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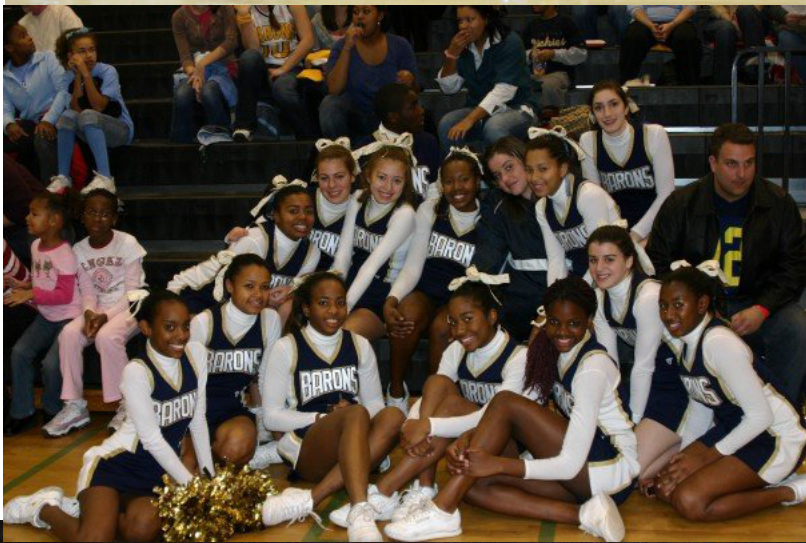
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# Sports





# Barons Athletics Rakes in Titles Over the Years

By Aaron Kurz

Throughout the history of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, there have been many sports teams that were successful in a variety of different areas. The Barons have won a total of 92 divisional titles, 71 regional

titles, and 13 state titles. There have been many successful players that have gone on to play in college as well. This year, the Barons had a record of 11-3 but went on to lose in the state finals to Severna Park High School. This was a crushing loss for a team that had been very strong during

titles. The star player for the Lady Barons during the last few years has been Nalini Hawkins, who averaged 21 points per game during her senior year and is now going to play basketball in college at either Colgate or the U.S. Military Academy. The boys' leaders this past season were

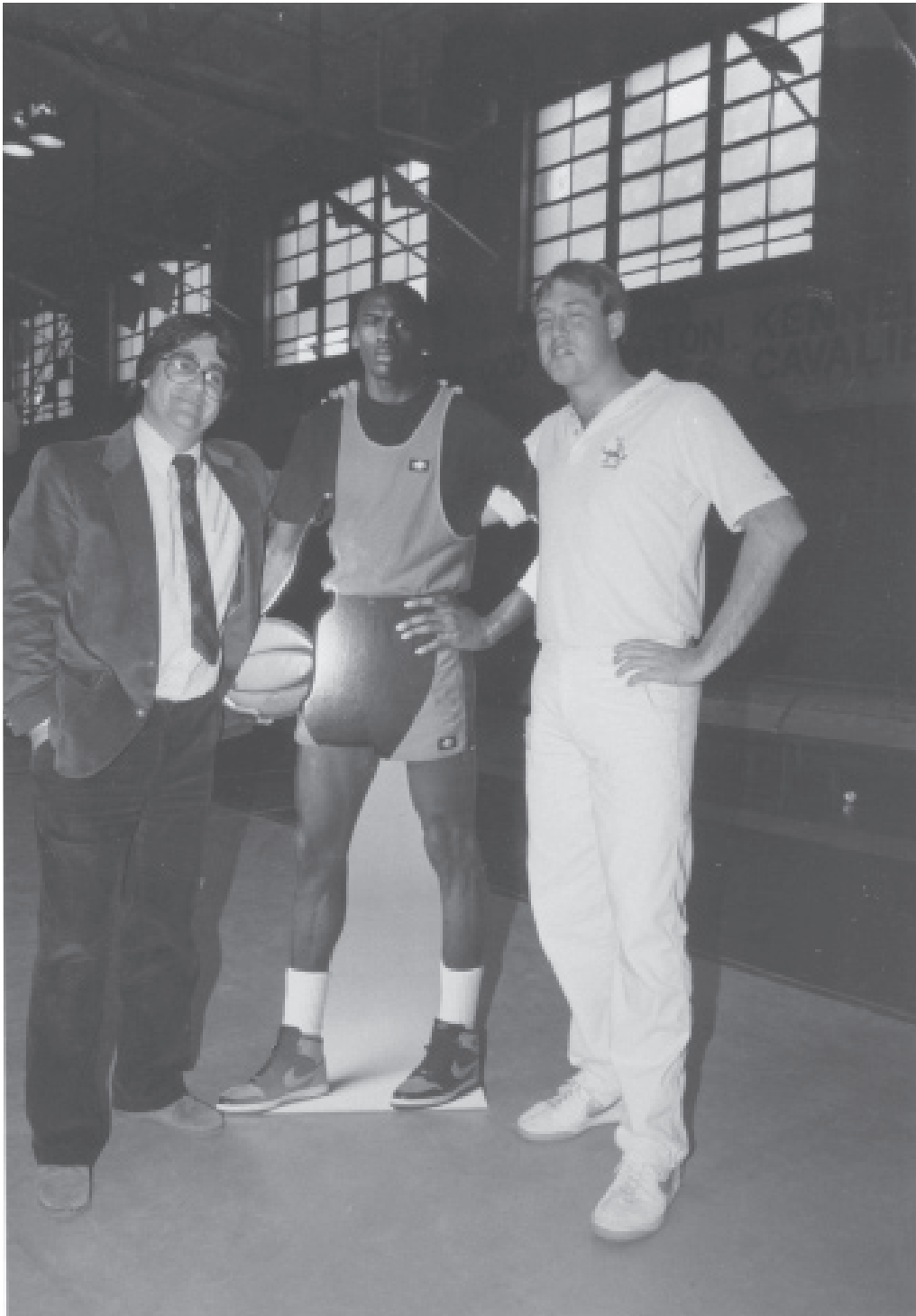
standout player was Coffi Amouzou, who graduated last year. In his senior year, Amouzou was named to the Maryland second team.

