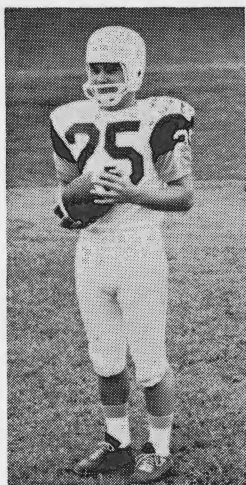


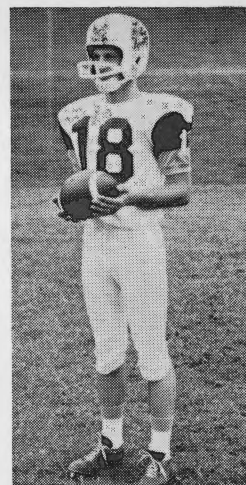
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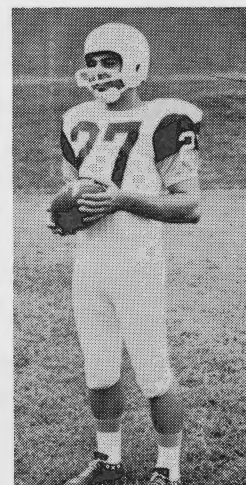
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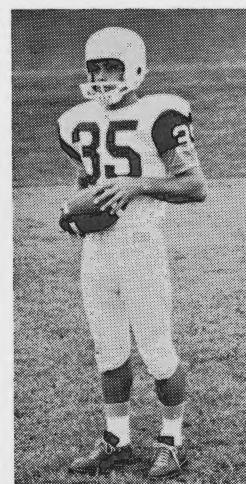
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Left to right: Michael Flanagan, Backfield Coach; Robert Zeigler, Trainer; Walter Blair, Head Coach; Eli McLaughlin, Line Coach.



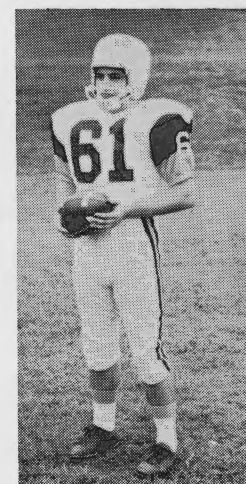
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Frank Creneti

1961 OUTLOOK

When varsity letters were awarded to football players at the Annual Athletic Awards Dinner at Bloomsburg early in May, 1961, Coach Walt Blair noted that 1/3 or 10 of the 30 men receiving the awards were scheduled also to receive diplomas later that month. In addition to these 10, several others did not report for practice or did not return to school, and two others have been prevented from participating in pre-season practice sessions due to illness or injuries.

On September 5, the Husky coaching staff began, in earnest, the grueling task of molding a new grid machine from the 45 seniors, juniors, and sophomores who reported. Following last year's pattern, the sophomores, 17 in number, out-numbered any of the other groups. Most of them were members of last year's freshman squad who had developed into potential varsity material before the season ended. For the second time in Bloomsburg's history, there will be few, if any, freshmen starting in the varsity unit, although Coach Blair has indicated that several frosh are very likely to move up to the varsity later in the season.

During the intensive pre-season practice and scrimmage sessions, the experienced observer would have noted that the squad lacks experience in depth. Although individual team members are not too big, physically, the squad has shown much of the same speed, hustle, and desire which netted them 6 victories and 2 defeats in the 1960 campaign. One of those defeats was a 21-20 loss at East Stroudsburg.

Last year, the Huskies had good depth in the end positions with Stan Hugo, Rollie Cunningham, Jim Conrad, Ron Wetzel, Wayne Miller, and Charlie Brown; five of those men graduated, and Brown has not reported due to illness. In order to bolster the completely depleted corps of ends, Blair has moved Moses Scott and Roy Peffer up from the backfield, and has added Dick Davala, Art Tinner and Bob Mayefskie, who were jayvee starters last year. If Scott can snare passes and elude would-be tacklers at the end positions as effectively as he did while playing halfback, Husky fans can look forward to a reasonable share of thrills.

