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THIS PROGRAM DEDICATED TO:

Mark Matz



Bellaire basketball, class, Mark Matz. It's hard to separate one from another.

Mark Matz came to Bellaire High School in 1976, well aware of the reputation Bellaire basketball had throughout the Valley. Bringing with him Gene Ammirante and Kim Clifford, the three set out to develop an even better program than Bellaire already had. His credentials from Bishop Donahue were definitely impressive: 41-10 and two state championships. But, then again, that was only a small Catholic school in West Virginia, right?

Bellaire has always had the athlete, but several goals always eluded the Reds, like Valley championships and a district title. Under his direction, the Reds won close to 100 games, 4 sectional championships, 2 OVAC titles (back to back in the AAA and AAAA), a district championship, and the coveted trip to Athens for a regional runner-up title. In addition, Matz-coached teams presently hold over 50 of the school's basketball records.

But the above are really not what's important in building a basketball program. Although the fans like seeing all the titles and honors coming in, the winning teams were built in the off-season, not during the season. Giving his assistant coach, Gene Ammirante, full reign, Bellaire students were enrolled in every camp and clinic available. Basketball became a way of life for many. However, the real success of the program had nothing to do with basketball, for Matz emphasized two qualities that made Bellaire basketball what it really is: pride and confidence.

Down at halftime more than they wanted to be, the Reds always knew that the locker room talk was going to be a positive one, stressing how to win rather than why they were losing. Everywhere the Reds went - camp, away games, restaurants - they went with class and pride. That positive attitude was carried into the classroom and, for many, into their present day life.

Matz retired at the end of the 1980-1981 season to devote more time to his family. He remains, however, that positive guiding force at Bellaire High School. It is to this man that we dedicate the 1981-1982 Winter Sports Program.

Welcome

Welcome to the home of the Bellaire Big Reds. This is where all the pride begins. by Penny Tylka

For some time now, the motto of the WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM has been "Class + Pride = Success". This motto was derived from the determination and efforts set forth by our young athletes here at Bellaire High School. They put many years of hard work, months of planning, and hours of strenuous practice into preparing for the upcoming season. An athlete must be a dedicated player to go through those many hours of grievous pain while training.

Class is something which BHS definitely has. When those basketball players come dribbling out on to the court dressed in those red, white, and black uniforms, you can automatically identify them as a Big Red. The skilled techniques used throughout the game also adds to the class which Bellaire maintains.

Pride is a quality which cannot develop overnight. It takes the total support of the fans before our team can actually feel proud of what they may accomplish. Your enthusiasm and support is what made the winter sports at Bellaire High School a big success. Without it, we would only be considered another high school team, not the Bellaire Big Reds. Loyalty towards our players has helped them through their ups and downs during the many years of the winter sports. It's a reassuring feeling to know that the fans are behind you 100 percent, whether you are out there on the basketball court, wrestling mat, or football field, trying to keep the reputation of BHS alive.

Not only have these athletes been working hard to prepare for the upcoming season, but so have the producers of this program. Produced by the Bellaire High School Publications Department under the supervision of Mr. Thomas E. Rataiczak, the WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM is sold at games in hopes of letting the public meet the faculty involved and to learn the history behind our success. The generous advertisements by our local merchants have helped us tremendously with the publication of this program.

We hope you enjoy the game with hopes to see you returning in the near future.



Steve Kish, principal

by Paula Carpenter
Mr. Steve Kish, principal of Bellaire High School, has definitely positive opinions of the student body and residents of the Bellaire area.

Mr. Kish enjoys being principal of Bellaire High. He enthusiastically stated, "I love it!"

Working with Assistant Principal Mr. Frank Danadic is an advantage. He is more of a partner than an assistant principal. "He's tremendous," he commented.

"I enjoy it very much. It gives me a better chance to work with more students not just a limited amount, such as when I was an English teacher for 7 years at Martins Ferry."



Harry Thompson, supt.

by Mike Newhart
"The caliber of competition and strong tradition of sportsmanship and cooperation by the opponents of the "Big Reds" have served to maintain the keen interest in sports in Bellaire and the other communities of the entire Ohio Valley," stated Mr. Harry C. Thompson, superintendent of Bellaire City Schools.

Mr. Thompson received his BSED at Ohio Northern University, his MA at West Virginia University, and attended several universities for Post Graduate education. He has been employed by the school system since 1977 and belongs to various community organizations.



Frank Danadic, asst. principal

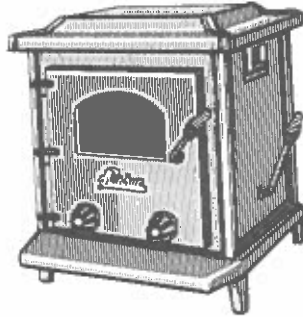
by Joan Schramm
Mr. Frank Danadic is the assistant principal at Bellaire High School and has held this capacity for the past four years.

Mr. Danadic is a 1959 graduate of Bellaire High. He received his BA degree from West Liberty State College and his MS degree from the University of Dayton.

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome friends and family of our athletes. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors, and hope they enjoy the sports activities presented at Bellaire High School."

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Gene Ammirante Varsity Basketball

by Shari Hathhorn

Basketball is the greatest of American games as it contains many of the real life situations. In life, we compete for jobs, positions, and recognition. There will be winners and losers, just as there are in basketball, and those with the greatest desire to excel are the ones who most often succeed. This best sums up Coach Gene Ammirante's "Bellaire Approach to Basketball."

After Mark Matz's retirement from coaching last year, Ammirante took over as this year's new varsity basketball coach. Last year Ammirante coached the reserves.

Coach Ammirante is now in his sixth year of coaching at BHS. He graduated from Wheeling Central High School and West Liberty State College. He and his wife, Pam, have one child, Jerry, and reside in Elm Grove, West Virginia.

"I'm very excited, enthused, and looking forward to a longtime dream," said Ammirante. "I feel very positive about the season and I know we'll be successful."

Coach Ammirante also has seven expectations for his Big Reds to follow— 1.) To hustle; 2.) To be positive (enthusiastic); 3.) To care for their teammate; 4.) To be disciplined; 5.) To care about winning; 6.) To play great man defense; 7.) To do something for someone else.

Coach Ammirante is very dedicated to his work and cares much about his squad. His players look up to him with respect and consideration. He has also worked with the Wheeling Recreation Department running summer workshops and camps.

Coach Ammirante, last year's reserve coach, has always prepared his reserve team for when they become Varsity Big Reds. This year's basketball theme is "Fame," sung by Irene Cara.

With Ammirante as the new head coach, the Bellaire fans have a lot to look forward to, with an exciting and fulfilled 1981-82 season of great basketball.



Kim Clifford, reserve basketball coach

by Mary Burkhardt
"He's on his way to being a great head coach," stated Mr. Gene Ammirante, varsity basketball coach at BHS.

Mr. Kim Clifford, known to the students and players as "Coach Clifford," is on his way. He has moved up from freshman basketball to varsity assistant coach for the 1981-82 Big Reds reserve basketball team.

Coach Clifford played basketball all four years while attending Bellaire High School.

He attended West Liberty State College and, upon graduation, returned to his alma mater to teach.

Mr. Clifford is a super coach, well-organized, and gets along great with the players," commented Coach Ammirante.



Jeff Sabatino, freshman basketball coach

by Donna Kuri
Mr. Jeff Sabatino, history teacher, has taken one of the roles of being an assistant coach to the Bellaire Big Reds basketball team. Coach Sabatino started teaching in the '79-'80 school year. His decision on becoming a coach was widely influenced by the impression that his father left on him while he also was coaching basketball.

