

Upper Arlington Baseball

Through the years
A Tradition of Excellence

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The second and by far the coldest game of the year, weatherly speaking, was played at Hilliards. Quigley had the bad luck to get beaned just before the game started and this may have had something to do with our defeat. Oh, yes, children, we got beat again but only 4 to 3 in a seven-inning game with the Bears just getting started in the last two innings.

The next opponent was the Deaf and Dumb School, reputed to have a very strong team. The Dummies, seemingly greatly encouraged by their fans' rather remarkable and unusual cheering, amassed seven runs in the first inning. But they soon saw their lead cut down and the score tied in the next few innings. The Arlington team had improved greatly and for awhile it looked as if they were going to win their first game but the Deaf and Dumb played great ball in the closing innings to win 12 to 8.

Ah! We knew you couldn't keep a good team down!! The week following the Bear's defeat at the hands of the D. and D., they rang up their first victory and over one of the best teams in the county—Gahanna. If there ever was a thrill this game was IT. Gahanna drew first blood with a run in the first, Arlington made it one all in the second and there the score stuck. Playing hard ball the teams fought it out throughout the seven innings, neither team being able to gain an advantage. The extra inning that resulted from this tie will never be forgotten by anyone who saw the game. With a little assistance from the cheering section the Gahanna team blew up, allowing our boys to drive in two runs, and went down 1-2-3 when their turn to bat came, leaving Arlington with a glorious victory of 3 to 1.

The next week the Orange and Black once more swatted its way into the win column with a 7 to 5 victory over Holy Family. The team, while not playing quite the brand of ball as in the preceding week, showed well and there was no doubt as to their superiority.

The Y Day School, catching us off guard, put one over on us in the next game. This game, played at Sunshine Park on a rainy afternoon, offered as many thrills as any game during the season, Gahanna excepted, despite the fact that the team was off form. They just seemed to lack their former punch and spirit although they were only beaten 3 to 1.

And now, gentle reader, as the copy boy approaches for our contribution we must leave our team with steadily improving chances. We would like to take you with us to Grove City this lovely afternoon and to Bexley and Grandview next week but the gods of the printing press rule otherwise, so farewell.

VICTOR BARRICKLOW.



BASEBALL TEAM

First Row—Don Hill, 1st; Pierce Denman, 3rd; Bob Barnes, S.S.; Capt. Fat Sayers, P.; Bob Kelley, L.F.; Fritz Radebaugh, R.F.; Chuck Lewis, C.F.

Back Row—Red Rogers, Manager; Bill Kern, C.F.; Tee Green, C.; Coach Baugh; Dick Quigley, 3rd; Marvin Olsen, L.F.; Bob Crane, R.F.

Not in Picture—J. Ross Dunbar, 2nd.

BASEBALL

In this year of our Lord, 1928, Upper Arlington High School hitched up its belt, donned its seven-league boots, taking another step in the march of progress, got itself a baseball team. This team, although not starting out so hot, improved rapidly and made a very good showing in their later encounters.

A game with our old and one of our friendliest enemies, New Albany, opened the season. Played on their field on a sunshiny though trifle chilly day this game is one to be long remembered. Seizing the lead in the first inning, New Albany had a hard time retaining it and in the fifth and sixth innings came very near losing it altogether. However, a rally saved them and they won 9 to 5.

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Knowlton and Pete Sohl. During the entire season of seventeen games, Arlington won fourteen games and lost three.

Arlington opened its basketball season with a decisive victory over Utica. In the second game with Grove City, Knowlton scored sixteen points to lead the team to a 39-19 victory. Circleville brought a supposedly strong team to our gym, but the Roundtowners were quickly subdued by the fine play of the Golden Bears. The London Red Raiders were defeated. Bill TouVelle led the scoring for the evening. The fifth game of the year found Arlington and Worthington engaged in an overtime battle. We won this hard-fought game 30-28.

The team opened its conquest for the Central Buckeye League title by defeating Westerville 35-22. Having defeated Hilliards after a bitter battle, Arlington became one of the few undefeated teams in the state. Next, the team met a strong Delaware Willis five. However, the boys were able to eke out a 43-40 victory. Our team produced victories nine and ten of the season by defeating Columbus Academy 50-39 and Grandview 50-33. Bexley defeated Arlington for the first time in eleven games. A Bexley shot in the last twenty-five seconds of play gave the game to them by the score of 34-33.

