

BOSSCORE

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New Officers

Our bylaws call for officers to be elected in even years, and board members to be elected in odd years.

The officers are selected by and voted on by the board of directors, while the board of directors is nominated and elected by the general membership.

Our bylaws also call for the elections to be held at the spring meeting, with the new officers, and, or board members to take office on July 1.

Our spring board meeting was held on January 28, 1997, and a nominating committee of Roger Robison, Ruth White, and Bob Adams proposed the following slate of officers:

- President-Bob Adams
- Vice President-Bob Pearson
- Secretary-Ruth White
- Treasurer-Bob Whalen

A poll was taken of the nine board members, and these officers were elected unanimously.

Bob Pearson's election as vice president opens a spot on the board of directors. The nominating committee has nominated John Ockoman and Dean Monroe for this spot. Nominations will also be taken from the floor, and the election to fill this board position will take place at the next general meeting.

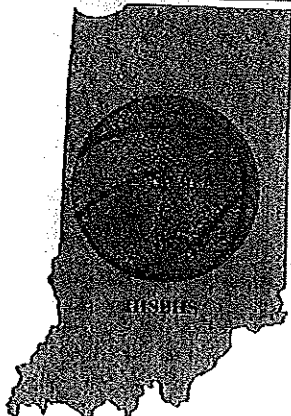
Following is a brief biological sketch of each of the officers.

Bob Whalen-Treasurer

Bob was born in Goshen, IN, and moved to Crawfordsville in 1932. He graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1945. Bob attended Wabash College for one year, and has an accounting degree from LaSalle Extension University.

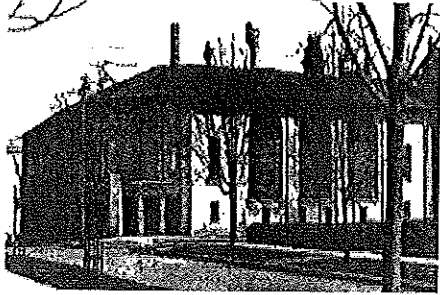
Bob and his wife Margaret have two children and five grandchildren. Their son, Jerry, lives in Crawfordsville, while daughter Linda lives in Terre Haute.

He belongs to the First Christian Church and has worked 17 years with the Boy Scouts, and 13 years with the Crawfordsville Little League. He was a member of the Crawfordsville Booster Club for over 25 years.



A NEW GYM FOR BEDFORD

By Wendell Trogon



Bedford Gym

Paint had barely dried on the remodeled Bedford High School gym, increasing seating capacity to 1,200, when it became obvious a bigger basketball arena was needed.

Despite lack of seats, up to 600 more fans crammed into crevices and aisles. Others stood outside near the doors in all kinds of weather for updates at time-outs.

Boosters without tickets complained. Supt. E. W. Montgomery, a former coach, listened. Within months after that 1921 expansion, he and principal-coach Merle Abbett acted. Rather than seeking tax funds, they took their appeal to the public, organizing 125 citizens into the Bedford Athletic Association.

Members sold shares of stock at \$100 at 5 percent interest. More than \$70,000 was raised in three days and eventually the drive was over-subscribed by \$10,000.

Contracts were soon issued, work started and the gym was dedicated on Nov. 14, 1924, when the Bedford team (later to be called the Stonecutters) defeated Glenn Curtis' Martinsville squad, 40-30. Guests at the game included A. L. Trester of the IHSAA and the Franklin College "Wonder Five."

Citizens called the 5,020-seat gym "a monument to civic pride." Observers bragged that it was "the latest thing in gymnasiums." Others boasted it was "the largest and finest in the state."

One thing, however, was overlooked. Except in locker rooms, there were only two toilet stools, causing fans in distress to go outside, then into the Junior High School basement for relief.

As seating capacity grew, so did interest in basketball. Fans still, at times, filled the arena beyond capacity. Newspapers reported 7,000 tickets, which

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exceeded the number of seats by 1,980, were sold for the 1928 sectional finale between Bedford and Heltonville. Bedford won that game, then went on to the State Finals before losing to Muncie.

