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WELCOME

by Thomas F. Rataiczak

Good evening, and welcome to Bellaire High School. Those of us associated with the winter sports program are very excited about the upcoming season and feel we have some exciting athletic contests in store for you. With fall sports concluding, the Big Reds have started the year off with a bang. No one expected the football team to end the season 8-1-1, and many rabid fans still believe that the one tie would have been a victory on dry ground. The volleyball squad made it into tournaments this year, going farther than any previous squad, and the cross country team, although hampered with injuries and inexperience, still managed to respectably place in all their meets. But fall is over and winter is here.

Under the direction of Mark Matz, the basketball squad is looking for a fast style of play, combining full court pressure with lightning speed. Over the past four years, the Matzmen have become recognized throughout the Valley as "the team to beat." Every game they play finds their opponents considering it a major victory to beat them. This is more than a fitting tribute to the program developed by Matz and his two assistants, Gene Ammirante and Kim Clifford.

The girls this year find a new coach in Steve Minney. Any time a new coach enters into a system, a lot of athletes don't go out and a lot who never went out before, try. So there are some major changes in the program this year, but before the season ends, the girls' program will begin to win some of the respectability it once knew during the "Fitch Era." The only thing they need is more support from you, the public. Like the boys, the roar of the crowd does wonders to inspire a young group of athletes.

Entering his second year as head wrestling coach, Jeff Stolz has brought an exciting style of wrestling back to Bellaire and has built a contender to be reckoned with. The biggest obstacle facing the matmen this year is moving into the AAA classification in the state, but this could work in their favor when tournament time rolls around. With only two home contests this season, the grapplers are hoping for a lot of on-the-road support from the Bellaire people.

And while these athletes have been working hard preparing for the upcoming season, so have the producers of this program you are now reading. Singlehandedly produced by George Robson, this souvenir booklet was completely done for the fan's enjoyment. In some small way, we hope it contributes to the class we feel about our school system.

The system has been very fortunate over the past years in obtaining tremendously dedicated and knowledgeable coaches and teachers. The credit for this must go to the Board of Education and administration for carefully selecting only the best to guide our youth. But the credit for their being there indirectly lies with you, the taxpayer who votes them in and supports the Bellaire School System. Our fans have always been the greatest, and we hope we can keep them that way.

Like sports, it takes a team effort to produce a winner. With your support and good sportsmanship, we will continue the motto of this program - "CLASS + PRIDE = SUCCESS."

So sit back and enjoy the game. Thanks for attending and have a safe trip home this evening.





1977-78 VARSITY BIG REDS - Seated: Fred Hocker (manager), John Helms, Dean Lipperman, Rich Hollingshead (manager), Bill Mehl, JoJo Campbell; standing: Vince Mehl, Greg Gray (captain), Bill Wiley, Junior Gray, Dickie Sketel, Brian Dawson (captain).

TRUE WINNERS 1978-79 ATHENS TEAM

by Thomas E. Rataiczak

Every coach seems to establish within his coaching philosophy a team or player that he seeks to pattern future squads after. For Mark Matz, head basketball coach at Bellaire High School, this group not only is one he seeks to emulate each year, but also one which he had the privilege of coaching.

The 1977-1978 Big Reds were not a star-studded team; it contained no superstar or Valley court giant. Yet they captured the OVAC AAA Title, a Sectional crown, their first District title in 70 years, and finally fell to a powerful Portsmouth to settle for Regional runner-up. Ending up ranked 17th in the state, the Reds made it into the final 8 teams before state competition began.

This group of men perhaps displayed the best example of team play and unity of any squad ever to wear the Red and Black. Although Brian Dawson dominated most of the categories, it was only made possible by the unselfish play of Greg Gray, John Helms, Vince Mehl, and Junior Gray. Also lending moral support from the bench at all times when they weren't contributing on the court were JoJo Campbell, Dickie Sketel, Dean Lipperman, Bill Mehl, Bill Wiley, Curtis Feller, and Chuck Mehl.

In December, no one expected them to be in Athens. But slowly, through determination and belief in themselves, the Big Reds inched their way to the regionals. If all teams could develop the pride, confidence, and belief in themselves as this group did, the future of Bellaire Big Reds basketball is extremely promising.

It is to this group of men that we dedicate the 1980-1981 season and program. Welcome back home, Big Reds.



Harry Thompson , superintendent

by Deanna Saunders

The superintendent of the Bellaire City School District is held accountable to the Board of Education for all aspects of administering the school system under the policies adopted by the Board. Mr. Harry C. Thompson is serving his second year as superintendent of Bellaire City Schools.

The Board views the superintendent's position in the Bellaire School System in a triple capacity: executive of the Board, leader for all personnel of the system, and liaison between those personnel and the Board. He is the only person in the system with whom the Board normally needs to be directly involved in decisions regarding appointments of personnel.

During his career, Mr. Thompson has served as an elementary principal and supervisor, assistant superintendent, clerk-treasurer, an acting president, assistant to the president, and Director of Admissions at Jefferson County Technical College.

His education includes his post-graduate work at WVU and the Universities of Dayton and Detroit. He received his BSED from Ohio Northern University and his MA from WVU.



Steve Kish , principal

by Chriscinda Johnston

"I am very excited about this year's wrestling and basketball teams," said Mr. Steve Kish, principal at Bellaire High School. "We have coaches who are excellent and young men and young women who are second to none. Our teams and coaches have worked very hard and I know it will pay off for them."

Mr. Kish, who has been on the Bellaire administration staff for five years, is presently in his third year as principal of the high school. He is married to the former Kathy Call of Wellsburg, West Virginia, and has two children, Kelly, 4½, and Steve III, 2½. They reside at 4 Hillcrest Drive, Martins Ferry, Ohio. Mr. Kish has a bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College and a master's degree from West Virginia University in educational administration. He also has additional graduate credits from the University of Detroit and Dayton University, and works in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference as a registered wrestling official.



Frank Danadic , ass't. principal

by Mary Blake

Mr. Frank Danadic is the assistant principal at Bellaire High School. He has worked in this capacity since 1978 taking care of the attendance and discipline.

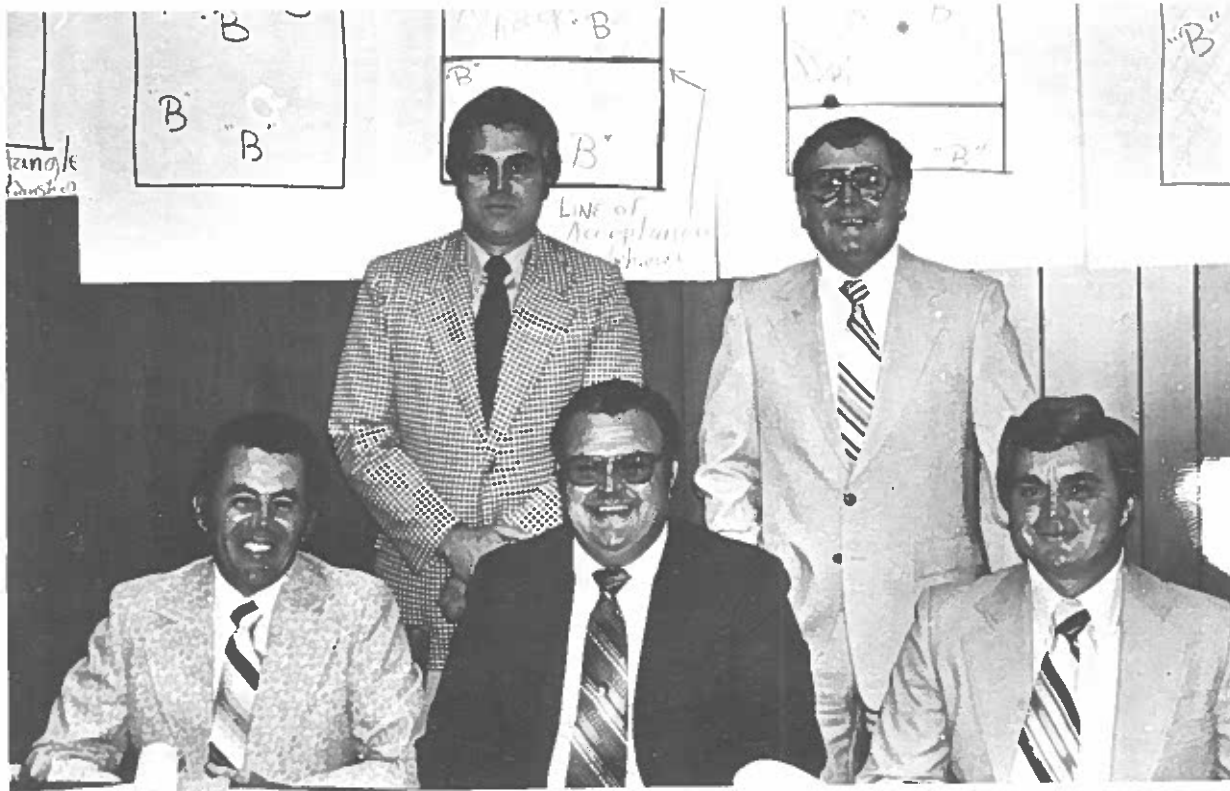
Danadic is a 1959 graduate from Bellaire High School. In 1970 he received his BA degree from West Liberty State College and his MS degree from the University of Dayton. Before he returned to Bellaire High School he worked for the Martins Ferry School District for seven years.