The boys and girls B-CC varsity soccer teams have also been very successful in recent years. The boys team lost in the State Semifinals in 2003 and 2004 while the girls team lost this year in the State Finals. The best boys player to play at B-CC in recent years was Kwame Darko, who graduated in 2005, and plays soccer at the University of Maryland. In the history of boys soccer at B-CC, the teams have piled up nine divisional titles, eight regional titles, and four state titles. The girls teams

have recorded eight divisional titles, four regional titles, and two state titles.

The Barons baseball team has also been stellar, but has never won a state title. Barons baseball has amassed nine divisional titles and three regional titles. Coach Bill Wright has been striving to win a state title since he first started coaching the team in 1984, and he hopes that this year will be the year that he finally accomplishes his goal.

Most of the sports teams at B-CC have been successful over the years and the teams hope to continue living up to the school's excellent reputation in the field of athletics.



Former Athletics Director Brady Blade (left) and current boys varsity basketball coach Stephen Thompson celebrate B-CC's rich tradition of athletics with basketball star Michael Jordan. Well, not completely. They had to settle for a cutout of Jordan. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

titles, and 26 state titles. B-CC is known for being a sports powerhouse and the Barons have lived up to the reputation so far during the 2006-2007 school year. In the 2006-2007 school year, the Barons so far have accumulated five regional titles, three divisional titles, and one state title.

The sport that B-CC is best known for is field hockey. In the history of B-CC, the field hockey team has racked up 16 divisional titles, 17 regional

titles, and 13 state titles. the regular season. Senior Shay Smith was named to the All-Maryland first team, senior Hannah Hennighausen was named to the All-Maryland second team, and junior April Cahill earned an honorable mention.

Another sport that B-CC has excelled in over the years is basketball. The boys team has accumulated 12 divisional titles, ten regional titles, and two state titles while the girls team has amassed 10 divisional titles and seven regional

titles. senior Maurice Pearson, senior Jonathan Gregg, and junior Austin Cooley. Pearson was named to the All-Gazette First Team, Cooley to the Second Team, and Gregg honorable mention.

A popular sport at Bethesda-Chevy Chase for many years has been football. Even though the team has only accumulated 1 divisional title, 3 regional titles, and no state titles, the school is still very passionate about football. The Barons' most recent



B-CC students celebrate their victory in the Maryland state soccer championship. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*



Members of the girls basketball team shows their spirit and dedication by getting together for a group photo during the 1948-1949 school year. Sports teams often get ready for games by using rituals such as the one depicted. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*



# Football Teams of the 1950's Dominated the Game

By Charles de Boinville

The football program at B-CC has always been a major part of athletics. Since its first game at B-CC in 1944, the football team has had its high and low points. Although there have been many successful Barons football teams, the football team was strongest in the 1950's.

The Barons dominated football during the 1950's with powerful, athletic players such as Kenny Smith and Lee Steininger. With the help of these great players, the Barons were able to decimate its opponents and capture championships and winning seasons.

One of B-CC's most successful football teams was the 1956 Baron's squad, which won the Bi-County league champion-



Barons football player rushes forward in this scene from B-CC High School's football past. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

ship and won eight straight games. Kenny Smith, one of the most powerful fullbacks to ever play for B-CC, devastated rivals such as Bullis with huge runs. In a very important game against Bullis

in 1956, Smith broke 54 and 24 yard runs in a 30-0 victory, cementing himself as one of B-CC's greatest runners.

A gritty running offense isn't the only thing

that made the Barons team a force in the Bi-County league. The defense also proved to be a catalyst in many important games. Players such as Steve Knoebber and Jack Poole

proved to be forces on the defense and special teams. In 1955, the Barons upsetted powerful archrival Bladensburg 13-12 with a tenacious, quick defense which was able to register the winning touchdown with a 62 yard punt block return by Knoebber.

These snippets of Baron football success are just a small glimpse into the football powerhouse which the Barons team was in the 1950's. Baron pride runs high when current B-CC students think of past successful teams. "It's good to know that B-CC, at some time, was able to show its true colors as a school and win some football games" says current varsity football player John Genova.