Four varsity lettermen, each tipping the scales at better than 200 pounds, will form the nucleus of nine candidates who hope to win one of the starting posts at tackle. The four are Francis Gurski, Bill Garson (conference wrestling champion), Don Denick and Howard Hunter (one of Russ Houk's heavyweight matmen). They will be joined by John Jensen, and Vic Widman, jayvee stalwarts last year.

Another quartet of lettermen - Trevor Carpenter, Gary Stackhouse, John Sills, and Gary Barnaba - are among the six candidates vying for guard positions. Frank Creneti, a senior, has also shown promise and anticipates earning the first varsity letter of his college career.

The Huskies seem to have a wealth of talent to compete for the center slot this season. For the past two years, Bob Christina, fiery, capable, and alert junior from West Hazleton, handled most of the offensive

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and defensive assignments. With the conversion of Larry Tironi from defensive end to offensive center, and the additions of sophomores Joe Casarella and Ray Fino, from the jayvee team, Christina should get some much-deserved relief during the season.

Two juniors, Dick Rohrer and Ken Robbins, have already earned two varsity letters each, calling signals and tossing passes at the quarter-back position. They will be joined by John Ribble and Bill Moran. These four are strong in experience, throw fairly well, and can provide an important spark for the team as a whole if they live up to past performances and indicated potential.

In the backfield, Coach Blair has four light but speedy veterans who have already proved their ability as consistent ground gainers. Ed Cocco, Mel Montanye, Fred Frey, and Glenn Gruber - all seniors - will be joined by Clyde Baker, another senior, who was one of the leading ball carriers with the jayvees last year. Don English and Lee Fredericks have also moved up from the freshman squad to bolster the corps of halfbacks.

Three of last year's freshmen will handle most of the fullback assignments. Gary Sprout, Ken Dries, and Howard Vanderpool will also be looking for their first varsity "B".

Gary Rupert, a Bloomsburg High School alumnus, who ranked 10th in punting among small colleges in the nation last year, will again handle most of the punting assignments.

Of the eight opponents, to be faced by the Huskies this year, it may well be said that each has improved in strength and experience. Beginning with Shippensburg on September 23, the Huskies will have no let-up until the curtain rings down in the season finale with the powerful Rams of West Chester on November 11.

It is always extremely difficult to predict exactly what kind of a season Blair's charges will have, but it may well be said that they should measure up to the outstanding performance of last year's squad.

THE COACHING STAFF

WALTER R. BLAIR, HEAD COACH

Walt Blair will hold the reins of the Husky grid machine for the fifth 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. 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, Coach 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. Blair's record as head coach since 1957 is 16-13-2.

MICHAEL FLANAGAN, BACKFIELD COACH

Quiet, likable Mike Flanagan came to Bloomsburg in January, 1960, as assistant wrestling and football coach. In the Spring of 1960, he was also named head track coach. He came to BSC after 7 years at Bellefonte as assistant football and head wrestling coach. Prior to that, he spent a year at Curwensville, as an assistant in football and two years at Dubois as assistant football and wrestling coach and head track coach. Flanagan played 3 years of varsity football at Clearfield H. S., and was named All-State guard in his junior and senior years, lettering also in wrestling and track. He lettered in football and wrestling for 4 years at Lock Haven S. C., and captained the gridiron squad in his senior year. He specializes in developing backs for the Maroon and Gold squad and teaching Health and Physical Education in the classroom.

