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In this digital publication, we’ll get you up-to-speed on some of the biggest stories in Ohio Athletics that occurred during the fall semester – both in competition and in the classroom.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL OF 2018 FOR THE BOBCATS:
• The Perry and Sandy Sook Academic Center officially opened.
• The football went 8-4 and is set to make its 12th bowl appearance in program history when it takes on San Diego State on Dec. 19 in the DXL Frisco Bowl in Frisco, Texas.
• Senior men’s cross country runner Josh Park won the 2018 MAC Championship.
• The soccer team earned its first MAC postseason win since 2004.
• And much more!

We hope to see you at the Convocation Center during the winter to cheer on the men’s basketball and women’s basketball and wrestling teams! GO BOBCATS!

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FRESH LOOK
New Products

Featured: OHIO football helmet necklace and OHIO jersey cardigan
Ohio University Facilities Management and Safety and Ohio Athletics recently announced the official opening of “The Perry and Sandy Sook Academic Center,” a new campus space that will provide dedicated study and instructional support for more than 425 student-athletes and group project collaboration with student peers across campus.

A grand opening celebration took place at the Sook Center on Oct. 26.

The facility, whose total project budget of approximately $7 million was funded entirely by Ohio Athletics and included a generous lead gift commitment of $2.25 million from Ohio alumni Perry and Sandy Sook, provides a classroom, computer lab, tutor rooms, offices for staff to interact with students and meeting rooms for group study. The Sook Center also enabled Ohio University to provide much-needed ADA restrooms to the Peden Stadium complex.

Currently, all Mid-American Conference, and most NCAA Division I schools, house dedicated student-athlete academic spaces.

“A designated study space for student-athletes is common on college campuses to assist them in meeting the unique and stringent academic standards required by the NCAA in order to be eligible to compete,” said Ohio Athletics Director Jim Schaus. “Student-athletes spend hours each day at practice, and the Sook Center’s close proximity to Ohio’s athletic facilities and fields will enable them to also spend hours on their studies.”

As reported by the NCAA Committee on Academics, student athletes who have been supported by academic centers at other colleges and universities have historically displayed higher retention and graduation rates as well as higher academic performance. NCAA athletic programs require student-athletes to meet unique and stringent academic requirements for eligibility, many of which exceed typical college student requirements.

“This transformative gift from the Sooks will provide student-athletes with the tools they need to succeed, both on the field and in the classroom,” said Ohio University President M. Duane Nellis. “We are so grateful to our loyal and passionate alumni network who are always looking for ways to better the Ohio University student experience.”

The construction of the Sook Center began in August 2017 and was completed in late August 2018. The project was undertaken following a series of space analyses in recent years, culminating with the passage of the Comprehensive Master Plan in March 2016, revealed a deficiency in academic study space for Ohio’s student-athletes. The new academic center has doubled the size of the former study space, which was located on the fourth floor of Peden Stadium. On Ohio game days, the academic center will transform into a hospitality area for donors and fans.

The Perry and Sandy Sook Academic Center was named in the honor of Perry and Sandy Sook, who are both 1980 graduates of the Scripps College of Communication. Sandy Sook also earned her master’s in education from the Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of Education in 1982.

“As alumni, we want to give back in a way that will have a dynamic impact on a diverse group of students,” said Perry and Sandy Sook in a joint statement. “Our passion for academics and our appreciation for what intercollegiate athletics does for students and for the University is why we chose to support this project. We encourage friends and alumni of Ohio University to continue to invest in our student athletes.”

To make a gift in support of the Ohio Bobcat Club, visit our online giving page or contact The Ohio University Foundation at 800-592-FUND or giving@Ohio.edu. Checks may be made payable to The Ohio University Foundation (be sure to write “Bobcat Club” in the notes section) and sent to the foundation at P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701.
Ohio student-athletes have a four-class average (2008-12) of 88 percent in the Graduation Success Rate (GSR), and, in the 2011-12 cohort, have a Federal Graduation Rate (FGR) or 74 percent. Ohio’s GSR of 88 percent is the highest the university’s athletics department has ever achieved.