Danadic is married to the former Beverly E. Dutcher, also a former Bellaire High School graduate, and now resides in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

"It is an extreme pleasure to welcome you to Bellaire High School. Traditionally, Bellaire athletes have been noted for their fierce intensity and competitiveness. Also, sportsmanship and fair play are qualities held in high regard with our young men and young ladies. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to the players and coaches best wishes for a successful season, and hope you, the fans, enjoy the athletic contests our young people bring to you."



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MARK MATZ Boys' Varsity Basketball

by Jim Tekely

When Mark Matz applied for the position of head basketball coach at Bellaire in the summer of 1976, little did he know he would lead the school to one of the best basketball programs in the Valley.

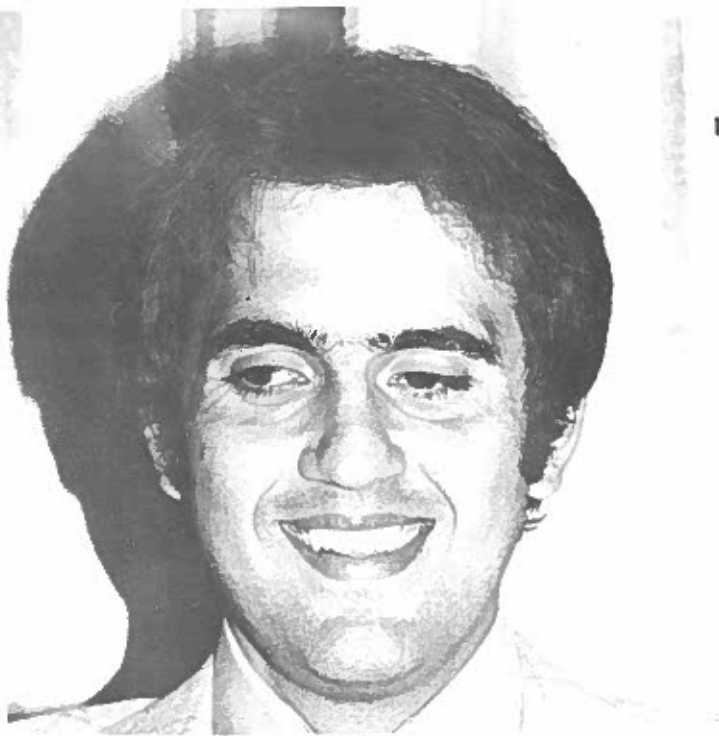
Success was nothing new to him, having participated in varsity baseball and basketball at Bridgeport. Being selected the baseball team's MVP and all-conference team were just the start of rewards for his hard work and dedication.

After attending Anderson College in Indiana for one year he transferred to West Liberty where he majored in Physical Education. Starting his coaching career at Bishop Donahue in 1974, the first-year head coach led the Bishops to an 18-9 record and a state championship. The same year Matz's baseball team duplicated this feat. His second year was just as spectacular. His roundballers went 23-1, winning the state title for the second straight year. On the national level his team was ranked 2nd in small catholic schools.

In 1976, Coach Matz had the opportunity to pilot the Big Reds. Under his guidance the Matzmen have accomplished the following feats: 77-25 record, 4 sectional championships, 2 OVAC championships (AAA and AAAA), 1 district championship, 1 district runner-up, 1 regional runner-up, and numerous school records.

"This year we must rely on good defense, quickness, and good fundamental basketball to be successful. We must be an opportunistic team, utilizing the whole court and taking advantage of our opponent's mistakes," stated Matz. Adaptability isn't new to the Big Reds. Coach Matz seems to ease his teams into the best style of play for them.

With Matz at the helm, the Bellaire fans can have another exciting season to look forward to. He reminds the fans that, "These are only kids. Give them all the support that you can."



Gene Ammirante, reserve coach

by Michele Jones

Reserve basketball "Bellaire Style" just wouldn't be carried out to its full extent without the help of Coach Gene Ammirante. A graduate of Wheeling Central and West Liberty State College, Ammirante is entering his fifth year as a basketball coach at BHS. Gene is married to the former Pam Sowers and has one son, Jerry Michael, 2½ years of age.

Coach Ammirante best sums up his basketball philosophy as this: "Basketball has become an important part of my life. To be able to work with 12 young men who are in search of a common goal — success — is what I wish to do. The game of basketball teaches so many "real" life lessons — cooperation, dedication, commitment, and competition — that no other environment can produce. These lessons will prepare young men for their future in whatever occupation they may choose. I love giving all of myself in coaching basketball since real happiness begins when selfishness ends."

Along with being reserve coach, Ammirante also worked with the Wheeling Recreation Department for years, directing their basketball program for the past three years.



by June Ramsay

Failure is one word that is not in our freshman coach's, Kim Clifford's, vocabulary; determination is. Clifford's record for the past four years is 51-13. The honors his teams have include 1977-78 Eastern Ohio Tournament Champs and for the past two years his frosh have won the Eastern Ohio League Championship. "Each year I try to set our goals high so that if we come short a little we will not be discouraged," stated Clifford.

Clifford is an important asset to the Big Reds. He begins the foundation of a varsity team by training these young men the fundamentals of basketball along with good sportsmanship.

The team works-out approximately three hours each day. They are enthusiastic and willing to go for it all. "I've never had a bad group of boys at Bellaire and this year is no exception." Clifford's success comes from not only being an outstanding coach, but also a friend to each young athlete.

Clifford enjoys working at Bellaire High School and he hopes to continue his career here.

Kim Clifford, freshman coach





Bill Bruney, reserve coach

by Mary Blake

Mr. Bill Bruney, the varsity assistant coach for wrestling and varsity assistant coach for football started teaching at Bellaire in 1978.

Bruney graduated from Martins Ferry High School in 1970. He then went to Ohio University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education, Health, and Drivers Education in 1974.

Bruney coached football at Alliance Junior High School before returning to the Ohio Valley where he coached varsity football and served as an assistant wrestling coach for 4 years in the Bridgeport School District. Both teams were OVAC AAA champions that year. He also served as a coach on the OVAC All-Star squad that year.

Bruney went to the University of Dayton where he received a Masters Degree in guidance in 1979. Bruney married the former Cynthia Primovic from Bridgeport, and has a 3 month old son named Craig. He presently resides in Martins Ferry.

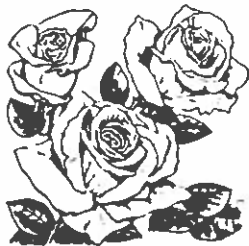
"Our wrestling squad this year looks like they may become a contender, but it is still too early to tell how good we really are."

Head Coach Jeff Stolz feels his assistant is instrumental in Bellaire's successful wrestling program. "One of the major reasons Bellaire football and wrestling has realized some recent success is the fact that Bill Bruney has been on both coaching staffs. He possesses an extensive knowledge and perception of both sports and the intelligence to put this knowledge to work. He is a legitimate head coach in both sports and a true professional in every sense of the word. I for one know that without him, my program in wrestling would not even be half of what we have achieved to date."

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JEFF STOLZ VARSITY WRESTLING

by Don Bronchik

Being born and raised on Rock Hill Pike just a few miles outside the city limits, second-year coach Jeff Stolz has been involved with the Big Reds for most of his life. Stolz is well-known for the fact that he was the first Big Red wrestler to go to state. He was also Sectional and District champ while finishing second in the monumental OVAC meet.

Coach Stolz graduated from BHS in 1970, and attended Bethany College where he lettered in wrestling 4 years and earned co-captain his junior and senior years. He majored in physical education and health.