Despite the larger gym at Bedford, the sectional sometimes was played at Mitchell until 1945. After that, all sectionals were played at Bedford until the school became part of Bedford-North Lawrence in 1974. The BNL gym has 6,316 seats, many of which have gone unfilled since the 1987-1990 era of Damon Bailey.

The old limestone Bedford gym still stands, a memorial to the foresight of E. W. Montgomery and Merle Abbett. It is used for Bedford Junior High games

Much of the information for this story came from the late Jim Guthrie, author of "A Quarter Century In Lawrence County." Guthrie died last August

Bob Adams Editor

Doctor's Orders

By Roger Robison

Many of you are familiar with the delightful 207 page book "Hatchets" - A Comprehensive History of Washington High School Basketball (1905-1996). This beautifully illustrated and professionally produced history was researched, written, and edited by professional newspaper men at the Vincennes Sun-Commercial, Bob Padgett and Bill Richardson. This \$20.00 book is available to ISH-BISH members for \$5.00. Sheets and Robison have copies in their cars or you may call Richardson at 1-800-876-9955 (work) or at home (618-943-2503). Or you can drive over to his house at, PO-Box 404, Lawrenceville Illinois, 62439.

The history of the DeJernett brothers (3) alone is worth 5 bucks. A special feature is the story of what happened to these "heroes" after graduation. Did Crawley ask for a \$100 or a \$300 raise in 1942?. Help these guys unload the attic and find out! Unless we support fellow authors none of these books will be written.

Recommended book #2 for this issue is only \$7.98 at Barnes & Noble. As you go through those old newspapers and come across the comics do you get distracted? They were originally the joke-a-day type. But in the 30's and 40's we had the adventure strip. Now the comics are political and again the joke-a-day variety. Return to those thrilling days of yesteryear when the masked avenger spit death and destruction from both barrels. 100 YEARS OF AMERICAN NEWSPAPER COMICS-An illustrated encyclopedia by Maurice Horn is a coffee table book of 415 pages which gives the history of all those obscure comics you come across. Lee Falk originated Mandrake (1934) and the Phantom (1936) while an undergraduate at Illinois. Both adventure strips still run internationally and Falk, like the Phantom, refuses to die.



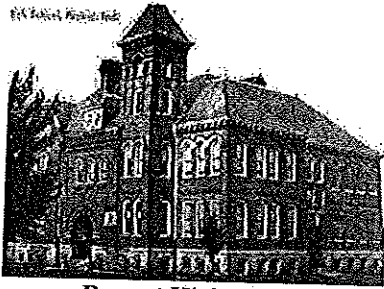
MANDRAKE



The Phantom

MASTERS OF THE GAME

By Dean Monroe



Bryant High School

The most prolific brother act in the history of Jay County high school basketball was the six Masters boys of Bryant High School, who terrorized opposing teams during a twenty-five year dynasty which ran from 1942 until 1966. Just having a family member on the team for this long of a period is something, but what made this family special was that they could play. Boy, could they play the game. During this twenty-five year period, a Masters brother ran the court in all but six seasons for the Owls.

Bobby was the first to blaze a trail on Bearcreek Township hardwood. Bobby played during the war years, from 1942-45. While not a lot of box scores are available for this period, Bobby often led the Owls in scoring, with a high of 10 points. Unfortunately for Bobby, Bryant had to shut down basketball operations during the 1943 season, as more important things were going on.

Next came Herb, who played from 1947-50. As a senior, Herb averaged over 11 points a game, with a high of 23. He led the Owls in scoring ten times this season which helped cap off a career where he scored over 300 points. He no doubt will never forget the free throw he made to beat arch rival Poling in overtime, to win the Little Brown Jug in November 1949.

