shut down because of the intense summer heat. Air-conditioning was part of the original design of the center, but was scrapped due to cost.

As always, equipment is constantly being replaced and updated to suit student's needs. According to Bowers, there were no treadmills in the building 10 years ago. But now they're a popular machine, and usually log 5,000 miles a month per machine during the school year, he said.

Gaskins agrees that many of the changes in programs and equipment are fueled by students' demands and new trends.

This month the recreation center is holding a month-long celebration for its 25th anniversary. Events are planned daily through the month according to Gaskins. Activities include "Try it Tuesdays" where students and staff are encouraged to try out new programs and classes.

"It's designed to expose students to activities that aren't typically thought of at the Rec," Gaskins said. There will be weekly trivia contests and weekends focused mostly on family activities.

The main focus of the month will be an open house to be held Homecoming weekend. Photos and displays showing the

progression and growth of the recreation center over the last 25 years will also be shown. The center will host the Alumni Association's 5K Run/Walk and following it will have a reception for alumni, primarily former student employees at the recreation center, Bowers said.

The most recent updates to the center include a new welcome center at the entrance, and changes in the pro-shop. A recreation management and security system will be put in soon where members will swipe ID cards to enter the building and monitor demographics of who uses the facility. This system is expected to be completed in January.

"People come into this building and can't believe that it's 25-years-old because its maintained so well," Bowers said. "We have a great deal of pride in it and our student employees are a wonderful asset as well."

The Center of Archival Collections was used in writing this article as well as past Key yearbooks. In addition, records kept by the Office of Marketing and Communications were used.

Pres. candidate an Ohio regular

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care cases. This, Kerry said, will lower premiums for all health care recipients.

Kerry offered a single method to pay for his proposed policies. "We're going to roll back that tax cut for folks making more than \$200,000 a year," he said.

Many attendants holding pro-Kerry signs, such as "Firefighters for Kerry" and "Women for Kerry," cheered and applauded many times during the senator's speech.

Ohio House representative

Sherrod Brown introduced Kerry, preceded by representative Marcy Kaptur and former senator John Glenn.

Sharon Woolbright, a 23-year-old student of Lorain County Community College, attended the rally. "This year I'm into the election and I wanted to hear [what Kerry had to say] for myself," she said.

Woolbright was decided on voting for Kerry before going to the rally. "I really believe Kerry could do a good job," she said. "I believe that we'll be in a better position than we are right now."

Political organizer helps citizens hold politicians accountable

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the power to hold a politician accountable on the issues and can demand change when necessary. In many cases, a politician's future employment will lie in the hands of a voter bloc, especially when a massive number of people have signed on.

"If I can say that you [politician] won by 300 votes, and we have a bloc of 500 people, then we have some real leverage," Brown said.

While hundreds of thousands around the U.S. are signing their names in unity, voter blocs in

Bowling Green and the Toledo area have developed a strong following in northwest Ohio.

Local groups like ReachOut of Bowling Green have generated support in the community, and nearly 20,000 copies of a Wood County/Lucas County Voter Guide can be found in bars and stores throughout town.

"I was so impressed, almost to the point of tears," Brown said, after seeing a stack of voter guides for local and national issues in Grounds for Thought coffee shop.

On top of sales at speaking engagements and through the Internet, over 30,000 copies of "How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office" have been sent out to community organizers across the country for free.

"Our publisher, Softskull Press, has been generous in supporting our choice to try and give the book away in swing states," she said. "We've given a bunch to organizers so they could use it as a fundraising tool for their local work. In other cases, we've charged a dollar to help with our travel costs."

Brown also hopes potential readers are not turned off by the accusational language that lies in the title of this book.

"It does not necessarily have to be 'Stupid' or 'White' or 'Men' that need throwing out of office," Brown said. Instead, she asked citizens to place an emphasis on recognizing the intentions of their potential representatives before placing them in office.

"A brilliant mind combined with no heart is the most dangerous thing in the world," Brown said.

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Michigan cracks down on tailgating traditions

TERRY DENBOW,
MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY SPOKESMAN

"I really don't know how this is going to play out," said Schepers, 23, a senior from McBain, Mich. "Some students will try to test it, and some will go along with it. Something needed to be done, but there needs to be more conversations with students."

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ROLF EKEUS, former U.N. weapons inspector, on a report showing that Saddam Hussein destroyed his weapon stockpiles in the 1990s.
(The Washington Post)

OPINION

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Outer space now a marketplace

Call it the Space Race, Part Two.

Part One began on Oct. 4, 1957, with the launch of the Russian satellite Sputnik.

It was a race between governments, a surrogate for the nuclear arms race, a race to the death between capitalism and communism. No one was thinking about ordinary people.

Few were thinking about commercial applications — how people might actually use space or work there. And money was little object.

YOU DECIDE

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Cash, genius, machinery — and, alas, human lives — were thrown in. Win at all costs.

But now it's Part Two, thanks to the space cowboys of Scaled

Composites Inc. of Mojave, Calif. Their rocket, SpaceShipOne, blasted more than 62 miles into space on Sept. 25. Then, on Monday — Sputnik's anniversary — it did it again, soaring 70 miles up and breaking the world record for altitude achieved by a winged aircraft.

For that, its owners won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize for the first privately built spacecraft. The money wasn't important.

The prestige was the thing, the official declaration that a new era

of space flight had begun, and that Scaled Composites had begun it.

