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# Baseball

## 1965

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Left to right—Assistant Coach, Eli McLaughlin,  
Roland Boyle, By Hopkins, Ray Emma,  
Head Coach Dick Mentzer

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### PRESS and RADIO INFORMATION

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BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE  
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

## GENERAL INFORMATION



Dr. Harvey A. Andruss  
President, Bloomsburg State College

Russell Houk, Lock Haven S. C. '52  
Athletic Director

Richard Mentzer, Shippensburg S. C. '30  
Head Baseball Coach

Eli McLaughlin, West Chester S. C. '57  
Assistant Baseball Coach

Boyd F. Buckingham, Bloomsburg S. C. '43  
Director of Public Relations

Bruce C. Dietterick, Penn State U. '47  
Information Specialist and Sports Publicity

Richard Krapf, Bloomsburg S. C. '67  
Student Statistician

Richard Keen, Bloomsburg S. C. '67  
Head Manager

## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Member ----- NCCA, PSCAC, NAIA  
Colors ----- Maroon and Gold  
Nickname ----- Huskies  
Home Field ----- Light Street  
Telephone, Sports Publicity --- 784-4660 Ext. 18

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

Denomination ----- Non-Denominational  
Conducted by - Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Year Founded ----- 1839  
Enrollment ----- 2500

## BASEBALL OUTLOOK 1965

With the freshmen rule in effect this year, the Husky nine will be handicapped for depth. Indoor practice started the third week in February with approximately 35 returning from last year's quad.

Lost through graduation are Jerry Doemling—pitcher, Terry Wood—pitcher, Larry Tironi—second base, Lee Viera and Gene Capes—outfielders, short-stop—Scott Gross, and catcher—Art Tinner. It will be difficult to replace all-around player Tironi, who led the team in batting at .423.

The six mainstays who will form the nucleus of Coach Mentzer's team are John Gara—right field, Ron Kirk—center field, Gary Horn—second and third base, Ray Emma—first base, along with two steady pitchers, Roland Boyle and By Hopkins. Last season, Boyle posted a 4-1 record and Hopkins split three and three. Emma had a good 1964 season at the plate, hitting .415. If he can repeat this performance, with additional hitting power coming from Gara and Kirk, and if Mentzer can find pitching support from Boyle and Hopkins, the Huskies could have a good year. Both Emma and Tironi received honorable mention in N.A.I.A. selections last year.

Additional pitching prospects are Jerry Doto, Frank Dowman and Michael Guber. The catching department is wide for any of the following: Roy Bowen, Bob Harvey, King Perry, or John Whitelock.

With other promising upperclassmen, Mentzer hopes to improve on last year's record of 8 wins—4 losses (3 of the losses by one run). Although there is no definite freshmen schedule at present, it is hoped several practice games can be scheduled so Coaches Mentzer and McLaughlin can further evaluate these players for the 1966 varsity.

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## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 3—Kutztown	-----	H—2:00
April 7—E. Stroudsburg	-----	H—2:30
April 13—Susquehanna	-----	H—1:00
April 22—Lock Haven	-----	A—1:00
April 24—Shippensburg	-----	H—1:00
April 27—Mansfield	-----	H—1:00
April 29—Millersville	-----	A—2:30
May 1—Lock Haven	-----	H—1:00
May 5—E. Stroudsburg	-----	A—2:30
May 8—Mansfield	-----	A—1:00
May 12—Kutztown	-----	A—2:00

## BLOOMSBURG STATE COLLEGE VARSITY BASEBALL SQUAD

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>H. S. Coach</b>
Bower, Roy	Senior	21	5'9"	160	C	Bloomsburg	Frank Fisk
*Boyle, Roland	Senior	21	6'	180	P	Hazleton	Pete Detz
Dowman, Frank	Senior	21	6'	160	P	Boothwyn	Earnst Peters
*Emma, Ray	Senior	21	6'2"	186	IB	Seaford, N. Y.	Harry Curtis
Bowen, Roy	Junior	19	5'10"	166	OF	Scranton	Joe Kakareka
Cron, William	Junior	20	5'5"	150	LF	Athens	Ted Keir
Doto, Jerry	Junior	21	6'2"	195	P	Upper Darby	Carson Thompson
*Hopkins, By	Junior	19	6'2"	173	P	Levittown	Nick Opalenick
*Horn, Gary	Junior	20	5'8"	135	2B	Ringtown	Tom Grow
Bilyk, Stephen	Soph.	19	5'8"	155	2B	Phoenixville	Paul Tomko
Christina, Mike	Soph.	19	6'	175	P	Hazleton	Pete Detz
Davis, Harry	Soph.	22	6'	200	2B	Scranton	Dick Sabatini
*Gara, John	Soph.	19	6'	174	RF	Somerville, N. J.	Mike Zedalis
Gbur, Michael	Soph.	19	6'1"	185	OF	Plymouth	Joe Evans
Goobic, Peter	Soph.	19	5'11"	150	1B/SS	Wilkes-Barre	Bill Proch
Harvey, Robert	Soph.	19	5'11"	185	C/OF	Harrisburg	Ed Palmer
*Kirk, Ronald	Soph.	19	6'4"	200	SS	Levittown	Nick Opalenick
Kovalchick, Gene	Soph.	19	5'8"	170	OF	Tunkhannock	Charlie Shaw
Lee, Dan	Soph.	19	6'	175	OF	Springville	Dick Nassar
Perry, King	Soph.	18	5'11"	188	C	Upper Darby	Don Cornman
Sharrow, Terry	Soph.	19	6'	175	3B/P	Catawissa	Roy Sanders
Whitelock, John	Soph.	18	6'	200	P/OF	West Chester	Frank Rocco

\*Varsity Letter Earned

## **HEAD BASEBALL COACH RICHARD MENTZER**

Head Coach Dick Mentzer came to Bloomsburg State College in 1963, is in his second year as baseball mentor, and has completed two years as football backfield coach. A native of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, he was a letter winner in football, baseball, and track in both high school and at Shippensburg State College.

He then coached at Cresson High School before going to Hollidaysburg, where he was head football and baseball coach in junior high school competition. Mentzer later became head backfield coach, J. V. basketball coach and head track coach at Hollidaysburg Senior High School.

Following an appointment as head football coach at Eastern High, Washington, D. C., his teams logged 120 victories, 53 losses, and 6 ties — winning 9 Washington, D. C., championships and city championships in 1950 and 1962. In addition, he managed and played with a baseball team at Martinsburg in Blair County. This squad won 3 championships. Mentzer was also a member of a city championship team at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mentzer received his Master of Education degree at Pennsylvania State University and is taking additional graduate work at the University of Maryland.

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## **ASSISTANT BASEBALL COACH ELI McLAUGHLIN**

Eli McLaughlin, who completed his fourth year as head Swimming Coach at BSC and an active college swimming official, will be in his first season of baseball at the College.

McLaughlin started his College career at West Chester State College in 1949, which was interrupted by service in the Armed Forces. As a sergeant in the U. S. Air Corps, he served as Director of Special Services at Edwards Air Force Base, in California, where he organized, directed, and participated in various sports programs.

Returning to West Chester in 1953, he was an outstanding football center for three years and then served one year as Line Coach for the Freshman Team before graduating in 1957.

Prior to coming to Bloomsburg in September 1961, he taught and coached three sports at Penn Crest High School.