"Having our highest ever Graduation Success Rate is very important to us," said Ohio Director of Athletics Jim Schaus. "It indicates that academics is of the highest priority and that graduating student-athletes matters. Many thanks to our outstanding academic staff, student-athletes, coaches and campus faculty for their important contribution to this success."

The student-athlete graduation rate calculated directly based on IPEDS-GRS (which is the methodology the U.S. Department of Education requires) is the proportion of first-year, full-time student-athletes who entered a school on athletics aid and graduated from that institution within six years. This federal rate does not account for students who transfer from their original institution and graduate elsewhere; they are considered non-graduates at both the college they left and the one from which they eventually graduate.

NCAA members, particularly presidents and chancellors, asked the NCAA in the early 2000s to develop a measure of student-athlete graduation success that more accurately reflects modern-day patterns of student enrollment and transfer. As a result, the NCAA created the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) for Division I.

The NCAA GSR differs from the federal calculation in two important ways. First, the GSR holds colleges accountable for those student-athletes who transfer into their school. Second, the GSR does not penalize colleges whose student-athletes transfer in good academic standing. Essentially, those student-athletes are moved into another college’s cohort.

Ohio student-athletes are pursuing 111 different majors and 19 different minors. Thirteen of Ohio’s 16 teams recorded a 2017 fall term 3.0 GPA or higher, with 273 student-athletes earning a fall term GPA of 3.0 or higher. The 2018 spring term saw 15 teams earn an accumulated 3.0 GPA or higher, with 119 student-athletes earning a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Earlier this fall, the Perry and Sandy Sook Academic Center opened, which provides a dedicated study and instructional support for more than 425 student-athletes and group project collaboration with student peers across campus.
The Ohio football team (8-4, 6-2 MAC) has accepted an invitation to play in the DXL Frisco Bowl against Mountain West Conference foe San Diego State (7-5, 4-4 MWC). The game will be played on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. ET, and the contest will be nationally televised on ESPN. The game can also be heard on the radio on the Ohio IMG Sports Network, with “Voice of the Bobcats” Russ Eisenstein and Rob Cornelius on the call.

The Frisco Bowl is owned and operated by ESPN Events, a division of ESPN. The Frisco Bowl’s mission is to deliver the highest quality post season college football experience for our student-athletes, teams, fans, attendees, and stakeholders, while showcasing the positive sports-centric climate of the community. Toyota Stadium is the home of the MLS team FC Dallas and host to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Championship since 2010. It has a capacity of 17,200.

The Bobcats are making their 12th bowl appearance in program history, 10th in the last 13 years and fourth in a row. Ohio has won three bowl games in its history, defeating Utah State, 24-23, in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in 2011, knocking off ULM, 45-14, in the Advocare V100 Independence Bowl in ’12 and rolling to a 41-6 win over UAB in the Bahamas Bowl last year. The DXL Frisco Bowl will mark Ohio’s first postseason matchup against a team out of the Mountain West Conference and will mark the first-ever meeting between the Bobcats and the Aztecs. Utah State is currently a member of the MWC but was a member of the Western Athletic Conference when the Bobcats beat them in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl in 2011.

The 2018 regular season saw Ohio win at least eight games for the ninth time under 14-year head coach Frank Solich, who has gone 105-75 (.583) during his tenure in Athens. The Bobcats won at least six conference games for the eighth time in the last 13 years. Ohio went a perfect 6-0 in its home games at Peden Stadium this year, marking the first time the Bobcats won all of their home games in a season since 1968.

