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Alumnus promotes book rental program

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan's bill combats high cost of college for students

By Amanda Hooper
REPORTER

To the average college student, \$1,140 is a lot of money, especially when that is how much Bowling Green State University Financial Aid budgeted for a student to spend a year on books and supplies.

Students, administrators and now legislatures are looking for innovative ways to ease the burden.

New legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives proposed funding a study on reducing these costs through textbook rental systems. A bill granting a tax credit for the cost of textbooks was also proposed this year.

For students shelling out thousands of dollars to pay college tuition, buying textbooks is often an afterthought. However, textbooks and supplies at four-year public universities now account for 26 percent of tuition and fees, according to a Government Accounting Office report recently released.

The study found that textbooks prices rose at twice the rate of inflation for the last two decades.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan introduced the Affordable Books for College Act this summer to try to combat the burden. He said he became aware of the issue through his close work with College Democrats at Akron University, Kent State and Youngstown State. The act would start by providing funding for feasibility studies at colleges to

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Candidates give stances on issues at city forum

Students and residents try to improve relationship

By Cassandra Shofar
REPORTER

While strengthening the relationship between students and local residents can at times be challenging, many city council candidates believe that it is possible.

This issue was among many during last night's candidate forum debate held at First United Methodist Church.

The debate, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Bowling Green, American Association of University Women, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and Undergraduate Student Government, is held annually to inform voters about current issues.

"It's to educate voters and get more voters to the polls," said Nicole Messmore, junior.

A constant issue brought forth by many of the candidates is the need to reinforce the relationship between permanent residents and university students.

Second Ward candidate Ashley Gilbert, who is a student at the University, said communication

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Greeks tidy the town

Ten organizations work to improve appearance of the Bowling Green community

By Ashley Lumm
REPORTER

Armed with trash bags and rubber gloves, various Greek members were gathered at the field house yesterday to clean up the Bowling Green community.

Ten sororities and fraternities, including Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Mu, Delta Sigma Theta and members from National Panhellenic Council met to participate in "Greek Clean Up 2005."

This first-time event was organized by the Delta Chi fraternity.

Members want to make this an annual event, depending on the success and response of the community, said Stephen Bickerton, a sophomore and a member of Delta Chi.

Around 100 students, tired and quiet, slowly arrived to meet for this activity, where it became apparent they would probably still be sleeping if they had not participated in this event.

But they slowly came around, and the reason for being there became obvious.

"This is the right thing to do," said senior Tierney Grayson. "This is a good cause. It is good community service. We are not here because we have to be, but because we want to help clean up our community."

Students cleaned up areas on the west side of Main Street and in the residential areas of Wooster Street.

President of Delta Chi, John McNamara, said that they picked that area because they have little student housing and are mostly Bowling Green community members.

"We've been wanting to do this for a long time, and we finally got it together," McNamara said. "We want to show residents of BG that Greeks care and want to help out the community. We wanted to combat negative stereo-types of fraternities and sororities."

McNamara said the area was already pretty clean, so they literally had to search for more trash to pick up.

Greek members also cleaned the yard of Kenwood Elementary school, located near Main Street.

According to members of Delta Chi, the clean-up was a success, and will take place again next year.

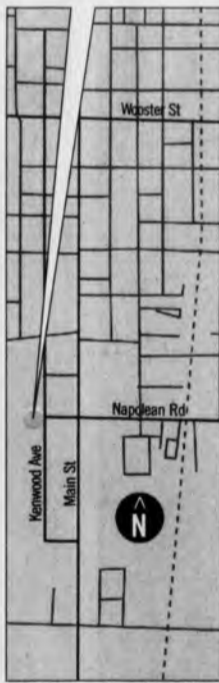
"Once the residents, University Affairs and the students see what we did and show their support, we are hoping for more involvement in the future," McNamara said.

Senior and member of Delta Chi, Chris Prokes, summarized the group's willingness to help.

"Basically we are residents of the community too, so we know it real well," Prokes said. "We wanted to give back because it's a great place to get an education and a great place to live."

CLEANING TIME

A group of 10 sororities and fraternities gathered to clean up the areas on the west side of Main Street in Southern BG. One site they cleaned was the Kenwood Elementary School.



Source: Universal Map
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Storm subsides, chaotic fight starts

Officials evacuate tourists to protect against looters

By Will Weissert
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANCUN, Mexico — Mexicans and stranded tourists, hungry and frustrated after a two-day beating by Hurricane Wilma, stood in line to buy supplies yesterday or simply raided grocery or furniture stores, dragging goods from shops ripped open by the storm.