Of course, the goal for every coach is to win, but Coach Sabatino feels that growing together as a team physically and spiritually will be the achievement for him. Even though you have a losing season, if you accomplish bringing a team together you definitely have a winner.

Coach Sabatino, with his determination and devotion to the team, has taken the challenge to make the Bellaire Big Reds freshman team one of the finest this season.



Mark Bonar, 8th grade basketball coach

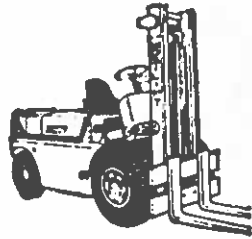
by Shelly Schoeppner
"My duty is to prepare the players to play organized basketball the Bellaire way," expressed Mr. Mark Bonar, 8th grade basketball and varsity baseball coach. By everyone playing every game, he feels that this will turn the players on to basketball.

Coach Bonar, a 1972 graduate of Shadyside High School and a 1976 alumni of Bethany College, has been coaching for 6 years. In high school and college he played both baseball and football. In 1974, he won the All Conference Pitcher Award.

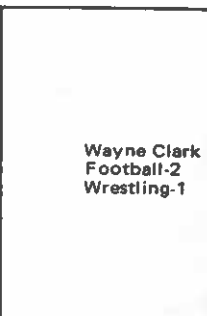
Working as hard as he can and expecting his players to do the same, Coach Bonar gives his philosophy about winning. "I believe that everyone should play every game. If that costs us a couple games, I can live with it, knowing that perhaps it helped an underdeveloped athlete.

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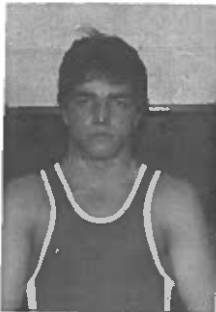


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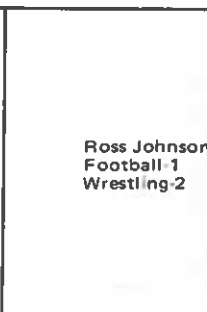
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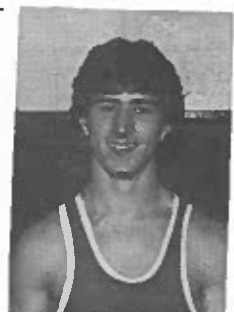
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Jeff Stolz Varsity Wrestling

by Michelle Porter

Mr. Jeff Stolz, a graduate of Bellaire High School in 1970, is currently a teacher and head wrestling coach at his alma mater.

During high school, he was a three-year letterman of the wrestling team and the captain his senior year. He was also a two-year letterman in football. Some of the honors he received during his high school wrestling career were runner-up in the OVAC tournament and champion of the district and sectional tournaments. He achieved both of these honors during his junior and senior years.

Coach Stolz attended Bethany College where he was a four-year letterman of the wrestling squad and again reigned as captain his junior and senior years. When competing in Conference Tournaments, he earned a fourth place standing as a freshman and third place as a sophomore. He graduated from Bethany with a major in health and physical education and a minor in biology.

Coach Stolz accepted a CETA job, at Rose Hill his second year out of college. The classes that he taught were mostly physical education for grades kindergarten through seventh. He also volunteered to help coaches Bowman and Kovalick with the wrestling team.

In his fifth year at BHS, Mr. Stolz became the head wrestling coach. He previously coached eighth grade and freshman football, but he gave this up to devote his concentration to wrestling.

Even though 10 grapplers were graduated last year, leaving only five experienced ones to hold varsity positions, Coach Stolz still feels confident about the team. "Even though we are rebuilding, I think we will always be competitive because our kids are physically and mentally tough," stated the coach. In the past two seasons the wrestling team has been successful with an 8-4 and an 8-5 dual meet record.



Terry Brinker, varsity wrestling assistant

by Cheryl Gilli

Moving up from a Tiger to a Big Red, Coach Terry Brinker returns to Bellaire after coaching at Shadyside High School for three years.

Coach Brinker graduated from BHS in 1973 where he participated in football, basketball, wrestling, and track. Now, after 9 years, he is back at Bellaire as an assistant varsity football and reserve wrestling coach.

Mr. Brinker attended West Liberty State College where he played football for three years and ran track four. He majored in Comprehensive Social Studies and minored in Special Education. He is teaching Learning Disability English and Math for ninth and tenth grade.

Moving up from a Tiger to a Big Red is a big step, but Coach Brinker is confident that the adjustment will be a smooth one.



Pat Singleton, freshman wrestling

by Cindy Ticarich

Experience really makes a difference when one is trying to coach a team on to a winning season. Coach Pat Singleton found this out soon enough when he was hired as freshman wrestling coach.

Mr. Singleton attended Woodsfield High School where they didn't have a wrestling program. But in his first year at Heidelberg College, Coach Singleton found interest in wrestling as he watched his first match.

Coach Jeff Stolz, head wrestling coach, has been instrumental in teaching Singleton the basics of wrestling. Since he is more experienced this year, he'll know when to use certain moves and be able to teach new ones.

Coach Singleton thinks highly of the eighth grade wrestling program. He believes it teaches discipline and experience early. Mr. Singleton commented, "You find out who really wants to wrestle and who doesn't."

Greg Ewart, 8th Grade wrestling coach



A 1975 graduate of Bellaire High School, former three-sport standout Greg Ewart has returned to help Coach Stolz with the 8th grade wrestlers this season. The captain of his senior wrestling and football squads, Ewart won numerous honors on the gridiron, where he was selected All-OVAC, 1st team Region 12, All-District, and Prep All-American. Since graduation he has been working at the North American Quarto mine and studying toward an associate's degree at the Ohio University branch. He will be assisted by another former standout, Pete Perzanowski. This will mark the first year that the 8th grade wrestlers will be selected from the two new Middle Schools.



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Lucille Fitch, Girls Varsity Basketball

by Jan Piehowicz

Miss Lucille Fitch, girl's basketball coach and physical education teacher, stopped coaching in 1975. The 1981-82 season approaches with her return.

On seeing that the team this year was without a coach, Miss Fitch decided to take the job. "Since I was here and had the experience, I felt I should help," she said.

As a Bellaire High School and West Virginia University graduate, Miss Fitch participated in several sports. In high school she played volleyball, basketball and softball through the Girls Athletic Association since there was not any teams. She went to Bethany College and majored in physical education. There she took part in field hockey, basketball, softball, volleyball, and badminton.

After college she taught at Martins Ferry High School for three years and then came to Bellaire High. She became the girls' basketball coach and in 1960 Miss Fitch led her team in a nine-year undefeated season at reserve AND varsity levels.

She also participated in community organized sports. She was a member of the Limestone Lassies, a softball team from Moundsville, West Virginia. This team won the 1952 West Virginia State Championship.

When asked about the amount of support received from fans concerning male and female sports, Miss Fitch said, "Whenever the performance of the girls reaches a certain level which appeals to the fans, they will attend."

She also said, "Today there are jobs and many other activities competing for the girls' attention while in the past there weren't as many."



Stella Bryan, Girls Assistant

by Terry Bailey

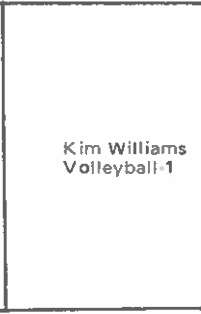
"She's a very good, young, up-coming coach," commented Miss Lucille Fitch, girls' head basketball coach, when asked about Miss Stella Bryan, reserve coach.

