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# FOOTBALL

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Gerald Wood



Walter R. Blair Coach



**Edward Watts** 

# **STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE**

# **BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

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#### 1957 FOOTBALL BROCHURE

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## Athletic Staff (Football)

Athletic Director.....Russell Houk, Lock Haven S. T. C. '52 Head Football Coach.....Walter R. Blair, West Chester S. T. C. '50 Assistant Coaches.....Harold S. Shelly, Ohio Northern '31 Russell Houk, Lock Haven S. T. C. '52 Student Coaches.....Charles Puckey Albert Francis Student Manager....Lamar Freeland Director of Publicity....Boyd F. Buckingham, Bloomsburg S. T. C.'43 Secretary.....Mrs. Anna H. Baker

#### Athletic Information

Colors	.Maroon and Gold
Nickname	.Huskies
Mascot	.Roongo III
Home Field	.Mt. Olympus
Capacity	.3,000

#### College Information

Denomination	Non-Denominational						
Conducted by	Commonwealth	of	Pennsylvania				
Year Founded							
Enrollment	1200						
Address		Pen	nsylvania				

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#### THE COACHES

Head Coach Walt Blair will hold the reins of the Husky grid machine for the first time after serving two years as assistant coach at Bloomsburg. Blair was an outstanding athlete at Northeast High School in Philadelphia, lettering in football, baseball, and basketball.

Military service in the Army during World War II ended a brief stay at Temple University. While in the service, Blair played football with the Eighth Armored Division and Camp Polk Teams. In September, 1946, he entered West Chester S. T. C. to begin an outstanding careeer in college competition under Coach Glenn Killinger. It was during this period that the Rams became one of the nation's small college gridiron powers. Blair played in three post-season bowl games, seeing service in both the line and backfield.

An able and enthusiastic competitor, Blair used his know-how to good advantage while coaching at Neshaminy, Jenkintown, and Chambersburg High Schools. His teams rolled up 30 victories, 13 losses, and 1 tie.

In the fall of 1955, Blair received a call to come to Bloomsburg as assistant coach. Jack Yohe, then head man of the Huskies, had observed Blair's prowness firsthand when Yohe served as backfield coach at West Chester under Killinger.

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Coaching three intercollegiate sports keeps Harold Shelly busy from September through May. A graduate of Ohio Northern University, Shelly acts as trainer, scout, and assistant coach during the football season. As head coach of Bloomsburg's basketball squad for eight years, he has never had a losing season. When the court season ends, Shelly directs the destinies of the Husky track and field squad.

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Newcomer to the coaching staff is Russ Houk who piled up an enviable record in football and wrestling while a student at Lock Haven S. T. C. For the past five years, Russ has turned out championship wrestling squads at South Williamsport and Muncy High Schools. In addition to assisting with football, Houk will coach the Husky grapplers and will serve as Athletic Director.

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Charles Puckey, former grid great under Coach Bob Redman at Bloomsburg, has returned to complete his degree. Sidelined because of injuries sustained in military service, Puckey will handle the job of coaching Bloomsburg's JV squad.

#### 1957 OUTLOOK

One of the most inexperienced squads since World War II will represent Bloomsburg this year in the annual gridiron wars. Twenty four of last year's squad are missing from the current roster due to graduation, injury, withdrawal, or academic difficulty. Most noticeable among the absentees are ends Bob Stroup, Dick Strine, and Bob Asby. Harry Hughes, who won all-state recognition for the past several years at tackle, will be sorely missed on the forward wall, and Joe Wascavage and Frank Kaminsky, bulwarks of defense at guard, leave a gap that will be hard to fill. Husky opponents should be relieved at the absence of "Tanker" Joe Malczyk and "Bo" Rainey, backfield stars noted for their plunging and bruising tactics in the last two years.

The bulk of the work at end will fall on two juniors, Stan Covington and Morrie Schultz. Bothare lettermen but lack game experience. The number of reserve ends are limited and inexperienced.