The hurricane's steady march toward southern Florida meant an end here to two days of howling winds and torrential rains that shattered windows, peeled away roofing and sent the ocean crashing into hotel lobbies. The sun emerged over Mexico's sugar-white Caribbean beaches.

But another kind of chaos took over, as police shot into the air to scare looters away from a shopping center, and looters responded by throwing rocks

and chunks of concrete.

Downtown, officials feared looters would turn on tourists, so they quickly evacuated more than 30 foreigners from a downtown area overrun by people raiding stores. Military officials and police stood guard outside businesses and set up checkpoints to seize stolen goods.

"It's chaos," said fire official Gregorio Ve argara. "They are taking things all over the city."

One group of residents pushed carts against the boarded-up windows of a grocery store in an attempt to break in. At a convenience store, Cancun resident Alex Aguilar took batteries and aspirin.

"The window was broken, so we just went in and got what we wanted," he said.

Others waited in long lines at the few stores that were open. Some American tourists without local currency offered \$100 bills for \$5 calling cards.

Meanwhile, military aid con-

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Eric Steele BG News

GAY PRIDE: Esteban Estrada plays Michelangelo in his one-man show titled "The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol 1."

One-man show portrays history of gays and lesbians

Estrada's show includes singing acting and dancing

By Cassandra Shofar
REPORTER

A sprightly man made six costume changes as he played Sappho, Michelangelo, Oscar Wilde, Gertrude Stein, Sylvia Rivera and Ellen Degeneres with such high energy, it seemed to crackle in the air.

What do all these people on this timeline have in common?

They are all gay historical icons and Latin pop singer, entertainer and showman Jade Esteban Estrada played each of them in his one-man show called, "The Lesbian and Gay History of the World, Vol. 1,"

Friday evening in the Union.

"My show is about fate and destiny — that there is proof of fate and destiny," Estrada said. "I want to remind people inspiration is always sitting next to you."

Estrada enjoys doing a one-man show, where he changes into each character and their clothes while remaining on stage, as opposed to having others work on the set with him.

"Artistically, I can make it exactly as I want, I can change it on a dime," Estrada said. "I enjoy the artistic control and one of my greatest talents is transitions."

Working alongside Jennifer Lopez at the American Musical

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FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

TUESDAY

Shows High: 51°
Low: 34°

WEDNESDAY

Few Shows High: 52°
Low: 34°

THURSDAY

Few Shows High: 55°
Low: 35°

FRIDAY

Scattered T-Storms High: 56°
Low: 37°

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Meetings provide solutions

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is vital. "Students are often looked at as the problem," Gilbert said. "I would like to hold more town meetings [of both students and residents]."

Although Gilbert agrees that holding more town meetings isn't the only solution that needs to be made, she believes it is a significant element in finding a resolution.

"At least it'll be an open dialogue between concerned students and concerned citizens," Gilbert said.

Among the candidates such as Gordy Heminger, first ward candidate, John Zanfardino, second ward councilman and Gilbert, who think this issue holds importance and that communication is key was Third Ward councilwoman Megan Newlove.

"I think it's communication, it just keeps going back to that," Newlove said, adding that she believes communication has improved between students



ASHLEY HARLETT
CANDIDATE



GORDY HEMINGER
CANDIDATE

the differences in opinions," Greaser said, adding that hearing opposing opinions helped clarify some of the issues and people's stances on them.

Gail Greaser, an employee at the First United Methodist Church, felt that many of the questions from the audience that were chosen to be asked to the candidates by the moderator sounded the same.

"All the questions were in the same direction ... there was no diversity," Gail Greaser said.

Although many questions were similar, they demonstrated that the public, as well as the candidates, are concerned with the relationship between students and residents and everything that entails.

Newlove believes students should continue to participate in council meetings and candidate debates because their word is as important as anyone's.

"I think [students'] input is as relevant as any others," she added.

and permanent residents over the past couple of years.

"Personally I've heard from residents on the east side of town telling me they are pursuing relationships with their [student] neighbors," Newlove said. "We have students at council meetings and more students addressing us, I think that's a good thing to see."

Bowling Green employee Jana Greaser felt that the debate was informative to an extent, but there wasn't enough time for each person to really get into the questions.

"They had limited response time, but it was nice to hear

Wilma heads for Florida coast

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voys rolled into the resort town, handing out bottled water and medical aid. City officials distributed food packages of rice, beans, crackers and cooking oil to people standing in lines that stretched for blocks.

Larry Lowman, of Beaufort, S.C., carried away armloads of emergency supplies for the

shelter where he was staying. "It's an expedition to bring food for everybody," he said.

There was little food left on the isolated island of Cozumel, as well, making some people anxious.