The ex-Big Red feels, "We have some great prospects this year and hope that we can get someone to the state meet in the new revised system of taking state qualifiers."

This year, the Big Reds wrestle the toughest schedule ever and that should help them cop the OVAC if they can "knock off" some of the area's top teams.

Stolz cautioned, "We wrestle such 'class teams' as Brooke, John Marshall, and Steubenville while we are also searching for recognition and student support. We need a lot of student support."

Coach Stolz believes in hard work at practice and in a match. He also carries the same philosophy, "All good things comes to he who waits, and while waiting -- works!" As all Big Reds grapplers know, Coach Stolz demands the highest grade of work; to him it's the only kind.



STEVE MINNEY GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

by Dana Weber

Mr. Steve Minney, girls' varsity and reserve basketball coach, has a great outlook for the 1980-81 basketball season.

Minney, a graduate of Cadiz High School, went on to further his education at Salem, West Virginia, where he studied Industrial Arts and made this his major. After completing college, he found employment at Buckeye West High School. There he taught Industrial Arts and became head coach of the golf team as well as the assistant coach for the girls' basketball team and assistant coach of the baseball team.

This being Coach Minney's first year at Bellaire High School, he stated, "This is a great school, a super administration, a super faculty, and a great bunch of students. The kids are the best in the Ohio Valley." Mr. Minney now teaches Wood I and II in the Industrial Arts Building, taking the place of Rodney Board.

Coach Minney has high hopes for this season, the varsity starting line up to include seniors Connie Hibbitts, Kim Mokros and Darla Price. Two of these were previously lettermen. The juniors to start are Gina DeBlasis and Cathy Goodson. The coach feels these girls are best for the job.

Other team members who will hit the court with determination are junior Rhonda Beall, sophomores Kathy Perigloisi, Tina Montag, Margaret Price, and Jackie Beckett. All of these girls may see varsity action. There are six freshman on the team, including Crystal Johnson, Debbie Frye, Sharon Robinson, Georgia Murgage, Georgia Dawson, and Lisa Kocher. Minney feels he also has a lot to look forward to with his underclass girls. "The underclassmen are a super group."

The main plan for the year is to establish a good program for the girls and to have several wins. The coach feels he has the team to do the job. In order to obtain the goal set by the new coach the girls must put in hard, long hours of practice and dedication. This will enable them to obtain what's expected of them.

Connie Hibbitts, a senior has been among the top five high scorers in the Ohio Valley in the last 2 years. "She always shows a lot of desire and hustle," said Minney. "She is a team leader and always gives a 110 percent when on the court." Kim Mokros, senior, is another very important part of the team. She handles most of the inside work. A strong insider player, she also shows a lot of desire. If she continues to progress, she will be a fine ball player by tournament time. Darla Price, in her first year as a varsity basketball player, has worked very hard to become good. Being her first year out, Minney feels she has not yet utilized her full potential, but as fast as she is developing, after 2 or 3 games under her belt she will be able to hold her own with anyone on her floor.

Stella Bryan, reserve coach

by Thomas F. Hataiczak

If it's true that good things come in small packages, then Bellaire High School has quite an asset to their girls sports program. Stella Bryan, elementary physical education teacher, also serves as the head volleyball coach and the girls' reserve basketball coach.

She comes to Bellaire with excellent experience in both sports. A 1976 graduate of Wheeling High School, she lettered in softball, volleyball, and basketball before attending West Liberty State College to major in physical education. While there, she earned letters in both volleyball and softball before graduating in 1980. Her first volleyball team at BHS showed tremendous gains in just one year. The girl spikers made it into the sectional finals before being ousted, thus marking the farthest any team from Bellaire has ever advanced. Without being too optimistic, Bryan feels a successful program "is not too far off."

"The biggest problems with girls' sports are lack of support and attitude. During volleyball season, the only people in the stands were parents. We need more all-around support from the students and community. The girls also have got to develop a winning attitude. Many of them feel they can't compete and are used to a 'losing syndrome' " Bryan explained. "If I can get these girls to a few clinics and let them see what can be done, nothing but success is in the future."



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PEP BAND (Top Picture) - First Row: Carma Hinton, Terry Kennon, Randy Rataiczak, Norma Fletcher; Second Row: Fleda Carter, Ralph Hadley, Missy Heil, Gwen Giffin; Third Row: Kathy Hadley, Willie McFeely, Lori Cox, John Bruce; Fourth Row: Lee Blanchard, Steven Biggs, Richard Boyd. (Bottom Picture) - First Row: Scott Liberatore, Sherry McFeely, Theresa Stillion, Missy McCorkle; Second Row: Melody Bruce, Wendy Miller, Karen Phillips, Veronica Teasdale; Third Row: Terri Davis, Paula Tush, Michelle Bartlett, Chris Evans, Jack Dorff; Fourth Row: Amy Moskey, Mike Newhart, Scott Rataiczak, Dan McCormick.

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Jan. 5	Martins Ferry	H	29	Shadyside	H	
8	Barnesville	A	Feb. 2	St. Clairsville	A	
12	Bridgeport	A	5	Martins Ferry	A	

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Reserve Cheerleaders



RESERVE CHEERLEADERS - Left to right: Kim Williams, Suzanne Planey (captain), Lori Dumas (captain), Jodelle DiPaolo, Lisa Burkhart, Michelle Porter.

Freshman Cheerleaders



FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS - Lisa Bronchik, Mary Sue Martin, Marie Green (captain), Denise Vannelle, Sherri Bolon (captain).

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8th Grade Cheerleaders

EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS - Front Row: Lisa Winzenreid, Kim Hall (captain), Carla Garcia (captain); Back Row: LouAnn Meintel, Jennifer Johnson, Lisa Johnson.