Part Two will focus on the little guy — OK, not that little, the guy who can pay \$90,000 for a few minutes aloft. Burt Rutan, founder of Scaled Composites, says his goal is to create a market for "space tourism." Folks will be thinking hard about commercial applications and money, money, money.

Rutan and his mates are self-promoting, business-savvy,

anti-gummint skyjockeys who like to rub NASA's nose in their successes. It spoke volumes that Peter Diamandis, creator of the X Prize, upon presenting the 5-foot trophy, said to the world, "Guys, start investing. The market is here. Sixty percent of the population wants to travel to space."

They already have their first taker: Richard Branson, he of the Virgin air carrier companies. Branson has commissioned Scaled Composites to build a vehicle for Virgin Galactic airlines.

The maiden voyage is scheduled for 2007.

Part One had its romance, courage, and heartbreak. So will Part Two.

The flavor will be more Wild West than nuclear terror, less military-industrial complex than private-sector geek power. Is "Guys, start investing" less stirring than "One small step for man"? Maybe. But think of space as the ultimate in wide-open markets.

To a lot of people, that's inspiring, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Victims never to blame for violence, abuse

This letter is being written in response to the most recent murder in Wood County of Sandra Smith. Domestic violence is a pattern of physically and emotionally controlling behaviors one person exerts over another to gain power. These behaviors make it difficult for a woman to leave her situation or reach out for help. Many people may believe that domestic violence is only physical, but that is not the case. Other forms of domestic violence are verbal abuse, emotional abuse, financial/economic abuse and sexual abuse.

Some women may believe the abuse is her fault. Abuse in any form is never the fault of the victim. It is the abuser who has the problem (not the relationship) and it is only the abuser who can stop the violence.

Leaving a relationship is one of the most dangerous times for a woman in an abusive situation. Battered women more often need medical attention after or while trying to leave an abuser than when remaining in the relationship.

About 75 percent of the calls to law enforcement for protection and help regarding domestic violence occur after separation from abusers. Sadly enough of the women murdered, over half of them have been killed by their partner after leaving the abusive relationship. This does not necessarily mean women should stay in an abusive

relationship, it just shows one reason why a woman may not leave her abuser—the extreme fear of her partner.

Most of us have someone close to us who has been or is in a violent relationship. They need our support. Sandra Smith did nothing wrong, she did not deserve to die. Nor do any other women in an abusive relationship. My heart and prayers go out to the Sandra's family and friends during this most difficult time.

IVY ICKES
BGSU ALUM, DEC. 2003

In honor of Superman, be heard and vote

Superman is dead. This is a day that could never come.

I'm a typical college student. I put off doing my papers, cram for my exams, head out to parties and vow to go to the Rec Center more often. Every semester I make the same promise to myself: Lose ten pounds, read ahead in class, and get involved in fun activities. Unfortunately every semester I seem to only manage to fulfill one of those three things. Why is this? We are creatures of habit and it is most convenient to do what everyone else is doing. Seriously, how many upperclassmen do you know that actually read ahead in their classes? It just doesn't happen.

The most awesome thing about being a transfer student where only half your credits

count is that if you're me, you get to take freshman level classes as a senior. What's so great about this? As many of you have probably heard, look at the word fresh in freshmen.

They have clear minds to stay pure or become corrupt. They are naïve, and freshmen are able to decide for the first time in their lives how they stand on life's important issues. And so in my freshman-level intro to Philosophy class, I have learned some techniques to question myself to see where I stand on many issues. Not where I think I stand, but where my heart lies uncontrollably.

Often we agree with what we think we should agree with simply because it is the easy way out. Often this is good enough, but not now. In probably the most important election ever, we must decide which contender will lead the United States to a promising future, not simply a promising present. As you can see I acknowledge that many of you already know who you will vote for, but I am asking that you look deep down and really look inside.

Christopher Reeve, who died over the weekend, never gave up. It is crucial that as the election comes, we too do not become apathetic. I urge you no matter how comfortable you are to investigate all the candidates and then with an open mind, select the one that you agree with the most. Please vote and show you care, I'm sure it's the one thing we can do now to show Mr. Reeve that we respect his good fight.

AARON KENNELL
STUDENT

CHIPPEWAS ON THE STREET

What is one thing students at BG should know about Central Michigan University?



SARAH CASTILLO
SENIOR

"We love to tailgate."



KELLEY SMITH
SENIOR

"Girls know how to have fun."



LAUREN CICOTTE
SENIOR

"All the hot girls go here."



CHRISTIAN OUSENIK
SENIOR

"We have a lot of hot chicks."

HIP-HOP EXPOSED FIRST OF A 2-PART SERIES

Tupac, Nas, B.I.G. revolutionized rap

I've been listening to hip-hop for many years. Artists such as MC Hammer and LL Cool J were often the artists my brother and I blasted from our stereos. Rap music has changed a lot since then.

Many artists had success in the mid-'80s to early '90s, but rap acts nowadays are more successful because hip-hop has gained more mainstream appeal, ultimately meaning more records sold and more money in artists' pockets. The purpose of this article is to acknowledge hip-hop's best rappers and also ones who I feel are over-rated or under-rated. I'm not from the east or west-coast so being bias is not a factor here. This is strictly based on what I have heard from rap's elite.

Tupac Shakur is the world's best selling rapper of all time and often referred to as rap music's most influential MC. I agree with that. Though he is not here in the physical form, we see evidence of his influence in the rap game because many artists sample his lyrics, songs, and often give him shout-outs in songs. Though he is not the most lyrically advanced rapper, his lyrics contained an element that was not present in most other rappers' material.