Next to bring the ball down the floor was Eldon, who was a scoring machine. Playing from 1949-52, Eldon tossed in over 935 points in his career. He led the county in scoring in 1951 and again in 1952. His resume also included being selected All-Sectional in 1952 and All-County Tournament twice, in 1950 and 1951. His career high was 40 points. He and Herb were the only two brothers to

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ever play on the same team, that during the 1949 and 1950 seasons.

Playing in the shadow of the great Dallas Simon, a 6'6" scoring machine who towered over opponents, Allen carried on the Masters name and game. Playing during the 1954 and 1955 seasons, he scored 362 points, including a career high of 24 against Pleasant Mills. A late bloomer, Allen came on strong at end of his senior season, 1955, to bring his average up to 10 points per game. He capped off his career with an All-Sectional selection.

The best was yet to come, and it came in the 6 foot, crewcut, jumping machine named Richard. Without question, this was the best of the Masters clan and probably the best all around player in the history of Jay County high school basketball. A wonderful shot, who had a nose for the ball, Dick used his amazing jumping ability to score 1,574 points during his four year career which lasted from 1956-59. His accomplishments can not all be listed here, but to start, he was the county's leading scorer three times, All-Sectional three times, All-County twice and scored more points in one game than any player in Jay County history, a record that still stands (49 vs. Gray in the 1959 Sectional). He led Bryant to a Sectional Championship in 1958, the first in the school's history. Often double teamed, this wonderful athlete who could high jump over 6 foot, 16 times scored over 30 points and twice broke the 40 mark. He concluded his high school career by being selected to play in the Indiana North South All-star game series. He attended Murray State in Kentucky on a basketball scholarship.

The last of Jay County's first family of basketball was Terry. He too could play the game. During his four year career, 1963-66, Terry scored 914 points. Following family tradition, he led the county in scoring in 1966, at nearly 21 points per game. His career high was 31. In his dream season of 1966, he was All-Sectional and All-Jayland. As a sophomore in 1964, Terry was named to the All-County Tournament team, the last time such an honor team was selected. He was on the Owl roster in 1963 as a freshman, when the Owls won the second

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and last sectional crown. It was only fitting that a Masters was on the only two sectional championship rosters for Bryant.

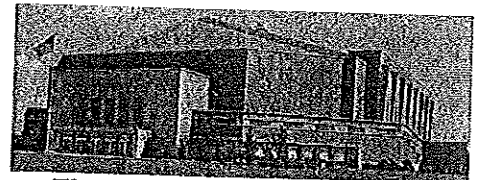
During their careers, a Masters led the county in scoring 6 times, and as a group the six brothers scored over 4,200 points. They loved to play the game and for a quarter of a century, Jay County fans loved watching them.

Editor's Note:As you drive through Bryant on U.S..27, if you look off to the east you can still catch a glimpse of the Bryant gym, now the Bryant Community Center.

This gym, built of concrete blocks in the early 1950's, held only about 300 fans. The Owls first played their home games at Beck's Hall in Bryant, then, from 1924-38, they played at the Portland Armory. They played in Geneva's new gym for the next eight years, before returning to the Armory to play until their gym was dedicated on February 6, 1951. It was used for home games until the late 1960's or early 70's. The last few years Bryant was a high school they played their home games at the Portland and Pennville gyms.



The Bryant Gym



The Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum
Home of the ACAC Tourney

The Allen County Athletic Conference Tourney

By Bob Adams

Bluffton's 48-37 win over Adams Central put the finishing touches on the 75th annual Allen County Athletic Tourney.

This tourney started in 1924, when the ten county high schools of Allen county, Arcola, Elmhurst, Harlan, Hoagland, Huntertown, Leo, Lafayette Central, Monroeville, New Haven and Woodburn got together to decide who had the best basketball team in the county.

New Haven, coached by Al Heiney, won the first tourney, which was played on New Haven's home floor. The Bulldogs won five of the first ten ACAC titles.

The tourney was played at New Haven, Woodburn, and Monroeville before being moved to the Fort Wayne War Memorial Coliseum in 1953.