Despite some appreciation, many students do not know anything about the great Baron's football teams of the past. "I never knew that the Barons had a good team back in the 1950's" says current varsity football player Alex Beasley. Although many of the football programs' achievements from the 1950's may be forgotten, the memory of these great teams lives on in the hearts and minds of the many B-CC alumni of the 1950's which had the opportunity to see the football team decimate B-CC rivals and capture county championships.

## The Evolution of B-CC Sports Uniforms

By Matt Kaplun

Throughout Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School history, both the jerseys and mascots of the sports teams have changed significantly according to trends and sports developments. Today's students would not believe the uniforms of previous Baron's athletes. While uniforms have changed for safety reasons and style, the mascots changed according to MCPS policies and the requests of the student body.

The B-CC Highwaymen of the 1930's were first represented by crossing pistols. Highwaymen were known as robbers, and this name came from the fact that B-CC was one of the few schools located on a highway. But when the 1940's rolled around, MCPS ruled that the name, "highwaymen" was inappropriate and the mascot was changed to the B-CC Pine Trees, because of the group of pine trees surrounding the school. Finally, in the late 1950's, the mascot



B-CC cheerleaders sporting blue and gold. *Photo by Emily Buckley.*

was changed to the Barons. However, the symbol for the Barons looked extremely similar to the peanut man from planters up until the 1970's, when the football team decided it wasn't masculine enough. As a result, the symbol was changed to the current Baron today.

Uniforms have varied throughout B-CC history due to safety and style. Uniforms, at first, were very informal. For example, throughout the 1930's and 1940's, wearing a jersey during basketball games was not mandatory and jerseys did not even have B-CC written on them. Also, uniforms changed ac-

ording to styles and trends over the years. An example of a significant change in style is the length of the basketball shorts. Today, shorts are generally knee length and baggy, yet before the 1990's, shorts were short. They did not even come past the thigh. Another example

"Before the 1990's, shorts were short."

is how it used to be a style to show your knee high socks in baseball, yet today, pants come down to the cleats, a trend set by professional and college players. Additionally, on and off from the 1930's to 1990's, a type

of sock known as stirrups came in and out of style.

Uniforms have changed for safety reasons as well. In football, it wasn't until the 1950's that truly protecting padding was introduced and pliable mouth guards and face masks curtailed the most common injuries in football.

Since the 1930's, sports uniforms have come a long way. They have changed according to styles from the professional levels, which influenced college uniforms and eventually that of high schools. These improvements have helped the well-being of all sports players.



B-CC varsity football player on homecoming night. Students enjoy attending games even when the Barons cannot win. *Photo by Emily Buckley.*



# Guckeyson: *The Man Behind the Stadium*

By Kevin Semerjian

Bill Guckeyson is arguably the greatest athlete to ever attend B-CC. He excelled in multiple sports including soccer, basketball, baseball, track and field, and football. As a junior at B-CC Guckeyson set state records in track and field, some of which still stand today. He threw a 12 pound shot put 50 feet which set a state record which stood for 28 years. At the same track meet in 1932, he won the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.2 seconds, and set another state record for the 80 yard dash.

After high school, Guckeyson went on to play football at the University of Maryland where he was awarded a scholarship. At the time, B-CC did not have a football team, but the University of Maryland recruited him based on his soccer skills. He played halfback and was also the punter for the terrapins. While at Maryland, he earned nine letters in four sports. He was also named to the All Southern Conference team in 1935 and 1936 for football. Guckeyson continued to succeed in track and field at the college level, breaking the javelin record with a throw of 204'5".

After graduating from Maryland, Guckeyson was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1937 NFL draft. He was the fifty-first overall pick. However, he declined the offer and opted to attend West Point where he became an All American in soccer.

Graduating from West Point in 1942, Guckeyson again received many professional athletic offers but again declined them in order to attend flight school in Texas. Once he received his wings, Guckeyson was assigned overseas in December, 1942.

Again, as he had throughout his high school, college, and military school, Bill Guckeyson excelled. He became flying leader of a P-47 Thunderbolt squadron and won two Distin-

guished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, and a Purple Heart. At the end of May, 1944, he shot down his seventh enemy plane.

That June, he was assigned as a bomber escort for a raid over Europe. He never completed the mission. Some pilots reported seeing a parachute from his plane after it was shot down that day, but his cap-

ture was never announced.

He was declared missing in action on June 26, 1944. The war ended a little more than a year later, but Guckeyson never returned home. His wife, Mary, his mother, and his grandmother lived without him in the house where he grew up, in Chevy Chase.

In 1955, Student Government Association

corresponding secretary, Priscilla Wilbourn, wrote a letter to Principal William G. Pyle. She requested permission to name B-CC's athletic field after Guckeyson. Since then, B-CC has honored Guckeyson's memory with each game, sporting event, and athletic triumph played out in Guckeyson Memorial Stadium.