2-Pac put his heart in his music and he could drop his worst song, and his fans still feel it because they know his heart was there. Controversy helped him achieve superstar status and helped him land several movie roles, plus sell millions of albums.

To add to that, he sold more albums dead than when he was alive and that shows that he practically lived in the studio.

Last but not least, he is one of the few rappers whose work ethic got better over time. What I mean by that is, many rappers enter the game hot but a few albums down the road we see a decline in the quality of their albums. 2-Pac was one of the few artists who actually got better over time and unfortunately, he died at the height of his career.

Had you asked me who I thought was the greatest rapper of all time a few years ago, I would have told you Nas. Though Nas has not had the impact 2-Pac had, I think he is the most lyrically advanced rapper of all time. I don't believe there is anyone in the rap game, dead or alive, who could touch



JEREMY DUBOIS
Opinion Columnist

"Tupac Shakur sold more albums dead than when he was alive and that shows that he practically lived in the studio."

Nas lyrically. Nas has had success but he doesn't sell like many mainstream rappers. He has found a way to sell millions of records and still manage to have the street's following.

I feel he is under-rated and doesn't get the credit he deserves and Nas believes it too. He once said, "don't wait till I'm dead to say I was the best" but the way it's looking, that's exactly what people are going to do. In rap music, it's almost as if you have to be deceased to be considered the greatest of all time.

The Notorious B.I.G. was a phenomenal artist. He dropped only two albums in his life which both were classics. While many say he is the best rapper ever, I believe those people hopped on a bandwagon. Diddy was the first one to say Biggie is the best rapper ever, and shortly after that everyone else hopped on the bandwagon, agreeing especially people in the east coast. Their argument is always the same.

Biggie brought the East back. I agree.

Biggie changed the game. I agree.

Most rappers have more than two albums to their name, but with Biggie they always say quality over quantity. I agree with that too, but at the same time quantity is important because it shows how passionate one is about their work. Biggie is usually in direct conflict with 2-Pac for the #1 position on most people's lists.

Though Nas stated it in no particular order, I think his order was right when he asked, "who's the best? Pac, Nas, and Big."

Jeremy's two-part series on hip-hop music concludes next week. Send him comments at jdubois@bgnet.bgsu.edu.



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A: The Lunch
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"Fall break" sounds like
how you fracture your
arm after you trip and hit
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Dorm room nightlife on fire, literally



JOSH
BENNER

Just Joshin' Ya

All right, I have a column every other Wednesday, and I usually come up with the idea of what I'm going to write about a week or so in advance. Last Thursday I had the idea to write about fire alarms. I told a couple of my friends some of the jokes I was going to use, and at 2:30 that morning, we had a fire drill. That pretty much settled it; my dorm had three last week.

In the beginning of the year, I remember a couple of times where we would have alarms go off, and I would hear people complaining about them, and I always try to be optimistic about things. I'd try to say that it was all for our safety, but now, I think I'd just about rather risk a few of us dying to not be inconvenienced with all of these alarms.

And the drills are always at the worst possible times.

They never happen when you're walking out of the building to go to class. No it's always when you're studying, or showering, or for you, reading my column. It's always at a time that shouldn't have to be disturbed. But I sure do love it when I walk past a different dorm when they're having one of

their alarms.

And there's no way I'm the only one who thinks that, there must be other people who have the same thought go through their minds. You see everyone outside, you're laughing to yourself, "Look at those losers." It's just like when you're going 75 miles an hour on the freeway, and see a line of traffic eight miles long going the other direction. I live for that.

As for the late night drill on Thursday, I hear the alarm go off, and the first thing I did was turn off my alarm clock, but that didn't do anything, so I thought that it was an air raid or something like that. I got out of bed, turned on the lights, started looking around on the floor my jacket (because it's Bowling Green), I looked for it for a minute, but I'm thinking, "This could be real, I can't waste time, I have to get out of here," so I leave without my jacket and go outside.

Honest to goodness, the one time I hang up my jacket is the one time when I need it in a hurry, and I didn't think to look on the hangers.

Most of the people who were out there were just wearing stuff like T-shirts and shorts, and I heard a few people talking. I don't know if I'm a wimp or what the deal is, but I heard people talking normally, and I try to say something to someone and end

up sounding like Jack in Titanic when he's in the water.

In the winter time, we'll probably all have to have clothes set next to our beds so we can get dressed in a moments notice (like what firefighters do), otherwise we'll be dropping like Ramones.

When they let us back into the building, I overheard a police officer say someone had sprayed Lysol which set the alarm off. Who in the world is spraying Lysol at 2:30 in the morning? Was someone walking around, saying "This room is fresh, but not as fresh as it could be?"

I think the smoke detectors need to be changed. If Lysol is setting them off ... come on. Someone said, "It's because Lysol is flammable." Since when do fire alarms need to go off because they sense something that's flammable? Unless it's fire, it doesn't really matter. I mean, air is flammable, the wood desks and bed frames are flammable, and our Vietnamese sweatshop carpeting always looks like it's about ready to just burst into flames.

We also have the tornado drills which are the first Saturday of every month. I heard that go off this month, and I forgot that we could ignore them. I walk downstairs, with a dumbfounded look on my face, and I hear someone at the desk say, "You can just ignore that." So then I had to

downplay it. "No I was coming down here anyway (in my underwear)." All right, that last part was a bit of an exaggeration.