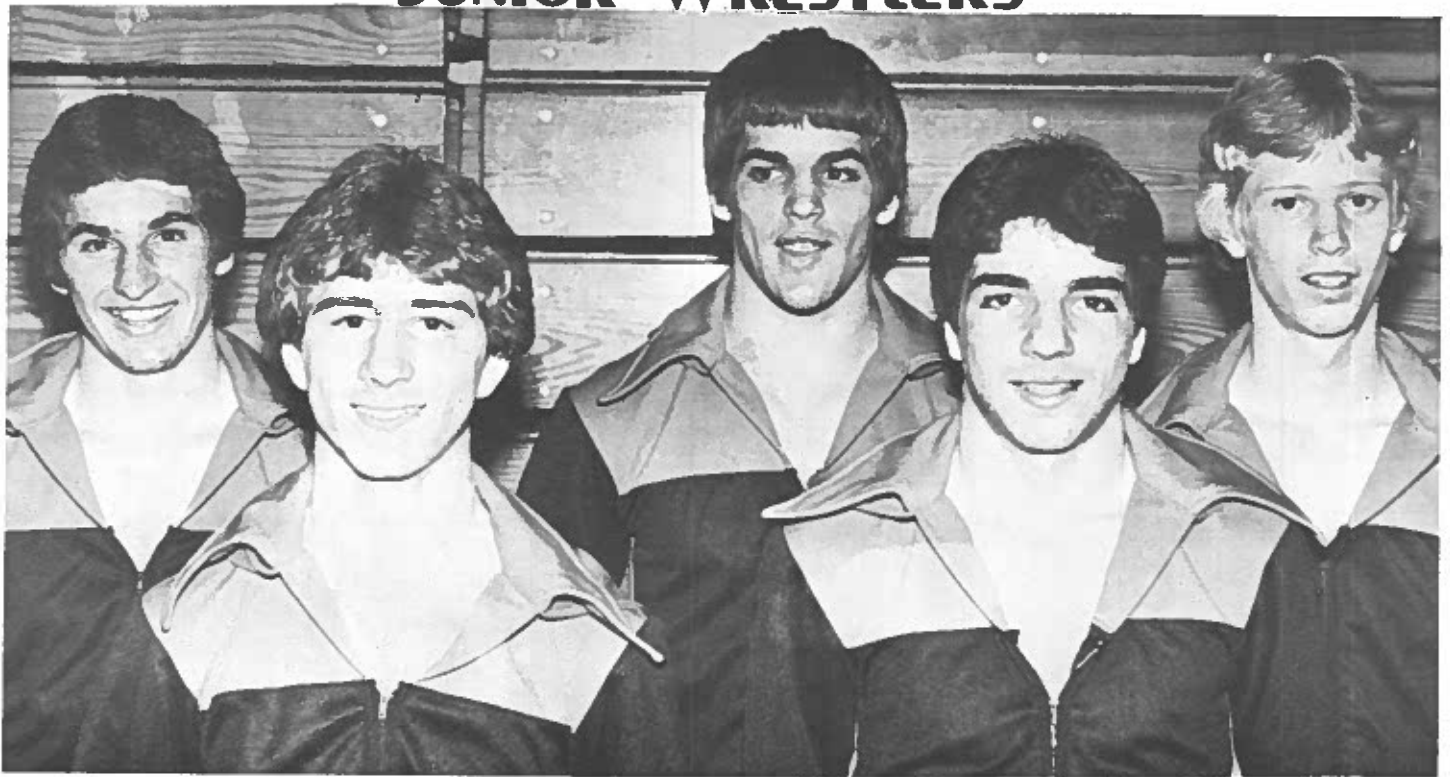


Big Reds' WRESTLERETTES



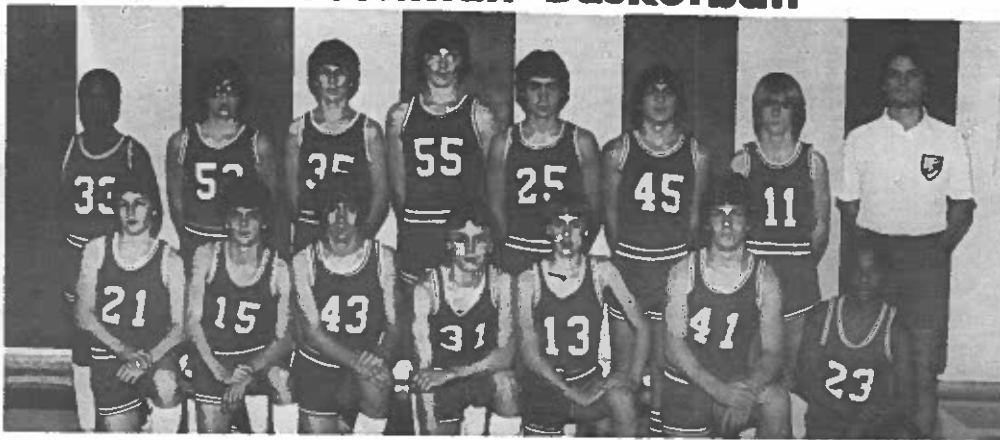
WRESTLERETTES - Front Row: Teal Bostancic (captain), Lisa Mylnak, Caitin Lancione (captain), Lisa Baldwin, Josette Maffe; back: Cindy Ticarich.

JUNIOR WRESTLERS



JUNIOR WRESTLERS - Front Row: Ross Johnson, George Crooks. Back Row: Ernie Blazek, Terry Zonker, Wayne Clark.

Freshman Basketball



FRESHMEN BASKETBALL - Front Row: Dirk Pica, Mike Balsei, Todd Weekley, Don Giffin, Glen Dawson, Scott Hudson, Curtis Galloway; Back Row: David Rhodes, Randy Warnock, Quinten Helms, John Buddenburg, Bobby DeLelles, Vince Stemkowski, Brian Baucum, Coach Kim Clifford.

Freshman Wrestlers



FRESHMAN WRESTLERS - Front Row: Mark White, Tim Tharp, John Sabinski, Darrin Clark, Mike Lynch, Mike Ciofani, Don Kidder; Back Row: Scott Howell, Robin Trigg, Joey Pedelose, Joey Armstrong, John Schramm, John Civin.




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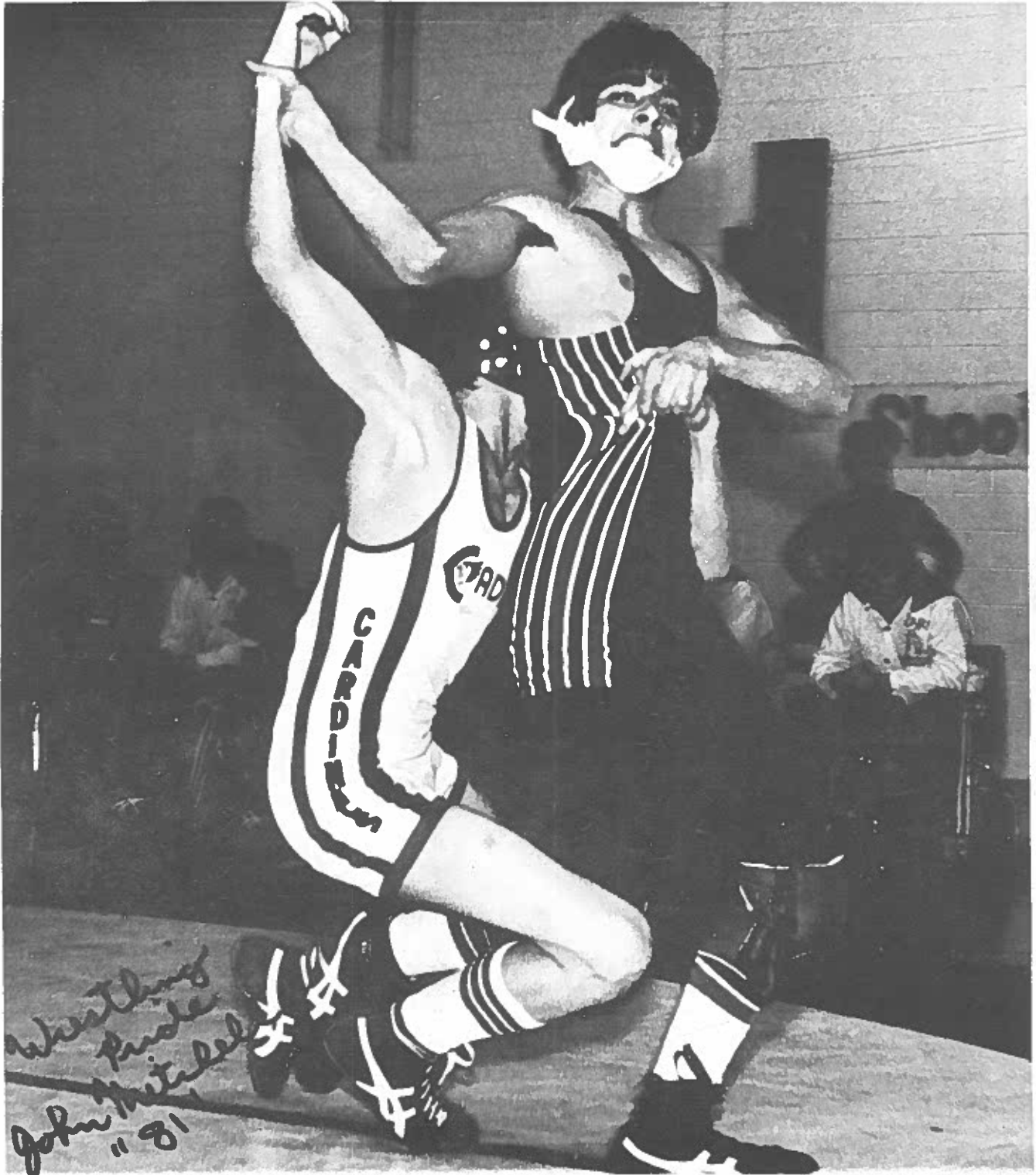
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1980-81 VARSITY WRESTLING



SENIOR WRESTLERS - Front Row: John Mitchell (captain), Keith Gulley, David Dumas, Rob Whitney (captain), Bill Wright. Back Row: Scott Blacker, Jeff Keyser, John Kaufman, Randy Bailey, Scott Antonik.