Students gather on the hillside facing what is now known as Guckeyson Memorial Stadium. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*



At left is the Distinguished Flying Cross. Guckeyson won two Crosses as flying leader of a P-47 Thunderbolt squadron during World War II. He shot down seven enemy aircraft, but later lost his life in combat. According to the United States Air Force, the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded for or "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight." *Photo courtesy of the United States Air Force.*



Bill Guckeyson, star athlete and air combat pilot, is one of B-CC's most accomplished alumni. *Photo courtesy of The University of Maryland's Veteran Celebration.*



# Rifle Club's Role At B-CC



Alan Brenner participates in a 1964 match as a member of the B-CC rifle team. He is considered the greatest marksman in B-CC rifle team history. Notice the special glove he wears on his left hand and the look of deep concentration in his visible eye. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

By Andrew Finkelstein

The Rifle Club was founded in the 1950's and ceased to exist in the 1970's. It was the only one of its kind ever to exist at B-CC. The 30 members of the club, comprised of both boys and girls, were selected after having their written and range test results reviewed. Practices were held weekly and club members learned everything about the .22 caliber rifle which they were entrusted to use well and properly. In order to ensure that all members were serious and devoted, officers possessed the privilege to suspend or expel members whom they perceived as not worthy to hold their position in the club. Being in the Rifle Club took intelligence, adaptability, and dedication. Being a member of the Rifle Club was not a privilege; it was an honor.

In order to join the Rifle Club, one was required to sign up and take written and physical exams which were later evaluated by a superior officer in the

club. For some years, more than 100 people applied for membership, yet each year only 30 new members were accepted. Most of these chosen 30 members had experience with rifles prior to joining the club. This gave them an enormous advantage over all of the other candidates. After all, the club was meant to compete in rifle competitions, not to teach inexperienced people how to use a rifle.

Being a member of a competitive club meant dedicating your Friday afternoons to hours of practice. Practice did not only consist of shooting the rifle at a given target, it also included learning about the pieces of the rifle, the bullets used, many different positions to shoot from, and how to better yourself when shooting a .22 caliber rifle. Practices were held at the Blair Armory, a secure and safe environment for the members to fire their armed weapons. Both the boys and the girls were required to participate in the same activities. In addition, ev-

eryone was expected to participate in the competitions when humanly possible.

By practicing well, the Rifle Club was able to perform well in competitions. Their performances earned the club a respectable reputation. This reputation began after the club went undefeated from 1966-1972. Those were great years for the club, and B-CC was extremely proud of their exceptional performances. These undefeated years would have been unthinkable if it was not for the order maintained by the club officers.

The Rifle Club was a very strict club, which led to many of its successes. The club's officers strictly enforced the club's procedures upon the members. At the beginning of the year, new members were required to learn and memorize the rules and regulations of the club and the competitions in which they were to participate in. When club rules were broken, the officers punished the person who broke

the rule by either suspending them for an amount of time that fit the infraction or expelling them if the violation they committed was too severe to allow them to keep their membership in the club.

The competitions, which the club participated in, were taken very seriously. Even though the club members were required to learn many different rifle-firing positions, the main position used at competitions was the shoulder-



Even though the Rifle Club only took up one's Friday afternoons for practices and a Saturday or a Sunday for competitions, being a member of this club was always a full time job. One had to always meet the expectations of the officers and their peers, not only when in the possession of a .22 caliber rifle. Each of the selected 30 members was intelligent, adaptable, and dedicated to the club. That could be one of the

Depicted is a rifle target commonly used to practice marksmanship skills. The individual using this target hit the center of the target. Scores are indicated by the numbers contained within the rings of concentric circles. *Photo courtesy of Google Images.*

to-shoulder position. The members of the club participated to the best of their ability at all competitions, big or small. This allowed them to greatly improve their shooting technique in order to become even better.

main reasons why the club lasted for a long time and performed so well. Even though the Rifle Club is now non-existent, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School still enjoys the reputation that it had as being the best.



# FIELD HOCKEY: THE DYNASTY

## In the Beginning: Before Amy Wood

By Martin Wiegand

The field hockey team over the past seventeen years has become the pride of Bethesda-Chevy Chase athletics.

The field hockey team was developing into a powerhouse long before the national records, nine consecutive state championships, and endless division titles.

The field hockey program started in 1937 by two B-CC teachers, Mrs. Crocher and Mrs. Teihune, as a developmental program to intro-

duce the girls to the sport.

In the early 1940's, the program evolved into a varsity sport. However, hockey's term as a varsity sport was ephemeral, and ended in just over a decade. The sport did not draw many fans, and the team's record was mediocre.

After the 1951 season, field hockey was discontinued as a varsity sport. But the girls continued to play, as an intramural sport, run by the Girls Athletic Association (GAA). After school, girls would play and learn the game. The GAA also formed an honors team, to compete against



The Fall 2006 varsity field hockey team portrait. Coach Amy Wood is featured in the far left rear. Photo courtesy of B-CC High School.



A field hockey player on the 1969 B-CC intramural team runs down the field. Photo courtesy of The Tattler.

other schools in the area. The honors team played a three to six game schedule each fall, only a few games fewer than the varsity team played.

