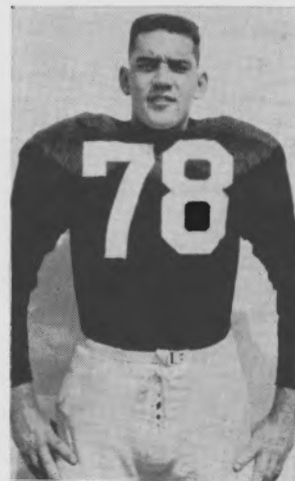


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FOOTBALL

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Paul Spahr



Left to right: Donald Wright, Student Assistant, Russell Houk, Line Coach, Walter Blair, Head Coach, Harold Shelly, Trainer and Assistant Coach, Donald Heilman, Backfield Coach.



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THE COACHES

Head Coach Walt Blair will hold the reins of the Husky grid machine for the second year 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 career 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 prowess firsthand when Yohe served as backfield coach at West Chester under Killinger.

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 nine years, he has never had a losing season. When the court season ends, Shelly directs the destinies of the Husky track and field squad.

This will be the second year at Bloomsburg for Russ Houk who piled up an enviable record in football and wrestling while a student at Lock Haven S. T. C. For five years, Russ turned out championship wrestling squads at South Williamsport and Muncy High Schools. In addition to assisting with football, Houk coaches the Husky grapplers and serves as Athletic Director.

Coach Blair is very happy to have a former college team and class mate, Don Heilman, to serve as backfield coach with the Huskies. Heilman joined the coaching staff this fall after 3 years at Downington and 5 years as Head Coach at the Alexis I. DuPont High School in Wilmington. He and Blair played for West Chester from 1946-1949 when Coach Killinger's Rams won 36 while losing only 3--a proud record for any team and coach.

1958 OUTLOOK

Lack of game experience, which proved so costly to the Maroon and Gold gridiron forces last year, will not be the major problem to face the Huskies in 1958. But a frank appraisal of the current situation reveals some weak spots and some problems which may, at times, cause the Husky gridiron machine to run at something less than high gear. Let's take a look

The Huskies start the season against a Shippensburg squad which was undefeated last season, and before the 1958 campaign comes to an end, Coach Blair will have to pit his forces against two other squads who were undefeated in 1957--West Chester and Lock Haven--plus a powerful squad from Cortland State Teachers (New York) who downed the Huskies 42-0 last fall.

In addition to what looks like a generally tough schedule (with 5 games at home and 3 away), Blair faces a problem common to all gridiron mentors--replacing stellar performers who have left because of graduation, academic difficulties, injuries, or financial difficulties. One of the biggest gaps was caused by the graduation of halfback Eddie Watts who had sparked the Husky running attack and was outstanding in the secondary defense.

Eight lettermen, all starters, graduated in May, including George Chaump, end; Tom Vaxmonsky, tackle; Frank Prusch, guard; Carl DeFebo, center; John Oustrich, quarterback; Jonah Goobic and Eddie Watts, halfbacks; Gerald Wood, fullback. Lost to the squad because of heavy academic schedules, injuries, or withdrawal from college are Nick Volpetti, quarterback; Ed Blackburn, end; Don Wright, tackle; Leo Mulhall and Joe Johnston, guards; Jim Blair, halfback; Ken Hill, end.

The Bloomsburg coaching staff has been working hard on two other related problems which will be the key to a successful season. This includes the development of an aggressive defensive line along with a strong passing attack. And, like many of his fellow coaches, Blair can see the need for more experienced reserves on the line and in the backfield.

It goes without saying that returning lettermen benefitted greatly by their game experience last year, and Blair is expecting to get some varsity starters and reserves from a good corps of last season's jayvees.

On the line, big Stan Covington is back at end to snare passes, outdistance pursuers, and take care of punting assignments. With him will be Morrie Schultz, speedy receiver from Plains, and Ed Galitsky, who is bigger, tougher, and faster this season.

Jack Chidester, one of the steadiest all-around performers during the past two years, will have as a running mate, Paul Spahr, big tackle from Collingdale, whose improved play has been highlighted by more aggressive and determined action. There seems to be plenty of reserve strength here with Hank Orband, Roy Shifflet, Dick Staber, and Barney Manko, backing up the starters. Mel Max, freshman tackle from Allentown, is living up to his high school press notices, and will probably see varsity action.

Two lettermen from Mechanicsburg form the nucleus of the candidates for guard. Wood, a senior, who won 3 letters, has been especially effective on defense with his alert, heady, and spirited play. Bob Warren, who has speed, finesse, and power looks more poised and experienced than he did last year. Strong but inexperienced are Gary Allen and Joe Panichello; barring his proneness to injury, the latter may have his best year to date. Blair also expects to call on Bill Morris, Joe Enny, Ed Lockman, and Dan Piasta.