Miss Bryan is no newcomer to the coaching staff at Bellaire High School. This is her 2nd year as reserve coach and head volleyball coach. Her first year of coaching basketball was under Mr. Steve Minney. This year she is working with Miss Fitch.

"I love to teach," commented Miss Bryan "and you have to be able to teach before you can coach." Her major job as reserve coach is to teach the game and after the basics, to coach the girls. Coach Bryan's love for the sport is the drive behind her.



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Basketball Stats

They just keep getting better with age. "The Stats," touted as "the finest in the Ohio Valley," seem to improve their system more each year. You would think that the fact that their system of keeping basketball statistics being utilized by over thirty schools throughout the United States and Canada would be enough, but this year they moved one step farther when a new scorebook was created for the scorekeepers. This book was designed by a scorekeeper for the scorekeeper.

Unlike most traditional scorebooks, this book meets the needs of the scorekeeper rather than the needs of the coach. Designed with NCR paper to allow the coach a copy of the book at halftime, the book easily fits on scoring tables and utilizes less space than the traditional models. Being piloted this year, if the book is successful, it will be sold on the market next year.

But "The Stats" are more than that. They are a group of five hardworking girls who spend countless hours charting over 10 areas on every player who steps on the court. They are a group of attractive, well-mannered ladies who promote Bellaire basketball everywhere they go. Now in their ninth year of existence, they've come to symbolize what Bellaire basketball has become known for: class and pride.

The group is headed by Thomas E. Rataiczak, who has spent the last decade perfecting both the system and the scorebook. Most of the girls are selected their sophomore or freshman year so that their ability to keep stats can be utilized to the maximum. Although many schools in the Ohio Valley utilize stat girls, none can claim the accuracy and innovativeness that "the Stats" do. There can be no doubt about it -- they are the "finest in the Ohio Valley."



Thomas E. Rataiczak
HEAD STATISTICIAN



"THE STATS" - Back: Suzanne Meek, Jackie Beckett, Tracey Lancione; Front: Jennifer Kolenich, Annette Willerton.

Varsity Cheerleaders



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS - Lori Dumas, Linda Marple, Lisa Burkhart, Marie Green (captain), Mimi Mitchell, Shelly Davis (captain).

Reserve Cheerleaders



RESERVE CHEERLEADERS - Denise Vannelle, Mary Sue Martin, Vickie Burke, Sherri Bolon, Lisa Bronchik (captain), Paula Carpenter (captain).

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Basketball Records

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 D. Ewart
Free Throws	14 H. Seabright	30 Triadelphia	125 Curtis Feller	361 1979-80	179 D. 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 B. Dawson
Defensive Rebounds	18 Chuck Mehl	33 Martins Ferry	184 Chuck Mehl	567 1977-78	337 B. Dawson
Total Rebounds	22 Brian Dawson	65 Barnesville	302 Brian Dawson	942 1975-76	681 Ricky Lee
Steals	6 V. Mehl/Lipper. Helms/Fisher	17 St. Johns	43 Camp./Jenkins	213 1980-81	77 B. Dawson
Assists	12 Jim Kinkade	26 Buck. South	123 Dickie Sketal	376 1977-78	148 Vince Mehl
Blocked Shots	7 Brian Dawson	13 Buck. South	43 D. Lipperman	138 1978-79	65 D. Lipper.
Caused Jump Ball	3 D. Lip./J. Gray Ander./Fisher Hollings./Kahl	7 Martins Ferry	23 K. Roseberry	80 1975-76	36 K. Rose.
Average			33.3 Lee Patrone	87.8 1955-56	20.6 D. Ewart
Points In A Quarter	17 Darrell Ewart	35 St. Clairsville			



Wrestling Stats

by Tracey Lancione

Who are the wrestling statisticians? They are Jane Keyser, Cindy Ticarich, Lisa Boyles, Gillie Lancione, Lisa Baldwin, and Michelle Jones. These girls will be keeping the books for the 1981-82 wrestling season which began on December 5.

Boyles, Ticarich, and Jones are the three seniors of the group. The other three girls are juniors.

WRESTLING STATS - Cindy Ticarich, Lisa Baldwin, Gillie Lancione, Jane Keyser, Michele Jones.

The stats are a very important part of wrestling. They give the team support as well as keeping an accurate score of all the matches. Keyser has been a stat for two years and took stats last year for the OVAC which was held at the Wheeling Civic Center. When asked what she liked about being a stat, she stated, "Even though it is a lot of work, I enjoy being a stat because I'm able to help keep the records straightened out, and that is a great help to Coach Stolz and the team." The other four girls are just beginning to take stats although Baldwin and Ticarich were wrestlerettes last year.

This year the girls are going to do some little things to try and make the students a little more enthusiastic about wrestling.



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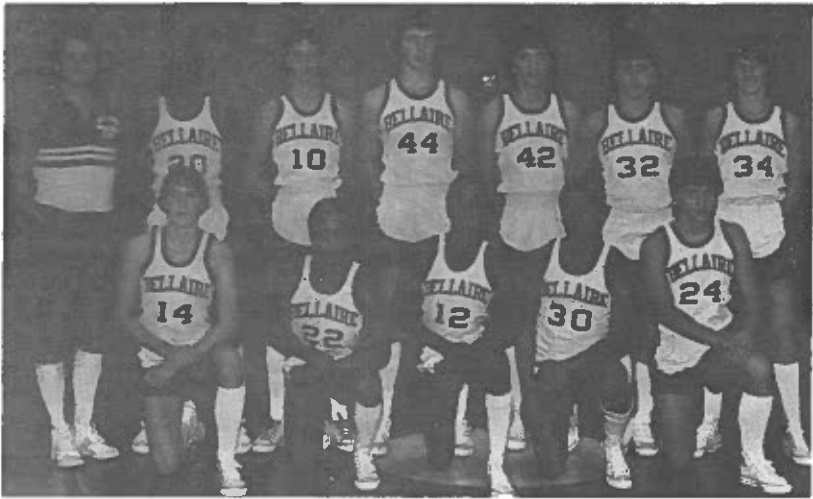


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Wrestling Records

	Individual Season	Individual Career	Team Season
Scoring			491 Bowman 1976-77
Takedowns	121 R. Johnson Bowman 1976-77	224 R. Johnson Bowman 1974-77	326 Bowman 1976-77
Pins	16 D. Weekley Stolz 1979-80	23 D. Weekley Stolz 1979-80	77 Stolz 1979-80
Escapes	20 B. Exner Bowman 1976-77 D. Davolio Chaplinski 1977-78	49 R. Johnson Bowman 1974-76	147 Stolz 1979-80
Reversals	31 L. Harris Stolz 1979-80	60 E. Lesure Bowman/Chap. 1975-78	159 Stolz 1979-80
Nearfall 2	20 L. Harris Stolz 1979-80	26 R. Johnson Bowman 1974-77	93 Stolz 1979-80
Nearfall 3	15 K. Gulley Stolz 1979-80	25 E. Lesure Bowman/Chap. 1975-78	77 Stolz 1979-80
Most Points	66 D. Morris 1975-76 R. Johnson 1976-77 Bowman	125 E. Lesure Bowman/Chap. 1975-78	
Most Matches Won (without loss)	28-0 M. Kovalick Bowman 1974-75		
Most Matches Won (with loss)	28-1 R. Johnson Bowman 1976-77		
Average Points In A Season	37.5 R. Johnson Bowman 1976-77		
Quickest Pin	0:13 B. Dunlap Chaplinski 1977-78		
Best All-Time Record		52-5-1 R. Johnson Bowman 1974-77	10-2 Chaplin. 1977-78
Most Wins		52 R. Johnson Bowman 1974-77	
Pins In A Row (115-Hwt.)			8 Bowman 1976-77
Nearfalls			170 Stolz 1979-80
Ave. Pts. Per Match			40.9 Chaplin. 1977-78

Reserve Boy's Basketball



BOYS' RESERVE BASKETBALL -- Kneeling: Glenn Dawson, Curtis Galloway, David Rhodes, Eric Tolliver, Bob DeLelles; Standing: Raphael Jones, Andy Gellinger, John Buddenberg, Todd Weekley, Don Giffin, Quintin Helms.