Hall of Famer Hillard Gates did the first radio broadcast of the tourney in 1941, and in 1954, the tourney was televised for the first time by Gates and WKJG TV 33 Fort Wayne. The tourney was televised for 40 years until 1994.

During the 75 years of the tournament, 21 different schools from five different counties have participated, and 19 different schools have won championships. Today, Leo is the only remaining school existing out of the original ten schools.

Leo also leads the pack with 14 ACAC championships, followed by New Haven and Woodlan with 10 each.

Thirty five different coaches have won ACAC tourney titles. Gay Martin of Woodlan holds the record with six titles, while Paul White (New Haven), Jerry Lewis (Norwell), Bill Schafer (Woodlan), and Richard Butt (Leo) all have four championships to their credit.

Current IU assistant coach Norm Ellenberger was well known in the area as both a player and a coach at New Haven High School. Ellenberger, who played at New Haven in the late 1940's, before playing both basketball and football at Butler for Tony Hinkle, returned to coach the Bulldogs to three titles in 1959, '60, and '63 before starting his collegiate coaching career.

Both the tourney and the conference have survived many changes. In 1966,

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Harlan High School closed, and was replaced by Ossian. In 1967, Bishop Luers, which had joined the conference in 1962, dropped out and was replaced by Adams Central.

The next couple of years saw school consolidations force many changes on the tourney. In 1968, Ossian joined forces with Lancaster Twp. to become Norwell. In 1969, Arcola and Huntertown became Carroll, while Hoagland and Monroeville merged to form Heritage. This decreased the number of schools in the conference by two, so Southern Wells and Eastside joined the fun.

In 1971, the conference was composed of Adams Central, Carroll, Leo, Churubusco, Homestead, Woodlan, Heritage, Norwell, Southern Wells, and Eastside. Homestead dropped out in 1976, and the conference attained its present form in 1990, when Carroll, Norwell, and Churubusco left, and were replaced by Bluffton and South Adams.

The girls weren't ignored by tourney officials, as they started tourney play in 1975. Norwell won the first three girls titles, and Heritage's win over Leo in the finals this year ties the two teams with seven girls' championships each.

To honor Hillard Gates, who is considered the patron saint of the tourney, the MVP award was named the Hillard Gates MVP Award.



Hillard Gates

Three boys, Jeff Miller of Norwell, Lloy Ball of Woodlan, and Adam Ballinger of Bluffton have won two MVP awards. Two girls, Jody Beerman and Terri Lydy of Heritage were double winners, while Lori Hissong of Woodlan

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remains the only triple winner of the award.

Like any tourney, this one has had its share of heroes, but probably no one has stepped up like Bill Bailey of Lafayette Central and Adam Ballinger of Bluffton.

Tiny Lafayette Central, coached by Leo star Max Amstutz entered the 1961 tourney with a 3-10 record. They were almost eliminated by Bishop Luers in the first game, trailing by 19 points going into the fourth quarter, before pulling out an overtime win.

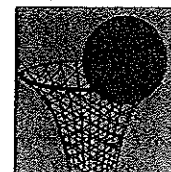
The next day the Pirates beat Arcola in overtime 53-52, after being down 11 points at half-time. Bailey scored the Pirate's last 18 points of the game. He was the only Lafayette Central player to shoot in the fourth quarter and overtime. His two free throws with two seconds left in overtime sealed the win.

The tourney ended for the Pirates the next day, as Will Doehrman's Leo Lions beat them in the championship game, 80-50.

Lafayette Central had a couple of other claims to fame, although they weren't related to the tourney. One was Clair Motz, a Lafayette Central grad, who coached the Pirates for four seasons before going on to bigger things at Fort Wayne North.

And the Pirates can also lay claim to Allen county's first 1000 point scorer, Marvin Denny, as well as Sammy Kreigh, who may have been the best player to come out of a county school. Kreigh ended his career with 1254 points.