Under the direction of Phyllis Phelleu Drewer, honors team coach, the team's records varied over the seasons, but she saw progress and potential in the program.

The 1968-1969 honors team was undefeated and unscored upon, but the 1969-1970 team was 3-2-4.

The popularity of the sport continued to grow

among the girls, in addition to the attitude of the girls over the intramural period. The sport was reinstated as a varsity sport in the early 1970's due to Title IX legislation that passed in 1972.

The first year back as a varsity sport, the team struggled, but went to the state tournament in 1974-1975, when Coach Drewer returned as head coach. Drewer coached through the 1979 season, and led the team to two regional playoff appearances and one state tournament appearance.

In 1980, new

coach John Kovach took control of the team, and continued to build upon Coach Drewer's success.

By the time coach Wood started coaching the team, it was no stranger to the playoffs and a winning tradition.

Over the sixty-nine years of field hockey at B-CC, the program has molded into a perennial contender for the state championship, and the most successful team in school history. The lasting success of the program is ascribed to the tradition and history of the program.



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# Enter Amy Wood

## The Golden Age of Barons Field Hockey

By Martin Wiegand

Of all athletic teams in B-CC history, the field hockey team has had unprecedented success, especially in recent history. The team has always had a competitive program, and had gone to six straight state championship games from 1987 to 1992, winning in 1988, 1990, and 1992. However the team started to come into its powerhouse form in 1993, when Amy Wood took the head coaching job. Ever since, the B-CC field hockey team has never been the same. The team has won thirteen state titles during this period, including nine consecutive titles, a national record.

Coach Wood started her own field hockey career in high school, playing all four years in high school, then four years in college at the University of Connecticut, and then for her club team, the Washington

Shredders. During her playing career, Wood credits her knowledge of the game to her mentor, Steve Simpson, who taught her how to think about the game at a higher level. Simpson was also a volunteer at B-CC before Wood took over. Simpson convinced Wood to take the head coaching position at B-CC in 1993, her first and only high school coaching job. Wood had actually only planned on becoming the interim head coach, serving just one year, but she wanted to keep working for the girls at B-CC.

Wood's unique coaching style and attitude towards the game have created the winning history at B-CC. According to Wood, "The key to success is building a team through strong and confident players, but with the understanding no player will ever be bigger than the team. I make sure each of my players has self-confidence, then

confidence in their teammates, and ultimately, that leads to a confident team."

Besides the team building aspect, Wood's approach to each season is another aspect that is a key part of the team's success. "I have never mentioned winning a state championship as my ultimate goal. I always stress being the strongest possible team we can be, and if that means [winning] a state championship, I will take it," says Wood. And she has taken the championships, winning thirteen state titles, seventeen regional titles and countless division titles since 1993.

However, the most important component of Wood's coaching that sets the program apart from the rest is the amount that she cares for her players and the relationships she forms with all of them. "I truly care for each player's personal well-being and development. I would rather have a great

person graduate from my program, than a great hockey player," states Wood.

"Amy was the best coach I have ever had," declares two year varsity field hockey player, Hannah Hennighausen. "She pushed me to succeed, while at the same time being my friend and mentor."

Wood still keeps in touch with many of her former players, and they all

**"It is about the journey we take from August through November every year that makes it all worthwhile."**

have grown on and off the field because of Wood. Moe Denny, a B-CC graduate of the class of 1997, wrote to Wood while in college at Duke University, "I learned more from your field hockey program, than I ever learned in a classroom." Wood hopes that she has had a similar impact on all of her players' lives because they have all greatly impacted hers.

"Coaching all of my girls over the years has

made such a profound impact on my life," says Wood. "I am very proud of their accomplishments on the field, in the classroom and most importantly in life."

Reflecting on her coaching experience at B-CC, Wood says, "It is about the journey we take from August through November every year that makes it all worthwhile. And luckily, I have received the finest reward a team could ever give me: a true family." The incomparable success of the field hockey team is due to the fact that Coach Wood does not train a team but forms a family.



Coach Amy Wood in the Washington Post 2004 Fall All-Met lineup. Photo Courtesy of the Washington Post. Top photo courtesy of The Pine Tree.



# The Effect of Title IX on B-CC Sports

## A National Triumph Seen Through Local Eyes

By Kim Howard

It is likely that most students at B-CC have no interest in the Educational Amendments of 1972. However, these provisions include Title IX, an act that sparked a change in many colleges and high schools across the United States. Title IX requires B-CC to provide girls with an equal opportunity to participate in school sports.

One misconception is that Title IX forces schools to offer the same sports for girls as they do for boys. Yet, B-CC definitely has no obligation to provide a football team for girls. In fact, schools need only to provide equal provision of equipment, equal scheduling of games and of practices, equal facilities, and equal promotion. The exact wording of the main statement of Title IX is, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Although no outspoken opposition to girls'

sports exists at our high school today, Title IX was a very controversial act in its time. Those who opposed Title IX cited reasons such as the expense of running women's programs, the lack of spectator interest, and the girls' physical well being.