The second round of Central Buckeye League play produced the following scores: Arlington 64, Westerville 40; Arlington 39, Delaware 29; Arlington 42, Grandview 18; Arlington 47, Academy 18; Arlington 33, Bexley 34.

On February 27, by an identical score, 34-33, Bexley defeated our team for the second time. By two small points, Bexley was made champion of the league while Arlington finished second. It is no wonder that these two games with Bexley will go down in the records as the heartbreakers of this season.

In the first round of the District Tournament, Bexley defeated Arlington for the third time 42-28. This game was the last for Sohl, Knowlton, Saville, TouVelle, Miller, Slager, Stout, and Jones.

The season was climaxed with the announcement that several members of the team had been placed on the various all-star teams throughout the city.

THE GOLF SQUAD of this season had the distinction of being defending state champions. The captain, Pete Sohl, was defending state individual champion. He was supported by seniors Ed Saville and Dave Putnam. Jack Carruthers, Jim Kirk, and Bob Sheahan made up the rest of the squad. Arlington participated in the Greater Columbus Golf League.

THE TENNIS TEAM was led this year by Captain Bill Leonard. Pete Sohl, Bob Blackford, Ned Green, Sonny Knowlton, Nelson French, and Arch Robison participated in most of the matches.

THE SWIMMING TEAM this year, under the direction of Mr. Gar Griffith, completed a successful season. The team participated in five dual meets and was victorious in four. The lone defeat came at the hands of Tremont Ross, the state champions. The team won the city high school championship and finished third in the district meet.

THE TRACK SQUAD opened the track season without the services of many leading point makers of last year. Under the leadership of Coach Larkin and Captain Bill Davidson, a well-balanced and very successful track team ran and jumped at each meet. The team engaged in the Wesleyan and Miami Relays, the District Meet, and several dual and triangular meets with schools in and around Columbus.

AN ARLINGTON BASEBALL TEAM was organized this year for the first time in nearly fourteen years. Mr. Griffith served as coach for the team. Since there were only four seniors on the entire squad this year, we can look forward to an all veteran team next spring.

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Letters were awarded in assembly to the following seniors: Bill Seibert, Dick Seibert, Harry Postle, Bob Blackford, Dick Schnoor, Howard Burkle, and Blaine Sickles. Captain Bill Seibert then announced that John Lovett and Steve Sutton were to be co-captains for next year's team.

SWIMMING

This year's swimming squad was coached by its captain, Jack Kight. The senior squad members, all of whom received their letters, were Jack Kight, George McConnaughey, Nelson French, Fred Pfening and Bill Mueller. The highlight of the season came when the Bears turned in a decisive victory over University High School. In assembly Captain Jack Kight announced that Jack Edwards would be next year's captain.

TRACK

The track team this year is looking forward to another great season with such returning lettermen as Captain Blaine Sickles, Dick Aumiller, Bill Seibert, Dick Seibert, Robert Wilkin, Wayne McIlvaine and Gordon Buck. Unfortunately the team will face the loss of Harry Postle and Jack Shutt, both of whom are now out of school. Thus far the Bears have come in first in a triangular meet with University and Westerville, first in a triangular meet with Worthington and Gahana, and second in a triangular meet with West and South.

BASEBALL

Although faced by the loss of Captain Bill Tyler, Howard Burkle, Bob Blackford and Harry Postle, the baseball team is making plans for the 1943 season. The baseball team was organized last year by Garfield Griffith and made a very favorable showing, especially with its brilliant upset over West. The returning seniors who figure to play a prominent role this year are Dave Auld, Norman Fenner, and Luke Green. The outstanding underclassmen are George Johnson, Frank Hager, Wayne Ashby, Steve Sutton, Dan Minor, Jack Sampson and Jack Jackson.

GOLF

The only returning letterman from last year is Captain Jack Carruthers. Nevertheless, the golf team has started off with a bang this year, defeating Bexley, Central and Linden McKinley by decisive victories. The squad members are Jack Carruthers, Bob Sheahan, Jim Kirk, Jack Sampson, and Ned Green.

TENNIS

The tennis team's two returning lettermen are Nelson French and Ned Green. The team is managed by, coached by and under the general leadership of Nelson French. The squad members are Nelson French, Ned Green, Dick Davis, Dick Greathouse, Dick Carlile, Dave Edwards and Jim Ebright.