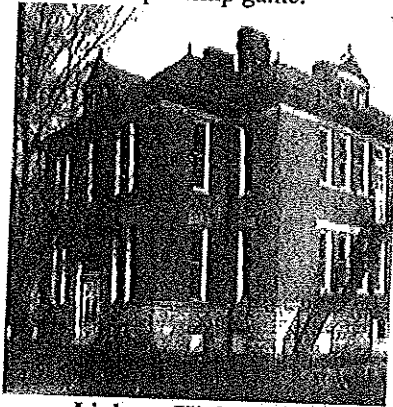
Bluffton's Adam Ballinger, the big red-head who is headed for Michigan State, led his Tiger team to a title with a 48-37 win over Adams Central. Ballinger, who was the MVP in 1996 when he led the Tigers to their first title, scored 20 straight points for the Tigers. His streak started about midway through the first period, and he scored all of his teams points in the second, when he personally out scored the Jets. He ended the game with 29 points, 14, rebounds, and 2 blocked shots, which made him a shoo-in as MVP.



Rogge, Noble Twp Was Good Mix

Wabash county member Bill Rogge was a big part of a Wabash county school's only sectional title. And he is exceptionally proud of the success of the members of that team.

This story actually starts in 1920 when Linlawn High School first played in the Wabash sectional. The Pirates played in 33 tourneys without ever playing in a sectional championship game.



Linlawn High School

Chippewa High School first played in the tourney in 1921. The Indians participated in 32 tourneys without winning a title, although they did play in the final game in 1930, losing to North Manchester, and again in 1931, when they lost to Wabash.



Chippewa High School

In 1953 the two schools consolidated to become Noble Township High School. This school was runner-up in the sectional in 1959 to Bill Peden and his Wabash Apaches, and in 1960 to Joe Long and his Manchester team.

But, saving the best for last, the school, which had never won a sectional title, won one in its final year of existence.

The game featured Noble Township and Wabash, two schools separated only by several blocks of Wabash residents and the river from which the town received its name.

Noble Twp was coached by Bob Swihart. Swihart had coached the school

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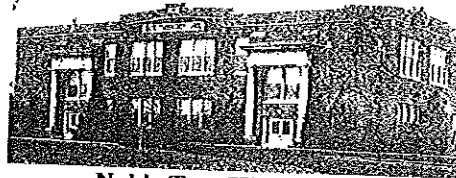
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for six seasons and had compiled a record of 105 wins and only 36 defeats.

Noble Township once again met the Wabash Apaches in the final game. This game produced the highest scoring final game in the 44-year history of the Wabash sectional. Noble Township won, 85-78.



Noble Twp High School

This was the last year for "small" schools to compete in the Wabash sectional, as the next season, the county schools consolidated, forming Northfield, Southwood, and Manchester.

Several Noble Twp team members from 1958-62 made names for themselves with their athletic endeavors.

1958 grad Dave Fulkerson coached several seasons at White's Institute and Columbia City before becoming the AD at Warsaw High School. Fulkerson was AD when the Tigers won the state championship in 1984.

Two Rons, Harris and Peebles, graduated in 1959. Peebles was the Wabash county scoring leader in 1959, and played on two county championship teams.

Ron Harris coached at Southwood and Tipton before becoming the AD at Lawrence North, a position he held when the school won the state championship in 1989.

Dan Wilson, Jerry Snapp, and Ronnie Keaffaber all graduated in 1962.

Wilson also coached at Southwood before he was named head coach at Fort Wayne Elmhurst. Wilson won four sectionals and one regional at the school between 1983 and 1988.

Jerry Snapp coached at Washington Twp, Fountain Central, Monroe Central, and Sullivan prior to being named AD at Sullivan. Snapp won two sectionals at Fountain Central and one at Sullivan.

And, Ron Keaffaber grabbed more rebounds in the 1962 sectional than anyone had before.

Noble Twp has a brick in the courtyard at the Hall of Fame, as does Dave Fulkerson, and Bill Rogge.

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And just how did Bill Rogge fit in to all of this? Well, in addition to marrying one of his students while he was a teacher, Bill was also the reserve team coach at Noble Twp. And his 1959 team, which had many members of the 1962 sectional championship team, won 20 games without a defeat.

