

SC swings axe on sports budget

TO COACH at Schoolcraft College, you've got to be ready to get "scooped."

Problem is — unlike the main character in Dickens' Christmas classic, who deserved his fate — at SC it doesn't matter if you've been naughty or nice. The college's version of the Grim Reaper is without bias, he slashes away at all, chopping programs and making fools of everyone.

What happened, officially at last Thursday's meeting of the athletic staff, wasn't a total surprise. At least some of the coaches had heard their scholarship budgets would be trimmed.

That doesn't make it any easier, though. Or right.

And it still remains mostly unexplained.

The scholarship budgets for all SC sports have been sliced. In some cases by more than 50 percent. All sports have been affected, and the minimum — in a survey of five SC coaches — is 40 percent.

According to women's soccer coach Nick O'Shea, the 283 credit hours he had available for scholarships last year has been whittled down to 136 — a cut of more than 50 percent.

THE REASON? According to sources, the one given by SC administrators is the sagging economy and state budget cuts imposed by Gov. John Engler.

(In a recent interview with the president of Eastern Michigan University, William Shelton, I was told the governor had not made any cuts in the state budget for higher education. Indeed, Shelton told me the governor had budgeted a four percent increase.)

Whatever the reason, the fallout is extensive.

The two administration officials in command of SC athletics shed no light on the problems. Midge Carleton, assistant dean for physical education, left town the day after the meeting; athletic director Marty Nowak refused to comment.



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UNDERSTAND. The extensive cuts are only part of the trouble. The timing borders on unbelievable.

The coaches are being told now that their scholarships for next fall have been sliced. In case the bean counters in charge of SC's finances didn't realize it, scholarships have already been promised. Recruiting can't wait until the summer months.

All the coaches contacted admitted they have already overspent their reduced budgets.

So now what? The administrator's answer: Go back and tell the recruits. "Sorry, kid, but I guess I can't provide the scholarship help I promised you," hold fund-raiser; or find some millionaire with money to burn and convince him to donate it to your sports program.

None are realistic.

THESE GUYS aren't paid much to coach to begin with (all SC coaches are paid less than \$5,000 annually). Asking them to put in more time to raise money — half would go directly into the budget of the sport hosting the fund-raiser, the other half to the athletic department's general fund — is ridiculous.

At least finding donors is a better deal. The sport responsible for landing the donation gets to keep all the money. Van Dimitriou, the men's soccer coach, will be able to offset his scholarship deficit with money donated to the men's soccer fund.

Of course, Dimitriou had planned to use those donations to upgrade equipment and buy new uniforms. Oh, well.

Other coaches aren't as fortunate, although one was contemplating standing at the Six Mile exit ramp off I-75 with a cup to see what he could get.

The first option is flat out dismissed by all the coaches. They steadfastly refuse to renege on scholarships already promised.

"I'm going to have to raise some money, that's all," said men's basketball coach Dave Bogataj, "because I've already given out more than they gave me."

ADDED WOMEN'S basketball coach Jack Grenan: "My most important consideration is my reputation with these kids." He and Bogataj plan to put on a series of fund-raising clinics in the fall.

But while Grenan was "trying to be positive and make (the deficit) up in other ways," O'Shea was pessimistic.

"We're asking us to do an awful lot, for the position we're in," the women's soccer coach said. He added that, before he's forced to renege on scholarship help already promised, he would resign.

"I can't stay if I have to go back to those girls and tell them that," he said.

The coaches might have expected cuts, considering the economic recession the nation is in. But the magnitude was not anticipated, at least partially because individual sports do not have overall budgets.

There has always been a defined number of scholarships per sport, but there is no exclusive budget for men's soccer or women's basketball or volleyball.

But perhaps being caught off guard is a poor excuse. After all, Scrooge never expected to be forced to his knees, humiliated and begging for mercy, on that fateful Christmas Eve, either.

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• JUNIOR INVITE

The 17th Annual Junior Invitational for boys and girls through age 19 will be played Thursday and Friday, June 20-21.

The first day of competition will be at Springfield Oaks Golf Course, the second at White Lake Oaks Golf Course. The tournament is sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department.

The entry fee is \$20 for golfers 11 and under, \$30 for golfers 12 and older. The age brackets are 11-under, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and 18-19. Play will be 36 holes. The cost includes lunch and awards. Trophies will go to the top three in each division.

The rain dates are Thursday and Friday, June 27-28. Call Springfield Oaks at 625-2540 or White Lake at 698-2700 for information.