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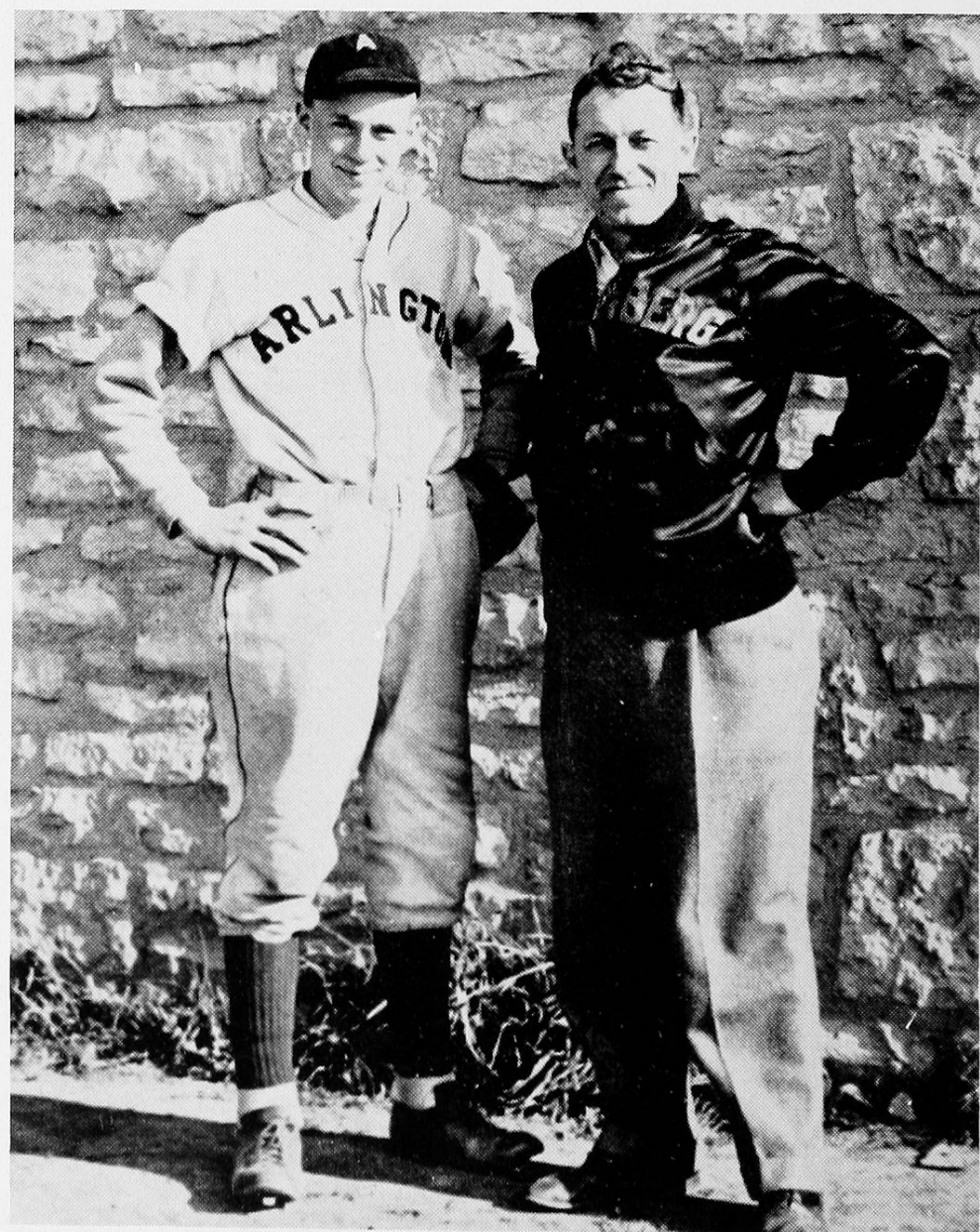