What's New at the Quigley Memorial Library?

By Bob Pearson

The new book we are featuring for this newsletter is *Small School, Giant Dream-A Year of Hoosier High School Hoopla*, by Raymond Moscovitz.

This book was copyrighted in 1990 and follows the Northfield Norsemen, featuring the Notre Dame-bound Ross twins, John and Joe.

The Norsemen, coached by Steve McClure, won the Huntington sectional, the Marion regional, and made it to the final game of the Fort Wayne semi-state only to fall to undefeated Concord 54-52. The game was decided on a late goal tending call.

Another book new to our library is *A March for Honor or How a Small Indiana Town and Its Team Saved Hoosier Hysteria* by Alexander Wolff. This book covers Micheal Menser and his Batesville teammates as they struggle to get past the New Castle regional.

The last new offering we have this month is *The Bears-A History of Berne High School Basketball 1903-1966*. This book, written by Bob Adams, covers the Berne Bears from their first game to their last.

The Ten Second Line

On 2/2/15, a legislator introduced a bill in the Indiana House to move Indiana University to Purdue. Later reports indicated the bill was not approved.

1998-1999 Dues

Just a quick reminder that dues for this year are due on July 1, 1998. You can send your dues to:

Bob Whalen

908 Cottage Ave.
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Bob Whalen, cont'd

Bob and Margaret been researching Crawfordsville High School Basketball for over 40 years, and Crawfordsville High School Football for over 30 years.

Bob has done research for the Hall of Fame, and has written over 100 articles, most of them sports related. He has also published record books for Crawfordsville Basketball and Football. He has been working on a series of articles entitled "Athenian Greats" and hopes to do a series called "Montgomery County Greats."

Bob has served on the board of directors of the IHSBHS, and this will be his second term as treasurer. He has held this office since it was established. Bob is a charter member of IHSBHS

Ruth White-Secretary



Ruth graduated from Roachdale High School and then attended business school.

Ruth worked at Eli Lilly and R. R. Donnelly before marrying Don in 1955. She was a mother and homemaker for several years before going back to work in 1970 at a local dimestore. Since then she has worked at various offices in the Fountain county court house, where she took a full-time position in 1975 as the county probation officer, a post she still holds today.

Ruth is a member of the Covington United Methodist Church and is an avid reader, and enjoys craft work.

Ruth and Don, who also have a small "ranch", are the parents of three children.

Daughter Sharon and her husband Chuck live in Phoenix, AR, while Dale lives in Bloomington, IL. Son Mark lives with his wife Melissa in Southport.

Ruth and Don are also charter members of the IHSBHS. Don has served on the board, and this will be Ruth's second term as secretary.



Bob Pearson-VP

Bob is the original traveling man. He was born in Rushville, and graduated from Selma High School, and now lives in Huntington.

While he was a Selma Bluebird, Bob played baseball, ran track, was in the band, and chased women from Gaston and Royerton.

Bob worked for J.C. Penny and Stecks Menswear in Muncie, then went to work for the J.P. Falvey company, first in Huntington, later in Elwood and Rensselaer.

After ill health forced him to retire at a young age, he and his wife Angie owned floral shops in Huntington, Rensselaer, Rochester, and Nashville.

Bob and Angie, who graduated from Andrews where she was a cheerleader, are the proud parents of two daughters and have three grandchildren.

Bob has been involved with the Jay Cees, the Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. He is also an associate director at the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bob, whose two passions in life after his family are politics and basketball, has belonged to the IHSBHS for three years and has served as a board member the past couple of years.

The Ten Second Line

On 3/5/15, Bill Zeller of Brazil scored 58 points in a 72-18 win over Staunton. Zeller went on to play at IU.



Bob Adams-President

Bob was born in Muncie and raised in Eaton. He attended the Eaton school for ten years, where he ran track and cross country, and played baseball and basketball. After Eaton went together with Royerton and DeSoto to form Delta, he wrestled and played one year of football.

