

**BLOOMSBURG
STATE
COLLEGE**

**MEN'S
BASKETBALL**

1975-76



VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

1975-76



Head Coach Charles Chronister is shown with his co-captains Jerry Radocha (left) and Rich Evans.

Name	Nos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
BRIGHT, STEVE*	32-33	Sophomore	6'5"	210	Central Columbia	Bloomsburg
CROUSE, KEVIN	30-31	Sophomore	6'3"	165	Cocalico	Denver
EVANS, RICHARD**	22-23	Junior	6'3"	185	Conestogo	Wayne
JOSEPH, RICHARD*	10-11	Junior	6'0"	155	West York	West York
McVEIGH, JOHN	12-13	Sophomore	5'10"	150	Bishop McDevitt	Flourtown
PIERCE, SPENCE	14-15	Sophomore	6'1"	165	Freedom	Bethlehem
RADOCHA, JERRY**	44-45	Junior	6'5"	190	Red Land	New Cumberland
SLOCUM, JEFF	34-35	Sophomore	6'5"	190	Abington Heights	Clarks Summit
WILLIAMS, AL*	24-25	Sophomore	6'5"	170	Art & Design	Brooklyn, N.Y.
YANNI, RICHARD*	20-21	Senior	6'2"	170	Wissahickon	Ambler

* Lettermen ** Team Co-Captains

Head Coach

CHAS. CHRONISTER - 5th season (75-28)

Assistant Coaches

BURT REESE - 8th season MIKE HERBERT - 11th season GARY TYLER - 1st season

Team Managers

JIM HOLLISTER MIKE SCHWARZ

HEAD COACH



After four years as head coach at Bloomsburg State, CHARLES CHRONISTER and his varsity players and coaches have compiled a 75-28 won-lost record for a very enviable .728 winning percentage. During this time, his teams have won numerous in-season tournaments, established 30 team and individual Bloomsburg State records, participated in four consecutive post-season tournaments, and had the first Bloomsburg State team to win the NCAA Regional Tournament and go on to Evansville for the National Championship Tournament!

Chronister is active in the National Coaches Association as the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee for District II of the NCAA; is invited as a guest lecturer at many of the best basketball schools and camps in the East; in May of 1974 spent two weeks in Brazil presenting clinics to players and coaches; was a guest lecturer at the prestigious Medalist Coaches Clinic in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in October of this year; and during the summer of 1976 will direct the first HUSKY BASKETBALL SCHOOL on the campus of Bloomsburg State.

A native of East Berlin, Pennsylvania, Chronister attended Bermudian Springs High School where he was a standout athlete. He matriculated at East Stroudsburg State College and played varsity basketball and baseball for the Warriors. He earned both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Health and Physical Education at ESSC.

During the 1962-63 season at East Stroudsburg, he served as freshman basketball coach and guided the team to a 17-2 record. He went to Gettysburg after three successful years at Hanover (Pa.) High School. At Hanover, his jayvee and varsity teams were 59-9 while winning county championships and participating in the PIAA District III Class A playoffs.

Coach Chronister joined the Bloomsburg faculty during the summer of 1971 coming from Gettysburg College where he was the assistant basketball coach for four years. In addition to coaching the freshman team at Gettysburg, one of his chief responsibilities was recruiting talent for head coach Bob Hulton. This aspect of his coaching background has been most valuable to Bloomsburg State as he and assistant Coach Burt Reese have filled the team roster with outstanding athletes in their quest to maintain and improve one of the outstanding small college basketball programs in the East.

Chronister is married to the former Carol L. Strausbaugh of Hanover, Pa. They have two daughters, Lee Ann, age 8 and Caryn Lynn, age 6. The Chronisters reside at 1248 Old Berwick Road, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

DEPARTMENT HEAD



DR. CONRAD A. BAUTZ was appointed Chairman, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics in June, 1972. A 1956 Brooklyn College graduate, he served at his Alma Mater in a number of capacities prior to coming to Bloomsburg.

Dr. Bautz is responsible for the administration and supervision of the total physical education and athletic program at the college, including varsity athletics.