Reserve Girls Basketball



GIRLS' RESERVE BASKETBALL -- Debbie Linch, Michele Kelly, Tina Kaldor, DeeDee Davis, Sherri Buddenberg, Shelly Roskovich, Carolyn Wooddell, Nikki Gasbarre, Amy Havelka.

Girls' Varsity Basketball



GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL — Margaret Price, Jackie Beckett, Tina Newell, Kathy Perigloisi, Georgia Dawson, Tina Montag, Cathy Goodson, Terri Leigh, Kim Williams, Denise Franco (manager).

Boys' Varsity Basketball



BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL -- Kneeling: Jeff Sabatino (freshman coach), Kim Clifford (reserve coach), Gene Ammirante, (varsity coach), Rick Burke (trainer); Standing: James Wesley, Mike Tolliver, Jeff Helms, Jeff Carman, Richard Leigh, Bill Kahl, Mike Kahl, Glenn Yoho, Jon Bauknecht, Andy Bobka, James Galloway.

Composite History of Big Reds Opponents

School	No. of times met	Won	Lost	Greatest Win	Worse Defeat	Most Points Scored by BHS	Most Points Scored on BHS
Bridge. (1910)	63	38	25	66-4 (1910)	49-87 (1967)	111 (1955)	120 (1968)
B. South Tiltons. (1933) York. (1944)	57	27	30	94-37 Tiltons. 1955-56	34-64 York. '46 26-56 Tiltons. '47	94 Tiltons. 1955-56	80 South 1980-81
Cambridge (1909)	46	19	27	52-32 1961-62	18-72 1917-18	83 1979-80	84 1976-77
E. Liverpool (1915)	35	12	23	62-19 1916	28-66 1948	76 1970	77 1942
J. Marshall Mounds. (1909) Union (1916) Sherrard (1947)	121	78	43	53-2 Mounds. 1910-11	30-79 Union 1947-48	118 Mounds. 1966-67	105 Mounds. 1965-66
M. Ferry (1908)	133	62	70 (1 tie)	57-16 1912-13	27-87 1943-44	104 1968-69	116 1967-68
R. Local Powhatan (1931) Clarrington (1938) Hannibal Sardis	31	19	12	109-63 1975	49-90 1968	109 1975	113 1968
Shadyside (1915)	83	69	14	78-32 1949-50	54-67 1964-65	106 1968-69	107 1976-77
St. C. (1908)	69	50	19	109-57 1952-53	15-52 1912-13	109 1952-53	79 1975-76
St. Johns (1948)	51	39	12	103-53 1958-59	65-114 1967-68	118 1966-67	112 1967-68
Steuben. (1909)	62	25	37	53-23 1917-18	48-100 1968-69	90 1973-74	100 1968-69
Wheeling P. Wheeling (1911) Warwood (1920) Triadelphia (1920)	126	51	75	48-18 Wheeling 1916-17	13-61 Wheeling 1934-35	100 Wheeling 1971-72	127 Wheel. 1972-73
Wintersville (1950)	32	18	14	99-65 1976-77	67-97 1967-68	99 1976-77	97 1967-68



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PEP BAND - First Row: Chris Evans, Melody Bruce, Norma Fletcher, Theresa Stillion, Chris Davis, Ronnie Myers; Second Row: Carma Hinton, Sherry McFeely, Fieda Carter, Lee Blanchard, Roviene Brown, Terry Davis, Wendy Miller; Third Row: Steven Biggs, Chip McCutcheon, Ralph Hadley, John Bruce, Wayne Kanzigg, Danny McCormick, Scott Rataiczak.

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Varsity Stats

Statistics include games played through 12/5/81 (1 game)	Total Points	Off. Rebounds	Def. Rebounds	Total Rebounds	Rejected shots	Jump Ball	Assists	Steals
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Bobka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carman	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
J. Galloway	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
J. Helms	14	0	3	3	1	0	0	0
B. Kahl	7	1	5	6	0	2	0	1
M. Kahl	6	2	1	3	1	1	2	1
Leigh	11	7	7	14	1	0	0	2
Tolliver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wesley	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Yoho	6	0	2	2	1	1	1	0

BIG REDS

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Gene Ammirante - head coach

Kim Clifford - reserve coach

Jeff Sabatino - freshman coach

Mark Bonar - 8th grade coach

George Kovalick - athletic director

Melvin Swartz - assistant athletic director

Pam Skrabak - cheerleading advisor

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Lisa Burkhart
Shelly Davis, captain
Lori Dumas
Marie Green, captain
Linda Marple
Mimi Mitchell

RESERVE CHEERLEADERS

Sherri Bolon
Lisa Bronchik, captain
Vickie Burke
Paula Carpenter, captain
Mary Sue Martin
Denise Vannelle

STATISTICIANS

Thomas E. Rataiczak
Jackie Beckett
Jennifer Kolenich
Tracey Lancione
Suzanne Meek
Annette Willerton

Steve Kish - principal
Frank Danadic - assistant principal

PURPLE RIDERS

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13	SWEARINGEN, DENNIS	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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Lawrence Duck - head coach

Joe Gala - reserve coach

Edmund Joseph - athletic director

Linda Dowler - cheerleading advisor

Don Ivan - manager

Dave Ivan - manager

Ed Ewing - manager

VARSIITY CHEERLEADERS

Susan Carver

Teri Deaton

Jennifer Laipple

Kelly Lucas

Rhonda Scarfpin, captain

Mary Ellen Swearingen

RESERVE CHEERLEADERS

Rc-lyn Fuscardo

Elizabeth Larkin

Jackie Lucas

Maleah McAninch

Becky Stephens

Rhonda Suto

Robert McNabb - principal

John Vrotsos - assistant principal

Reserve Stats

Statistics include games played through 12/5/81 (1 game)	Total Points	Off. Rebounds	Def. Rebounds	Total Rebounds	Rejected Shots	Jump Ball	Assists	Steals
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Dawson	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
DeLelles	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
C. Galloway	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Geilinger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giffin	9	4	5	9	0	0	1	1
Q. Helms	18	4	0	4	0	0	1	2
Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhodes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. Tolliver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weekley	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	1