Nonetheless, all high schools across the United States were required to comply with the conditions of Title IX by July of 1978. B-CC successfully met the requirements.

Title IX has even directly affected the job of *The Tattler* through the requirement for equal publicity and promotion of girls and boys' sports. In reality, this has not caused much difficulty considering that the B-CC field hockey team has won 18 consecutive regional championships and that other B-CC girls' teams have consistently excelled. In fact, the only Olympic athletes to graduate from B-CC have been women. In each edition of *The Tattler*, the paper incorporates articles on achievements of both girls and boys' sports.

Over the past years since the enactment of the Educational Amendments of 1972, there have been nationwide changes in girls' sports and shifts in schools' attitudes toward them. Although girls' sports have existed at B-CC throughout much of its past, such as field hockey, which started before the 1950's, girls' teams had rarely if ever been taken seriously. Not only did Title IX force a change in school policy in regards to girls' sports, but it forced a change in attitude as well. *The Tattler* has affected these views based on the Title IX clause that requires equal promotion. With readers able to see the accomplishments of girl's sports, the respect for the teams and individual participants has grown.

Also due to the progressive change of opinions, girls' teams now have greater participation, and there is no lack of opportu-



Title IX, passed by the United States Congress in 1972, has allowed millions of young women over more than thirty years to participate in high school and collegiate athletics. *Graphic courtesy of Oklahoma State University.*

nity. There are currently 17 sports available for girls at B-CC, and ironically only 12 for boys.

Schedules of several sports are partially the result of Title IX. For example, boys and girls' tennis play different seasons in order to have equal use of the six courts. Junior Katie Siegner of the girl's varsity soccer team says, "For the first half of the soccer season, the girls have games on the B-CC field at 5:00 pm and guys have the night game, but halfway through the season the times switch,"

which is a clear example of the impact of Title IX.

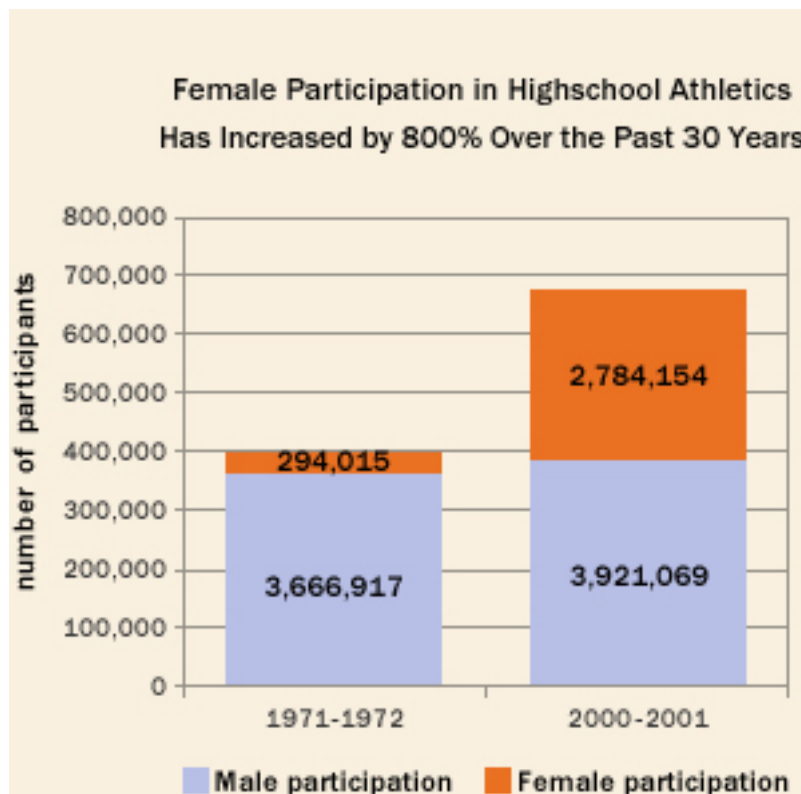
Parts of B-CC's athletics program remain untouched by Title IX. Club sports such as crew and squash are not required to comply with Title IX, since they do not receive money from the state. However, crew members confirm that there exists no sexual discrimination against girls. These sports are examples of programs that successfully carry out the spirit of the Educational Amendments of 1972 without actually being under the jurisdiction

of Title IX and needing to prove an equality of treatment. Perhaps society has changed to a point that Title IX is no longer necessary, but it played a significant role when it was first implemented.

Girls' sports have come a long way from their often-ridiculed beginnings to their popularity today. According to the Women's Sports Foundation, the number of high school girls involved in athletics has increased from 1 in 27 in 1970 to 1 in 2.5 in 2002.



Title IX ensures that women's athletics are not ignored on the high school or college level. *Photo courtesy of the Department of Education.*



As a result of Title IX, over the past thirty years, the number of women participating in high school athletics has increased from less than 300,000 to almost three million. *Graphic courtesy of TitleIX.info.*



# B-CC Alumni Excel Athletically

By Martin Wiegand

Two of the most distinguished athletes to come out of B-CC in the school's history are Deane Beman and Drew Caylor. The two came from opposite ends of the competitive spectrum. Beman was a golfer, and Caylor a football lineman, but both made an equally significant impact in the athletic community at B-CC and the rest of the professional world.