ASSISTANT VARSITY COACH



After coaching the Bloomsburg freshman teams to 83 victories against only 27 defeats over a seven year span, BURT REESE moves into a different role with the basketball program. "While Burt did a fantastic job with the freshmen, the contributions he can make to the varsity team, if working full-time with them, will be tremendous. He will continue to coordinate our recruiting efforts and hopefully enjoy the same success in the future that has provided our program with outstanding athletes during the past four or five years."

The preceding statement and the opinion expressed many times by Coach Chronister that Reese is the "best assistant coach anyone could want" should become more evident during the 1975-76 season.

A native of Taylor, Pennsylvania, he received both his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Education degrees at East Stroudsburg State College. At ESSC he assisted in the basketball and tennis programs as a graduate assistant.

After leaving ESSC, he joined the faculty of Old Forge (Pa.) High School where he was assistant basketball and football coach. He was next Athletic Director, tennis, and assistant basketball coach at Abington Heights High School, Clarks Summit (Pa.) for 3½ years.

Reese, his wife Marion, and their six month old daughter Meredith reside in Scenic Knolls near Bloomsburg.

FRESHMAN COACH



During the past ten years, Dr. MICHAEL HERBERT has served in numerous capacities on the basketball staff, and this season finds him as the freshman coach. Along with this added responsibility, "Doc" will continue to aid the varsity team as a practice and game assistant. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the game will be an even more significant asset to the program than it has in the past!

A native of Lonsford, Pennsylvania, Herbert received his degrees at the University of Maryland and Lehigh University. He is a professor of Biology.

STUDENT COACH



After four successful years as a player for the Huskies, GARY TYLER returns as a member of the coaching staff working with the freshman members of the program. Gary was one of the steadiest and fundamentally sound players to represent Bloomsburg, and it is hoped that the way he played the game can be transferred as a model to the younger people on the team.

A native of Audubon, Pennsylvania, Gary was a three-year starter and played on teams which compiled an overall 57-21 record.

SEASON'S OUTLOOK

How does a team that averages twenty victories over a three year period and win a NCAA Regional Championship, fall to a disappointing 15-10 record last year? What might be a better question is—how does a team that graduated an All-American, record-setting center; loses a starter for the season due to an injury; drops a double-overtime game at home; loses a game on a last second shot; plays perhaps the toughest schedule in the school's history (Old Dominion won the NCAA National Championship and four other opponents competed in post-season tournaments); play very inconsistent team defense; and yet win 15 games and participate in its fourth consecutive post-season tournament? Clearly, these are two ways of looking at the 74-75 season!

"In many respects, last year was quite rewarding," states Coach Chronister. "We had some losses where we just played terribly, but on the other hand, we had some very good wins against what proved to be outstanding teams (Bucknell, Cheyney, Millersville, Slippery Rock). I hope we got some of the inconsistency out of our system, and we can settle down to playing the quality of basketball necessary to win against some very fine basketball teams. Thinking back on last season, I felt our seniors Mike Ognosky and Gary Tyler had just outstanding years. Mike established himself as the best free throw shooter in the school's history by hitting on 80.8% of his shots over three years. The team shot 74.7% which was also a school record for free throws. Both seniors were recognized as Honorable Mention All-Conference players.

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TRAINER



PAUL SLOCUM, a native of Massachusetts, was appointed Physical Therapist at BSC in the fall of 1972. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dakota Wesleyan University, S. Dakota, and was awarded his Certificate of Physical Therapy from the School of Allied Medical Professions, University of Pennsylvania; he is licensed for the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to his trainer duties for the varsity and intramural programs, he also serves as physical therapist for the student body and members of the faculty.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Equipment Manager RON MORGAN joined the Bloomsburg State staff in September 1973 and since that time, the coaches and athletes have enjoyed the benefits of a well-organized, first class equipment distribution facility. Ron is a native of Bloomsburg and has been a long-time friend of HUSKY BASKETBALL.

HUSKY PLAYERS

TEAM CAPTAINS



No. 22 & 23

RICHARD EVANS — a 6'3", 185, junior, Wayne, Pa. After five games into the season last year, Rick was the team's leading scorer and rebounder. Then tragedy struck while playing in the Max Ziel Tournament at Oswego, New York. Rick injured his knee and the operation which followed turned what could have been a great year on the basketball court into a winter of hard work rehabilitating the knee.