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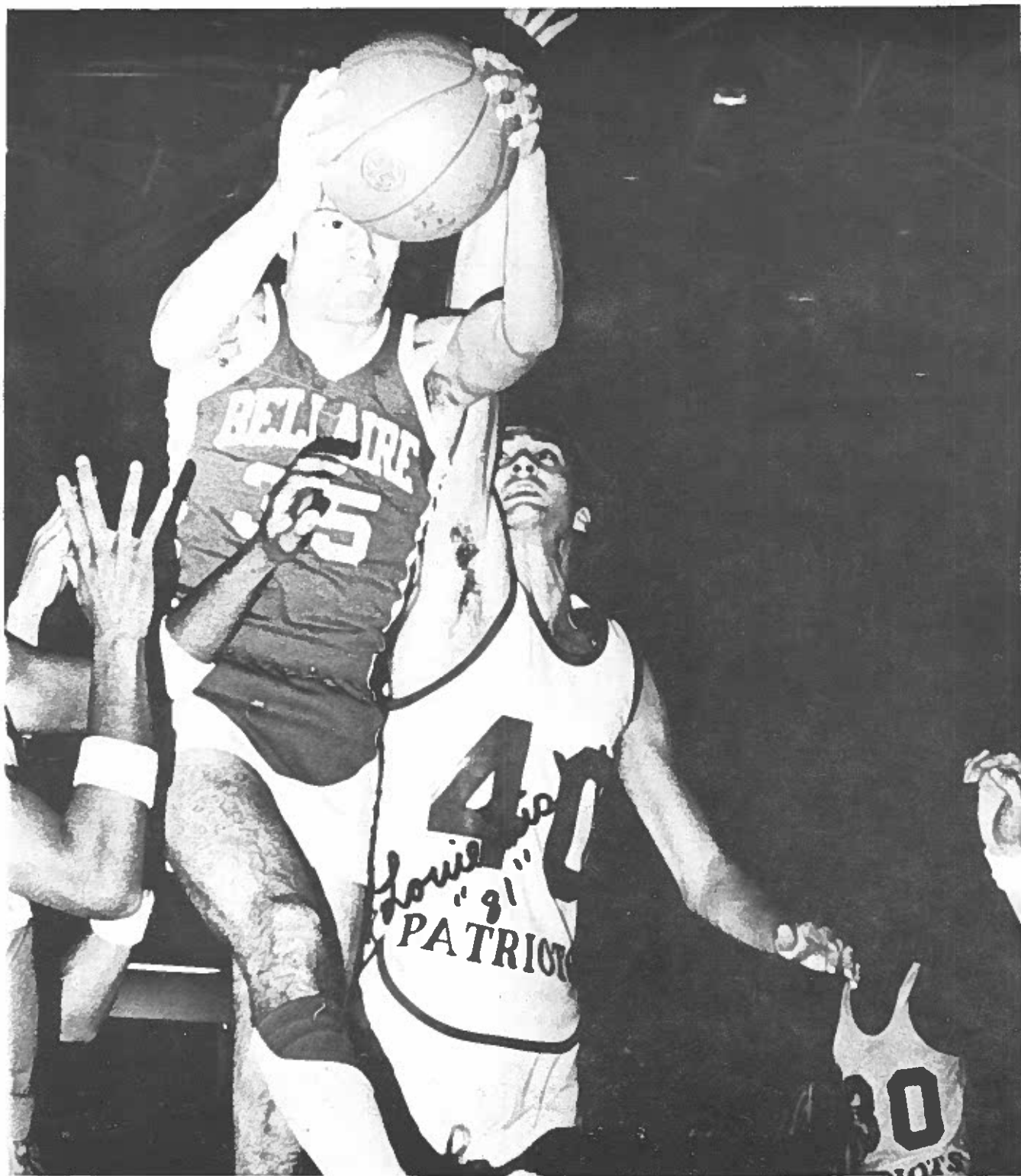
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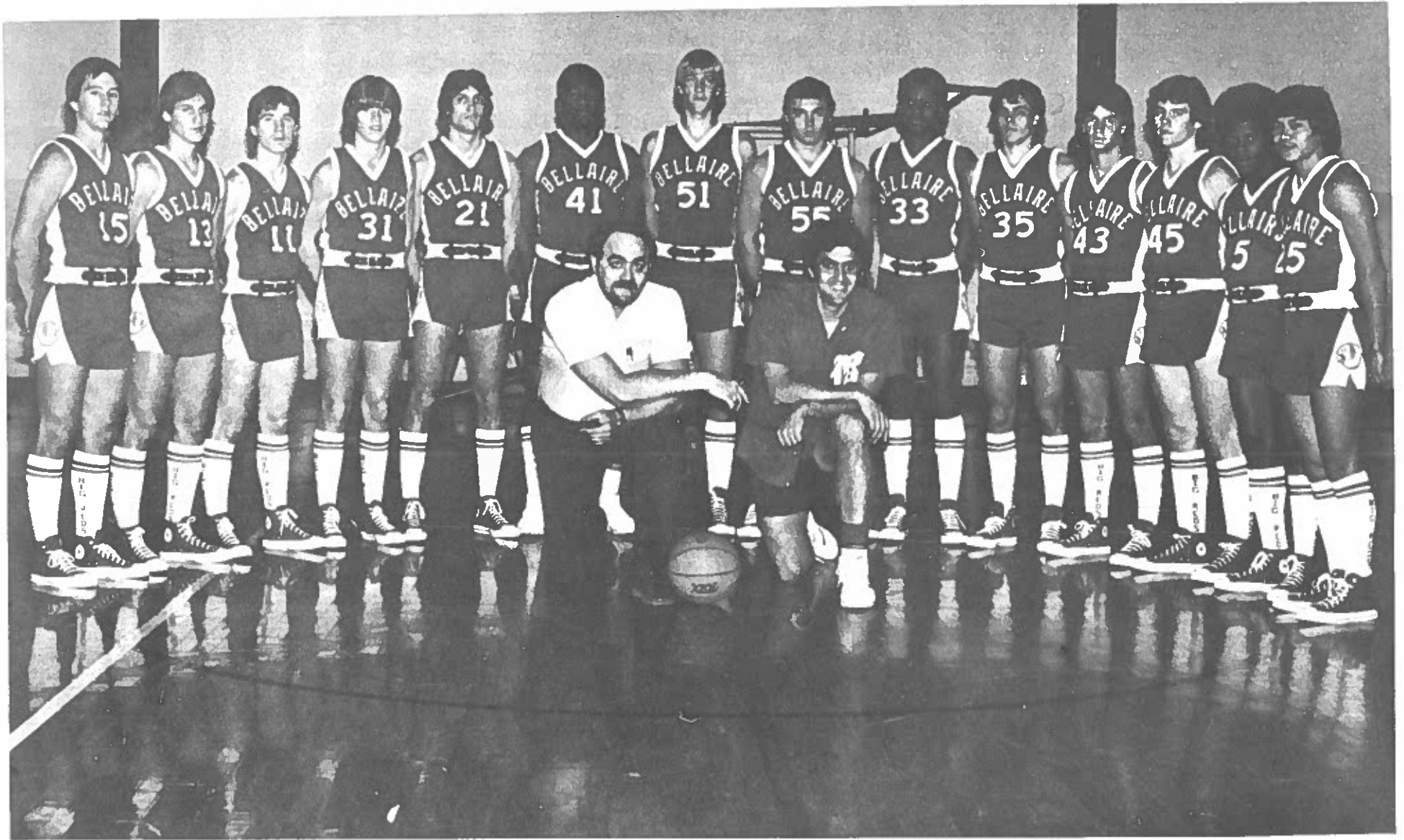
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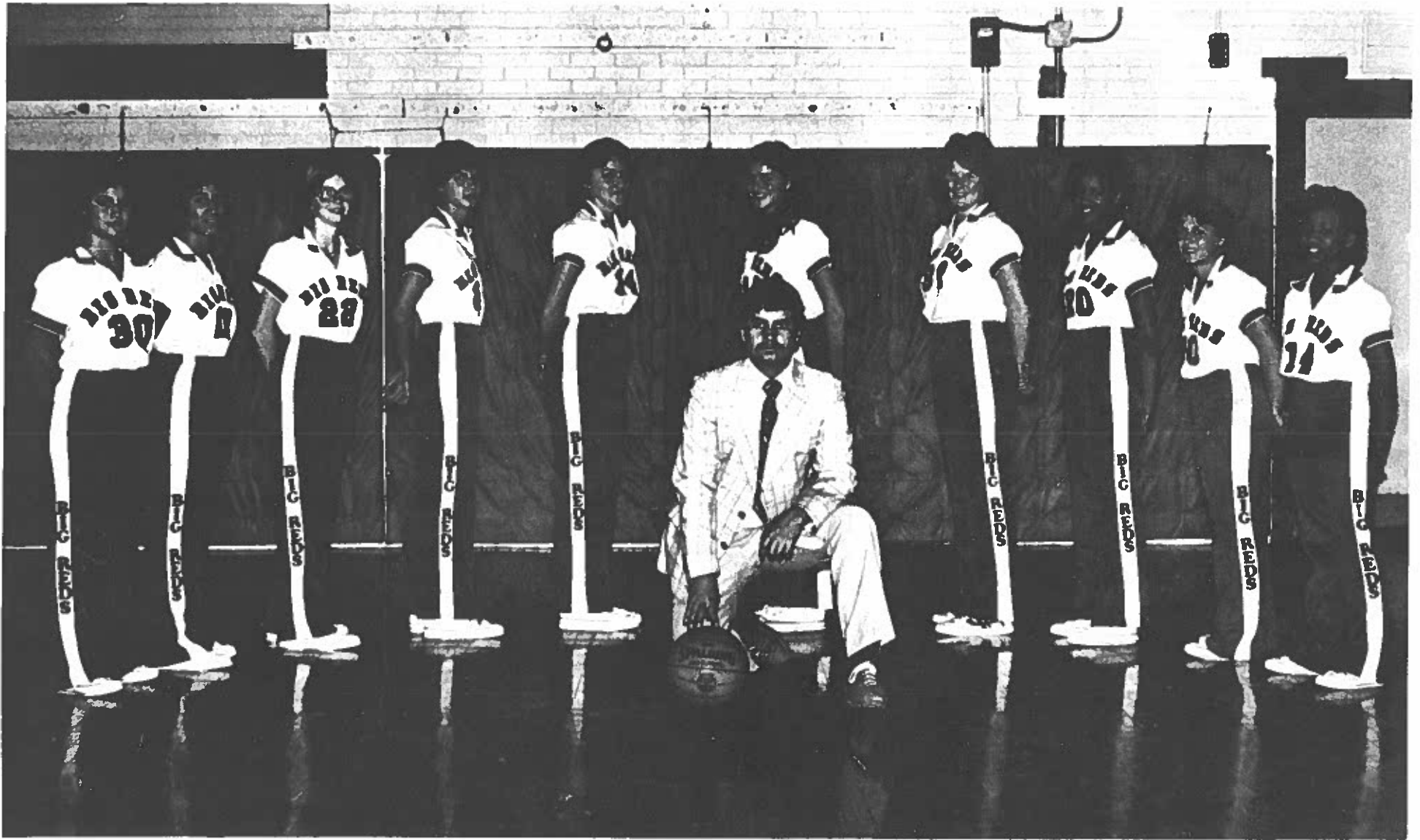