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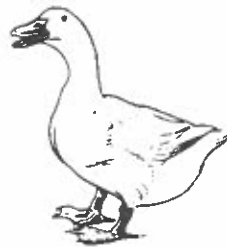
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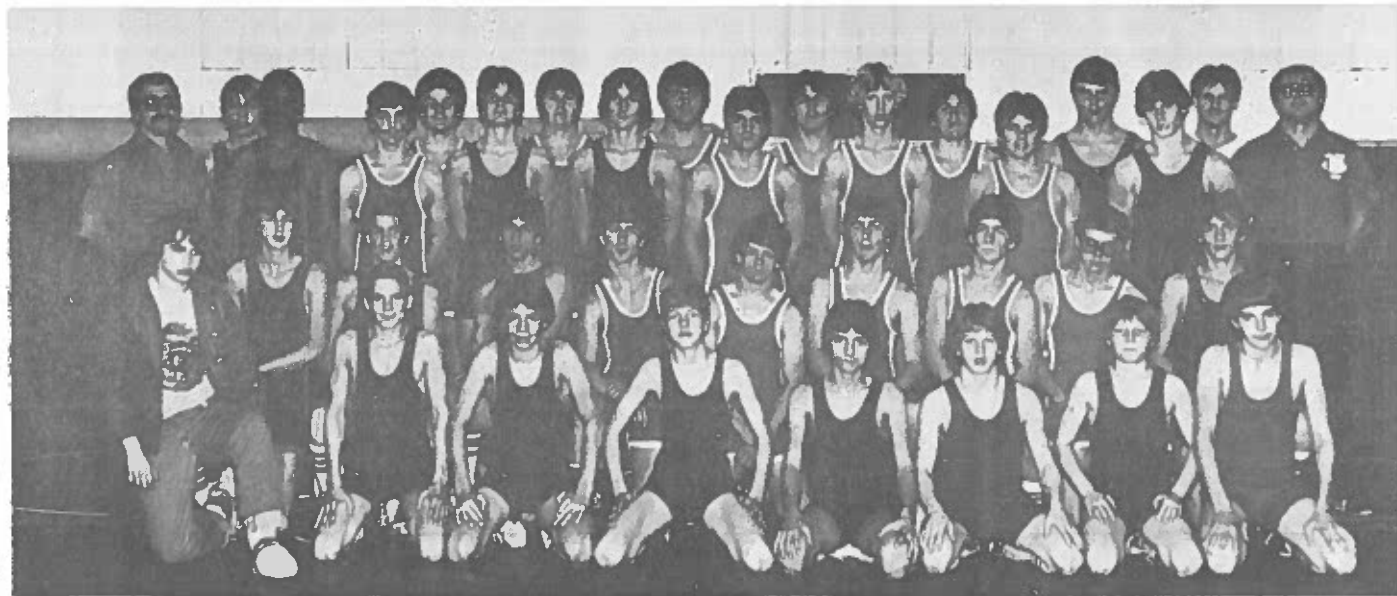
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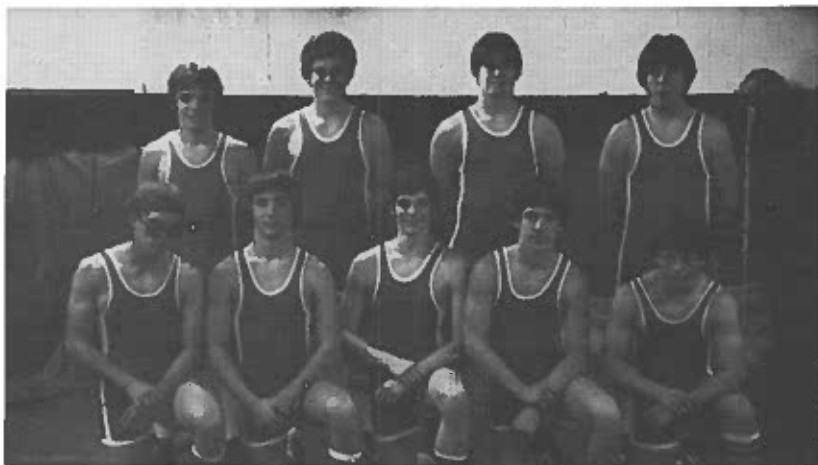
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Wrestling Team



WRESTLING TEAM - First Row: John Burkhart, Dub Doyle, John Klempa, Jeff Hartline, Richard Blacker, Chris Wilke, Darren Clark, Mark Kurth; Second Row: Troy Fulton, T.J. Pacifico, Mike Ciofani, Ross Johnson, Pat Sadowski, Frank Imer, Kevin Johnson, Mike Kurth, Mark White; Third Row: Jeff Stoltz (coach), Tim Carter, Bernie Koher, Joe Pasco, Don Kidder, George Crooks, Wayne Clark, Tim Dumas, John Schramm, Pat Singleton (coach); Fourth Row: Greg Steele, Mark Shriver, Jody Harris, Terry Zonker, Jim Edgell, Ernie Blazek, Jeff Steele, Terry Brinker (coach)

Junior Wrestlers



JUNIOR WRESTLERS- First Row: Mike Kurth, Frank Imer, Bernie Koher, Kevin Johnson, Pat Sadowski; Second Row: Tim Dumas, Mark Shriver, Jody Harris, Jim Edgell.

Sophomore Wrestlers



SOPHOMORE WRESTLERS - First Row: Mike Ciofani, Dub Doyle, Darren Clark; Second Row: John Schramm, Don Kidder, Mark White.

Freshman Basketball



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL - Kneeling: Dean Feller, Scot Maffe, Jeff Frey, Tim Le-Masters, Rod Honeywell, Jim Spigarelli; Standing: Mark Doyle, Tony Freeman, Tom Carter, Dave Feller, Chuck Shunk, Gary Mehi, Shawn Brest, Jeff Sabatino (coach).

Freshman Cheerleaders



FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS - Standing: Kim Hall (captain), Carla Garcia (captain), Lisa Winzenreid; Kneeling: Lisa Johnson, Lou Ann Meintel, Jennifer Johnson.

Freshman Wrestlers



FRESHMAN WRESTLING - First Row: Jeff Hartline, Chris Wilke, John Klempa, Richard Blacker, Mark Kurth, T.J. Pacifico; Second Row: John Burkhart, Tim Carter, Greg Steele, Joe Pasco, Troy Fulton.

8th Grade Basketball



EIGHTH GRADE BASKETBALL - Kneeling: Chad Mehl, Robey Jeffreys (mgr.), Randy Moore, Bob Camsky, Ritchie Landers, John Carpenter, Bruce Hollingshead, Dan Jones, Keith Blanchard, Doug Bennington, Randy Lough (mgr.); Standing: Charlie Ward, Matt Majors, Eric Fijalkowski, Pat Meintel, Kevin Jones, Mike Kuri, Mike Bumgardner, Bob Burkhart.

8th Grade Cheerleaders



8TH GRADE CHEERLEADERS - Wendy Wilke (captain), Amy Pugh, Kathy Anderson, Cindy Steger (captain), Tammy Mellott, Lisa McCulley.

8th Grade Wrestling



EIGHTH GRADE WRESTLING - Front Row: John Enix, Ron Littleton, Mike Imbroscio, Brent Tiber, Rick Gianangeli; Back Row: Rocky Gianangeli, Dave Garloch, Dirk Sitton, Dean Walters, Don Ratcliff.