Due to the graduation of Hughes and the possible shifting of "Chick" DeFebo to center, the tackle spots will be wide open. Wying for varsity berths are Tom Vaxmonsky, a senior; Paul Spahr, a junior; Jack Chidester, Hank Orband, Roy Shifflet, and Bob Lesko, all sophomores. Lack of experience will be the greatest problem to overcome at this spot.

The brightest spot on the line seems to be at the guard position where a host of scrappy candidates will be contending for recognition. This group will be led by Frank Prusch, a senior and one of the stellar performers in last season's line. Ken Wood, a junior and two year understudy to Wascavage, should come into his own during the season. Others to be reckoned with are Leo Mulhall, and Joe Johnston, juniors, and sophomores Joe Panichello, Paul Manko, and Phil Lockcuff.

With the loss of first-stringer Woody Rhoads, due to a summer injury, and the questionable performance of previously injured George Chaump and Bernie Zaborowski, Coach Blair hopes to solve the gap at center with the conversion of veteran "Chick" DeFebo, a senior, from tackle to center. Reserve strength is questionable pending the successful shifting of Bill Thomas and Phil Lockcuff.

Among a number of promising freshmen are Kenneth Hill, Bob Warren, Gary Reddig, Ray Naylor, Ed Wojciekowski, Jim Conrad, Walter Fake, and Gerald Hittle.

#### THUMBNAIL SKETCHES - RETURNING VETERANS

GEORGE CHAUMP Center - Senior - 21 - 5'10" - 180 - West Pittston, Penna One of the big question marks in the line-up this year as the result of a knee injury early last season. Standout center for two years prior to injury. His return to the line would be a big help to the Huskies.

FRANK PRUSCH Guard - Senior - 20 - 5'll" - 195 - Duryea, Penna. Former Duryea High School great. Winner of two varsity letters. Key spark-plug in the forward wall. Noted for driving, slashing play. Tough, well-built veteran.

THOMAS VAXMONSKY Tackle - Senior - 20 - 6'2" - 208 - Jenkins Township For three years an understudy tackle to Harry Hughes, Tom now seems ready to take his place as a stalwart in both offense and defense. Big and rangy, Tom stands a good chance of being a stellar performer in the line if he reaches his potential.

CARL DEFEBO Tackle - Senior - 21 - 6'1" - 220 - Berwick, Penna. For the past three years, "Chick" has continued the same bruising play that won him honors at Berwick High School. A three-letter winner, Chick has given the Huskies a consistent, fired-up brand of football. In spite of his weight, he has shown that he can go the full distance, if necessary,

JOHN OUSTRICH Quarterback - Senior - 20 - 5'10" - 150 - Taylor, Penna. The key to the Huskies' over-all success will rest on the shoulders of this veteral signal caller. Returning for his second varsity assignment, John's spirited handling of the squad, his sharp passing, and his football sense make him a definite asset in the gridiron picture.

JONAH GOOBIC Halfback - Senior - 22 - 5'10" - 165 - Plains, Penna. Coach Blair has high regard for this spunky halfback from Plains. A fierce competitor, Jonah plays a hard-driving, scrappy brand of football. Held in the shadows by former Husky greats, Goobic should display a brand of ball which will delight Husky fans.

EDWARD WATTS Halfback - Senior - 22 - 6' - 195 - Jenkintown, Penna. A good portion of the Husky running attack will be carried by Eddie Watts, a former standout performer for Blair at Jenkintown High. The two joined forces when Ed was a sophomore fledgling. Watts has developed into a top-notch college back, picking up three varsity letters in the gridiron sport and an equal number in track.

GERALD WOOD Fullback - Senior - 21 - 6' - 185 - Mechanicsburg, Penna. Barring injuries, this compactly-built speedster should provide considerable punch to the Husky offense. Despite the fact that he played behind the great "Tanker" Malczyk for two years, Gerry showed enough promise to win two varsity letters.

MORITZ SCHULTZ End - Junior - 23 - 61 - 180 - Plains, Penna.

Morrie returned from military service last year and quickly re-established himself as a fleet, pass-snaring end. Bull-dog determination and desire have high lighted his past performances.