Another of the brighter spots is the return of Woody Rhoads at center. Always a fast, scrappy, tough, and spirited contender, Rhoads missed last season because of an injury suffered during the previous summer. He'll get some relief from Phil Lockcuff and Vince Raupers, the latter a promising candidate from Athens.

Blair is counting on Bobby Rohm to handle most of the load Eddie Watts carried previously. Rohm is fast and has experience, and along with Joe Johnson, Walter Fake, and Bob Bortorf, constitutes a corps of speedy and tested ball-carriers. Rohm may see some duty at fullback because of his speed; this means that Johnson, a shifty speed merchant from Bristol, Fake, a fast and hard driving back from Mechanicsburg, and Joe Rishkofski, a big hard running freshman back from Hanover Township will do a good deal of the ball-carrying at the halfback positions. Carl Sweet, big fullback from Athens, may be the dark horse in a running attack.

Ozzie Snyder, a senior, looks like the number one signal-caller. This is his year, after playing understudy, to come into his own. Blair is counting on Snyder's throwing arm to develop an effective aerial attack, and the wiry little quarterback has given evidence of being able to fill the bill. In addition, Snyder has shown more polish in handling the job of directing the Husky forces on the field, and the same can be said for Jim Conrad, who was able to pick up a little game experience last year.

The addition of another regular member to the coaching staff figured large in the total picture. Blair is counting on Don Heilman to give that little "extra touch" to the backfield which should make a difference in both offense and defense while Harold Shelly and Russ Houk are concentrating on the line. The secondary defense was a thorny problem in the 1957 picture, and Blair commented recently that Heilman's work with the backfield had brought about some improvement in the situation.

In a brief, overall manner, it could be said that the makeup of the squad shows a better degree of balance than during the previous season, and this may prove the making of the smooth, well-coordinated team Blair has been working for for two years.

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES - RETURNING VETERANS

MORITZ SCHULTZ End - Senior - 24 - 6' - 180 - Plains, Penna.

Morrie returned from military service two years ago 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} Senior - 21 - 6'3" - 198 - Langhorne, Penna.

Tallest man on the squad; Stan uses his big hands and long legs to good advantage. Gained more poise while earning his second varsity letter last season. Ranked 5th in punting among the nation's small colleges last year.

PAUL SPAHR Tackle - Senior - 20 - 6'2" - 205 - Collingdale, Penna.

Paul used his height and weight to good advantage last year, winning his second varsity letter competing against such formidable performers as DeFebo and Vaxmonskey.

LEO MULHALL Guard - Senior - 26 - 5'9" - 180 - Shenandoah, Penna.

This scrappy, durable Irishman is back for another try after a bout with a serious illness three 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 - Senior - 20 - 5'11" - 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 three letters playing "heads-up" ball. Although he won't be opening holes for brother Gerald this season, he'll be a mainstay on the line.

OSCAR SNYDER Quarterback - Senior - 21 - 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 three letters, and should earn another one for his play-calling skill. He will probably succeed John Oustrich as the number one signal caller for the Huskies.

ROBERT BOTTORF Fullback - Senior - 25 - 5'9" - 185 - Bellefonte, Pa.

Bob returned to Bloomsburg two years ago after his military service, determined to continue the feats which had already brought him one letter. "Fearless" Bob is fast-charging, hard-hitting runner who never seems to give up.

WOODROW RHOADS Center - Senior - 21 - 5'10" - 175 - Boyertown, Pa.

Woody was out of action for the entire 1957 season because of an industrial accident suffered at home during the summer. A good contender, Woody hopes to regain the form which made him a starter during his sophomore year.

CARL SWEET Fullback - Junior - 20 - 6'1" - 200 - Athens, Penna.

Carl looks every inch the big, tough, plunging type of man who should be at the fullback spot. With a little more experience and a lot of determination, Carl could be a vital part of the Husky attack.

ROY SHIFFLET Tackle - Junior - 20 - 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 - Junior - 20 - 6'1" - 210 - Belmont Hills, Penna.

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 has developed into an outstanding Husky gridder.

ROBERT ROHM Halfback - Junior - 20 - 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 during his freshman year, and he earned a second letter last season.

RICHARD STABER Tackle - Junior - 20 - 6'1" - 205 - Conyngham, Penna.

Dick gave a good account of himself with the jayvees last season and figures to be one of the outstanding candidates for a starting berth at tackle. His weight should help to anchor an otherwise light Husky line.

PHILIP LOCKCUFF Center - Junior - 20 - 5'10" - 175 - South Williamsport.

In the background for two seasons, Phil will be making his weight felt in a determined bid for the center slot. A hustler, Phil is a tough and steady contender.