After graduation, Bob attended Manchester College for a year before transferring to Ball State, where he matriculated for almost six years.

In addition to being a full-time locksmith, he also covers the South Adams basketball and football teams for the Decatur Democrat. Bob writes a weekly column for the Democrat called, "Below The Rim", and he also writes a weekly column for the Berne Tri Weekly entitled "Head of the Class."

Bob has researched the history of basketball in Adams county and has published basketball histories of several of the old Adams county high schools

This past fall, he wrote the script for a video entitled, "The History of Decatur", and is working on a script for the "History of Berne."

Bob and his wife Terri, who is also a Delta grad, are the parents of two children. Daughter Kari lives in Chicago and works for the Marriott Hotel chain, while son Andy lives at home and works for ITT Aerospace.

His main hobby is basketball. He and Terri have attended more than 125 games a season the past several years.

Bob is a member of the Adams County Historical Society, and has been a member of the IHSBHS since the second meeting. He has served as a board member and as vice president.

Somewhere South of Danville

By Harley Sheets



Harley Sheets

As president and cofounder of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society (IHSBHS) I have been somewhat dismayed over the controversy that has arisen over the two winningest high school coaches in Indiana. Admittedly, I have been walking a tenuous line.

In the society's by-laws it states that our objective is to compile accurate records of boys and girls high school basketball in Indiana and proved a medium for the interchange of ideas and dissemination of material pertinent to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and to each other for effective delivery. Basically, most members have performed accordingly-some exceptionally well. However, in doing so, ^{soon} myself included, have come up with figures that, in some instances, very substantially from those at the Hall of Fame. The problem, primarily, arises when some members and others around the state want immediate results. to the credit of the Hall of Fame and especially to its Executive Director, Jason Crowe, an apparatus has been put in place for the corrections and/or modification of facts and information when valid proof has been presented. I say this knowing that there are those who feel that this has not always been the case.

The apparatus that I have referred to is the screening committee of which I am a member. It is chaired by Bob Hammel, author and retired sports editor of the Bloomington Herald-Times. According to Bob we should be committed to getting things right. So I say to all interested and concerned individuals, be patient and give the process a chance to work. Truth and actual fact usually prevail.

Doug Bradley and Columbus North High School will be hosting our next regular meeting on Saturday, April 18, 1998 at 1 P.M. If he cannot arrange for a speaker, Doug has promised to give his own discourse on the history of Columbus basketball. Imagine hearing about the legendary names of Stearman, Taylor, Eddy, Fehring, Case, and Wells, among others who are connected to the school. I personally, want to hear about a gritty, hard nosed little point guard named Don Dolman whom I played with on the Jacksonville Naval Air Station team. The school is located at 1400 25th Street (SR 46), just east of Home Avenue. For those of you coming from the north, take Exit 76 (US 31 south) from I-65. Prior to the regular meeting Doug will be conducting a tour of the old Columbus gymnasium. For those interested, this will be at approximately 12 noon at 7th and Pearl Streets. Consult your maps.

This meeting has been arranged to accommodate our southern membership. The business part of the regular meeting will be brief (see the agenda on page 8), followed by Bradley's talk. There will then be another tour and arrangements made to go to a local eatery for those who wish to do so. I beseech all members to make every effort to attend.

Sometime ago I was approached by a member to consider a lifetime membership. This has been approved by the board of directors. The lifetime membership fee was set at \$50.00.

The format for the initial class tournament and tournament of champions follows.

Class Championships (March 28)

Session I

Class 1A Championship-11:00 A.M.

Class 2A Championship-Follows 1A game.

Session II

Class 3A Championship-6:30 P.M.

Class 4A Championship-Follows 3A game.

Tournament of Champions

SEMI FINALS (Fri, April 3)

Game 1 1A Vs 4A 7 P.M.

Game 2 2A Vs 3A Follows Game 1

FINAL (Sat, April 4- 8P.M)

Winner Game 1 Vs Winner Game 2

Due to a shortage of time and a deadline to meet, my column on "Gems of the Past" will not appear in this issue. None-the-less, I do have a story to tell.