STANLEY COVINGTON End - Junior - 20 - 6'3" - 198 - Neshaminy, Penna. Tallest man on the squad; Stan uses his big hands and long legs to good advantage. Picked up a lot of poise while earning his first varsity letter last season.

PAUL SPAHR Tackle - Junior - 19 - 6'2" - 205 - Collingdale, Penna. Paul used his height and weight to good advantage last year, winning his first varsity letter competing against such formidable performers as Hughes, DeFebo, and Vaxmonsky.

LEO MULHALL Guard - Junior - 25 - 5'9" - 180 - Shenandoah, Penna. This scrappy, durable Irishman is back for another try after a bout with a serious illness two years ago. A service veteran, Leo is one of the older members of the squad. A spirited but steady player, he uses his stocky frame to good advantage.

KENNETH WOOD Guard - Junior - 19 - 5'll" - 185 - Mechanicsburg, Penna. Younger of the Wood brothers, both of whom were outstanding in high school gridiron play, Ken is a solid, hard-hitting lineman who copped two letters playing "heads-up" ball.

OSCAR SNYDER Quarterback - Junior - 20 - 5'8" - 160 - Sunbury, Penna. Oscar proved himself while playing at Sunbury under Jimmy Hinds, former Husky grid-great. A sharp passer, Oscar already owns two letters, and should earn another pair for his play-calling skill.

ROBERT BOTTORF Fullback - Junior - 24 - 5'9" - 185 - Bellefonte, Penna. Bob returned to Bloomsburg last season after his military service, determined to continue the feats which had already brought him one letter. "Fearless" Bob is a fast-charging, hard-hitting runner who never seems to give up.

ROY SHIFFLET Tackle - Sophomore - 19 - 6' - 210 - Williamsport, Penna. Much improved over last year, Shifflet should be a big help in the line. Played outstanding ball at Williamsport High and seems to have hit his stride this year in college competition. Big, tough, and fast for all his 210 pounds.

JACK CHIDESTER Tackle - Sophomore - 19 - 6'1" - 210 - Perkiomen Prep, Pa. Jack was one of the mainstays on the Perkiomen Prep squad and battled his way to a varsity letter in his freshman year at Bloomsburg. Steady, dependable, and tough, Jack should develop into an outstanding Husky gridder.

ROBERT ROHM Halfback - Sophomore - 19 - 5'10" - 165 - Muncy, Penna. A tough man in both wrestling and football, Bob has the indomitable spirit needed for a ball-carrier. His alertness, speed, and wiry physique made him one of two freshmen to win a varsity letter last year.

## \*Lettermen

# FOOTBALL SQUAD 1957-58

ENDS	AGE	HT.	WT.	YEAR	HIGH SCHOOL
*Covington, Stanley	20	613"	198	Junior	Neshaminy
*Schultz, Moritz	23	61	180	17	Plains
Fritz, Daniel	20	5'11"	170	H	Osceola Mills
Blackburn, Edward	19	61	170	Soph.	So. Williamsport
Galitsky, Edward	19	5'11"	175	91	Shenandoah
Elinsky, Stanley	19 20	5'11"	170 170	Fresh.	Kingston
Hill, Kenneth Patynsky, Walter	26	5110"	192	rresn.	Muncy Shamokin
Trocki, Joseph	20	3.10.	172		Edwardsville
Byrne, William				11	Upper Moreland
TACKLES					
*Vaxmonsky, Thomas	20	61 211	208	Senior	Jenkins Township
*DeFebo, Carl	21	611"	220	11	Berwick
*Spahr, Paul	19	61 211	205	Junior	Collingdale
*Chidester, Jack	19	6'1"	210	Soph.	Perkioman Prep.
Orband, Henry	19	6'1"	220	11	Fishburne Military
Shifflet, Roy	19	61	210	19	Williamsport
Lesko, Robert	19	6121	215	19	Mahanoy Township
Wright, Donald	22	61	205	11	Kingston
Warren, Robert	17	5:11"	195	Fresh.	Mechanicsburg
Withers, Paul	18	6" 2"	185	**	Collingswood, N. J. Northumberland
Biddle, Dawson					MOLONGHORLANG
GUARDS					
*Prusch, Frank	20	5111"	195	Senior	Duryea
Johnston, Joseph	20	5'11"	180	Junior	Sunbury
Mulhall, Leo	25	519"	180	11	Shenandoah Catholic
*Wood, Kenneth	19	5'11"	185	n	Mechanicsburg
Manko, Paul	19	61	230	Soph.	Hazleton
Morris, William	19	61	185	98	Duryea
Panichello, Joseph	19	5110"	205	11	Cheltenham
Lockcuff, Philip	19	519"	185		So. Williamsport
DeBoard, Philip	17	5111	171	Fresh.	New Cumberland
Noll, Donald	17	5'11"	170	11	Northumberland
Reddig, Gary	22	0,	200		Ephrata
CENTERS					
Chaump, George	21	5110"	180	Senior	West Pittston
Zaborowski, Bernard	21	61 211	180	19	Newport Twp.
*Rhoads, Woodrow	20	5'10"	175	Junior	Boyertown
Thomas, William	19	61	185	Soph.	Forty-Fort
Lovecchio, Anthony	18	5'11"	175	Fresh.	Northwest Joint
Naylor, Raymond	17	5'11"	165	19	Bristol
Fellin, Eugene				17	Hazleton