"Right now, there is nothing to buy on the island," resident Daniela Ayala told The Associated Press by telephone. "People are in the streets look-

ing for food, and they are starting to get desperate."

The storm knocked out many of the island's docks, making it difficult for navy ships to arrive.

State officials were trying to clear airstrips on Cozumel and nearby Isla Mujeres so that planes could land with aid. President Vicente Fox said the government would send helicopters, as well.

Book rental logistics questioned

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explore the possibility of implementing a successful textbook rental program.

Some colleges across the country have a long tradition of textbook rental programs. At least 20 such programs exist, according to the National Association of College Bookstores.

Ryan, a BGSU alumnus, thinks Bowling Green State University is the type of school that would benefit from the Affordable Books for College Act and the loan it would provide to start a rental service.

"A school like BG is the perfect school, not huge like Ohio State, but not a small liberal arts college," he said. "I think the schools where we really need this are where average middle-class people go and need this help."

However, BGSU bookstore director Jeff Nelson foresees three stumbling blocks with the idea of textbook rental: start-up costs, faculty and students.

"Let's say it costs 6 million dollars to start-up, where are we going to get that money? It could very well cost that much," he said.

Ryan's bill proposed giving up to 50 eligible schools \$25,000 to participate in a feasibility study. If the study found that the school could be successful, then the Department of Education would grant the institution a loan of up to 2.5 million dollars, interest free.

Southeast Missouri State provides a rental system and covers the costs of their program by charging student \$17.25 a course. Jan Chisman, director of their bookstore, said she could not imagine the costs of starting a new rental system since the school has

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U.S. REP TIM RYAN, BGSU ALUM

had one since its founding.

"But, if I were to start some place else, I would start with the lower level classes that a lot of students take," she suggested. "In our program, all sections of a class have to use the same book."

Convincing faculty to agree on the same textbooks could be another problem. Often rental systems are met with skepticism by faculty who fear they will lose academic freedom in choosing the proper course material.

"We don't pick the books at the bookstore," said Nelson. "What we do is based on what the faculty wants to do. They would have to buy in to it."

He said that faculty would have to be able to agree on a uniform book choice and they would have to agree to use the book for a certain number of years for the system to economically work.

But, Congressman Ryan doesn't feel that faculty should prevent measures that would help students save money.

"I've never been a teacher, so I don't know what all the roadblocks would be, but I would think at some level they would want to participate in this," he said.

Another rental program par-

ticipant, Appalachian University in North Carolina, is currently embroiled in a bitter controversy between faculty and students over their textbook rental system, which has been in place for over 55 years.

Last year, its Faculty Senate voted to abolish the system, citing concern for academic freedom. The system is now under review by the newly formed University Bookstore Committee.

Ultimately, students are the ones who would hopefully benefit from a textbook rental program. So, their support is a vital element to success.

Allison Catalano, junior, who spent nearly \$500 on books, believed that she would only use a rental system for certain books.

"I would do it for the introductory level classes that just touch on topics, but I would probably end up buying some books so I could reference them in the future, like for a thesis paper or something like that," she said.

As a bookstore director, Nelson said once you "do the math," it might not be as big of a deal as students think. Some students already found other creative ways of cutting their costs.

Thrifty students waited until classes started to decide if they really needed an assigned book, or they try just copy pages of the book from a friend. Some students shop on Web sites like campusbooks.com, which searches a variety of other Web sites to find the best price for a specific textbook.

Even the University bookstore has purchased books on half.com, according to Nelson.

For now, the University bookstore is employing a different alternative for cutting textbook cost. It was chosen to participate in the Universal Digital Textbook program that offers books in the electronic format. The program allows students to download books for up to one-third of the price.

The program was new for the fall 2005 semester. Twenty digital textbook titles were available for 20 courses. Almost 2,600 students were enrolled in courses where they could use the electronic format. The bookstore sold 19 copies.

Initially, Nelson was concerned that they were not able to sell more copies, but said the publishers consider the amount of interest a success.

Nelson said the bookstore wants to continue to participate in the digital program, and they have had no negative feedback from students or faculty. As far as participating in a rental system, he believes there would be many potential problems to consider at BGSU. He believes the programs may be easier for community colleges to implement since they have more uniformity in their courses and books.

But, logistically, the University bookstore already provides a form book rental as financial aid for post-secondary high school students, as well as for athletes, with the aid of Student Athlete Services.

Gamering faculty support and finding the funds are still concerns, but for Ryan optimism runs high for this innovative way for Congress to support higher education.

"Let's get this up and running," he said. "We spend \$1.5 billion a week in Iraq. It is only going to cost around \$30 million to try this."