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ELI MCLAUGHLIN, LINE COACH

Hard-working, affible Eli McLaughlin joined the Husky coaching staff in September, 1961. He was an outstanding center on the varsity squad for three years at West Chester State College and was Line Coach one year for the Rams' Freshman Team. In addition to serving as line coach, McLaughlin will be plenty busy as varsity swimming coach at Bloomsburg. While teaching at Penncrest High School, he participated actively in athletics, serving four years as football line coach, three years as golf coach, and two years as assistant wrestling coach. For more than eight years, he has worked as a swimming coach for private clubs, and has been a qualified college swimming official for the same period of time.

DONALD BASHORE, FRESHMAN COACH

Don Bashore, joined the Husky staff in September, 1960, after serving as assistant coach for seven years at Juniata Joint High School at Mifflintown; he played an important role with the teams which ran up a 35 game winning streak over a three year period at Mifflintown. Bashore also spent three years coaching at Yeagertown. He played 4 years of high school ball at Bloomfield, New Jersey, two years of varsity ball at Susquehanna University, a year of semi-pro competition with the Bloomfield, N. J. "Comets", and a season with the Newark "Bears". His calm but warm and confident manner on the gridiron is also put to good use in the classroom where he teaches psychology.

ROBERT ZEIGLER, TRAINER

One of the youngest members of the coaching staff is Bob Zeigler, who played three years of baseball and one year of football at New Cumberland High School. At West Chester State College, Zeigler played two years of baseball and served as football trainer for one year under Coach Glen Killinger. During the 1959-60 school year, he was assistant football and baseball coach at Susquehannock Joint H. S. Thorough and enthusiastic in his work with the squad, Zeigler has earned a similar reputation as a member of the faculty of the Health and Physical Education Department, since joining the college faculty in September, 1960

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

R E T U R N I N G V E T E R A N S

MEL MONTANYE - Halfback - Senior - West Pittston - has developed into one of the best all-around backs on the squad - played outstanding role in defensive picture in 1959 and 1960. A plugger, he is expected this year to be a vital cog in the offense.

FRED FREY - Halfback - Senior - Tunkhannock - one of the key senior players in secondary defense - a three letter winner, he can be an even greater asset to the over-all picture if he receives his full potential.

ED COCCO - Back - Senior - Upper Darby - fastest man on the team - won the State College Championship in the 100 and 220 yard dashes last Spring - named to Middle Atlantic Conference First Team in 1959 while attending Pennsylvania Military College. - Should have a great year if the Husky line lives up to expectations.

GLENN GRUBER - Halfback - Senior - Highspire - Rough and rugged, Glenn has been a defensive stalwart for three years - has a keen desire to play - is being counted on to play important part in defensive secondary.

MOSES SCOTT - End - Junior - Upper Merion - Could develop one of Bloomsburg's greatest all-around ball players - an outstanding receiver and broken field runner, he will also be an important part of the secondary defense.

ROY PFFER - End - Junior - Cumberland Valley - Second fastest member of squad - a versatile hard-working track standout, he will be used as an offensive end and halfback - will share defensive safety man assignments.

FRANCIS GURSKI - Tackle - Junior - Coal Township - "Big Frank" could be a big help to the Husky cause if he develops more speed and agility. - a hard worker, one of the bright spots on the line.

BILL GARSON - Tackle - Junior - Williamsport - Rapidly developing into a top-flight tackle - speedy - an excellent broker - a State Conference and NAIA wrestling champion, he could easily duplicate these honors on the gridiron.

DON DENICK - Tackle - Junior - Upper Merion - a 235 pounder, Don is expected to shoulder much of the brunt of the Husky defense - agile for his size - moves well - has the desire necessary to pick up his 3rd varsity letter in three seasons.

TREVOR CARPENTER - Tackle - Junior - West Scranton - Won letter as guard last season - is expected to be a regular performer in tackle slot - his efforts are characterized by quick reaction and hard blocking.

JOHN SILLS - Guard - Junior - Burlington, N.J. - An outstanding performer last year - expected to lead offensive line - fast - spirited - determined to be outstanding - should be one of the outstanding guards in the State College Conference.