Every semester we have a scheduled fire drill. What's the necessity of that? We have alarms go off every week. Is it really something that also needs to be practiced? "IT'S A FIRE! GET OUT OF THE BUILDING!" How much "drilling" does that take?

Extinguish your questions about fire drills. Josh has the answers. E-mail him at jbenner@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

(Not News continues on page 6, in case you cared.)



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This week: Homecoming

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Sweetest Day: Ugly cars boost women's confidence



MATT SUSSMAN
Sweetest Day Analyst

Sweetest Day is Saturday, and it's time for me to celebrate it the only way I know how — jauntily poking fun at girls' habits. (I can sense all the feminists quietly stroking their rifles, waiting for me to say something offensive during — of all times — Domestic Violence Awareness Month.)

Menfolk with girlfriends are probably in tune to the following stereotype: the bulk majority of females sincerely believe that they aren't pretty. It's a fact of life. In fact, only two percent of women consider themselves beautiful. (I don't know from where I conjured this statistic, but I think I heard it somewhere and it's kind of believable.)

They say society puts too much pressure on our women to be blonde, skinny and possessing big ... elbows. It doesn't help much when any girl who loves the show "Friends" (which now that I think about it, is the definition of a girl) aspires to be as skinny as Jennifer Aniston, whose hair comprises roughly 68 percent of her total body weight, not counting her ... elbows.

Boyfriends don't help much either. When we look deeply into our lover's eyes and tell them they are beautiful, they don't buy it. They will fervently disagree, cover their face and say "No I'm not! I'm hideous! Don't look at me!"

Shame on us. I contend that society is not to blame for unrealistic goals for women's beauty — it's those whipped boyfriends who think they're the most gorgeous woman on the face of the planet. Mathematically speaking, all but one of those boys are incorrect.

One industry is actually helping women feel better about themselves — the automotive industry.

While Hollywood is busy churning out artificial supermodels and bombshell actresses, auto makers are trying to comfort the plain Janes of the world by making the ugliest cars possible.

Case in point: the Pontiac Aztek, heralded by Pontiac as a really cool car, is heralded by me as a sorry excuse to make a dumpy looking vehicle. To top it off, Pontiac gave it a model name that's super-cool because it's spelled differently (in other words, misspelled).

"While Hollywood is busy churning out artificial supermodels and bombshell actresses, auto makers are trying to comfort the plain Janes of the world by making the ugliest cars possible."

Case in point, part deux: the Honda Element. Honda's Web site contends it could be "the most functional vehicle on the road today." I'm not here to argue the practicality of the Honda Element, but everyone knows practical tools (such as Scott Stapp) aren't pleasing to the eye.

(Bad joke time-out: If a Honda Element gets struck by lightning, does it become a Saturn Ion?)

Try this: go to a car dealership and go up to a Honda Element. Ignore the boxiness of the SUV and look right into its headlights and whisper, "You are the most beautiful car in the world."

See if it backs up and flaps its windshield wipers back and forth, screaming, "No I'm not! I'm hideous!" (Then again, maybe that won't happen unless the car is a relative of Knight Rider.)

Carl Jung was almost right. There is a collective unconscious, but it's not among all humans — it's just between women and cars. That's why girls get jealous when guys spend all their time working on their car. It's like cheating.

That's why you have to treat her right on Sweetest Day ... well, that and because Hallmark will go bankrupt and baby Jesus will cry if you don't buy something for this special corporate holiday.

If you buy your girlfriend flowers, she'll love them because they're beautiful, but then the self-consciousness will kick in. "These flowers are beautiful, unlike me," 98 percent of womanhood will think to themselves. Do you want your best girl feeling bad about herself? Good gravy, they're already antsy enough about their ... elbows.

This Sweetest Day, buy your sweetie an ugly car. She'll love it because girls love shiny things. (Feminists are now loading their guns.) When she drives around campus in a Pontiac Aztek, she'll feel like the most glamorous babe in BG, at least comparatively.

Matt drives a Grand Prix, so comparatively he is ugly. Console him at msussma@bgnet.bgsu.edu.



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CAR TROUBLE: The Honda Element, pictured above, is an example of a car that is not very attractive.



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Geeky qualities in women are desirable by boy nerds

DAVE SWINDLE

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After an exhausting dive for pearls in the razor-sharp broken-glass sea of politics, one must rise to the surface for air. Stay underwater too long and the lungs will burst.

It's with that in mind that we take a humorous departure from the expected political ranting.

Still, though — controversial points can and should be made in trivial issues.

Consider this thesis: A girl cannot be a geek.

When a girl or woman exhibits interests that would label a boy or man "nerdy" or "dorky," the female instead appears "cute." Or, to take it an even step further and provoke further debate: female geekiness is often very attractive.

Now the knee-jerk, yet still seemingly legitimate, response to those ideas is, "Yeah, Dave, of course you would find geeky girls sexy, you're a geek yourself!"

Were I insisting that only female geeks of the art film, political, graphic novel, literary, spiritual and countercultural variety — those sharing my own antisocial obsessions — applied, then that would be a valid criticism. However,

it should be noted that the geek-girl who has read the "Harry Potter" books a dozen times or possesses a shelf full of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" paperbacks is cute just as a girl with all seven books of Grant Morrison's "The Invisibles" or a carefully-highlighted copy of Eric Alterman's "What Liberal Media?" is cute.