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An open forum to discuss local club's dress codes will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Olscamp 101B. Representatives from Junction Bar and Grill, Uptown/Downtown and Student Legal Services will participate in a panel discussion. The Undergraduate Student Government is sponsoring the event.

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Black Swamp Pub 9am - 4:30pm

GREEKS SHOW PRIDE IN WHAT THEY STAND FOR

Today's theme for New Member Greek Week is "Wear Your Greek Pride." Greek students are asked to wear something that represents their chapter, and check in at the Union tables from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. New Member Greek Council also asks that Greeks attend the DUI speaker in the Union Ballroom at 9:15 p.m.

get a life
calendar of events

9:00 a.m.
Art Gallery Exhibit: "Architecture: Design Studios: Selected Works"
Union Gallery

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Amnesty International Recruitment
Union Lobby

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Asian American Film Festival Info.
Sponsored by Asian Communities United
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Alpha Tau Omega Table
Sponsored by Greek Affairs
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Second Annual Muslim Student Association Fast-a-Thon Fundraiser for Katrina Hurricane victims. For more information contact: mamoonaa@bgsu.edu
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
"Wear Your Greek Pride" Check-in Table
Sponsored by Greek Affairs
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Halloween Candy Grams Fundraiser by Sigma Kappa for Alzheimer's research.
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Haunted House Tickets
Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha
Union Lobby

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Blood Drive: Blood Bowl IV Promotion
Sponsored by the BGSU American Red Cross Chapter
Union Lobby

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
UPS Recruiting
Sponsored by the Career Center
Union Lobby

Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Caring for yourself while caring for others: A support group
Women's Center, 108A Hanna Hall

5:00 p.m.
ARTalks presents Annie Sprinkle
Annie Sprinkle is a performance artist/sexologist. She has researched sexuality for thirty years, and has shared her findings through producing and starring in her own sex films and one woman shows, photographic work, teaching workshops and college lectures.
Olscamp Room 101A

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
USG — Discussion of Downtown Club Dress Code
What is your opinion on the Downtown Club Dress Code? Come to Undergraduate Student Government where fellow Students and Club Owners will discuss the Dress Code. Let Your Voice Be Heard!
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Olscamp 101

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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St. Thomas Moore University Parish, Thurstin Avenue

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
La Comunidad/Spanish Cultural Night
Sponsored by Romance Languages
Black Swamp Pub

8:30 p.m.
Charla y Musica
Jeff Peplinski: "Capoeira: The Brazilian War Dance," with music by Los Moteles.
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FALCON FUNNY



Jordan Flower BG News

LOTS OF LAUGHS: Comedian John Heffron drew in a nearly packed house Saturday night to cap off Falcon Family Weekend.

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Writer found innocent

SIUC student accused of fabricating articles broke no law

By Kevin McDermott
KRT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A woman who fabricated an elaborate story about a non-existent soldier in Iraq may have embarrassed the student newspaper at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, but she apparently didn't break any laws there.

That's the conclusion of a prosecutor in Carbondale, who said last Monday he would pass on pursuing any criminal charges against Jaimie Reynolds.

Reynolds has admitted she made up the story of a little girl whose published letters to her

father overseas riveted readers of the campus newspaper The Daily Egyptian for two years.

"I can't see a crime here," Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec said last Monday after reviewing a report from the SIUC campus police department compiled on the hoax after Reynolds' story finally collapsed this summer.

The Daily Egyptian first wrote in 2003 about 8-year-old Kodee Kennings' struggle to deal with her father's departure to Iraq. Reynolds, going by the name Colleen Hastings, presented the girl as her niece, and they both became close friends with students and faculty at the newspaper. Over the next two years, the paper published stories about, and columns by "Kodee."

When confronted after the hoax was exposed, Reynolds told reporters she carried it out to help the career of a friend on the campus newspaper staff.

That friend denies he was in on the scheme and maintains he was among those Reynolds duped with the story.

Wepsiec, the state's attorney, said his review of the police report on the incident focused on the question of "whether there was any money involved" in the hoax, which could have elevated it to criminal fraud.

SIUC's School of Journalism is reviewing the incident, but director Walter Jaehnig said there had been no disciplinary action of any student or faculty member in connection with the hoax.

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Estrada assumes identities

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and Dramatic Academy in New York, Estrada became talented at singing, dance, acting and comedy which he enjoys exercising in his one-man shows.

"Personally, I enjoyed singing in Spanish, but there's just so much more I wanted to do," Estrada explained. "I feel like a lot of artists are cheated about who they are ... I think it's beautiful when artists can do multiple things."

Many people may wonder what inspired Estrada to represent each of the icons he has chosen.

"I really love history and I love historical characters," Estrada said. "I was bored."