1980-81 BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL - Kneeling: Mark Matz (head coach), Gene Ammirante (assistant coach); standing: Todd Fitch, Jim Sketel, Rick Krupnik, Matt Thomas, Lou Fisher (captain), Damon Anderson, Bill Kahl, Tom Hollingshead, Kevin Pitts, Jeff Helms, Mike McNabb, Jon Bauknecht, Craig Jenkins (captain), James Wesley.

1980-81 GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



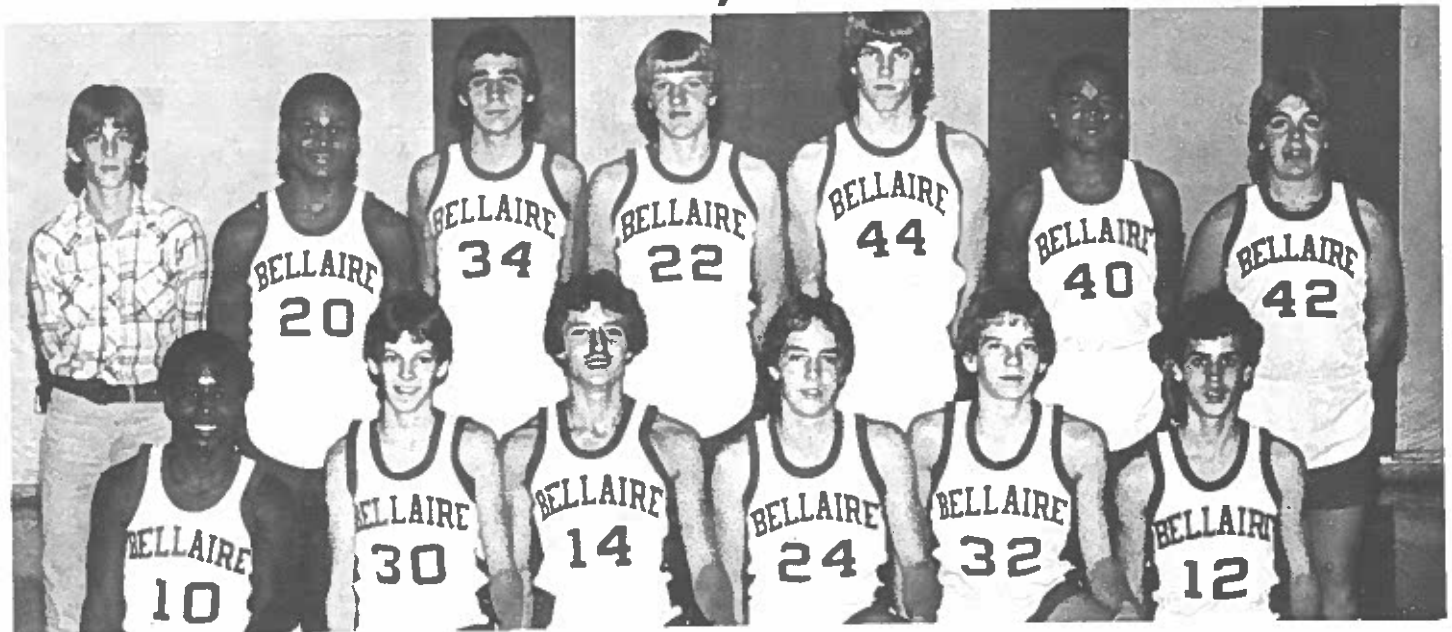
GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL - Kneeling Steve Minney (coach); Standing: Gina DeBlasis, Kathy Goodson, Rhonda Beall, Tina Montag, Kathy Perigloisi, Georgia Dawson, Kim Mokros, Darla Price, Connie Hibbitts, Margaret Price.

RESERVE GIRLS' BASKETBALL



GIRLS' RESERVE BASKETBALL - Kneeling: Stelia Bryan (coach); Standing: Debbie Frye, Jackie Beckett, Lisa Koher, Crystal Johnson, Georgia Dawson, Kathy Perigloisi, Tina Montag, Lisa Jeter, Belle Mugrage, Margaret Price.

RESERVE Boys' BASKETBALL



BOYS' RESERVE BASKETBALL - Front row: James Galloway, Steve Klass, Jim Piatt, Andy Bobka, Rick Maffe, Howard Willis; back row: Robert Dierkes, Mike Tolliver, Jeff Carman, Mike Kahl, Phil Carter, David Boyers.

BASKETBALL STATS



BASKETBALL STATS - Annette Willerton, Robin Shopper, Deanna Saunders, Jennifer Kolenich, Helen Sims, Denise Piatt.

by Beth Spradling

What does being the best mean to you?

For the six basketball statisticians, it's keeping the most accurate books in the Ohio Valley.

The "Stats" are composed of four seniors, Denise Piatt, Deanna Saunders, Helen Sims and Robin Shopper; junior, Annette Willerton, and a sophomore, Jennifer Kolenich. These girls have made their mark in the field of having the most complete and organized statistics. Sports reporters have become dependent and hold their full confidence in the figures kept by these six young ladies.

Started in 1974 by Thomas E. Rataiczak, the girls over the years have done a variety of things to show their support for the team and coaches. Every year the players' names spelled out over the Indian on the wall is one of the works of the "Stats." One year a scrapbook for all of the players was made and presented to them.

A "stat" can always be spotted at every game. This is the first year the girls will all be dressed alike. Red corduroy pants, black sweaters, and white blouses is the 1980 attire.

When asked to express their feelings on having the honor of a "stat" Jennifer Kolenich replied, "I like being a stat because it enables me to have a better understanding of the game. I have become more interested through knowing the procedures of the players when they are on offense or defense." Annette Willerton said, "Being a 'stat' gives me the opportunity to make sure that the players have the knowledge of their ability after each game."

"It helps me to show my support for the team and coaches. Keeping the books for 3 years at the OVAC games was really an honor for me," stated Denise Piatt. "I get to meet a lot of people and feel all of the excitement that accompanies basketball." "I'll really miss being a 'stat' when the final game for me is over," explained Deanna Saunders.