As a high school player for Coach Gerald Gasser at Conestoga, Rick was honored as an All-Conference (Central League) and All-Delaware County player. As a freshman at BSC, he played in all 28 games as either a starter or fresh-line substitute and averaged 8.1 ppg and 6.2 rebounds. As a result of the injury, Rick only played in 10 games during the 73-74 season, and in all fairness, the last five games were under the most difficult conditions as he was playing more with desire than a healthy body. It came as no surprise to anyone that Rick was selected as a co-captain by the members of the team—a fitting tribute to a fine young man and outstanding player. Rick is enrolled in the School of Business.

Year 1974-75, G 10, FG-FGA 36-83, Pct. 43.4, FT-FTA 8-9, Pct. 88.9, Reb. 69, Pct. 6.9, Assists 7, TP 80, Avg. 8.0.



No. 44 & 45

JERRY RADOCHA — 6'5", 190, Junior, New Cumberland, Pa. Last season Jerry enjoyed what was perhaps the best year ever by a sophomore at Bloomsburg State. He led the team in scoring (18.3 ppg) and rebounding (10.6 ppg), received the most votes as a member of the All-Conference Team, was selected on the first team of the E.C.A.C. Division II squad, was the MVP of the Max Ziel Classic,

voted the MVP of the 74-75 team by his teammates, and is currently the 8th leading scorer in the school's history! Jerry played at Red Land High School for Coach Tony Carrozza and was accorded All-Conference and All-State honors while being selected as the Outstanding Class B player in the Harrisburg area. As a freshman at BSC, he started on the team that went to Evansville and was the second leading scorer (10.1 ppg) and rebounder (8.2 ppg). "I don't think there is a more complete player in our conference. Jerry must be given serious consideration as one of the finest college division players in the East and for All-American honors!" Jerry is a student in the School of Business.

Year 1974-75, G 25, FG-FGA 178-367, Pct. 48.5, FT-FTA 101-126, Pct. 80.2, Reb. 265, Avg. 10.6, Assists 88, TP 457, Avg. 18.3.



No. 32 & 33

STEVE BRIGHT — 6'5", 210, Sophomore, Bloomsburg, Pa. One of the big questions asked about last season's team centered around Steve—how would the best local high school player in years adjust to college basketball? The answer was obvious to all that followed the Huskies during the year—no problems at all! As a member of Coach Duane Ford's team at Central Columbia, Steve

earned recognition as a second team all-state performer. The ability he had to score and rebound as a high school player carried over to his first year on "The Hill" and as he averaged 9.1 ppg and 6.7 rebounds. After the early season injury to Rick Evans, Steve started every game and gained valuable experience as he enters his second year at Bloomsburg State. Steve is a Dean's List student in the School of Business.

Year 1974-75, G 25, FG-FGA 94-231, Pct. 40.7, FT-FTA 39-68, Pct. 57.4, Reb. 167, Avg. 6.7, Assists 31, TP 227, Avg. 9.1.



No. 30 & 31

KEVIN CROUSE — 6'3", 165, Sophomore, Denver, Pa. Kevin came to Bloomsburg via the University of Delaware. A transfer student, he will become eligible after the first five games of the season. At Cocalico High School, Kevin was the outstanding player for Coach Spence Henry on a team that won 30 games while losing only 1! As a senior, he was recognized on the Lancaster County

team and Honorable Mention - All State. Kevin has the ability to play both the guard and forward position—his good shot makes him a threat to score anywhere in the offense. A tough competitor, Kevin will be called on often to provide that winning edge for the Huskies. Kevin has aspirations for a career in medicine after his next couple of years here at Bloomsburg State College.



No. 10 & 11

RICHARD JOSEPH — 6'0", 155, Junior, West York, Pa. "The Rabbitt" can stick it! Last year's second leading scorer can beat you anyway you want—a great jump shooter with good range, he can also take a man to the baseline and turn him every-way but loose. One indication of his versatility is the fact that he captured 113 rebounds last season from the guard position. Rick has an un-

canny knack for being around the ball as it comes off the boards. One of his best games in 1974-75 was the ECAC Tournament when he scored a total of 38 points shooting well over 50 percent of his shots. Rick played for John Eyster at West York High School where he led his team into the P.I.A.A. Class A Tournament and received all-

conference and all-state recognition. Currently he is enrolled in the School of Professional Studies.