He also added that he loves to study human behavior which seems to be captured in the choreography of each of his characters.

"[Human behavior] fascinates me," Estrada said.

Prior to the show, Nicky Damania, Graduate Assistant in the Center Multicultural and Academic Initiative for LGBTQA Programs and Services, anticipated Estrada's performance.

"He's a very high-energy individual, so this show will be phenomenal," said Damania, who brought Estrada to the campus for his first time. "He got really good reviews from other colleges."

"It was very impressive, I never really came to a show like this. It surprised me ... I didn't realize how many [historical] people were gay."

NAOKO SHIMIZU, GRAD STUDENT

After Estrada's vigorous presentation, many people left the room with not only a more educated view of homosexuality, but a more educated view of themselves.

"It was very impressive, I never really came to a show like this," said University graduate student Naoko Shimizu. "It surprised me ... I didn't realize how many [historical] people were gay."

Estrada seemed very down to earth, sitting after his show, signing autographs for everyone while chit-chatting with each person.

Among the people surrounding him was Owens freshman Emily Carros, who was also awed by Estrada's performance.

"He was outrageous and he kept people's attention," she said. "I think he's really trying to educate people. He educated me."

Considering himself a "professional homosexual" who is being his extreme, Estrada believes he is being "the American dream."

"I'm being my extremity and that's not a gay thing, it's not American, it's human," he said.

However, doing a one-man show can have its challenges Estrada added.

"Things go wrong all the time improvisation is your friend or stage," he said. "When things go wrong, sometimes it can be the best thing ... because it's real."

Learning to find humor in oneself is an element Estrada believes holds great significance, especially in his work.

"Laughing at yourself is one of the best things people can learn as a skill," he said.

Estrada's show holds great meaning to him personally as well.

"It's the beginning of my masterpiece — a trilogy," he said pointing at a large mirror on stage, he compared himself to it. "That's my job as an artist to reflect."

Estrada believes great benefits can be gained by this presentation.

"When I do this, I see a whole audience worth of people who could be my next seventh icon," he said.

"The more you look at people's differences, the more you realize that we're all the same."

LOCAL CLEANUP



Julie DiFranco BG News

HELPING OUT: Tammy Smith, left, and Mark Smith help move belongings from the Landrys' home on Conneaut Avenue as part of a volunteer cleanup. The home caught fire Thursday, Oct. 13.

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Students selected to perform with the Athletic Bands will be paid for their participation in the 2004-2005 season as well as receive one course credit in the spring semester.

Rehearsals are:
Sunday, Nov. 6 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 13 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 21 8:00-10:00 p.m.

If selected, attendance at all rehearsals and performances is required. Performance schedule will be available at the first rehearsal. Rehearsal will be held in Kelly Hall (Room 1012) in the Moore Musical Arts Center. If you have further questions, contact the Band Office at 372-2186.

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Garcia gets revenge in return to Cleveland

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — He silenced the boos with his arm, legs and every trick in his playbook. And as his new fans cheered wildly, Jeff Garcia strutted off the field a victorious and validated quarterback.

For Garcia, revenge couldn't have been sweeter — or come in a better place.

Garcia — released by the Browns in February — came back and got some payback by running for a touchdown while leading the injury-ravaged Detroit Lions to a 13-10 win yesterday over the careless Browns.

"It was a great feeling to be back, and to be able to do it in Cleveland made it extra nice," Garcia said. "I'm not going to hold anything back. I play the game with a certain passion."

Garcia, making his first start this season in place of Joey Harrington, scored on a 1-yard keeper in the first half. Jason Hanson kicked two field goals — the second a 50-yarder in the fourth quarter — and the Lions (3-3) overcame some key injuries to stay atop the NFC North.

Detroit's defense intercepted three of Trent Dilfer's passes, sacked him four times and held the Browns to 174 total yards.

"We just fell apart," said Browns running back Reuben Droughns, who ran for 100 yards.

After missing Detroit's first five games with a broken left leg, Garcia returned to practice this week and got the starting nod from Lions coach Steve Mariucci, who has run out of patience with an ineffective Harrington.

Mariucci made it clear after the game that he'll stick with Garcia.

"If he feels good tomorrow and is healthy enough to practice this week," Mariucci said. "He's our QB."

Harrington, who had started 37 consecutive games, isn't happy with the demotion.

"I'm disappointed," he said. "This is a different position for me, but it won't beat me."

Garcia's one season in Cleveland was marred by inconsistent play, a feud with offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie and personal issues, including a trial involving his Playboy playmate girlfriend, who had a bar fight with another woman over the QB.