Football Squad - Con't

# QUARTERBACKS

*Oustrich, John *Snyder, Oscar Gronka, Joseph Wojciekowski, Edward Cino, Joseph Conrad, James Winder, James White Roger <u>HALFBACKS</u>	20 20 19 23 17 18 18	5'10" 5'8" 5'11" 5'11" 5'7" 6' 5'11"	150 160 165 175 150 186 155	Senior Junior Soph. W Fresh. W N	Taylor Sunbury Nanticoke Coal Township Clark-Summit-Abingt So. Williamsport Montgomery Sayre
Goobic, Jonah	22	5110"	165	Senior	Plains
*Watts, Edward	22	61	195	11	Jenkintown
Fisher, Gary	20	5110"	157	Junior	Bloomsburg
Suntheimer, Frank	21	5181	160	11	Hatboro
Blair, James	19	518"	150	Soph.	So. Williamsport
Gerber, David	19	5191	170	19	Mahanoy Township
*Rohm, Robert	19	5'10"	165	11	Muncy
Volpetti, Nicholas	19	5'11"	170	19	West Pittston
Fake, Walter	17	517"	150	Fresh.	Mechanicsburg
Haulman, Larry	17	518"	165	11	Chambersburg
Hugo, Stanley	17	5'11"	147	11	Athens
Johnson, John	17	5181	150	Ħ	Bristol
Bergerstock, Donald	18	5191	155	52	Montgomery
Hittle, Gerald	21	5181	177	n	Berwick
Gruber, Glenn	18	5181	170	12	Highspire
FULLBACKS					
*Wood, Gerald	21	61	185	Senior	Mechanicsburg
*Bottorf, Robert	24	5191	185	Junior	Bellefonte
Sweet, Carl	19	611"	200	Soph.	Athens
Natishan, Jerome	21	5111"	180	Ħ	Edwardsville
DeWald, Richard	20	5110	175	Fresh.	Montoursville
Baney, Harvey	17	61	170	n	New Cumberland

# FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1957-58

# Varsity

JV

Sat.	Sept.	14	Lycoming College Pre-Season Scrimmage	A	Fri.	Sept.	27	Stevens Trade School	A
*Sat.	Sept.	21	Lock Haven STC (N)	A	Thurs.	Oct.	10	Lycoming C.	H
Sat.	Sept.	28	Delaware State	A	Thurs.	Oct.	24	Lock HavenSTC	H
Sat.	Oct.	5	Cortland STC	A	Thurs.	Oct.	31	Lycoming C.	A
*Sat.	Oct.	12	Mansfield STC	A					
*Sat.	Oct.	19	Shippensburg STC	Home	ecoming				
Sat.	Oct.	26	King's College	H					
			California STC	H					
*Sat.	Nov.	9	West Chester STC	H					

\* Conference Games