The Aztecs are making their ninth-straight bowl game appearance. San Diego State will enter the DXL Frisco Bowl having lost their final three regular season games, but their year was highlighted by wins over a pair of ranked teams, defeating then-No. 23/25-ranked Arizona State, 28-21, on Sept. 15 and topping then-No. 24-ranked Boise State, 19-13, on Oct. 6. The Aztecs faced on MAC team this season, defeating Eastern Michigan, 23-20, in overtime on Sept. 22. San Diego State is led by Rocky Long, who has been the head coach of the Aztecs since 2011. The Aztecs boast two All-Mountain West First Team selections in sophomore offensive lineman Keith Ismael and junior linebacker Kyahva Tezino. Senior offensive lineman Ryan Pope, senior placekicker John Baron II and sophomore defensive back Tariq Thompson all earned spots on the All-Mountain West Second Team.
NINE OHIO FOOTBALL STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-MAC RECOGNITION

The Ohio football team was represented by nine student-athletes on the 2018 All-Mid-American Conference Awards list, which was announced by the league office on Nov. 28.

Redshirt senior offensive lineman Joe Anderson (Torrance, Calif.), redshirt junior punter kicker Michael Farkas (Mishawaka, Ind.), redshirt junior defensive back Javon Hagan (Jacksonville, Fla.), redshirt senior offensive lineman Joe Lowery (Tallmadge, Ohio), redshirt senior running back A.J. Ouellette (Covington, Ohio) and redshirt senior wide receiver Papi White (Jacksonville, Fla.), redshirt senior offensive lineman Durrell Wood (Columbus, Ohio) represented the Bobcats on the All-MAC Second Team.

Ohio’s six All-MAC First Team selections mark the program’s most since the 1968 team tallied seven. Anderson and Lowery were both 2017 All-MAC Second Team picks. The duo gives Ohio two All-MAC First Team offensive linemen in the same season for the first time since 1968. They have helped pave the way for another prolific season for the Ohio offense. The Bobcats rank first in the MAC and 10th in the country with 41.2 points per game -- the highest scoring average in program history. The Bobcats have averaged 470.6 yards per game, which leads the MAC and ranks third in the country and is good for the highest average in program history. Ohio’s rushing offense ranks first in the MAC and ninth in the country with an average of 261.9 yards per game, which is good for the sixth-highest average in program history.

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Rourke earns All-MAC Second Team honors for the second year in a row. He leads the team with a career-high 79 total tackles (54 solo, 25 assisted) for a team-high 6.6 tackles per game. His career-high four sacks rank second on the squad, and he is tied for the team lead with a career-high two interceptions.

Rourke earns All-MAC Second Team honors for the second year in a row. Rourke has completed 154 of his 252 pass attempts (61.1 percent completion percentage, sixth-best in program history) for a career-high 2,228 yards (ninth-most in program history) and a career-high 22 touchdown passes (second-most in program history). He finished the regular season ranked fifth in the MAC in passing yards and third in passing touchdowns. Rourke has also run for 816 yards (68.0 yard per game) to rank third on the team and leads the squad with 13 rushing touchdowns, with the latter tying him for the sixth-most in a single season in program history. In all, Rourke has accounted for 3,044 yards of total offense (fourth-most in program history), with his 253.7 yards per game of total offense ranking as the third-highest average in program history and his 8.07 yards per play ranking as the highest average in program history. He has been responsible for 35 total touchdowns in 2018, which is good for the third-most in program history.

Wood earns All-MAC honors for the first time in his career and gives Ohio three offensive linemen on the All-MAC teams for the third year in a row. Wood helped the Bobcats lead the conference in first downs (297; 24.8 per game) and third-down conversions (48.3 percent conversion rate).
WITH health concerns in high school, Josh Park wondered if any college had an interest in him running for their cross country team. He was doubtful.

On Oct. 27, 2018, he won the Mid-American Conference Championship.

Park, a senior exercise physiology major from Amherst, Ohio, went from a walk-on the Ohio men’s cross country team to the conference’s best runner in two seasons.

“Mechanically, he’s got very efficient form. He has a nice forward lean,” said assistant coach Mitch Bentley of Park. “It’s all the things you look for in someone who could continue to progress onto higher levels with U.S. teams. The consistently as he mentioned has probably been the biggest thing that’s brought him to where he is. He’s made remarkable improvements in a short period of time, part of that is just his nature. He just pushes. He pushed himself.”