It's very simple. Consider a guy who owns several seasons of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" on DVD and has thousands of illegally downloaded, old-school Nintendo games on his computer. Quite a nerd, right? Yet reverse the gender and you've got a cute, eccentric young woman with undiminished stock on the dating market.

Of course the thesis is not absolute. There are guys who will object, insisting that their women fit a certain ultra-feminine, plastic mold. Truly though, should one prefer a girlfriend obsessed with make-up and fashion who will drag their poor beloved to the latest "Save the Last Dance" torture session? Or is it better to have a girlfriend who can compete in rounds of "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3" while debating which

Martin Scorsese film is the best? It's "The Last Temptation of Christ," by the way.

In discussing this issue with my friend Tim Birkel, whose lovely fiancée Alissa falls into this category of "geek-goddess," he made perfect sense of the situation, as he's often known to do: "Most guys like at least one thing that is considered 'nerdy' or 'uncool,' no matter how 'cool' they might be. And generally they try to hide it because they think it will make them unattractive to the fairer sex, hence their denunciation of such things as nerdy. But, once they find a girl that has similar interests in 'nerdy' things, they feel free to open up to those girls about being nerdy in one way or another, because they know they won't be judged by it."

Hence, guys like girls with nerdy qualities because it allows us to open up about the inner nerd that every guy has."

If only he and I could agree on the less trivial debates too — like which guy should have his finger on The Button for the next four years.

And it's with that thought in mind that we dip our big toe back in the sea and prepare to dive back into the abyss of the political whirlpool next week.

"Guys like girls with nerdy qualities because it allows us to open up about the inner nerd that every guy has."

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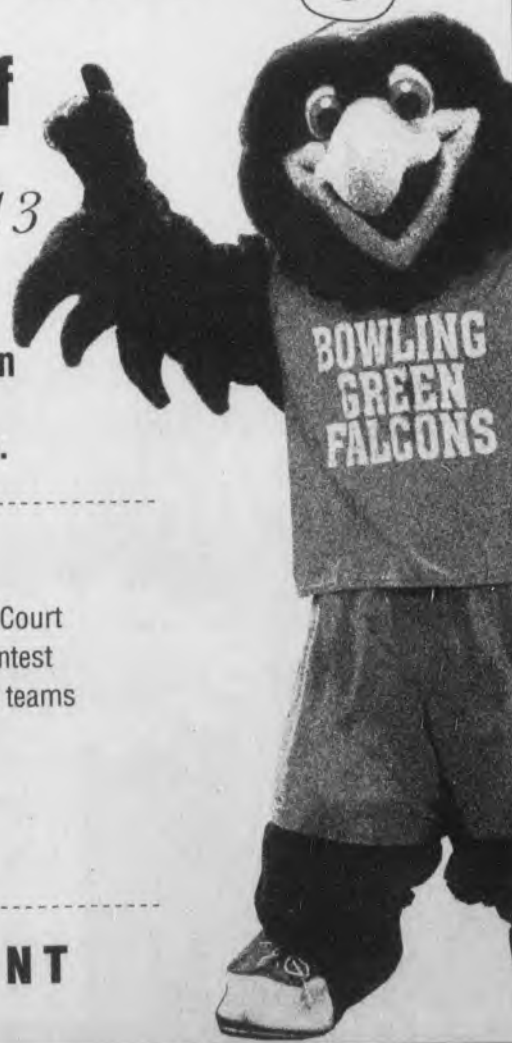
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Football wideouts showing depth this season



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Being a number three receiver can be tough.

The one and two receivers get all the reps in practice, all the touches during the game and all the glory after the game.

But on BG's football team, there is no such thing as a third receiver.

Everyone gets a fair shake and that was evident against Central Michigan Saturday.

Cole Wagner led the wide receivers with nine catches for 113 yards while Charles Sharon (five catches, 60 yards), Cornelius McGrady (three, 52, touchdown) and James Hawkins (three, 26).

"I have confidence in all my receivers," BG quarterback Omar Jacobs said. "I don't think of any of the receivers as better or worse than any of the others. I can go with Steve [Sanders], Chuck or Cole."

Sanders was the one who benefited most from Jacobs' faith in his receivers. The junior wideout, who is normally the third or fourth receiver on the depth chart, caught six balls for 107 yards and three touchdowns.

"Usually going in we have set plays," Sanders said. "We see what is open and as the game

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SPORTS



Omar, oh my!

Omar Jacobs and the Falcons rolled to a 38-14 win over CMU Saturday.

By Adam Hritzak
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Utilizing their offensive machine, the Falcon football team (3-2, 1-1) cruised to a 38-14 victory over host Central Michigan (2-3, 1-1) Saturday.

BG finished with 510 yards of total offense and did not turn the ball over against the Chippewas. Quarterback Omar Jacobs continued his early season success, throwing for 387 yards and four touchdowns. It was the second consecutive game in which Jacobs has thrown four touchdowns, which is his career-high.

"We felt we could throw the football and we did," said Falcon head coach Gregg Brandon. "We did a nice job mixing things up and keeping (CMU) off balance, and I don't really think it was a close game."

Wide Receiver Steve Sanders had the finest day of his career, catching six passes for 107 yards and three scores.

"Usually going in (to the game), we have set plays that we run and just look and see what's open," Sanders said. "As the game went on, it just so happened that a lot of the plays were open for me and my number was called."

Sanders first touchdown was a 25-yard circus catch as he leaped over CMU linebacker James King, tipped the ball to himself, juggled it, then held on for the score.