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GARY STACKHOUSE - Guard - Junior - Pen Argyl - a consistent performer for two years - strong - determined - equally outstanding on offense and defense - easy to coach - should earn a tention of fans on offense and defense.

BOB CHRISTINA - Center - Junior - West Hazleton - Probably most under-rated center in the Conference - tough - durable - sharp in his analysis and reaction - a natural leader, he provides either spark or steadying influence when needed.

DICK ROHRER - Quarterback - Junior - Mechanicsburg - Key to Husky offense in 1959 and 1960 - a capable signal caller and passer - with Moses Scott as his receiver, Rohrer should become outstanding in small college ranks.

KEN ROBBINS - Quarterback - Junior - Williamsport - Small - fiery - can capably fill the quarterback slot - a deadly tackler - lots of spirit.

GARY RUPFERT - Back - Junior - Bloomsburg - Ranked 10th among small colleges in nation last year in punting - his skill and experience will be used again whenever the occasion demands.

GARY BARNABA - Guard - Sophomore - Binghamton, N.Y. - Burly - fast - eager - as Middle Guard, he will be a key in the Husky defense - should be a consistent performer.

DICK DAVALA - End - Sophomore - Exeter - Good receiver - tough defense man - top candidate for varsity end - one of last year's outstanding frosh.

JOHN RIBBLE - Quarterback - Sophomore - Plymouth-Whitemarsh - Has poise and good passing arm - developing into top-flight quarterback - lacks game experience - a very capable substitute for Dick Rohrer.

BILL MORAN - Quarterback - Sophomore - Lewistown - Won varsity letter as place kicker last year - one of four good QB's at Bloomsburg, he will play alot of ball this year.

KEN DRIFS - Back - Sophomore - Mahanoy Joint - Hard working - conscientious - good ball carrier - one of key backs.

GARY SPROUT - Back - Sophomore - Lewistown - Tough fullback - excellent blocker and punter - a consistently bright performer in pre-season drills - is expected to aqual, at Bloomsburg, the brilliant record set while playing at Lewistown High School.

LARRY TIRONI - Center - Sophomore - Morris Hills, N. J. - earned varsity letter last year as defensive end and linebacker - one of most versatile men on the squad - developing into a top-flight center.

JOSEPH CASARELLA - Center - Sophomore - Wyoming Memorial - Small for college football - packs alot of wallop - is being counted on as a tough, defensive specialist.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD-1961

<u>Jersey No.</u>	<u>ENDS</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>HT.</u>	<u>WT.</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>
33	**Scott, Moses	20	6'	175	Junior	Upper Merion
15	*Peffer, Roy	21	5'11	173	Junior	Cumberland Valley
84	Timer, Art	19	5'11	180	Sophomore	Hatboro-Horsham
86	Mayefskie, Robert	23	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	210	Sophomore	Shenandoah Catholic
80	Davala, Richard	19	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	185	Sophomore	Exeter
	Cain, Richard	21	6'	187	Sophomore	South Williamsport
	Henrie, William	18	6'	170	Sophomore	Bloomsburg
	Whitebread, Donald	18	6'	165	Freshman	Northwest Area Jt.
	Williams, Gary	18	6'	170	Freshman	Abington
<u>TACKLES</u>						
75	*Gurski, Francis	24	6'	235	Junior	Coal Township
77	*Garson, William	20	6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$	200	Junior	Williamsport
78	**Denick, Donald	20	6'	235	Junior	Upper Merion
63	*Carpenter, Trevor	20	5'9	200	Junior	West Scranton
71	Jensen, John	19	6'2	190	Sophomore	Lindenhurst, N. Y.
	Longo, Dominick	19	5'10	190	Freshman	Delhaas
	Ferrari, Joseph	18	6'	190	Freshman	Coal Township
	Cawley, Ed	18	5'11	220	Freshman	St. John's
	Ahlum, Claude	18	6'1	220	Freshman	Upper Moreland
<u>GUARDS</u>						
61	Creneti, Frank	22	5'6	160	Senior	Wm. Tennent
65	*Sills, John	21	5'10	180	Junior	Burlington Senior High,-
60	**Stackhouse, Gary	20	5'11	190	Junior	Pen Argyl Joint (N. J.)
70	*Barnaba, Gary	20	5'10	220	Sophomore	Binghamton North H.-N.Y.
66	Currie, Jack	18	5'10	165	Freshman	Neshaminy
<u>CENTERS</u>						
57	**Christina, Robert	23	5'10	190	Junior	West Hazleton
67	Fino, Raymond	19	5'11	190	Sophomore	Exeter
53	*Tironi, Lorenzo	19	5'11	170	Sophomore	Morris Hills Regional-
52	Casarella, Joseph	18	5'8	157	Sophomore	Wyoming Memorial (N.J.)
	Ciocca, Louis	18	5'10	167	Freshman	Cheltenham
<u>QUARTERBACKS</u>						
21	**Rohrer, Richard	20	5'11	165	Junior	Mechanicsburg
22	**Robbins, Ken	20	5'9	158	Junior	Williamsport
24	Ribble, John	21	6'	180	Sophomore	Plymouth-Whitemarsh
25	Moran, Bill	19	6'	180	Sophomore	Lewistown