JOSEPH PANICHELLO Guard - Junior - 20 - 5'9" - 205 - Glenside, Penna.

If Joe can avoid the injury jinx, he should prove a definite asset to the Husky defense. Brother of a former Husky great, Joe is determined to match the outstanding play of his brother, John.

EDWARD GALITSKY End - Junior - 20 - 5'11" - 175 - Shenandoah, Penna.

"Silent Ed" Galitsky/¹⁸² consistently steady ball player on both offense and defense. Ed does not make a flashy impression on the spectator, but he has demonstrated his ability to keep opponents off balance.

STANLEY ELINSKY End - Junior - 20 - 5'11" - 170 - Kingston, Penna.

One of the leading candidates at end this year, Stan has steadily shown promise of becoming an outstanding college wingman. With an opportunity as a starter, Stan will be a tough man right from the beginning of the season.

HENRY ORBAND Tackle - Junior - 20 - 6'1" - 220 - Jessup, Penna.

Big Hank could solve one of the key problems in the Husky football picture by capably filling one of the tackle slots. Has the physical ability; needs experience.

DAVID GERBER Halfback - Junior - 20 - 5'9" - 170 - Pottstown, Penna.

Dave should fulfill, this year, the promise he has shown as a member of the jayvees during the past two seasons. Fairly speedy, Dave is a driving type of runner. Came along fast during latter part of last year.

FOOTBALL SQUAD 1958-59

<u>ENDS</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
✓ *Covington, Stanley	21	6-3	198	Senior	Neshaminy
✓ *Schultz, Moritz	24	6-0	180	"	Plains
Blackburn, Edward	20	6-0	170	Junior	So. Williamsport
*Galitsky, Edward	20	5-11	175	"	Shenandoah
*Elinsky, Stanley	20	5-11	170	"	Kingston
Thompson, Joseph	18	5-11	150	Soph.	Shamokin
Cavolaski, Daniel	20	6-1	185	"	Mahanoy Twp.
Martin, Robert H.	18	5-11	185	Fresh.	Coal Township
Miller, Wayne	21	5-11	185	"	Bloomsburg
Rishkofski, Joseph	20	6-1	190	"	Hanover Twp.
<u>TACKLES</u>					
✓ *Spahr, Paul	20	6-2	205	Senior	Collingdale
✓ *Chidester, Jack	20	6-1	210	Junior	Perkiomen Prep.
*Orband, Henry	20	6-1	230	"	Fishburne Mili.A.
*Shifflet, Roy	20	6-0	210	"	Williamsport
*Manko, Paul	20	6-0	230	"	Hazleton
Staber, Richard	20	6-1	205	"	West Hazleton
Max, Melvin	18	6-1	185	Fresh.	Allentown
Steger, Michael	18	6-2	210	"	New Cumberland
Campbell, James	18	6-1	210	"	Canton
<u>GUARDS</u>					
✓ *Mulhall, Leo	26	5-9	180	Senior	Shenandoah Cath.
✓ *Wood, Kenneth	20	5-11	185	"	Mechanicsburg
Morris, William	20	6-0	185	Junior	Duryea
*Panichello, Joseph	20	5-10	205	"	Cheltenham
*Warren, Robert	18	5-11	195	Soph.	Mechanicsburg
Enney, Joseph	17	5-9	192	Fresh.	West Shore
Allen, Gary	18	5-10	175	"	Muncy
Lockman, Edward	20	5-10	195	"	Hazleton
Piasta, Daniel	18	6-0	185	"	Edwardsville
<u>CENTERS</u>					
✓ * Rhoads, Woodrow	21	5-10	175	Senior	Boyertown
Lockcuff, Philip	20	5-9	185	Junior	So. Williamsport
Fellin, Eugene	23	5-11	175	Soph.	Hazleton
Raupers, Vince	17	6-1	185	Fresh.	Athens
Shipe, Jere	18	6-0	159	"	Sunbury

*Lettermen

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Football Squad - continued

QUARTERBACKS

✓ *Snyder, Oscar	21	5-8	160	Senior	Sunbury
Adams, Edward	23	5-11	170	"	Tamaqua
Tronka, Joseph	20	5-11	165	Junior	Nanticoke
Cino, Joseph	18	5-7	150	Soph.	Clarks Summit
Conrad, James	19	6-0	186	"	So. Williamsport
McCracken, John	20	6-0	175	Fresh.	New Brunswick, N.J.
Frey, Fred	18	5-10	165	"	Tunkhannock
Oravitz, Robert	17	5-9	146	"	Shenandoah Cath.