"Omar made a great throw, he put it up in the air where I could go make a play on it," said Sanders, who also caught touchdowns of 16 and four yards. "I kept my eye on the ball and I made a play."

After being forced to punt on their first possession of the game, BG rebounded with a nine play, 93-yard drive, their longest of the season. P.J. Pope ran in for a one-yard touchdown, his fourth of the year, for the first score of the game.

The Falcon defense gave up 401 yards to the Chippewas, but held them to two scores.

Senior Jovon Burkes and junior Teddy Piepkow each had 14 tackles, which was a career-high for both. Burkes also had the first interception of his career in the fourth quarter.

Coming in to the game, the Falcons concentrated on stopping CMU running back Jerry Seymour, the leading Mid-American Conference rusher. Seymour, who is small and quick, was able to pick up 155 yards on the ground, but never found the end zone.

"There's only one defensive statistic that matters, scoring defense," Brandon said. "I would hope that we would contain (Seymour) a little bit better, but we kept him out of the end zone and that's the key thing."

"He's an excellent little back," Burkes said. "Going in to this game, we knew we had to dominate on defense to give our team a chance, and that's what we did."

Jacobs, who was honored Monday as the MAC Offensive Player of the Week, is using his experienced receiving core to make plays and take some pressure off him. He had success with Sanders, but also connected with Cole Wagner nine times for 113 yards, Charles Sharon

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BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

Volleyball wins two over the weekend

By Jason Dixon
SPORTS REPORTER

A trip to Toledo and Northern Illinois turned out to be just what the Bowling Green State volleyball team needed, at the Falcons snapped a three-game losing streak with a pair of 3-1 wins against the Rockets and Huskies last weekend.

The wins gave BGSU season sweeps over UT and NIU, while moving them to third place in the Mid-American Conference's West Division behind Eastern Michigan and Ball State with a 4-2 mark and 11-7 overall record.

The Falcons' weekend didn't begin in spectacular fashion, trailing the Rockets for much of game one en route to a 30-28 decision.

BGSU head coach Denise Van De Walle said after the game that the team should have captured the opening set.

Nevertheless, the Falcons jumped out to a 9-4 lead at the outset of game two and never looked back as the trio of Maggie Karges, Taylor Twite and Melissa Mohr pounded out a combined 15 kills to propel BGSU to a 30-17 win.

Game three manifested itself into a microcosm of game one with the Falcons playing from behind, until a net violation by UT finally tied the score at 27.

One of Stephanie Swiger's eight kills on the night gave BGSU its first lead of the game, and the Falcons scored the final two points on a hitting error and a block at the net by Swiger to take a 30-27 victory.

The Rockets seemed despondent in the early stages of game four, falling behind 13-7 prompting head coach Kent Miller to use a timeout.

UT responded with a mini run, which closed the lead to four, 18-14, but BGSU went on to out-score the Rockets 12-8 to end the match and give the Falcons their fourth straight win in the rivalry.

Van De Walle called the game four performance "outstanding."

"Offensively, I have to give a lot of credit to our middles...and tonight Mel (Mohr) and Taylor did a great job," Van De Walle said after the game. "This is a great

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Soccer breaks even this weekend

By Danielle Tanner
SPORTS REPORTER

The BG women's soccer team nearly came out of last weekend with a pair of wins, but had to settle for just one victory after a close match against Ball State on Sunday. The squad shut out Miami 2-0 on Friday before battling Ball State to a 2-1 score in a losing effort.

Strong defense was the key in the Falcons' win over Miami. Allowing only one shot and no shots on goal, the team set school records for fewest shots allowed and fewest shots on goal in a match. Miami's lone shot, which did not come until early in the second half, sailed safely over the Falcon goal. BG keeper Ali Shingler was in goal for the shutout.

Offensively, the squad was on top of their game, putting together several successful drives and controlling play for most of the first half. BG forward Gina Rossi put the Falcons on the board at 22:07 when she fought off Miami keeper Megan Ortnor to put away a cross from Leah Eggleton. The Falcons did not

score in the remainder of the first half, but doubled their lead early in the second half. Molly Bremen sent a forward pass in to Britt Anderson, who beat Ortnor on the breakaway to put BG up by two.

The win was the third consecutive victory in the team's first winning streak of the season. The conference victory gives the squad a 2-4-1 record in the Mid-American Conference and a 4-9-1 overall record.

"It was a great result for us," head coach Andy Richards said. "We needed to get at least one win this weekend. Defensively, we were very sound."

Richards said the team played such a complete game, it was impossible to name individual standout performances.

"Everybody did so well. It was an intelligent and efficient performance by the whole team," he said.

Despite such an excellent showing on Friday, the team's three-game winning streak came to an end on Sunday in a match against Ball State that was decided in less than four minutes.

Both teams were held scoreless through the first half before Ball State's Laura Bandy gave the Cardinals a 1-0 advantage at 57:49. Britt Anderson evened the score for the Falcons, sending a free kick past BSU keeper Alison Becker at 60:22. Just 1:20 later, BSU's Dee Nocero scored on a shot from the left side of the box. Nocero's goal proved to be the difference in the match as neither squad was able to score in the last thirty minutes of play.

"We did a very good job responding to their opening goal. I think we scored the best of the three goals, but we just let ourselves down defensively," Richards said. "We should have done a better job hanging in the game. Individually, we didn't really step up."

The team remains confident and has shown steady signs of improvement as the season progresses. They will spend this week preparing to face conference opponents Kent State and Buffalo on the road this weekend.