I had not realized at the time that I had scheduled a postcard show in Columbus, Ohio on the same day that my favorite college basketball team would be playing there. When I'm in the Columbus area I always contact fellow IHSBHS member Tim Puet, who works for the Associated Press at the Columbus Dispatch. He told me that tickets could be purchased at the door for the game. I decided to go. I thought that Purdue might be looking ahead to their game with Indiana and that it might be a better game than it should be. However, this was not to be the case after the first 12 minutes. About halfway through the second half I was listening to an enlightening dissertation on the origin of basketball emanating from directly behind me. The main character was either a John or Jim Naismith (keep in mind I am losing my hearing and the game is still in progress) who started the game in 1807 by fastening a peach basket to a TREE! By now I'm holding my face to keep my smile hidden in case an irate OSU fan sees it and perhaps mistakenly takes is the wrong way. After all, their team is being soundly beaten. Soon, the conversation subsides, and shortly, I glance casually to the rear. I see three cute teenage girls. Eventually, I introduced myself to Jenny (Harrison, OH), Lauren (Marblehead, OH), and Jamie from Wisconsin, all OSU coeds. In the course of conversation, I reiterated what I thought had heard and found out that the year wasn't 1807, but 1873. I also found out that one of them had learned about basketball's origin from her father and another from her high school gym teacher. Although the young

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ladies did not have it quite right, they were close. I will be sending them a little piece that I have written about Dr. James Naismith.

I almost didn't go to the game, but this is the last year that Ohio State is to play Big 10/11 games in St. John's Arena and I wanted to see it. Saturday, February 7, 1998 had been a very productive day prior to the game, and due to my encounter with Jaime, Lauren, and Jenny it ended with a delightful evening.. And I'm still smiling.

**AGENDA FOR APRIL 18
MEETING**

1. Reading and review of previous meeting minutes (Ruth White)
2. Treasurer's report (Bob Whalen)
3. Update on material to Hall of Fame
(Bob Adams)
4. Election of one Board Member
5. A few minutes for members to discuss latest research.
6. Introduction of guest speaker (Harley Sheets)
7. Doug Bradley will talk on Columbus basketball history

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**State Tournament
Tickets**

The Boys Finals Tournament will be held on March 28. We are once again ordering tickets through the Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$15.00 each plus \$1.00 per order for shipping and handling. Deadline for ordering is February 25.

The Boys Tournament of Champions will be held over two days, April 3rd and 4th. Tickets are \$12.00 each, plus \$1.00 per order shipping and handling. The deadline for ordering these is also February 25.

If you would like to order tickets and set with other members of the Indiana High School Basketball Historical Society please indicate which tourney you want attend, and the number of tickets. Send this, along with a check to:

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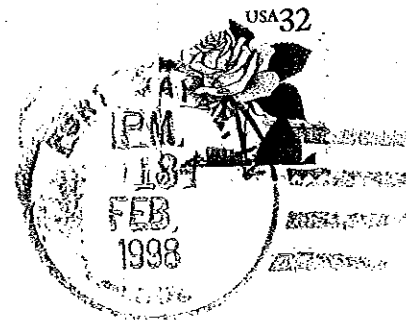
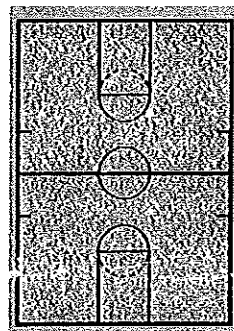
The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 18, 1998, in Columbus. from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

The location of the meeting will be the Columbus North High School gym which is located at 1400 25th Street in Columbus. 25th Street is also State Road 46.

Prior to the meeting, Doug Bradley will conduct a tour of the old Columbus High School gym at Seventh and Pearl Street in Columbus. This tour will start at 12:00 p.m.

Bradley will also be the main speaker at the meeting. His topic will be the Columbus gyms and their history.



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