BASEBALL SQUAD TAKES 14, LOSES 5

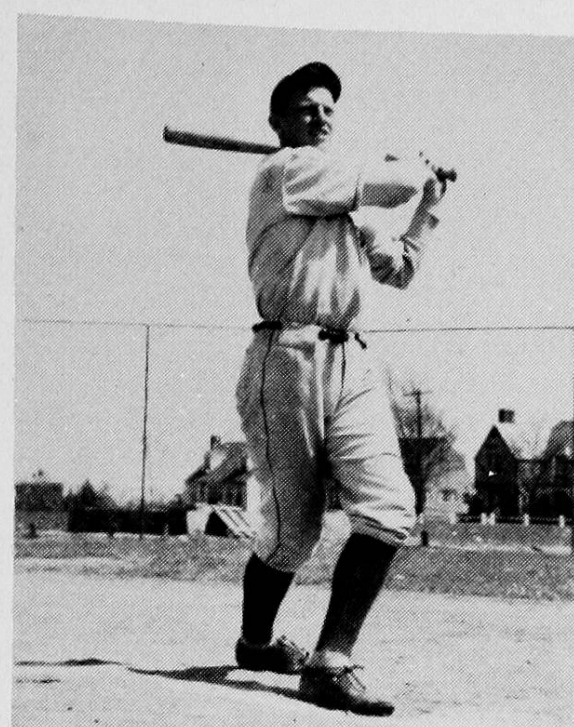
FIRST ROW: Dan Minor, Tom Spence, Steve Sutton, Wayne Ashby, Bob Copelan, Charles Lewis, Fred Morrison.
SECOND ROW: Gil Lease, Frank Halley, Don Stewart, Spike Gerwin, Bill Lutz, Jim Long, Dick Pirnack.
THIRD ROW: Dick Willet, Jack Sampson, Dave Williams.

During the 1944 season, Upper Arlington was represented on the diamond by what was probably the best baseball team in the history of the school. The squad didn't quite win the Central Buckeye League title, and it was upset early in the tournaments, but it was a team that held together. Fourteen victories out of nineteen starts is a record which speaks for itself.

Because of the departure of Frank Hager, the 1944 captain-elect, second-baseman Wayne Ashby was chosen to captain the squad. Other stand-out players were Steve Sutton, Dan Minor, Jack Sampson, and Don Stewart. These were among the boys honored by positions on post-season all-star squads. Don Stewart, the team's leading batter, was honored at both first base