HALFBACKS

Blair, James	20	5-8	150	Junior	So. Williamsport
Gerber, David	20	5-9	170	"	Mahanoy Twp.
*Rohm, Robert	20	5-10	165	"	Muncy
Fake, Walter	18	5-7	150	Soph.	Mechanicsburg
Hugo, Stanley	18	5-11	147	"	Athens
*Johnson, John	18	5-8	150	"	Bristol
Naylor, Ray	18	5-11	165	"	Bristol
Bergerstock, Donald	19	5-9	155	"	Montgomery
Baker, Clyde	17	5-8	150	Fresh.	Lewistown
Montanye, Melvin	18	5-9	165	"	West Pittston

FULLBACKS

✓ *Bottorf, Robert	25	5-9	185	Senior	Bellefonte
✓ Sweet, Carl	20	6-1	200	Junior	Athens
Natishan, Jerome	22	5-11	180	"	Edwardsville
Baney, Harvey	18	6-0	170	Soph.	New Cumberland
Hittle, Gerald	22	5-8	177	"	Berwick
Bloskey, Jack	21	5-7	160	Fresh.	Danville
Stout, David	18	5-11	185	"	Newport
Smith, Bruce	18	5-10	165	"	Sunbury
Bergenstock, Wayne	20	5-11	195	"	Danville
Oravitz, Gerald	16	5-10	155	"	Shenandoah
Higgens, William	17	5-10	145	"	Shamokin Catholic

1957 RECORD - Won 2 - Lost 5

<u>Bloomsburg</u>	<u>Opponent</u>		
6	Lock Haven STC	13	Away
0	Delaware State College	13	Away
12	Cortland STC	42	Away
33	Mansfield STC	6	Away
19	Shippensburg STC	20	Homecoming
	King's College		Home (cancelled)
26	California STC	12	Home
7	West Chester STC	13	Home

All State Teachers Colleges Second Team

Edward Watts
Carl DeFebo

Honorable Mention - Stanley Covington
John Oustrich
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Small Colleges All American Honorable Mention

Edward Watts
Stanley Covington
Frank Prusch

1958 SCHEDULE

Varsity

*Saturday	Sept. 20	Shippensburg STC	Home
Saturday	Sept. 27	Kings College (night)	Away
*Saturday	Oct. 4	Mansfield STC	Homecoming
Saturday	Oct. 11	Cortland STC	Home
Saturday	Oct. 18	Open	
*Saturday	Oct. 25	Millersville STC	Home
*Saturday	Nov. 1	East Stroudsburg STC	Away
*Friday	Nov. 7	West Chester STC (night)	Away
*Saturday	Nov. 15	Lock Haven STC	Home
*Conference Games			

Jayvee

Friday	Sept. 26	Stevens Trade School (night)	Away
Friday	Oct. 10	East Stroudsburg STC	Away
Thursday	Oct. 16	Lycoming College	Home
Friday	Oct. 31	Bucknell University (night)	Away

Swimming

Saturday	Sept. 13	Lycoming College	Home
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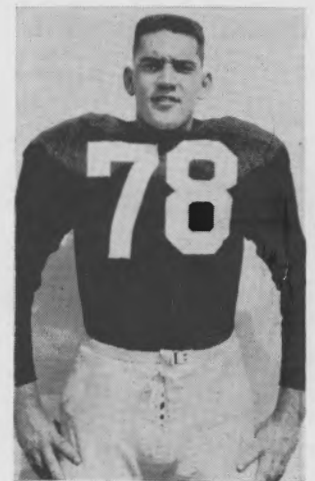


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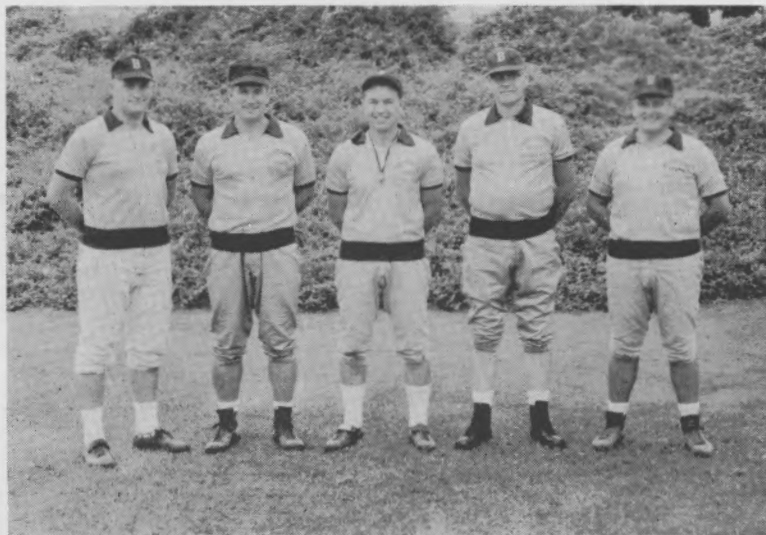
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