Steven Garner BG News

USE THE HEAD: Samantha Meister of BG, no. 14, and Vandi Ogden of Ball State keep their heads in the match Sunday at Bowling Green. The Falcons beat Miami on Friday and lost to Ball State to go 1-1 this weekend.

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Falcon receiving corps are prepared for the field

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went on I got open."

Sanders is starting for his second year now, and has begun to play like a veteran of many years. And being on a team full of veterans who have won

the MAC West and a bowl game doesn't hurt either.

"There's no pressure," Sanders said. "We have a lot of playmakers on the team. I know everyone on the team can make plays."

For Sanders, this has become commonplace. Two weeks ago

against Temple, he finished with five catches for 103 yards and a touchdown. The game was Sanders' first 100 yard game of his career and helped him put up the big numbers that has garnered him extra attention from defenses.

On the year, he has 20 catches for a team-leading 345 yards and four touchdowns.

Sanders first touchdown grab Saturday didn't occur until the second quarter when he snagged a 25-yarder from Jacobs and followed that up six minutes later with a 16-yard touchdown pass.

He continued his dominating day on a fade route in the corner of the endzone, giving the Falcons a decisive 28-7 lead that put the game out of reach.

The last catch came on a picture perfect pass from Jacobs, whom Sanders gives much credit to for his catches.

"Omar made some great throws," Sanders said. "It just so happened that I came back and made the catches."

But Sanders' day wasn't flawless. On a drive late in the fourth quarter, Jacobs again found Sanders in the endzone but this time Sanders let the high throw slip through his hands.

"He should've caught that last one," Jacobs said smiling.

Hey, he can't be perfect, but he sure can come close.



Ben Swanger BG News

TOUCHDOWN CRAZY: Bowling Green's Steve Sanders pulls down one of his four touchdown catches this weekend against CMU.

'Everybody wants Omar Jacobs to be Josh Harris'

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five times for 60 yards, and found Cornelius McGrady for a 10-yard touchdown pass, Jacobs fourth and final of the game.

"I have confidence in all my receivers," Jacobs said. "I don't think of any of my receivers less or more ... or who I should go to at any given time. We have a great nucleus of receivers and we're just going out and playing football."

Jacobs consistent play and growth in the system are making for comparisons between him and former BG quarterback, now Baltimore Raven, Josh Harris.

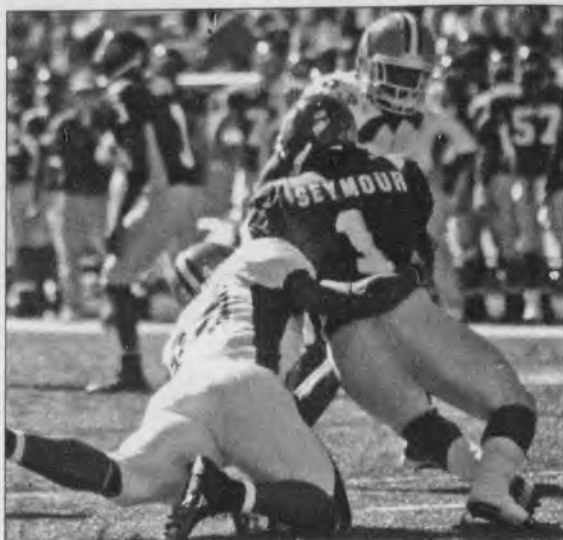
"Everybody wants Omar Jacobs to be Josh Harris," Brandon said. "I think it's interesting that Omar is playing probably better right now than Josh Harris played. I couldn't ask anything more of Omar Jacobs."

Falcon Notes

BG is 14-0 since 2001 when their offense totals 500 or more yards ... Jelani Jordan recorded his first interception of the season ... Wagner's 113 receiving

yards marked the fifth time in his career he has had 100+ yards ... Jacobs ran for 75 yards on 11 carries ... Starting safety Keon

Newson sat out the first half for disciplinary reasons earlier in the week. He finished the game with seven tackles.



Ben Swanger BG News

THE TAKE DOWN: Deandre Perry, front left, and Daniel Sayles of Bowling Green tackle Central Michigan's Jerry Seymour this weekend.

Lady Falcons net two wins over fall break weekend

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win for us...It's always tough to come into their arena [Toledo] and get a win."

Twite led BGSU with 19 kills and a .400 hitting percentage, followed by Karges' 15 and Mohr's 12, including a game-high seven blocks at net.

Setter Amber Mareskihipped in with a game-high 49 assists.

"Once we got going, we seemed to pick up our momentum," Mareski said. "That was definitely a confidence builder... I think we have a psychological edge over Toledo, I don't think

I've ever lost to them."

In the Falcons' four-game victory over NIU 24 hours later, Twite led an offensive barrage with 22 kills, followed by Karges, Mohr and Mareski who combined for 32 kills.

BGSU hit .270 on the night and produced a total of 69 kills.

Karges, Emily Manser, Elizabeth Simon and Christy Gothke led the Falcons defensively with a combined total of 48 digs.

"We started slow in game one with our passing and defense, but once that picked up it was able to help our offense,

especially in game four," Van De Walle said on the BGSU website.

"The three seniors had great leadership," she added. "Amber [Mareski] had an all-around great game, while Taylor and Mel did exactly what senior middle hitters do."

Van De Walle said the Falcons played championship volleyball against the Rockets.