This season, Park finished in top three at every meet leading up to the conference championship except Kent State. But he didn’t know if he could.

As a freshman, Park struggled, mentally and running wise.

“It’s a lot better now,” said Park. “Not just because I’ve run in a couple races, but because the training has been so sound. It’s a lot easier to be confident in your ability to race when you have a firm foundation of training.”

But then he developed as a runner.

Confidence showed in his race standings, and it all culminated in his first-place effort at the MAC Championships. He finished with a time of 24:08.0 and became the first individual MAC champion for Ohio since Josh Ritchie in 1996 and only the fourth since 1965.

“I was getting kind of nervous,” recalled Park about the race. “(Bowling Green’s) Noah Schaub and I were up at the front and it was an absurd lead. I think we ran the first two laps together alone. It’s hard to gauge where another person is at because breathing isn’t an indicator of how fatigued they are, and it’s hard to tell if he’s slipping back behind me because he’s intelligent or he’s suffering and about to fall off the back. I think I had 700 meters to go and I passed coach Bentley and he said, ‘The thread is being cut.’”

Park recalled the last straight away of the race, seeing fans lined on each side. However, he noticed something different this race, it was quiet. That was the moment he realized it wasn’t a close race and he was by far the first runner to cross the finish line.

Once wondering if he could run collegiately, Park excelled in his senior season and capped it all off with a conference title.
The Ohio soccer team put together its first winning season since 2009, finishing the year 9-8-3 under sixth-year head coach Aaron Rodgers.

The Bobcats went 6-3-2 in the Mid-American Conference play to earn the No. 4 seed in the league’s postseason tournament. In a quarterfinal matchup against No. 5-seeded Kent State on Oct. 28 at Chessa Field in Athens, junior Sydney Leckie scored a goal to lift the Bobcats to a 2-1 victory over the Golden Flashes. Ohio earned its first postseason win since 2004 and defeated Kent State for the first time since 2009.

“We knew going into the tournament against a tough Kent State team, we were going to have to be our best physically and with our execution,” said Rodgers after the win. “Every player on the squad contributed to this win. I am proud of the senior class and their leadership and what they have meant to this program. We will be ready to compete in the semifinals on Friday.”

Ohio’s season ended with a tough 1-0 loss to No. 1-seeded Bowling Green on Nov. 2 in the tournament semifinals, but the defeat did not diminish a fantastic year for the Bobcats.

Five Ohio student athletes garnered MAC postseason. Senior defender Mandy Arnzen (Edgewood, Ky.), freshman defender Morgan Collica (Aurora, Ohio) and junior midfielder Alivia Milesky (Plain City, Ohio) all earned All-MAC Second Team recognition while freshman defender Olivia Sensky (Powell, Ohio) and freshman forward Abby Townsend (Powell, Ohio) earned spots on the MAC All-Freshman Team. Milesky led the Bobcats with a team-high 14 points and six goals while Collica, Leckie and Townsend all tied for the team lead with four assists.
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The Ohio volleyball team was represented by four student-athletes on the 2018 All-Mid-American Conference Awards list, which was announced by the league office on Nov. 14.

Sophomore setter Vera Giacomazzi (San Vendemiano, Italy), sophomore middle blocker Tia Jimerson (Sugar Hill, Ga.) and junior outside hitter Lizzie Stephens (Dallas, Texas) all earned spots on the All-MAC First Team for the second year in a row. The trio gives Ohio 14 First Team All-MAC selections in five years under head coach Deane Webb. Redshirt senior outside hitter Jaime Kosirek (Chagrin Falls, Ohio) garnered All-MAC Second Team selection after missing nearly all of the 2017 season due to an ACL injury. She earned All-MAC Honorable Mention following her 2016 junior season.

Giacomazzi, whose major is undeclared, finished the season ranked third among MAC players with 1,104 assists and 9.44 assists per set. She tallied 40 or more assists in match 14 times and 50 or more four times. She also ranked fourth on the team with 225 digs (1.92 per set) and tallied double-digit digs 10 times. She finished the year tied for second on the squad with eight double-doubles. In conference play, Giacomazzi led the MAC with 675 assists and 11.25 assists per game. She was named MAC East Division Setter of the Week twice this season.