But the 35-year-old was able to put it all behind him, dancing his way out of trouble and making just enough plays to get the Lions to .500. Garcia finished 22-of-34 for 210 yards, didn't turn the ball over and wasn't sacked.

His biggest play came late in the fourth, when he stepped away from a possible safety and com-

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FOOTBALL

Falcons suffer separation anxiety

Jacobs separates shoulder and Falcons implode in loss

By Sean Corp
SPORTS EDITOR

What a difference a year makes — and sometimes even a single play.

The Western Michigan Broncos, just 1-11 last season, pounded the broken and battered Bowling Green State University Falcons 45-14, dominating BG after they knocked their biggest star, Omar Jacobs, out of the game with a separated shoulder late in the first quarter.

The loss was the first home defeat in the regular season for the Falcons since Nov. 3 when they lost 21-24 to the Miami RedHawks.

Suddenly a team that looked to have a stranglehold on the MAC West will have to really step up for the last four games to reach their ultimate goal — winning a MAC Championship.

"We still have control of our destiny," coach Gregg Brandon said after the game. "We've still got to understand that we can still be where we want to be in December, but we really have to step up on both sides of the ball."

Things were looking relatively bright for the Falcons in the first quarter. Already up 6-0 the Falcons were again marching down the field when Jacobs dropped back to pass and scrambled to his left trying to find an opening in the defense. WMU's Matt Ledeman caught Jacobs and slammed him into the ground forcing a fumble that was taken back by Ameer Ismail 53 yards for a touchdown.

Jacobs did not return for the rest of the game. His status for this Saturday's game against Akron is uncertain. That one play — a double whammy of a fumble returned for a touchdown and losing the biggest key to your offensive engine — appeared to leave the Falcons shell-shocked.

The Broncos reeled off 31 unanswered points. "It happened so quick," said senior linebacker Ted Piepkow. "It was like a meltdown in every phase of the game and we weren't able to handle it."

The Broncos were led by freshman quarterback, Tim Hiller, who was making his first start of the season and threw for 258 yards and three touchdowns and also ran for 38 yards on the ground. He was able to hook up with WMU's star receiver Gregg Jennings eight times for 162 yards.

Jennings biggest play came on an 89 yard bomb. He was the only receiver in the formation and blew past the Falcon secondary, caught the ball at around midfield and sprinted his way into the endzone.

You could sum up coach Gregg Brandon's thoughts about all the events of the evening into one word — disappointing. It was a theme he revisited many times in his postgame press conference.

"To just get dominated like that at home — and we had a great crowd — it's just really disappointing," he said.

"We've struggled all year defensively to stop the run. That is our Achilles heel right now. We can't get off the field and it's really disappointing."

Coach Brandon said he was taken by surprise by the fumble, the injury, and how the team responded the rest of the way.

"Things were happening



Julie DiFranco BG News
DISAPPOINTED: Bowling Green coach Gregg Brandon didn't have much to be happy about on the sidelines during the Falcons' lopsided defeat.

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HOCKEY



Brandon Heiss BG News

FIGHT FOR THE PUCK: Sophomore Michael Hodgson tries to get in the way of Ohio State's Bryce Anderson, junior, Thursday night in their CCHA opener against the Buckeyes. The Falcons lost the contest in Bowling Green 7-2, but earned a 2-2 tie in the match at Ohio State on Friday.

Falcons split series with 2-2 tie

Tie ends Falcons' 10 game losing streak against the Buckeyes

By Kevin Shields
REPORTER

One night after being embarrassed in their league-opener at home, the Falcons used solid goaltending and better defensive play to earn themselves a 2-2 tie against third-ranked Ohio State in Columbus on Friday night.

The tie earned BG (0-3-1, 0-1-1) a big early season point in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings and ended a 10 game losing streak to the Buckeyes (2-1-1, 1-0-1) which had dated back to the 2001-02 season. A streak which has plagued fourth-year coach Scott Paluch as the point is the first he has taken from the Buckeyes in his first nine attempts.

"I thought it was a terrific college hockey game and real important game for our club after last (Thursday) night,"

Paluch said. "This has been an extremely tough place for us to play the last couple of years and I think our guys really rallied this morning. I'm really proud of how our team responded tonight."

Jon Horrell made the start for the Falcons in net and earned first star honors on the night after stopping 41-of-43 shots he faced. This included making 19 saves on 20 shots as the Buckeyes came out and out-shot BG 20-4 in the opening stanza.

Kyle Hood capitalized on OSU's first power-play of the night beating Horrell on a hard shot from the right point to give the Buckeyes an early 1-0 lead just 2:26 in, but Horrell would not be flustered.

"I basically just told myself to stay sharp," he said. "Just to keep the puck out of the net

and take it one shot at a time."