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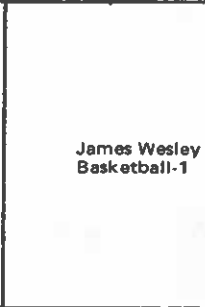
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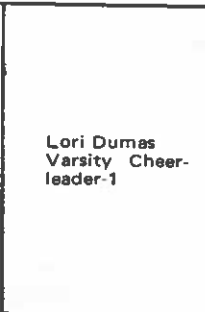
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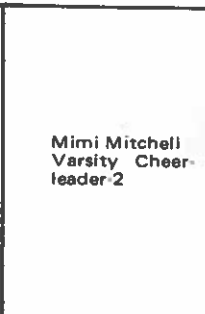
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Winter Sports Schedules

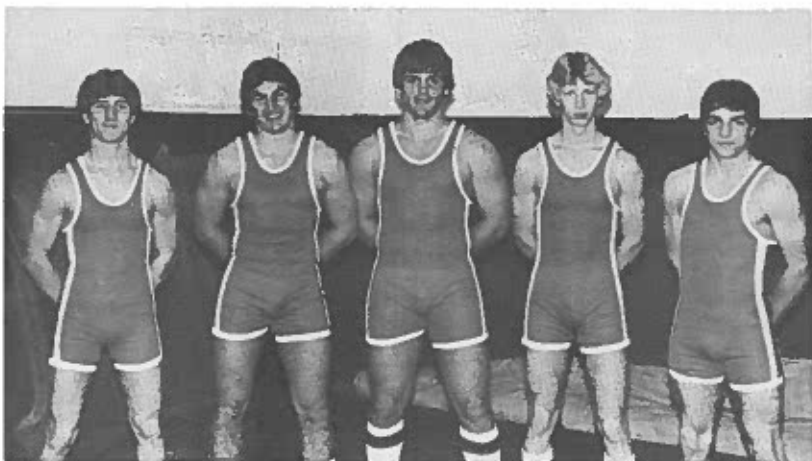
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3	GBB	Steubenville	A
4	BB	St. Johns	A
5	W	John Marshall and Brooke	A
7	GBB	Wintersville	A
8	BB	Martins Ferry	H
10	GBB	Shadyside	A
11	BB	St. Clairsville	A
11	W	Brooke Classic	A
14	GBB	Martins Ferry	A
16	W	Martins Ferry	A
17	BB	Wheeling Park	A
17	GBB	Buckeye South	A
19	BB	Steubenville	H
21	GBB	Wintersville	H
22	BB	East Liverpool	H
22	W	Barnesville Invitational	A
Jan.			
2	W	St. Clairsville	A
5	BB	Wintersville	H
7	GBB	Bridgeport	A
8	BB	Martins Ferry	A
9	W	Cambridge	H
11	GBB	Cadiz	H
12	BB	River	A
13	GBB	River	H
15	BB	Cambridge	A
16	W	Marietta and River	H
18	GBB	Shadyside	H
19	BB	John Marshall	H
20	GBB	St. Johns	H
21-23	W	O.V.A.C. Wheel. Civic C.	
25	GBB	Martins Ferry	H
26	BB	Shadyside	A
28	GBB	Union Local	A
29	BB	St. Clairsville	H
Feb.			
1	GBB	Steubenville	H
2	BB	Wintersville	A
3	GBB	St. Clairsville	A
4	W	Cadiz	H
5	BB	Shadyside	H
8	GBB	Bridgeport	H
9	BB	John Marshall	A
11	GBB	Cadiz	A
12	BB	Bridgeport	A
13	BB	Cambridge	H
13	W	SJC and Union Local	A
15	GBB	Union Local	H
16	BB	St. Johns	H
18	GBB	St. Johns	A
19	BB	Buckeye South	H
26-27	W	Sectional (St. Clairsville)	
March			
5-6	W	District (St. Clairsville)	
11-13	W	State (Columbus)	

BB=Boys Basketball, GBB=Girls Basketball, W=Wrestling.

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WBHR BELLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL RADIO

by Jeff Campbell

What does Bellaire High School have that only two hundred other high schools in the whole country possess?

This would be WBHR, the radio station that begins its sixth year of operating at BHS. This year, the station has a new studio and better programming and is ready to provide the Ohio Valley with alternative radio.

WBHR is located on the third floor of Bellaire High School in the back of Room 344. It has a power output of a hundred watts and can be found at 88.7 FM.

The operating hours for the station are Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week.

The beginning of WBHR goes back to 1975. At this time, Mr. Norman Russell, advisor of the station, was working at WWVA in Wheeling. He took two turntables that were being given away and decided to start an in-school radio station to play music for students.

After talking to a friend about having a high school radio station that went over the air, Mr. Russell formed the Radio Club. He had decided that going on the air was just as easy as having an in-school station.

The Radio Club had to have money for the equipment. Without help from the Board of Education, the members sold T-shirts and held a bike-a-thon to raise funds for WBHR.

Finally on May 26, 1976, the first broadcast was made. WBHR was now part of a network of 140 other high school stations and able to boast that it was the first in the Ohio Valley.

In the first five years of broadcasting, WBHR played mainly the same type of programs carried by commercial stations. Since it is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as a noncommercial educational station, Mr. Russell decided that a change in the format was due.

"I do not wish to duplicate the services already in the valley," said the advisor about the type of station he wants to have. He doesn't want to be like a commercial station because there are already enough.

With this in mind, he and a few students built a new studio in the back of his classroom over the summer. This has allowed him to work with the students better and be closer to the station to repair equipment.

Along with this change will come new programming. "We hope to carry public affairs, performing arts, various types of music, and sports," said Mr. Russell.

This expansion will include programs produced by the thirty members of the Radio Club. This type of format is very rare for most high school stations.

Most high school broadcasts are made of pre-recorded programs sent to the station. But if Mr. Russell has his way, the operators at WBHR will be producing their own shows on such topics as alcoholism, divorce, and city projects.

These changes have come about as a result of the Board of Education's vote to give credit to operators at the station. The Board voted to give each student $\frac{1}{4}$ of a credit per year. This was a major victory for Mr. Russell and his staff at the station who had been trying to get credit since WBHR began broadcasting.

The system set up for credit is an independent study program. In this format, each student will be required to choose a project at the beginning of the grading period. The advisor will then check the operator's work and give points to them for their accomplishments.

Some of the projects that students can use are production of public affairs programs and the design of a WBHR handbook to be used as an operator's manual for members of the station.

This winter, the big sport is basketball and WBHR has expanded its format to cover it. Bill Dallison and Richard Crofton, juniors, will announce boys' varsity games. Chuck Miller, junior, and Michael Newhart, sophomore, will cover all the reserve action.

During the summer months while the studio was not being built, some members of the Board of Directors of WBHR visited WKWZ, a high school radio station in Syosset, New York. Here, they talked with the operators and compared the two stations. Mr. Russell planned the trip, and he also got the idea for the independent study program from this school.

In the next year, Mr. Russell hopes to have a more diversified program roster for WBHR. It is there to serve the people of Bellaire, and the staff is going to make every attempt to have as many public affairs programs as possible.

With a new studio and format, students will take more pride in their station. All these changes should provide WBHR with a more professional sound.

It is not every high school that has their own radio station. WBHR is a unique asset to Bellaire and provides a chance for students interested in broadcasting to test their skills.



ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S varsity basketball games will be Bill Dallison and Richard Crofton.

BHS Publications

It's a fact. There's no group anywhere like them in the United States. This was proven in November of this year when they received national exposure at the National Scholastic Press Association Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. They are a totally unique group.

And just who are they? The staff of BHS PUBLICATIONS has been working for over a decade to build what they have today -- a totally in-school publication that not only does the yearbook but the newspaper as well. But they don't stop here. They are also responsible for producing this program, the district REPORT that is mailed throughout the school district, women's club programs, handbooks, tickets, stationery, statistic sheets, scorebooks, report cards, all-star programs. The list just goes on and on.