Captain Wayne Ashby
with Coach Gil Lease



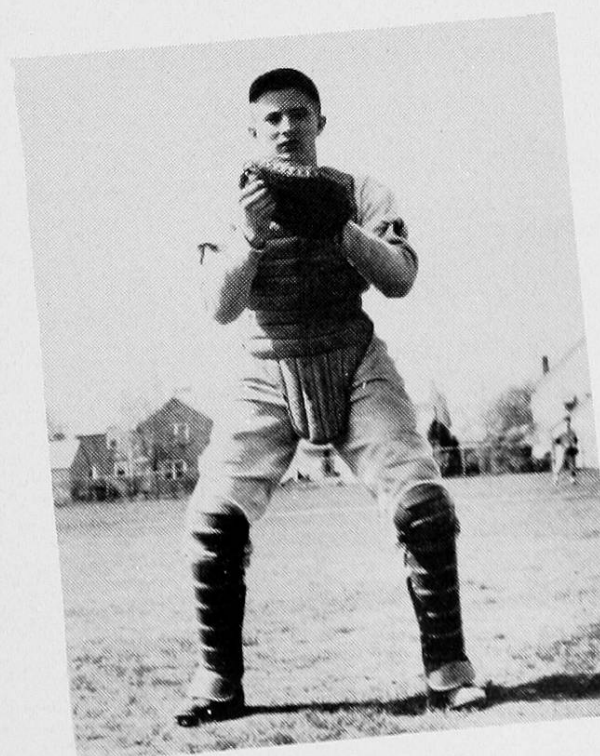
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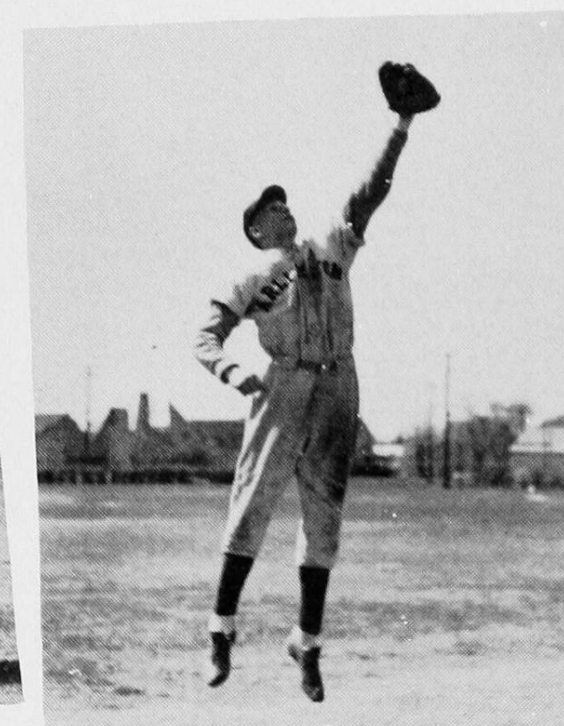
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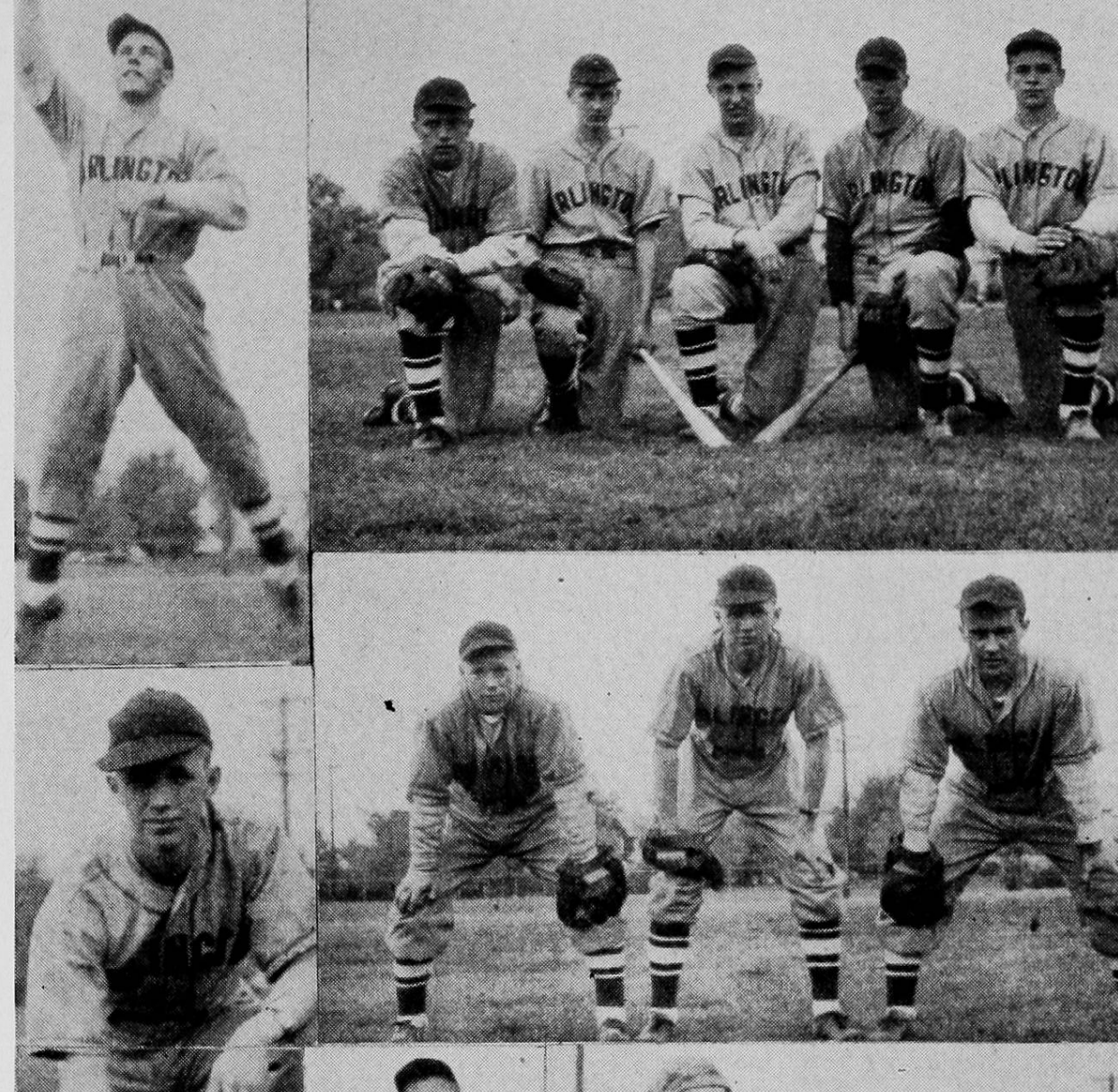
Wayne Ashby

and pitch; Jack Sampson was named at pitch; and Dan Minor at catch. Seniors Wayne Ashby and Steve Sutton were named as utility infielders. Steve was also put in centerfield on one mythical team.