Year 1974-75, G 25, FG-FGA 148-324, Pct. 45.7, FT-FTA 30-41, Pct. 73.2, Reb. 113, Avg. 4.5, Assists 53, TP 326, Avg. 13.0.



No. 12 & 13

JOHN McVEIGH — 5'10", 150, Sophomore, Flourtown, Pa. After being the quarterback on the freshman team of a year ago that compiled a 12-4 record, John moves into the point guard position for the varsity this season. He demonstrated his ability and leadership qualities for this position during the 74-75 season as he handed out 111 assists, played tough defense, and scored 7.2 ppg

A heady player, John's greatest assets will be a result of his ability to hit the open man and direct the team offense. John was an honor student and played high school basketball for Coach Ed Burke at Bishop McDevitt High School in Wyncote, Pa.



No. 14 & 15

SPENCE PIERCE — 6'1", 165, Sophomore, Bethlehem, Pa. Spence was one of the "hot hands" on the freshman team last year and his improved ball-handling and defensive skills have earned him a place on this season's varsity team. As a freshman, he played in all 16 games and averaged 11.8 ppg, shot 83 percent from the foul line, and handed out 46 assists. At the present time, his

role for the varsity will be as a back-up capacity at the guard position. Spence is a graduate of Freedom High School in Bethlehem where he played for Coach Charles Dubbs. An Outstanding player there, he was named to the first team of the tough East-Penn League in which he was the second leading scorer. Spence is an English major in the School of Professional Studies.



No. 34 & 35

JEFF SLOCUM — 6'5", 190, Sophomore, Clarks Summit, Pa. Jeff is another one of the very promising sophomores on the 1975-76 Husky roster that will lead the depth necessary for a successful season. As a freshman, Jeff averaged 11.4 ppg while hitting on an outstanding 51 percent of his shots. He also found time to pull in an average of 11.1 rebounds per game! "Too Tall" has

shown great strides in his improvement in his defensive play and rebounding—the exact areas that the team may need help with as the season progresses! Jeff is a graduate of Abington Heights High School where he played on one of the many outstanding teams coached by Stan Majaika. He presently is an outstanding student in the Chemistry Department here at BSC.

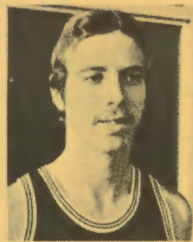


No. 24 & 25

AL WILLIAMS — 6'5", 170, Sophomore, Brooklyn, New York. Al was one of last season's freshmen that showed all Husky fans that good things were ahead—this year should be one of the many that Al brings his "city game" to Nelson Fieldhouse to entertain the BSC loyalist and harass their opponents. Al has the type of game that enables him to go inside to score and rebound, while

still having the quickness and shooting ability to play facing the basket from 20 feet. Playing in 19 varsity games during the 74-75 season, Al averaged 6.5 ppg and shot 86.7% from the foul line hitting on 39 of 45 shots—look for an even better winter from him this time around! Al is enrolled in the School of Business achieving a 2.9 academic average his freshman year!

Year 1974-75, G 19, FG-FGA 42-98, Pct. 42.9, FT-FTA 39-45, Pct. 86.7, Reb. 74, Avg. 3.9, Assists 28, TP 123, Avg. 6.5.



No. 20 & 21

RICHARD YANNI — 6'2", 170, Senior, Ambler, Pa. Rich is the lone senior on the 75-76 Husky squad and the experience he gained as a member of a number of very good past teams should prove to be invaluable as the season progresses. Always possessing the ability to score, he has demonstrated a very hustling, tough brand of defensive play over the last two years. Last season Rich

was utilized as the third guard in the Husky attack and averaged 6.0 ppg while many times being called upon to defend the opponents best offensive guard. As a high school player, he gained All-Conference and All-State recognition by leading his Wissahickon team to a 25-1 season. A very good competitor, it is hoped that his aggressive style of play will provide a model for the younger members of the team. Rich is a student in our School of Business.