Under the direction of an editorial board, the group is entirely run by students. Each Monday, a group of seven students and Thomas E. Rataiczak, the advisor, meet to decide the staff workload and co-ordinate the various deadlines. All decisions on spending, policy, discipline, and production are made by a majority vote of the board, and this more than anything else is responsible for the success they've enjoyed.

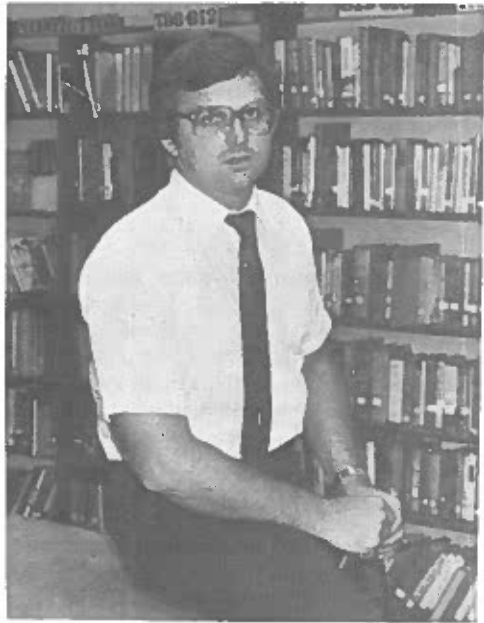


BHS PUBLICATIONS EDITORIAL BOARD- Standing: Michele Jones, George Robson, Sue LaRuffo, Jeff Hodges; Seated: Mary Beth Newhart, Jennifer Kolenich, Wendy Soland.

The staff also operates their own darkroom facility, containing two enlargers and a staff of five photographers. The type for all productions is set on their own composer and everything is prepared for the printing press directly in Room 332, BHS PUBLICATIONS' new office. The only phase of production that can't be completed is the actual printing, and that is only because of the lack of a press.

And this work is starting to pay off. Graduates are beginning to leave BHS and find jobs on newspapers, both as writers and photographers, and make the adjustment with remarkable ease. The result of the program? The teacher? Nope, it's neither. It's the result of a lot of hard work, dedication, and above all, PRIDE. There's no group like them anywhere in the United States. And they haven't reached their potential yet.

Mike Sherwood Record Holder At BHS



by Jim Piatt

Mr. Mike Sherwood guided the Bellaire Big Reds football squad to a 8-2 record this past fall. This was his second year as head football coach and raised his two-year record to 16-3-1.

Mr. Sherwood graduated from BHS in 1967 where he was a standout in both football and basketball. He later went on to play on the gridiron for West Virginia University.

While at Bellaire, Coach Sherwood was very successful in sports. He was a starter for one year on the football team and a two-year starter on the cage squad. As Mr. Sherwood reflected back, he stated, "I enjoyed basketball a little more than football. I feel I had a little more success in basketball because I was a starter for two years."

Mr. Sherwood holds down several BHS cage records, one of which may not be topped for a long time, if ever. It is also a very memorable one for the present grid mentor. The record is that of 59 points scored in one game. This mark is probably the most significant of his records.

One of the most conspicuous games recalled by Mr. Sherwood was a contest against Moundsville his senior year. The Reds accumulated 118 points in that outing and dominated their opponents. The former star recalled, "That was probably the best example of team effort that we put forth. We had seven or eight guys in double figures and I think every-one on the team scored."

Unfortunately, he has a few bad memories about hoop, also. "We were beat in a district game as one of our better players got thrown out of the game on a controversial call. It was one of those bad memories that you would like to forget, but you can't." This example only proves that athletes must take the bad as well as the good. (continued page 42)

Mike Sherwood

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Mr. Sherwood also holds a couple of football records that may continue standing for a good while. The most prominent is his 20 touch-down passes in one season. This mark hasn't really been seriously threatened since it was set. Another grid mark held by the second-year coach is that of total yards in a season. As a senior, Sherwood gained over 1,300 yards through the air and on the ground. This is yet another archive that has lasted in the Bellaire record books over the past 15 years. Mr. Sherwood said of records, "It's nice to have them to look back upon, but I don't think an athlete should concern himself with individual statistics during his season."

Looking back on his youth, the memento's are numerous. He recalls, "It's hard for me to remember a time when I wasn't shooting baskets or throwing the football in the summer with my brother. Too many young people concern themselves with jobs and other things when they're in high school. A lot of people realize after they are out of high school what they missed out on. You've only got a couple of years to be an athlete. I was fortunate enough to play four extra years at WVU. Young people should realize that they've got the rest of their lives to work, but only a short time to participate in athletics."

Mike's brother, Kelly, also starred in sports during his high school career. He also holds a few BHS marks in football.

In college, Mr. Sherwood was a standout performer his junior and senior years. He set Mountaineer passing marks that still stand, although a young man who played this past fall for WVU, Oliver Luck, has broken a few of those records. Mr. Sherwood felt that the competition at the college level was very vigorous. He commented, "It's a lot tougher in college from a physical standpoint. At a major university, you have a lot of guys who were all stars on their respective high school teams. The athletes in college are there because they want to be there. Often in high school, there are guys on the team who are there because of peer pressure, or pressure from their parents."

The reason Mr. Sherwood pursued a football career in college over basketball was mainly because of his size. He felt that he would have a much better chance with football than with hoops. The successful gridder admits, though, that he did a lot of growing in college.

Mr. Sherwood went on to serve as an assistant coach at Waynesburg and Bethany. The sophomore mentor added, "I decided around the time I was in high school that I would like to coach."

Returning to Bellaire provided the coach with new challenges as he took on his first head coaching job. It was a hero returning to his hometown to take the controls of a once-successful football program. Mr. Sherwood was pleased about coming back as he said, "I think everyone in that kind of situation would want to go back. I guess I can say that noth-

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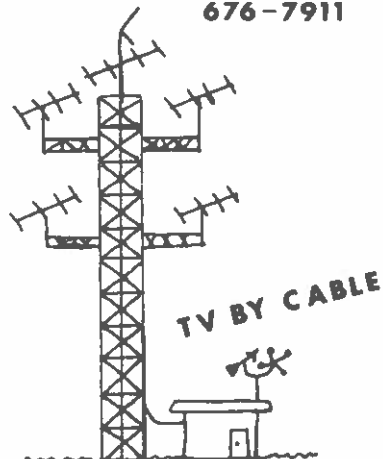
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ing has really happened that I didn't expect."

He returned to Bellaire football bringing with him new formations and new ideas. The inception of the "winged T" and the "power I" formations have brought much success over the past two seasons. Mr. Sherwood is a firm believer in the art of physical intimidation. The weight program has also been improved since his arrival. Coach Sherwood's idea of mashing the football right up the field has made many a team walk away in disgust.

This past season was an "oh so close" season as the Reds lost two games by a combined total of just eight points. The heartbreaking loss on closing day to Martins Ferry prevented the Big Reds from their first OVAC championship in 17 years. The squad will welcome about 12 lettermen back next year in hopes of another successful season.

Coach Serwood's future plans are more or less up in the air. The grid mentor mentioned, "At this point, I have a hard time seeing past the next two years. I can't see anything more than staying at Bellaire."