Letters were awarded at the end of the season to seniors Wayne Ashby, Steve Sutton, and Charles Lewis. Underclass letter winners were Jack Sampson, Dan Minor, Don Stewart, Tom Spence, Bill Lutz, Fred Morrison, Dick Pirnack, and Spike Gerwin. Sampson and Minor were elected co-captains for 1945.

The team this year was coached by Gil Lease. Doyt Perry began the season as mentor, but his plans were interrupted by his induction into the navy.

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Baseball

Upper Arlington's 1945 baseball season got underway the third week of March, when some 35 boys reported to Coach Barney Francis for the first practice session. Of these, six were returning lettermen.

Despite the loss of letterman and second baseman Tom Spence to the Coast Guard, the material on hand added up to the smoothest-running combination in the sport's four years in Arlington.

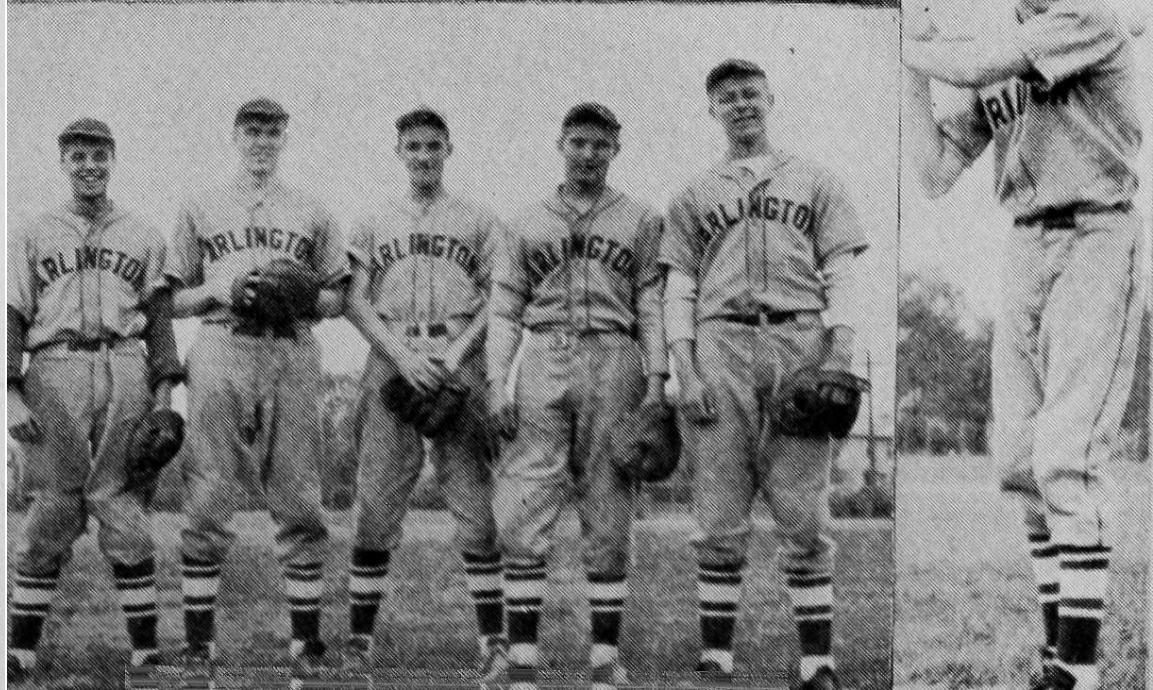
Co-captains Dan Minor and Jack Sampson held down the positions of catcher and pitcher, respectively. Sampson also doubled at center field. Dick Pirnack held down left field. The other three veterans were also part-time hurlers. While not engaged by their mound duties, Bill Lutz took to right field, Don Stewart covered first base, and Spike Gerwin played short-stop.

Freshman Dave Sherman assisted Stewart on first. Avery Robbins subbed at catch, while Frank Halley caught and fielded. Shorty Long and Bill DeVere shared second. Bob Hoag took short, and Don Corn helped Don Sipp at third.

Among those who appeared in the outfield frequently, besides the afore-mentioned Sampson, Lutz, Pirnack, and Halley, were Bob Mowery, Jim Jackson, Bill Cotner, Gerard Hall, and Hugh Nelson.