Year 1974-75, G 22, FG-FGA 58-141, Pct. 41.1, FT-FTA 16-21, Pct. 76.2, Reb. 35, Avg. 1.6, Assists 25, TP 132, Avg. 6.0.

1974-75 VARSITY RESULTS

BSC		OPP.	BSC		OPP.
60	Lock Haven	51	88	West Chester	79
67	East Stroudsburg	83	65	Shippensburg	66
71	Bucknell	53	100	Millersville	79
77	Trenton St.	50	89	Kutztown	52
79	Waterloo	57	70	Mansfield	85
72	Kutztown	62	60	East Stroudsburg	62
71	Mansfield	74	78	Cheyney	88
80	Monmouth	93	73	Shippensburg	70
72	American Int.	67	66	West Chester	59
79	Roanoke	83	76	Millersville	66
79	Old Dominion	107	71	Slippery Rock	70
105	York	75	81	Cheyney	86
72	Cheyney	65			

Record: Won 15 Lost 10

Penna. Conf. Record: Won 8 Lost 6

1974-75 RECORDS ESTABLISHED

TEAM RECORD

Highest Free Throw Percentage 74.7%

CAREER RECORD (Individual)

Free Throw Percentage 80.8%
(Mike Ognosky)

1974-75 SPECIAL HONORS

TEAM

Max Ziel Classic Champions, Oswego, New York
Hosted the ECAC Division II Post-Season
Tournament - 4th consecutive past-season
tournament for the team.

Mike Ognosky

All-Tournament Team
Max Ziel Classic
Honorable Mention All-Conference

Gary Tyler

Honorable Mention All-Conference

Jerry Radocha

Most Valuable Player, Max Ziel Classic
ECAC Weekly All-Star Team (twice)
First Team All-Conference (most individual votes)
ECAC Division II, First Team
Team Most Valuable Player



FRESHMAN TEAM ROSTER

1975-76

Name	Nos.	Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
Bucher, John	34-35	6'2"	180	Ephrata	Ephrata
Jacobs, Lee	52-53	6'5"	215	Central Bucks-East	Doylestown
Kelsh, Thomas	12-13	5'9"	150	St. Joseph	Metuchen, NJ
Krawchuk, Jan	20-25	6'0"	170	Palmerton	Palmerton
Lonoconus, Al	30-31	6'3"	165	W. Hozleton	W. Hazleton
Reitnour, Miles	32-33	6'2"	185	Oley	Reading
Roth, Jeff	22-23	6'2"	150	McCaskey	Lancaster
Smith, William	14-15	6'2"	175	Valley View	Archbald

Coches: MIKE HERBERT & GARY TYLER

1975-76 SCHEDULE

November 24	Barbados National Team	H
November 29	at Lock Haven	A
December 3	Messiah	H
December 6	Mansfield	H
December 10	at East Stroudsburg	A
December 13	at Shippensburg	A
December 29-30	at Lemoyne Tournament (Syracuse, NY)	A
January 9-10	at Governor's Classic (Trenton, NJ)	A
January 12-13	Keystone Invitational (Bloomsburg)	H
January 17	Cheyney	H
January 19	York	H
January 21	at West Chester	A
January 24	Millersville	H
January 28	Kutztown	H
January 31	at Mansfield	A
February 4	East Stroudsburg	H
February 7	Shippensburg	H
February 9	at Wilkes	A
February 11	at Cheyney	A
February 14	Alumni	H
February 18	at Millersville	A
February 21	at Kutztown	A

COLLEGE FACTS

Location: BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA **Enrollment:** 4,700

Colors: MAROON AND GOLD **Nickname:** HUSKIES

President: DR. JAMES H. McCORMICK

Athletic Director: DR. CONRAD A. BAUTZ

Director of Public Relations and Publications: KENNETH C. HOFFMAN

Sports Information: GEORGE J. EGET
 Telephone: 389-3411 (Office)
 Telephone: 784-1558 (Home)

Member: NCAA, PC, ECAC

Home Court: NELSON FIELDHOUSE **Capacity:** 4,000