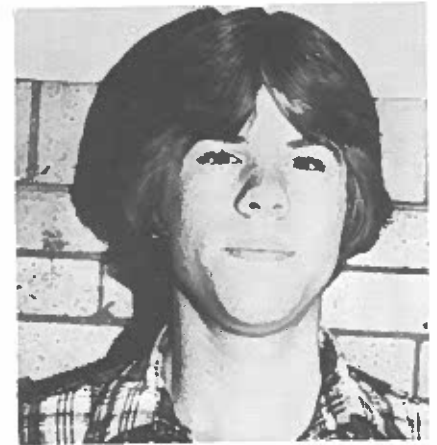
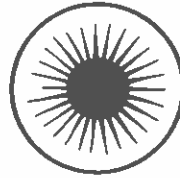
The "stats" have built a reputation of being "The Pride of the Ohio Valley." Better yet, they have made themselves the best.



Wrestling Stats

WRESTLING STATISTICIANS - Christinda Johnston, Emily Tabet, Jane Keyser.

BHS Publications



by Thomas E. Rataiczak

No one ever said it would be easy. As a matter of fact, it took ten years to build, but today the BHS PUBLICATIONS department has become recognized throughout the United States for their ability to produce an average of five productions at one time, using the same staff and facilities in the process. And the amazing part is that ALL of this is done "camera-ready," meaning the productions are ready for the printing presses when they leave Room 332.

GEORGE ROBSON, JUNIOR, was responsible for the entire production of the 1980-81 Winter Sports Program

Under the direction of Thomas E. Rataiczak, BHS PUBLICATIONS became reality this year, with the school newspaper, THE TRIBUNAL, the school yearbook, the BELJUAN, the Quill & Scroll Society, and the school district paper, the REPORT, all merging together into an editorial board which decides all the policies for the staff and the production schedule each is to follow. Meeting every Monday during lunch, the group of eight students help determine the week's schedule and priorities.

Recently, the staff received international attention by being used as the lead-in article for QUILL & SCROLL, a magazine sent to honorary journalism students throughout the world. The article pointed out how well-organized the staff was and how they were able to meet such a grueling schedule. Through this organization, the staff produces a 208-page yearbook, nine issues of an 8-page newspaper, five issues of a district-wide newspaper, a monthly newsletter for its alumni association, brochures for the Bellaire Relays, booklets for area women's clubs, pamphlets for the Medical Foundation of Bellaire, basketball programs for the OVAC All-Star Classic and the District 12 All-Star game, the program you are now reading, and the list continues.

The staff has equipped its own darkroom and does all the printing for these publications themselves. Six photographers are kept busy each week shooting and developing hundreds of pictures. Likewise, type is set on a professional typesetter by three experienced typists, saving the staff and student hundreds of dollars each year. But perhaps the most unique feature of this group is the fact that all the staff members are versatile. The days when one person does one job are over. Each staff member is trained in several jobs — pasting, trimming pictures, writing, layout, typing, etc. — so that they can be utilized wherever needed, whenever needed. This is really the success behind the program. The staff takes a tremendous amount of pride in their work, and it shows.

The motto, "Training amateurs for professional roles," is more than just some words. To the BHS PUBLICATIONS staff, it is a commitment to producing works on a professional level.

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RESPONSIBLE FOR SELLING programs at all home games this year are Suzanne Meek and Tracey Lancione.



BRINGING YOU THE play-by-play action on "The Voice of the Big Reds," WBHR are announcers Dave Imbroscio, Rich Exner, and Ken Carpenter.

by Dave Imbroscio
and Ken Carpenter

Bellaire High radio, WBHR, is now well into its fifth season of broadcasting Big Reds sports. The 1980-81 year got off to a fine start with very successful coverage of the varsity football games.


Now the voice of the Big Reds has focused its attention on winter sports. The sport staff will bring the fans Boys' Basketball (varsity and reserve), as well as girls' varsity basketball and wrestling.

Rich Exner is in charge of the sports department at WBHR and will be handling the play-by-play duties of varsity boys' basketball. He has three years experience in the sport on the Valley's first high school radio station as well as air time on WOMP doing high school tournament games. Four other announcers will also be returning to the staff with experience.

Head Basketball Coach Mark Matz had this to say about WBHR's sports broadcasts. "I think the station is a helpful part of the winter sports program because it enables people to hear the games and be a Big Red fan when they can't make it to the gymnasium."

WBHR Bellaire High School Radio

The station has been under the direction of Mr. Norman "Bud" Russell since its beginning. It is located at 88.7 (on the FM band and is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate at 100 watts of power. Besides sporting events, the station is on during the entire school day and in the evenings on Monday and Wednesday until 8 p.m.




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BHS BASKETBALL RECORD HOLDERS

CATEGORY	GAME INDIVIDUAL	GAME TEAM	SEASON INDIVIDUAL	SEASON TEAM	CAREER INDIVIDUAL
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	34 Darrell Ewart	105 River Local	492 Ricky Lee	1629 1975-76	993 Ricky Lee
FIELD GOALS	18 Ewart/Lee	45 River Local	226 Ricky Lee	721 1977-78	498 Ricky Lee
FIELD GOAL %	100% (6-6) Jerry Kinney	62% (24-39) Whg. Central	61% Frank Sabatino	51% (655-1275) 1978-79	54% (164-302) Bill Mehl
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	17 Brian Dawson	53 Triadelphia	171 Brian Dawson	515 1979-80	247 Darrell Ewart
FREE THROWS	14 H. Seabright	30 Triadelphia	125 Curtis Feller	361 1979-80	179 Darrell Ewart
FREE THROW %	100% (12-12) Curtis Feller	91% (20-22) River Local	85% (125-147) Curtis Feller	70% (361-515) 1979-80	82% (129-159) Curtis Feller
POINTS	59 Mike Sherwood	118 Mound. /St.J.	767 Lee Patrone	1769 1979-80	1842 Lee Patrone
OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS	13 Brian Dawson	34 Barnesville	125 Wayne Chase	465 1975-76	229 Brian Dawson
DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS	18 Chuck Mehl	31 Barns. /St.J.	184 Chuck Mehl	567 1977-78	337 Brian Dawson
TOTAL REBOUNDS	22 Brian Dawson	65 Barnesville	302 Brian Dawson	942 1975-76	681 Ricky Lee
STEALS	6 V.Mehl/Lipper.	16 Tri-V/St.J.	43 JoJo Campbell	202 1979-80	77 Brian Dawson
ASSISTS	12 Jim Kinkade	26 Buck. South	123 Dickie Sketel	376 1977-78	148 Vince Mehl
BLOCKED SHOTS	7 Brian Dawson	13 Buck. South	43 D. Lipperman	138 1978-79	65 D. Lipperman
CAUSED JUMP BALL	3 D.Lip. /J. Gray	6 Buck. South	23 K. Roseberry	80 1975-76	36 K. Roseberry
AVERAGE			33.3 Lee Patrone	87.8 1955-56	20.6 Darrell Ewart
POINTS IN A QUARTER	17 Darrell Ewart	35 St. Clairs.			

In case of errors or changes in the above records, please contact Thomas E. Rataiczak at Bellaire High School, 676-3778 or 676-6168. Before any record can be changed, written proof must be presented to authenticate it.

Sophomore Wrestlers



SOPHOMORE WRESTLERS - Front Row: Kevin Johnson, William Doyle, Pat Sadowski. Back Row: Okey Leasure, Mike Kurth, Dave Blazek, Bernie Koher.

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Sabatino, 8th grade basketball coach

by Deanna Saunders

Mr. Jeff Sabatino has been coaching for the past five years and is now the eighth grade basketball coach at Bellaire High School.

Mr. Sabatino was a 1972 graduate from Martins Ferry and a 1976 graduate of West Liberty. He now resides on Summerhill in St. Clairsville and is a member of the Italian-American Club in Martins Ferry.

Sabatino spent some time coaching track and football in St. Clairsville and Meadowbrooke where he taught government, world history, and civics. Mr. Sabatino also worked in California where he counceled Mexican-American children. His goal was to get them working out and keeping them off the streets. He considered the beach his office as that's where he was always found when he was needed. He came back because he missed coaching and feels it is more competitive here.

Sherwood, 8th grade wrestling coach

by Kristy Bonfini

One of the many coaches in Bellaire High School, Mike Sherwood graduated from Bellaire High School in 1967. He received his Bachelor's Degree from West Virginia University in 1972 and his Master's Degree in 1974. After graduation he began teaching as an assistant at West Virginia University for three years before moving to Bethany College as an assistant football coach. After four years, he became assistant football coach at Waynesburg College where he spent 2 years.

Returning to his alma mater, he served as football coach and won the Eastern District Coach-of-the-Year award. His varsity football team went 8-1-1 this past season. Although the football players and coaches were confident of a good year, the team surprised a lot of people who didn't expect them to do that well. "In addition to the fact that we had some quality players, there was good leadership from the seniors, dedication by the players to the football program, and unselfishness of our team."