After giving up the goal to Hood, Horrell's sharpness in net was big for the Falcons as they took advantage of two Buckeye mistakes to take a 2-1 lead to the first intermission.

Alex Foster tied the game up just 1:01 after Hood's goal when he stole the puck in the right OSU circle and fed it to Jonathan Matsumoto, who fed it back to Foster behind the net who then stuffed it in between the right post and the right leg of OSU goaltender Dave Caruso.

Matsumoto picked up two assists on the night as he would also assist on Mike Falk's goal at 17:37 to give BG the lead.

A lead which would last throughout the second period as both teams failed to score despite four power-play oppor-

tunities a piece.

Horrell stayed strong in net and continued to make big saves on good Buckeye scoring chances.

"First off, to rebound right from the first power-play goal they get shows quite a bit," said Paluch of Horrell's play. "To withstand the early pressures of playing on the road — but I thought he did a great job with his rebound control tonight. There were a lot of shots from within tight that he kept in safer areas, didn't allow too much back."

Much of the success in net on the night also came from a defensive adjustment BG made where the defensemen played back in the neutral zone more instead of coming up into the offensive zone on rushes like they had been in their three previous games.

It was an adjustment aimed at preventing the odd-man rushes and breakaways that had plagued them in

FOOTBALL

Broncos play flawless football

By Ryan Autullo
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

During the week, Western Michigan coach Bill Cubit makes note of all the minor things his team does wrong in practice.

Not wearing the correct shoes or shirt, showing up late, Cubit documents it all.

Last week as the Broncos prepared for an away game at Bowling Green, the first-year coach wrote down just one minor infraction committed by his team.

It was arguably one more mistake than they made Saturday.

Western Michigan, winners of just one game a year ago, not only upset but pounded the Falcons 45-14 at Doyt Perry Stadium. It was the Falcons' worst loss in Gregg Brandon's three years at the helm.

"It's absolutely incredible," Cubit said. "I told the guys when we do the right things, this is what happens."

Fifty weeks ago, the Broncos visited BG and left with a resounding 52-0 setback. Cubit, who was formerly the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at Stanford, said the score could have been much worse if BG didn't ease up in the second half.

On Saturday, true freshman quarterback Tim Hiller completed 16-of-25 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns. His go-to guy was Greg Jennings, who caught eight passes for 162 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Jennings had 156 yards on seven catches in the first half.

"It's just an exciting feeling, especially with what happened when we came here last year," said WMU nose tackle Paul Moersch. "We stuck together and played hard for 60 minutes. I'm just so proud of my teammates."

The Broncos, whose only win last year was in the season-opener against lowly Tennessee Martin, improved to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the Mid-American

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Turner struggles in BG's loss

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pretty fast. That's football, I mean, guys get hurt," he said. "You've got to overcome that." Redshirt freshman Anthony Turner replaced Jacobs, throwing for 242 yards, but also throwing two interceptions deep in Bronco territory. "He scrambled around and made some plays, made some throws, but he also didn't do some things," said coach Gregg Brandon of Turner's performance. "We've got to put him in a situation where he can use his ability." Turner said he was excited to get his first opportunity to get some extended playing time, we was just hoping it would be because the Falcons had blown a team out.

"It's an adrenaline rush and your heart drops at the same time," he said. "But every

week you prepare yourself as if you're starting, but you never know." Turner said he was well prepared for what he was going to see against the Broncos, but the tempo of the game was much different. "The tempo of the game, it changes, from practice to the game time it changes a lot. And that is something I will have to get used to for next week," he said. He also said that going into a practice week with knowledge that he has a high probability of starting against Akron will change one thing about his preparation. "I will definitely be watching a whole lot more film," he said. "And things during practice will have to be a whole lot sharper. I'm not saying they're not sharp, they just have to be sharper," he said.



Julie DiFranco BG News
ON THE RUN: Turner exhibited flashes with both his arm and legs, but threw two costly interceptions against the Broncos.

Broncos a different team

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Conference. The Falcons are now 4-2 and still hold the lead in the MAC East with a 3-1 mark. Many will point to an injury suffered to BG's All-American quarterback Omar Jacobs as the main reason for the Broncos' surprise victory. Jacobs left the game in the first quarter with a separated shoulder and did not return. At that time, Western led 7-6. "He didn't play defense and we scored 45 on the other side," Cubit said. "So I feel pretty good about that." On the play he got injured, Jacobs was sacked by Matt Ludeman, and fumbled the ball at Western's 47-yard line. Western's Ameer Ismail scooped up the loose ball and raced 53 yards for the go-ahead score, making it 7-6.