Caylor, a graduate of the class of 1999, was a letter-winner in football, basketball and baseball at B-CC, with football as his best sport. During his high school football career, he started for three years on the varsity team, earning first team All-Met, All-State and All-County honors playing offensive lineman, defensive end, middle linebacker and long-snapper. He amassed 76 tackles and six sacks his senior year at B-CC.

After his high school career, he attended Stanford University and played on the varsity football team for four years. He started as long snapper for two years and offensive lineman for his senior year in 2003. In 2004, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the sixth round as the 197th overall pick. Soon after, he was released by the Steelers and signed by the New York Jets practice squad. As of December 2004 through the



Dean Beman was a star member of the golf team, and went on to become a professional golfer. He also served as commissioner of the PGA Tour. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

present, he is a member of the Baltimore Ravens practice squad as a long snapper.

Another star athlete to graduate from B-CC was Hall of Fame golfer Deane Beman. As a graduate of the class of 1956, he was a mem-

ber of the B-CC golf team, and went on to become one of the most influential people in the golf world.

As a junior at B-CC, he actually convinced his teachers to excuse him from his final exams so he could try to qualify for the 1955 U.S. Open, which he did, at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, California. As a

player, he won the 1959 British Amateur, 1960 and 1963 U.S. Amateur tournaments, and played on four Walker Cup teams. As a professional, he won the 1969 Texas Open Invitational, the 1970 Greater Milwaukee Open, the 1972 Quad Cities Open, and the 1973 Shrine-Robinson Open Golf Classic.

However, Beman's

greatest accomplishments came after his playing career ended, as the first commissioner of the PGA Tour. Beman spread the game of golf to many more viewers by broadcasting tournaments and creating stadium golf. During his tenure, he increased PGA revenue from \$500,000-\$700,000 in 1974, to \$500 million-\$800 million, in 1994.

Beman also helped create the Senior Tour and the Ben Hogan Tour, and the The Players Championship (TPC) courses, most notably TPC Sawgrass with cooperation from Pete Dye. The Ben Hogan Tour, now Nationwide Tour, allows young professional golfers to develop into stronger players, and the Senior PGA Tour, now called the Champions Tour, allows professionals passed their prime to continue to play competitive golf. In 1998, Beman created the idea of the World Golf Village, home of the World Golf Hall of Fame, in St. Augustine, Florida. In 2000, Beman was inducted into the same hall of fame he created, for a lifetime of achievement in the golf community. All of his accomplishments landed him in thirty-second place among the greatest Maryland sports figure of all time, according to Sports Illustrated.

The two athletes while completely different in sport, have both contributed to the B-CC athletic community and continue to contribute to athletics outside of and beyond the B-CC community.



Members of the B-CC football team use headsets to communicate. *Photo by Emily Buckley.*



Drew Caylor was a top football player at B-CC. He went on to play for Stanford, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and later for the New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens as a part of their practice squads. *Photo courtesy of the National Football League.*



# B-CC Pride Remains Strong



A student sits in the “beat-Blair-mobile” to demonstrate his school spirit. Before Whitman, Blair was B-CC’s traditional rival because it was on the other end of East-West Highway. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

By Emily Buckley

Spirit is a vigorous sense of membership in a group. The B-CC cheerleading and poms team have brought spirit to B-CC for 50 years, often with some underestimation on the part of their peers.

B-CC’s cheerleading team is there to provide spirit for the student body. The first cheerleading squad began in 1927. The team consisted of only male members, who only cheered at varsity soccer games. In 1928, a speech teacher, Mrs. Mosley began a club that was separate from the cheerleading team. She created this club so the students could cheer at both boys and girls varsity games. The new pep club too consisted of mostly males with the back up of some girls assistants. They were required to attend all every varsity game equipped with banners, poms, and other things to pep up the crowds at games.

At the time the pep club was created, students were not required to try out, but they were very much encouraged to only join the club if they wanted to raise spirit in Bethesda to an all-time high.

In 1946, two years after the football team had been created at B-CC, girls

were allowed to be a part of the cheerleading squad. This new policy came about because not enough boys attended the games. They figured by having girls cheer, it would in turn result to having a larger crowd base.

Try-outs were not so easy for eager cheerleaders

back in those days! Students had to try out before an assembly held for the entire school. There was definitely no room for nerves, as the B-CC students wanted to see what the cheerleaders had to give. They were eventually selected by the already chosen captain, co-captain,

and Student Government Association representative. The cheerleaders’ duties were to cheer at home and at away varsity games. They also cheered at pep rallies. The cheerleaders continued to be the only source of active spirit for B-CC for almost 20 years, until the formation of the poms team. This was a new and fresh team that could easily be mistaken for cheerleading back then, but brought a twist by adding dancing.