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BACKS

42	*Montanye, Mel	21	5'9	179	Senior	West Pittston
18	***Frey, Fred	21	5'10	160	Senior	Tunkhannock
27	*Cocco, Edward	22	5'10	186	Senior	Upper Darby
35	***Gruber, Glenn	22	5'8	162	Senior	Highspire
47	Baker, Clyde Gene	21	5'6	155	Senior	Lewistown
11	*Rupert, Gary	20	6'	175	Junior	Bloomsburg
14	Dries, Ken	19	5'8	164	Sophomore	Mahanoy Joint
36	Sprout, Gary	20	5'9	172	Sophomore	Lewistown
81	Fredericks, Lee	19	5'11	180	Sophomore	Lansford
12	English, Donald	19	5'11	170	Sophomore	South Williamsport
30	Vanderpool, Howard	21	5'8	210	Sophomore	Towanda High
	Boerner, Rich	18	6'	185	Freshman	Lower Moreland

* Varsity letters earned

1960 RECORD - Won 6 - Lost 2

<u>Bloomsburg</u>	<u>Opponent</u>		
13	Shippensburg S. C.	6	Away
14	King's College	7	Away (Night)
20	Cortland S. C. (N.Y.)	14	Home
13	Lock Haven S. C.	7	Home (Night)
27	Mansfield S. C.	21	Homecoming
20	East Stroudsburg S. C.	21	Away
39	Cheyney S. C.	0	Home (Night)
13	West Chester S. C.	42	Away (Night)

1961 SCHEDULE

Sat., Sept. 16	Kutztown S. C.	(Pre Season Scrimmage)
Fri., Sept. 23	Shippensburg S. C.	Home
Sat., Sept. 29	King's College	Home (Night)
Sat., Oct. 7	Cortland S. C.	Away
Sat., Oct. 14	Lock Haven S. C.	Away
Sat., Oct. 21	Mansfield S. C.	Away
Sat., Oct. 28	East Stroudsburg S. C.	HOME COMING
Sat., Nov. 4	Cheyney S. C.	Away
Sat., Nov. 11	West Chester S. C.	Home
Sat., Nov. 18	State College Championship - Eastern Site	

JAYVEE

Fri., Sept. 22	Stevens Trade	Away
Fri., Oct. 6	East Stroudsburg S. C.	Home
Fri., Oct. 20	Bucknell	Away
Thurs., Oct. 26	Shippensburg S. C.	Away
Mon., Oct. 30	Mansfield S. C.	Away