Despite missing 11 matches earlier in the season due to injury, Jimerson, whose major is undeclared, still finished the season ranked third on the team in total blocks (69; 18 solo, 51 assisted; 0.93 per set) and third with 193 kills (2.61 per set). She hit .500 better eight times this year and tallied double-digit kills 11 times. She also recorded five or more total blocks five times. In conference play, she ranked ninth in the MAC in both hitting percentage (.303) and total blocks (42; 14 solo, 28 assisted; 0.93 per set). She was named MAC East Division Offensive Player of the Week once this season.

Stephens, who is a marketing and sport management major, ranked third in the MAC and 18th in the country with 335 kills (2.86 per set) and 305 digs (2.61 per set). She recorded double-digit kills 15 times and tied for second on the team with eight double-doubles. In conference play, she tallied 60 service aces and ranked second in the league with 0.50 service aces per set.

Kosiorek, who is earning a master’s degree in coaching education, finished the season ranked first among MAC players and 11th in the country with a career-high 53 service aces (third-most in rally scoring era in program history) and second in the league and 21st in the nation with 0.45 service aces per set (third-highest average in rally scoring era in program history). She also led Ohio with 342 kills (2.92 per set) and ranked third on the team with a career-high 265 digs (2.26 per set). She recorded double-digit kills 19 times and finished the year with nine double-doubles to lead the team. In conference play, she compiled 60 service aces and ranked sixth in the league with 0.33 service aces per set.

Ohio finished the 2018 season with 13 wins and qualified for the conference tournament for the 17th-year in a row.
OHIO FIELD HOCKEY’S EGGLESTON EARNs 2018 LONGSTRETH/NFHCA DIVISION I WEST REGION SECOND TEAM HONORS

Ohio field hockey senior forward Emma Eggleston (Houston, Texas) earned 2018 Longstreth/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I West Region Second Team honors, as announced by the NFHCA on Nov. 26. Eggleston is one of 160 field hockey athletes chosen for an All-Region award.

Eggleston put together a big senior season to cap off her four-year career in Athens. In 17 matches in 2018, she totaled a career-high eight points on a team-high six assists and one goal. She garnered First Team All-Mid-American Conference honors in 2018 after receiving Second Team honors the previous year. Eggleston finished her collegiate career with five goals and 17 assists.

Eggleston helped Ohio win five matches in 2018 in the first season under head coach Ali Johnstone. The Bobcats qualified for the 2018 MAC Championship field as the league’s No. 5 seed and rolled to a decisive 4-0 victory over No. 4-seeded Ball State in the conference quarterfinals.
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Ohio Athletics announces 50th anniversary of the Convocation Center celebration plans

On Dec. 3, 1968, the Ohio men’s basketball team defeated Indiana, 80-70, in the opening game at the Convocation Center.

Over the last half-century, the iconic “Roundhouse On Richland” has been the host to countless memorable moments, serving as the home for Ohio’s men’s basketball, women’s basketball, volleyball and wrestling programs as well as many concerts and campus events.

Ohio Athletics will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Convocation Center on Saturday, Feb. 2 with a Sibs Weekend basketball doubleheader as the women’s team battles Ball State at 1 p.m. ET and the men’s team takes on Akron at 3:30 p.m. ET. Tickets for the doubleheader are $5 and include admission to both games.

The gameday atmosphere surrounding the doubleheader will have a throwback feel to it. Celebration elements are set to include:

• Men’s team wearing 1968 throwback uniforms
• Women’s team wearing 1980s throwback uniforms
• Cheer and dance teams and Rufus the Bobcat in retro gear
• Retro Ohio “Attack Cat” logo displayed on the court
• Retro music playlist
• Commemorative 50th anniversary posters for the first 2,000 fans in attendance
• Men’s basketball reunion attendees introduced to the crowd
• Women’s basketball reunion attendees introduced to the crowd
• Internationally known entertainer, Red Panda, to perform at halftime of the men’s basketball game

A social media campaign celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Convo will also debut in January on both Ohio’s university and athletics social media platforms.