The past for Mr. Sherwood is one full of glory and accomplishment. As a youngster, he was very intense and hard working. He was a prime example of a dedicated athlete who wanted nothing short of success. He realized the satisfaction that was attainable out of athletics, and he learned this at a very young age. Taking all this into consideration, he set out to accomplish his goals with great earnest. Coach Sherwood recalls many memories as he stated, "I remember a lot of the guys on the team would go swimming at the pool for a couple of hours and then we would pick up a game of touch football. We would play for a couple of more hours." High school was a period in his life that was full of challenges and opportunities. His senior football squad was considered to be one of the best in Bellaire's history as they supported a 9-1 record. His cage team went to the district tournament before being eliminated. This period in his life was one of the most enjoyable that he ever experienced as Mr. Sherwood expressed, "I feel that my BHS years were probably the most enjoyable in my life."

The ex-star added some final thoughts, "Athletics have always played a major role in my life." Sports provide very gratifying experiences, and Coach Sherwood's case demonstrates this fact. He is a man who will probably always stick to the ideals of hard work.

He is the son of June and the late Edward "Pie" Sherwood. "Pie" was very active in Bellaire sports until he passed away last summer. Sherwood currently resides in North Bellaire with his wife and daughter, about two blocks from his previous residence as a child. He is constantly reminded of the past, as he can relate to most of the surroundings of the Ohio Valley. The fact that he is a former standout has regularly followed him over the past couple of years, but it hasn't bothered him very much. Coach Sherwood feels that most people have certain taggings that follow them throughout life.

With so much success behind him, Coach Sherwood more than likely has much success yet to come. We wish him the best of luck.

BHS Basketball Goes National

Any fan who has followed Bellaire basketball for the past few years is well aware of the success they've enjoyed on the court. Their reputation throughout the Valley and Tri-state area has grown into one of respect. But few are aware that Bellaire's basketball program has also been recognized throughout the United States and Canada.

Perhaps the largest project presently being worked on is a slide show that is being used to show other schools how to play defense, Bellaire style. Started at the end of last season, the show was designed by Gene Ammirante and Kim Clifford and photographed by Tom Rataiczak. Using the players as models, the show goes through various drills used by the Reds to condition them for the defense they're expected to play. It was hoped that the show would be marketed this year, but with the change in coaching staffs, the project was shelved for another season.

Ammirante, the "Organization Man," has published several articles in SCHOLASTIC COACH, the Ohio ATHLETE, and other trade magazines showing schools how to organize their programs to get the maximum results out of them. Along the same vein, Rataiczak had published last year an article on how statistics are kept at Bellaire, a system that is being recognized throughout the Ohio Valley as second to none. The article resulted in our system being used in over thirty schools throughout the United States and Canada.

This year the Reds are using their own scorebook designed by the scorekeeper for the scorekeeper. If it is successfully used during the season, plans are to market and sell them next season.

And our fame doesn't stop there. Constantly trying to "sell" basketball to the area athletes, Ammirante has gone out of his way to bring in big names in coaching circles. Last year, the grade school program was treated to the performances of 11-year-old Sean Miller, a ball-handling wizard who has performed throughout the United States at professional games and on television. As a result, the Reds were invited to his home of Blackhawk, Pennsylvania, for an overnight scrimmage with their varsity squad. George and Austin Lehman, two of the world's best ball handlers, also came to Bellaire on November 10 to put on a Pro-Keds Clinic for the Valley youngsters.

But the crowning event in this year's program is the development of the best locker room in the Ohio Valley, and perhaps the state. Scrounging and borrowing everything imaginable, the coaching staff spent the better part of the summer turning an old weight room into an impressive home for the Reds. Carpeted, individual lockers, taping tables, signs emphasizing mental attitude. You have to see it to appreciate it. Pride at Bellaire begins when the athlete steps into the locker room and is carried from there up onto the floor.

National recognition such as this often goes unnoticed on the local front, but one must realize that the name of Bellaire is becoming known throughout the state as being synonymous with basketball.



by Ann Marie Thompson

There is a new face that can be seen in almost every area of sports this year. Mr. Rick Burke has taken on the job as head trainer for the Big Red's athletics.

Coach Burke's main concern will be to deal with protecting the players from injuries and treat those injuries which do occur.

During football season, Coach Burke could be found doing anything from taping ankles, to treating the many minor injuries obtained by the players. Along with the other duties as head trainer, Mr. Burke has put forth much effort to

improve the facilities for the players at BHS.

With football season now over, Coach Burke will take on the duties as trainer for the basketball team. Although Coach Burke has never officially worked with basketball before, he has several ideas and improvements he would like to see in progress.

One of the improvements would be to build a training room in the locker room. The training room would prove to be both helpful and convenient for the players. A freezer will also be a good addition to the room. Since the basketball players locker room has just recently been refurbished, not much will have to be done in that area. The coach's main concern will be to keep the players in good condition, and protect them from injury.

Even though basketball will be a main concern, taking up much time, Coach Burke will also be seen when the mats are out. Wrestling just happens to be another area which Mr. Burke will take on. His duties for wrestling will follow much the same as in football and basketball.

Along with being head trainer, Mr. Burke is an Industrial Arts instructor. The students like him, and he seems to take on the same attitude toward them.

Mr. Burke was a graduate of Bellaire St. Johns. Following graduation, he attended 4 years at Ohio State, majoring in Health Education. While attending Ohio State, Coach Burke worked in many different areas of sports, including football, wrestling, gymnastics, volleyball, and track. He also was in charge of junior varsity football, and the coordinator of wrestling and track.

Coach Burke's all time goal will be to hold the name of head trainer at a major college. But until then, he will hopefully stay with BHS, and continue to do a great job as head trainer.

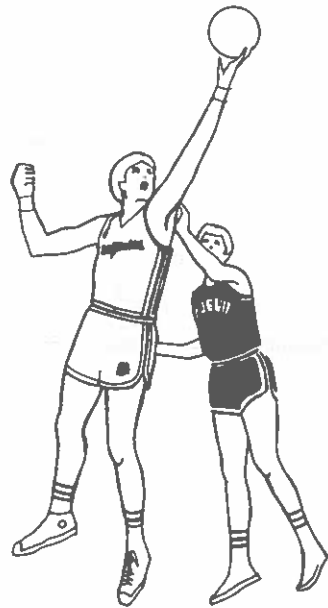


Rick Burke,
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Kovalick, Swartz Athletic Directors

by Michelle Porter

The athletic programs at Bellaire High School are being directed by Mr. George Kovalick and his assistant, Mr. Melvin Swartz.

Mr. Kovalick has been involved in sports for 30 years. Most of his time has been devoted to coaching. He has coached football, baseball, wrestling, track and gymnastics, but in the past five years, Coach Kovalick has become known as the athletic director.

The assistant athletic director, Mr. Swartz, has been doing his job for four years. In the past, he has coached 8th grade football and taught 8th grade history. Mr. Swartz is presently a drivers' education teacher.

"In general, my duties are to make sure that all of the athletic programs run smoothly and efficiently," stated Mr. Kovalick. He makes sure that all playing areas are kept in good condition and is responsible for getting officials, scheduling and arranging transportation for all of the teams. He also helps in the purchasing of sports equipment. "One of the worst problems is raising money to support the programs," stated Mr. Kovalick.



Mark Bonar, timer

by Lee Blanchard

You can't watch an exciting basketball game without looking at the time clock. The man who controls it is Coach Mark Bonar.

Mr. Bonar is a 1972 graduate of Shadyside High School, and a graduate of Bethany College. He's been running the clocks for 3 years and finds it a very responsible job.

Although he assisted with the football team, Bonar will take on the responsibility of being the 8th grade basketball coach.

"I really want them to be what they can be this year," stated Mr. Bonar.



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