• WOMEN'S GOLF

Agnes Larson of Farmington tied for low gross with Gloria Hudson of Southfield in the third flight of Women's Metropolitan Golf Association play Wednesday at Oak Pointe Golf Club. Both had 96. Jan Bukes of Farmington Hills had low net in the first flight. She shot 92 and scored a 74.

• SUMMER CAMPS

Farmington Public Schools will have summer camps at its three high schools for basketball and weight training/conditioning. Information on the camps is as follows:

• Farmington High basketball: registration Monday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to noon in the gym; boys and girls in grades 8-12; cost is \$55; camp starts Tuesday, June 11.

• Harrison High basketball: registration June 10 from 9-10 a.m. in the gym; boys and girls in grades 9-12; cost is \$55; camps begins June 11.

• North Farmington High basketball: registration June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon in the gym; camp begins June 11 for boys in grades 4-12 and girls in grades 4-8. June 20 for girls in grades 9-12; cost is \$55.

• Farmington High conditioning: registration at 7:30 a.m. June 17 in the weight room; camp starts June 17 and lasts 19 days; cost is \$50.

• Harrison and North conditioning: registration at 8 a.m. June 17 in weight room; starting date, duration and cost same as Farmington.

• PISTONS AT CAMP

Detroit Pistons Joe Dumars and

Isiah Thomas will be instructors for a three-day basketball camp Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 25-27, at the Plymouth Salem and Canton high schools. The cost is \$125.

Boys and girls age 7-17 are eligible to participate. Session I is for ages 7-10 and meets 8-10:30 a.m. each day; Session II ages 11-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Session III ages 13-17 from 3:30 p.m. Campers should come dressed to play.

Thomas will attend one day. Dumars another. Another NBA player or Pistons coach will instruct the third day.

For information call Camp Coordinator Fred Thomann at 451-6800, ext. 247; or Bob Blohm at 451-6600, ext. 302; or send a self-addressed envelope to Thomann at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, 48187.

• BASEBALL SIGN-UP

The South Farmington Baseball Club is registering players in the following age groups: 15-16 (Cott), must be born between Aug. 1, 1974 and July 31, 1976; 17-18 (Palomino), must be born between Aug. 1, 1972 and July 31, 1974.

Both are travel league teams. Players must live or go to school in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area to be eligible. Call Marty Wilk at 476-1913 for information.

• GOLF NEWS

The Friends of Boysville will have their 21st Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 9, at Bay Pointe and Shenandoah country clubs in West Bloomfield and Edgewood Golf Course in Union Lake.

The event includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, use of golf facilities and beverages. Proceeds will benefit Boysville of Michigan. Call Denny Boyvall at 313-569-6630 for information.

• Qualifying date for the Great Lakes Amateur Tour has been changed to Sunday, June 2, for sites on the West Metro circuit.

• BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will be conducted in conjunction with the South Farmington Little League from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 8-12, at Drake Field. The cost is \$85 per player (ages 7 to 17).

Carbo, former standout at Livonia Franklin High, played 18 years of professional baseball and appeared in two World Series. He was the 1970 National League Rookie of the Year.

To obtain a registration form, call Gordie Rutherford at 421-4928 or 525-3730.

Tourney to benefit cancer research

THE MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION is now running its fifth annual Blanche Robinson Memorial Tournament at Merri Bowl Lanes in Livonia and Plum Hollow Lanes in Southfield.

The Plum Hollow action will take place this week for the final quad at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

This is the last quad of the tournament. Bowlers may enter as often as they wish (each one time only) and the prize money is very attractive. A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded for first place, \$2,500 for second and \$1,000 for third.

All proceeds will go towards the support of cancer research and patient services.

The format for the tournament is not set for three games. The men's handicap is 80 percent from 210 and the women's is 90 percent from 210.

The top 10 percent scores from each of the five participating centers will advance to the final roll off on June 7 at Bonanza Lanes.

There were 281 bowlers in last week's quads at Merri Bowl.

The unofficial leaders include Jennifer McIntosh, first with 698. Dave Cervenak, second, 689; Theresa Helowski, third,



Al Harrison

851; Paul Wells, fourth, 849; Bill Spray, fifth, 845.

• Anyone still entertaining thoughts about joining a spring and summer league should check it out now at the corner bowling establishment.

There are still plenty of choice spots open in many of the leagues, some of which will be mentioned in this column and subsequent editions.

Among those to choose from are instructional leagues for beginners, mixed leagues, family fun leagues and trio leagues.