Call 1-800-575-CATS (2287) for ticket information.
The Ohio wrestling program is celebrating its 100th anniversary (1919-2019) all throughout the 2018-19 season. “It’s exciting to have the opportunity to celebrate 100 years of Ohio wrestling,” said 22nd-year head coach Joel Greenlee. “Our program has a rich championship history that includes many memorable achievements. We are looking forward to celebrating our past with all of our fans and alumni this season.”

Throughout the history of the program, the Bobcats have earned 15 Mid-American Conference team championships and have finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Championships eight times. Ohio has tallied 106 individual MAC titles and 27 All-American honors. Four individuals have won national titles for the Bobcats -- Kermit Blosser (1932; 191 pounds), Harry Houska (1964; 191 pounds), Andy Daniels (1978; 118 pounds) and Dwight Gardner (1998; 158 pounds).

Here are some highlights to look forward to at Ohio’s five home matches as the Bobcats celebrate their 100th year:

**Thursday, Dec. 20 vs. Chattanooga • 7 p.m. ET**
100th Anniversary Event: 1960s and 1970s MAC Champions
Theme: Ugly Sweater Night

**Friday, Jan. 11 vs. Missouri • 7 p.m. ET**
100th Anniversary Event: 1980s and 1990s MAC Champions
Theme: Youth Wrestling Night

**Friday, Jan. 18 vs. Kent State • 7 p.m. ET**
100th Anniversary Event: 2000s MAC Champions
Theme: Heroes Night

**Friday, Feb. 8 vs. Old Dominion • 6 p.m. ET**
100th Anniversary Event: Celebrate the All-Americans
Theme: All-American Night

**Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Southern Illinois Edwardsville • 1 p.m. ET**
100th Anniversary Event: Celebrate the National Champions
Theme: Alumni Weekend and Senior Night

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Redshirt senior defensive lineman Kent Berger (Mentor, Ohio) represented the Ohio football team on the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District 5 Division I Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), the organization announced today.

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Berger, who is a finance major, has compiled a career-high 33 tackles in 2018. He leads the team with a career-high five sacks and has tallied a career-high 6.5 tackles for loss to rank second on the team. Berger has started all 12 games for the Bobcats so far this season.
The Ohio men’s golf program began a new era in 2018-19 with the arrival of Carter Cheves as the third head coach in the history of the program.

The results were impressive for the Bobcats during the fall portion of their season.

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The Bobcats closed out the fall campaign by earning a runner-up finish at the Phoenix Intercollegiate (Oct. 15-16), posting a combined team score of 848 (-4) -- the second-best three-round total in program history -- thanks in large part to shooting a final-round 279 (-5) at Alamance Country Club in Burlington, N.C.

The Bobcats improved upon a first-round 290 (+6) that had them in a tie for eighth with a second-round 279 (-5) that advanced them four spots on the leaderboard. Carding another 279 in the final round helped Ohio advance two more spots on the leaderboard and marked the second top-three finish for the Bobcats in the last three weeks under the direction of Cheves. Ohio tallied 50 birdies at the Phoenix Intercollegiate, which tied for the second-most in the tournament field. Crawford continued the strong start to his second collegiate season, vaulting 15 spots on the leaderboard thanks to a final-round 66 (-5) that helped him tie for seventh with a 209 (-4). His final-round 66 matched the best round score of his career and tied him again for the third-best round score in program history.

The fall season also saw senior Ben Sattler (Liberty Township, Ohio) earn MAC Co-Golfer of the Week Honors after tying for eighth place with a 220 (+4) to lead the way for Ohio at the 2018 Health Plan Mountaineer Invitational (Oct. 8-9) at Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport, W. Va.

Ohio’s 2019 spring schedule will commence Feb. 11-12 at the Earl Yestingsmeier Match Play, which will be held at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Dade City, Fla.
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