"We know we have a long way before we're hosting the MAC tournament at BG," she said. "But we know that it's all about seeding right now and it was an important win for us."

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Tressel says Buckeyes not divided by QB question

By RUSTY MILLER

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State fans have a new rallying cry: Why not Troy?

Irate fans want Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel to give some playing time to backup quarterback Troy Smith at Iowa on Saturday. Fans have been inundating local radio sports-talk shows, the sports editor of the daily newspaper and online booster sites with the same question: If you're losing games with Justin Zwick, why not try somebody else?

Tressel, however, has repeatedly said Zwick is his starter despite a free fall that has seen the Buckeyes lose their first two Big Ten games and plummet 18 spots to No. 25 in the span of two weeks.

Tressel didn't make any major concessions to the growing Smith Fan Club yesterday, but did indicate that Smith might be able to get into a game for the first time in a month.

"He would have to practice better than Justin," Tressel said of Smith. "Our goal is working to get adequate quarterback play ... so that we can be successful. We measure each guy individually and see if we're moving in that direction."

Tight end Ryan Hamby said the Zwick/Smith debate has moved into the Buckeyes' locker room.

"You know, to be honest, I'm sure there are guys saying, 'Man, maybe we should put Troy in. Maybe Troy should get a shot,'" Hamby said. "But game in and game out every week it's going to be coach Tressel's call, hands down. That's a fact. That's the way it's going to go."

Zwick beat out Smith, a fellow redshirt sophomore, for the starting spot after Craig Krenzel graduated. Throughout spring practices and then through the heat of August, Tressel continually said Zwick had a slight edge on Smith.

Zwick started the opening-game win over Cincinnati but threw two interceptions and fumbled four times. Smith came on late and threw a touchdown pass. Zwick threw two more interceptions the next week as

the Buckeyes barely squeaked by Marshall on a last-second field goal, with Smith making a token appearance.

Over the last three games, Zwick has taken every snap. It may or may not be a coincidence that Zwick has also thrown more incompletions than completions in each of those games and that the Buckeyes have lost their first two Big Ten games for the first time in a dozen years.

In an ugly 24-13 loss to unbeaten Wisconsin on Saturday at home, Zwick and Co. mustered just 224 yards of total offense and failed to score an offensive touchdown for the fifth time in Tressel's 3 1/2-year tenure. Fans booed the play-calling and the team several times in the second half.

Zwick said he played better than he originally thought.

"Right after the game I thought things were a little bit worse than I ended up thinking after watching the film," Zwick said of his 15-for-31 passing day for 125 yards with no interceptions, no TD passes and five sacks. "There's some things to work on, and also some good things."

Smith last spoke with reporters two weeks ago. Asked then if he thought he was getting a fair shot at the starting job, he said, "That's for you guys to decide. I really can't say anything on that because I don't want to put myself in a position where I say (something) ... and the repercussions of what I said has something to do with my

playing time or my future here."

Tressel said yesterday he does not hold it against Smith that he publicly questioned why he wasn't playing.

"I don't hold things against people," Tressel said.

Zwick is 10th in the Big Ten in pass efficiency and ranks 89th in the nation. Ohio State's offense is 92nd of the 117 I-A teams in rushing, 70th in passing and 97th in total offense with Zwick at the helm.

Ohio State offensive lineman Kirk Barton said he saw nothing wrong with putting Smith on the field for at least a few plays, maybe more.

"I think he deserves a shot," Barton said of Smith. "They were neck and neck coming out

of camp, so it's not like the kid's a stiff. He's a great player. He deserves it. He's been working as hard as anyone. I've never seen a harder worker than Troy Smith."

Barton added that the renewed competition might be good for Zwick: "You can't let people get complacent. If a guy thinks he's got the spot regardless of his performance, then he's got to get on the hot seat."

After Saturday's loss, Tressel said he didn't think making a change at quarterback was the answer. He said improvement must be made on the line, at wide receiver, and in the backfield just as much as at quarterback.

Hamby said he and the rest of the offensive players remain

confident in Zwick's abilities. He also said that an improved Zwick won't necessarily make the whole offense better unless the line, receivers and backs are also better than they have been.

"Being the quarterback, it kind of falls on you," Hamby said. "I don't think he's the only one who is not doing the right things."

Tressel has not seen evidence that the Buckeyes are taking sides on the quarterback controversy.

"I haven't heard any discussion or divisiveness," Tressel said. "I haven't seen or heard or felt that."

If that's accurate, the players might be the only people in this city of 718,000 not voicing an opinion on Zwick vs. Smith.



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DIVING FOR 'EM: Wisconsin running back Anthony Davis, left, is hit with a tackle by Ohio State free safety Nate Salley, 21, in the fourth quarter of the Badgers' 24-13 victory over the Buckeyes Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio State Buckeyes have lost two straight games for the first time since Jim Tressel took over as head coach of the team.

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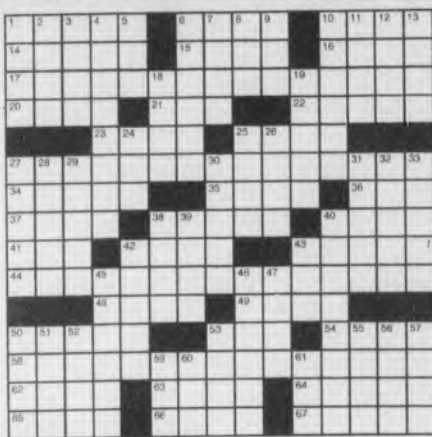
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