In the trio leagues, you usually play two games against one team and two against another. Some of the trio leagues are mixed.

It should be noted that when you pay your sanction for the summer league, this is credited to you for payment of the following regular season contribution as well.

• While we were away, a lot of scores were missed. Here's where the bowling honor roll gets back up to date.

Dave Capaldi of Canton, competing in the Michigan Junior Masters Association Tournament at South Lyon, won his first and second game ever in match play. It was good enough for the MJMA title.

Capaldi beat Kevin Key, 205-185, and went on to defeat Nick Kreese, 218-209. Tamika Glenn of Farmington Hills came up with her first 300 game in the second game of qualifying. She led all the female qualifiers, averaging 225. Glenn had to compete elsewhere on Sunday because she already qualified for the state finals of the National Junior Championships.

It worked out well for Glenn, as she won the state finals and will bowl for the big one in Indianapolis for the second time.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington Hills) Greenleaf Motel

League — Jim Jonsson, 256 game and 644 wins; Ed Perry, 223-623; Ron Hancock, 223-641; Steve Muehlen, 217-232; Steve Muehlen, 217-603; Gordon Van Mar, 229-557; Sandy Norman, 207; Chuck D'Ruane, 258-267-718; Tim Goe, 243-267-702; Jan Shantz, 221-648; Bob Marti, 221-619; Carl Hansen, 234-628; Barbara Turner, 229-542; Ron Muehlen, 222-601.

Edna Buehler (East Jackson) — Carl Hansen, 243-223-652; Larry Ryan, 245-630; Jerry Goff, 223-604; Larry Ryan, 223-651; Steve Eak, 233; Edna Buehler, 233; Mike Kall, 228; as September 22-762; Dennis Haggard, 823; Steve Eak, 226-616; Mary Ego, 225-744-603; Ned Olsen, 232; Dale Sherman, 227; Ron Hancock, 225.

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North co-champ in Lakes softball

North Farmington scored seven runs in the first inning and beat Livonia Stevenson 9-6 to clinch a tie for the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division title Wednesday.

The win raised North's record to 8-2 in the division and 16-4 overall.

Walled Lake Central and Westland John Glenn play today to decide the other co-champion and which team will represent the division in the WLAA final. Both are 7-2 but either one would win a tiebreaker with the Raiders.

Eve Claar, one of three North players with two hits, keyed the first-inning outburst with a two-run single.

Jennifer Lydon hiked her record to 7-2 in the Lakes and 13-3 overall with the win. Lydon, who carries a 0.84

earned run average, struck out two and walked a pair. Dana Botwick and Terri Graca also had two hits for the Raiders. Tanya Proctor and Lydon had one hit and an RBI apiece.

Carl Palmisano led Stevenson with two hits, while Beth Bisio scored two runs.

SHELLY BOWENS threw her second career no-hitter, leading Farmington Hills Harrison to a Western Division win over host Walled Lake Western, 11-7.

The game started Monday, but was delayed by rain and resumed Wednesday.

Bowens struck out five and walked 12, which accounted for most of the Western runs. The win was the first of the year in nine division games for the Hawks, who are 4-14 overall.

Shaieb stars for Harrison

Senior Tony Shaieb has been the most successful and consistent member of the Farmington Hills Harrison track team this year.

Shaieb has proved to be the best thrower in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. He did it again Wednesday, winning the shot put and the discus for the first time in as many division dual meets.

The Hawks haven't been as successful, however. Livonia Franklin defeated the host team 80-57, adding Harrison with an 8-5 record in the division.

Harrison's only other wins came from Dave Gloetzer in the pole vault and two relays teams.

Todd Wood, Jason Dreyer, Matt Clements and Mark Statler, won the 800-meter relay, and Justin Dreyer, Tim Bisson, Mike Deans and Jason Zydrski comprised the winning 3,200 team.

Franklin's Jeff Elinski and Steve Clements had four first-places each.

Elinski won the long jump (19-8 1/4), the high hurdles (15.7) and the intermediate hurdles (43.4). He and Clements helped the Patriots win the 800 relay.

Clements won the 100 and 200 dashes in 11.1 and 23.2, respectively, and he also anchored the 400 relay squad. Franklin teammate Eric Cur now won the 1,600 and 3,200 runs with times of 4:46.2 and 10:25.6.

Franklin's Paul White set a school record by winning the high jump at 6-2 1/4, breaking Guy Burke's 19-year-old standard.

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