The poms team, formally known as the drill team, started at B-CC in 1947. The team was organized when then-rival school Blair High School had a drill team that performed at a football half time show. This was something new that students at B-CC had not seen before but were eager to learn about. Girls trying out for the team were assigned to try out in groups of three in front of coaches, faculty members, and captains. They were judged on a number of factors ranging from dance techniques, precision of marking, and routines that they were thought. The team consisted of 18 to 22 girls. The girls with the highest scores were selected for the team. Along with performing at football and basketball games, the poms team also competed at competitions. To raise money to compete and buy uniforms, the poms team often held bake sales and car washes, as they still do today.



B-CC cheerleaders pose together for this group portrait taken in the 1950’s. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*



# Barons Basketball Continues Upward



B-CC basketball team plays in the gym. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

By Haywood Miller

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School basketball teams have had a stint of success over the last few seasons. The boys varsity basketball team has been to the state finals twice in the last three years in the MPSSAA 3A league. Unfortunately in both 2005 and 2007, the Barons have were not victorious. In 2005, the boys team lost to Randlestown High School in overtime as a result of a last second lay-up from former standout football player, Melvin Aleze. And just a few days ago, the Barons lost to the sharp shooting River Hill Hawks in regulation.

The Barons' recent success on the boys' side can be attributed to Coach Steve Thompson.

In the past, B-CC basketball teams have done quite well, having won the MPSSAA 3A state final game in 1984. This was the first time that the varsity boys basketball team won anything that significant.

"I think the fact that our team has had success in the past makes us want to play better. I guess you can say it pumps us up," says senior point guard Paul Schneider. "We always want to play our best but the fact that someone has been better than us before keeps us humble."

Basketball season

for B-CC is also a fun time for students. B-CC regularly has their home games sold out and a very rowdy crowd. Sometimes students have even been thrown out because their chants are either too loud or too inappropriate. Another

fun part about the cheering at B-CC home games is the numerous cheers that the students come up with. For example, when an opposing player picks up a traveling call, the B-CC student sections will start chanting, "You can't do that!" Or

when an opposing player completely misses the rim and backboard during a shot, the B-CC's loyal fans will chant "airball" whenever that player touches the ball.

"Yeah I think that our student section is pretty good," says senior Jacob Cohen. "Although I have been thrown out of a couple of games, I still like to come back for more to support my Barons."

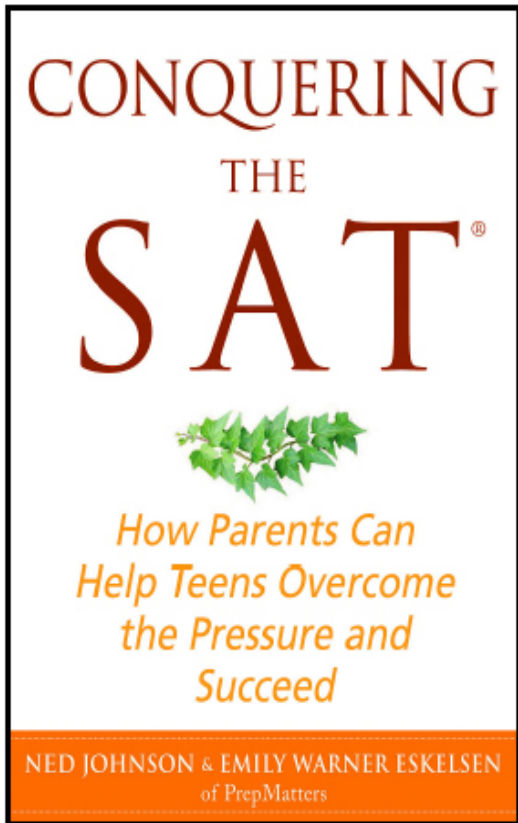
"I look forward to B-CC basketball games," says senior Walter Frampus. "I use them as an escape to get away from my homework and to go support my friends in the game."

Barons' basketball has been a tradition for years ever since B-CC opened its doors eighty years ago. Students around this area just love the sport of basketball and love the fact that B-CC is good at it. B-CC is a powerhouse in 3A basketball, and if current trends continue, will be for years to come.



Students take in sun during a pep rally of the past. Instead of using bleachers, students sit on the grassy hill bordering the athletic field. *Photo courtesy of The Tattler.*

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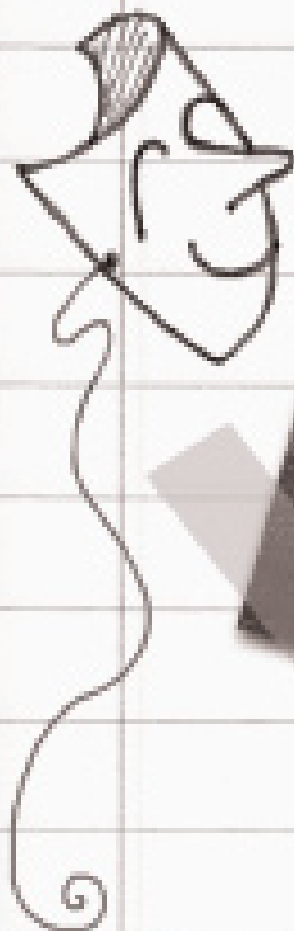
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