"Our whole game plan was to get to him and get some hits on him," Ismail said. "I think our game plan was good enough to win with Omar and without him." Hiller, a native of Orville in central Ohio, started for the first time on the road this season after replacing Cubit's son, Ryan, who was injured earlier this year. On the first play following an interception by teammate Cornelius Robinson, Hiller hooked up with Jennings for an 89-yard touchdown to give the Broncos a 21-6 lead with 8:28 remaining in the first half. "It's the reason I came to Western, for opportunities like this," Hiller said. "I'm definitely enjoying it right now. It was a great game and a ton of fun." "Every time a guy caught the ball down the field it seemed like there was a major collision,"

Cubit said. "That was the hardest hitting defense I've been around in all my years of coaching, bar none. I don't care where it was at. When those guys caught the ball there was some pretty good collisions." The Broncos, coming off a bye week, had two weeks to prepare for BG. However, it was also two weeks they had to think about their last game — a crushing 60-57 loss to Ball State in five overtimes on Oct. 8. Moersch said the Broncos could have went on a downward spiral after the defeat but opted to refocus themselves on the remaining schedule. "I can't say I expected it," Moersch said of the lopsided score. "Obviously, we came in here with the mind set to get a victory. I'm not surprised at all that we won the game. I know this team is just getting better every week."

Falcons end losing streak with solid play against OSU

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Thursday's 7-2 loss. "That was one of the biggest downfalls last night giving up the odd-man rush," Matsumoto said. "Tonight (Friday) being able to cut down on that helped out tremendously." BG's defensemen were also

very active on the penalty-kill as they held the OSU power-play to 1-8 on the night by lying down in front of shots and giving Horrell the site lines he needed. "I got a lot of help from our defensemen, the penalty-kill stepped it up big time," he said. "We didn't give them a lot of

second chances, they let me see the puck and they made it easy to make saves." Unfortunately for the Falcons, the OSU penalty-kill also continued to dominate like it had the night before holding BG scoreless on seven power-play opportunities which prevented them from cushioning

their lead. The Buckeyes would make BG pay for the lack of scoring as John Dingle tied the game up at 2-2 with a one-timer from the high slot at 4:03 of the third period. Both teams would fail to score the rest of the way and would play a scoreless five-

minute extra frame though Matsumoto had a chance to win the game go off the right post with less than a minute left in the overtime. OSU would out-shoot BG 43-19 on the night. "I think their goaltender did a good job," OSU coach John Markell said. "Obviously you

put 43 shots on net, you only get two goals — they may have found their goalie. The pucks just didn't go in the net tonight as easily as they did Thursday." BG will next hit the ice when they host Ferris State Thursday night in the first game of another home-and-home league series.

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Garcia key to Lions' victory

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pleted a 10-yard pass to Scottie Vines, one of the Lions' backup wide receivers, for a first down.

Because of injuries, Detroit was down to its Nos. 4 and 5 receivers, but Garcia was able to buy himself time to throw in the pocket and made completions when it appeared he had nowhere to go.

"He made some plays when it looked like we had him," Browns linebacker Andra Davis said. "That's what he does."

The same can't be said of Browns quarterback Trent Dilfer, who was 10-of-19 for 73 yards and three interceptions.

The Browns (2-4) didn't get a first down in the second half until only 9:52 remained.

"It was just one mistake of many," said Dilfer, who has eight turnovers in the past three games. "We all took our turn making mistakes."

Cleveland's only touchdown came on rookie Joshua Cribbs' 90-yard kickoff return in the second quarter.

Browns cornerback Daylon McCutcheon, one of only two players on Cleveland's roster since 1999, is tired of the losing.



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DIVING: Lions quarterback Jeff Garcia played his first game of the season and proved to be a difference maker, with a diving TD run.

"In 1999 and 2000 we just weren't good enough. We didn't have the talent," he said. "We've got the talent now. We just don't play smart, that's it."

Before pregame warmups, Garcia huddled with third-string rookie QB Dan Orlovsky and tight ends Marcus Pollard and Casey FitzSimmons in the tunnel leading to the field.

"Let's go out and take care of business," Garcia shouted.

But the Browns took control early as Droughns ran for 67 yards in the first quarter and

Phil Dawson kicked a 30-yard field goal to put the Browns up 3-0.

But Dre Bly, who later left the game with a dislocated wrist, picked off Dilfer and the Lions drove to the 1, where Mariucci decided to go for it on fourth and goal. Garcia faked an inside handoff, and after surveying the line for a second, sprinted right and dived in untouched.

The play was designed to be a pass, but when no one got open, Garcia made something happen himself.

"You keep your fingers crossed when he's running around out there," Mariucci said. "But he makes plays."



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