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Football - 2
Track - 1



RICK KRUPNIK
Football - 2



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Football - 1



JEFF KEYSER
Football - 2



JOHN MITCHELL
Wrestling - 2



Composite History of The Big Reds Opponents

SCHOOL	No. of times met	Won	Lost	Greatest Win	Worse Defeat	Most Points Scored by BHS	Most Points Scored on BHS
BRIDGEPORT (1910)	62	37	25	66-4 1910	49-87 1967	111 1955	120 1968
BUCKEYE SOUTH Tiltonville (1933) Yorkville (1944)	56	27	29	94-37 Tiltonville 1955-56	64-34 Yorkville '46 56-26 Tiltonville '47	94 Tiltonville 1955-56	73 B. South 1978-79
CAMBRIDGE (1909)	44	19	25	52-32 1961-62	72-18 1917-18	83 1979-80	84 1976-77
EAST LIVERPOOL (1915)	34	11	23	62-19 1916	28-66 1948	76 1970	77 1942
JOHN MARSHALL Moundsville (1909) Union (1916) Sherrard (1947)	119	76	43	53-2 Moundsville 1910-11	79-30 Union 1947-48	118 Moundsville 1966-67	105 Moundsville 1965-66
MARTINS FERRY (1908)	131	61	69 (1 tie)	57-16 1912-13	87-27 1943-44	104 1968-69	116 1967-68
RIVER LOCAL Powhatan (1931) Clarrington (1938) Hannibal Sardis	30	18	12	109-63 1975	49-90 1968	109 1975	113 1968
SHADYSIDE (1915)	81	67	14	78-32 1949-50	67-54 1964-65	106 1968-69	107 1976-77
ST. CLAIRSVILLE (1908)	67	49	18	109-57 1952-53	52-15 1912-13	109 1952-53	79 1975-76
ST. JOHNS (1948)	49	37	12	103-53 1958-59	114-65 1967-68	118 1966-67	122 1967-68
STEUBENVILLE (1909)	60	25	39	53-23 1917-18	100-48 1968-69	90 1973-74	100 1968-69
WHEELING PARK Wheeling (1911) Warwood (1920) Triadelphia (1920)	125	51	74	48-18 Wheeling 1916-17	61-13 Wheeling 1934-35	100 Wheeling 1971-72	127 Wheeling 1972-73
WINTERSVILLE (1950)	30	17	13	99-65 1976-77	97-67 1967-68	99 1976-77	97 1967-68



George Kovalick, Melvin Swartz

by Jim Crumbley

With more than 30 years of association with athletics in the Ohio Valley, George Kovalick has become a major influence on the athletic program at Bellaire High School.

Mr. Kovalick is presently entering his fifth year as athletic director. Kovalick's job includes contracting games and meets, maintenance of both gyms and the football field, and seeing to it that the entire athletic program runs smoothly.

Helping Kovalick in his duties is Assistant Athletic Director Melvin Swartz. Mr. Swartz's main duties all concern the financial aspect. Mr. Swartz, now in his third year, is in charge of all ticket sales and the payment of people employed to work at the sporting events. Both men commented saying, "We believe that our work is our contribution to the sports program and allows us to be around something we really like."



Tom Rataiczak, scorekeeper

by Beth Spradling

Everytime a basketball player shoots two, Thomas E. Rataiczak records the score.

Rataiczak has been scorekeeper for eight years and put together the stat girls now in their seventh year. This is his third year as official scorekeeper for the OVAC Basketball Classic and last year he served in the same capacity for the District 12 All-Star game.

One of his biggest accomplishments this year was an article published in SCHOLASTIC COACH magazine. "Stats Amore" showed high schools an organized and accurate way to keep records. Since that time 20 schools around the nation and Canada have started using the method introduced in the article.

"The thing that has impressed me is the class and pride put into the program by the coaching staff. The result? Success with winning seasons and a whole different outlook for basketball," commented Rataiczak.



Mark Bonar, timer

by Kristy Bonfini

One of the most important positions in a basketball game is not the players, but the timer. Bellaire High School's timer is Mark Bonar. Bonar is a 1972 graduate of Shadyside High School, and a 1976 alumnus of Bethany College. The pressure of keeping the time is very nerve-racking. If you mess up the clock, the game might as well be over. Bonar spends most of his time with sports such as assisting in football and being the boys' varsity baseball coach. Bonar has also played for the Warwood Reds for four years.

"The boys' baseball team is going to be good this year," stated Bonar. Last year the baseball team went 13-13 but has all the pitching staff and seven starters from last year returning. Bonar is also the advisor of FCA for the fifth consecutive year. He and his wife, Kathy, reside in Bellaire.

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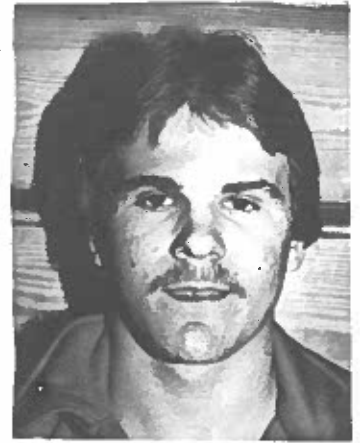
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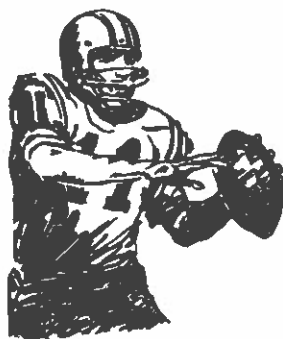
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Big Reds 1980-81 Schedule

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec. 2	Shadyside	A
5	St. Johns	H
9	Martins Ferry	A
12	St. Clairsville	H
17	Wheeling Park	H
19	Steubenville	A
27	East Liverpool	A
Jan. 2	Wintersville	H
9	Martins Ferry	H
13	River Local	H
16	Cambridge	H
20	John Marshall	A
23	St. Johns	A
27	Shadyside	H
30	St. Clairsville	A
Feb. 3	Wintersville	A
10	John Marshall	H
13	Bridgeport	H
14	Cambridge	A
20	Buckeye South	A



BOYS' VARSITY WRESTLING

Nov. 29	John Marshall Invitational	Away
Dec. 6	John Marshall/Brooke	Away
Dec. 12-13	Brooke Classic	Away
Dec. 18	Martins Ferry	Home
Dec. 26-27	Barnesville Invitational	Away
Jan. 3	Wheeling Park/St. Clairsville	Home
Jan. 10	Cambridge	Away

Jan. 17	River/Marietta	River
Jan. 22-24	OVAC	Civic Center
Jan. 31	Steubenville/Weirton	Steu.
Feb. 5	Cadiz	Away
Feb. 14	St. John's/Union Local	Home
Feb. 27-28	Sectional	St. C.
March 7	District	
March 12-14	State	Col.



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec. 1	Steubenville	H
3	St. Clairsville	A
8	Wintersville	A
11	Shadyside	A
15	Martins Ferry	H
18	Buckeye South	H
Jan. 8	Bridgeport	H
10	Wintersville	H
12	Cadiz	A
14	River Local	A
19	Shadyside	H
21	St. Johns	A
26	Martins Ferry	A
29	Union Local	A
Feb. 2	Steubenville	A
4	St. Clairsville	H
9	Bridgeport	A
12	Cadiz	H
16	Union Local	H
19	St. Johns	H



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MATT THOMAS



ROB WHITNEY
Cross Country - 2
Wrestling - 2

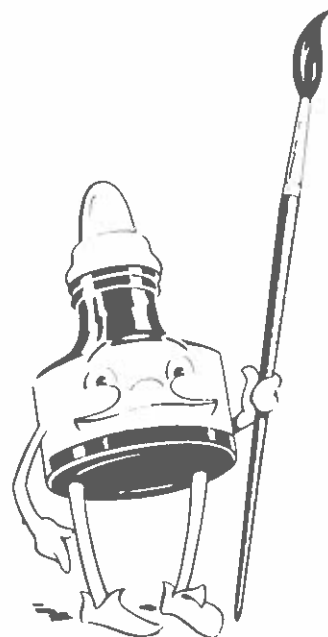
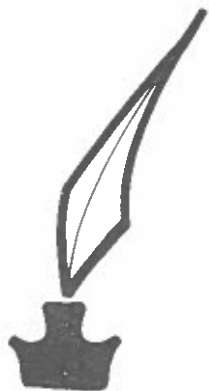


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