The squad's managers were Tom Johnson and John Walker. Dave Crabtree kept the Arlington score book.

In addition to playing the full league schedule of two games each with Bexley, Grandview, Columbus Academy, Delaware Willis, and Westerville, matches were also contracted with Columbus North, Linden McKinley, St. Charles, Columbus West, and University High School.



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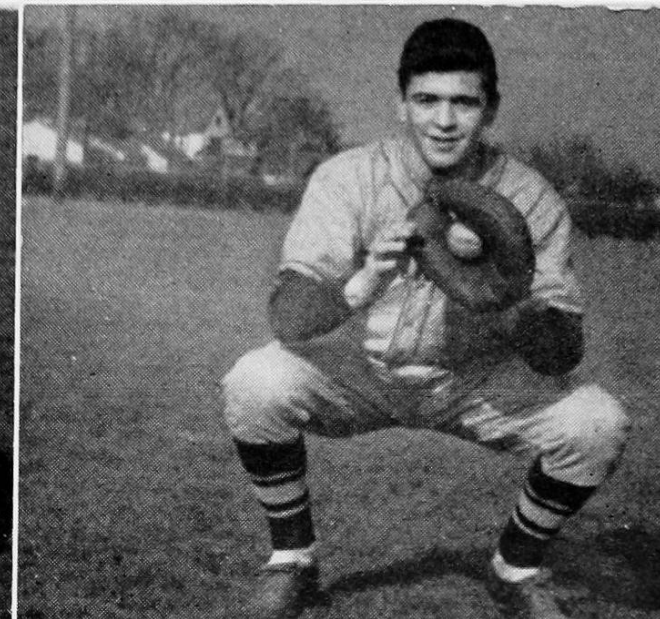
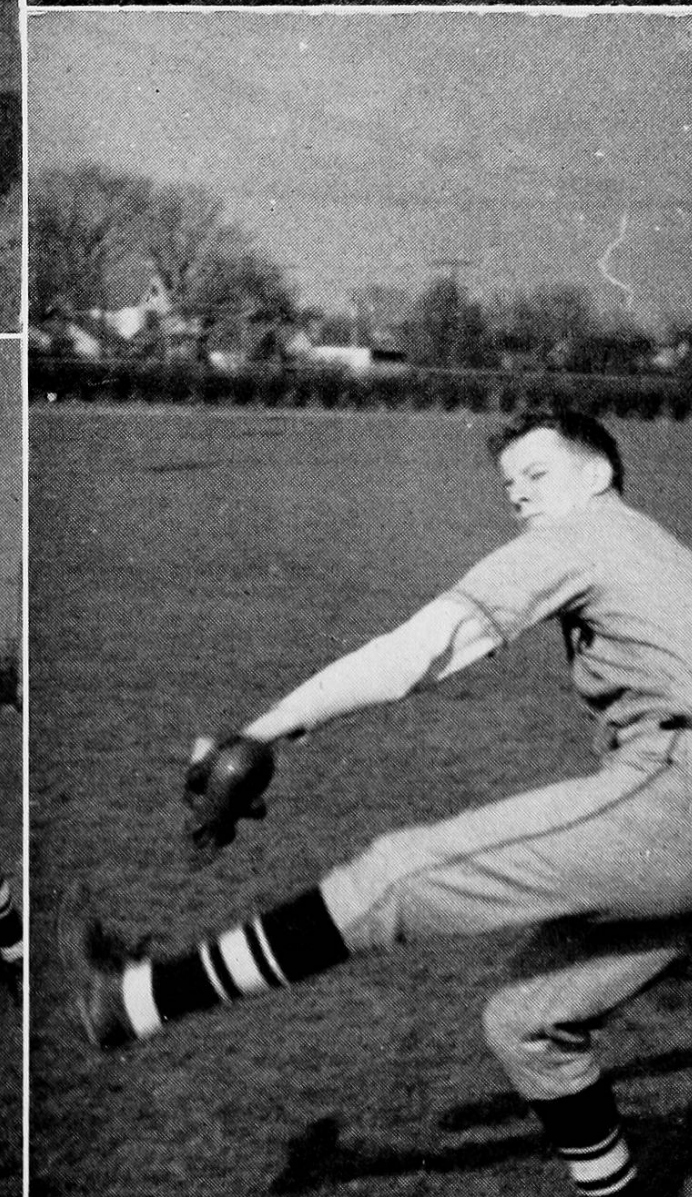
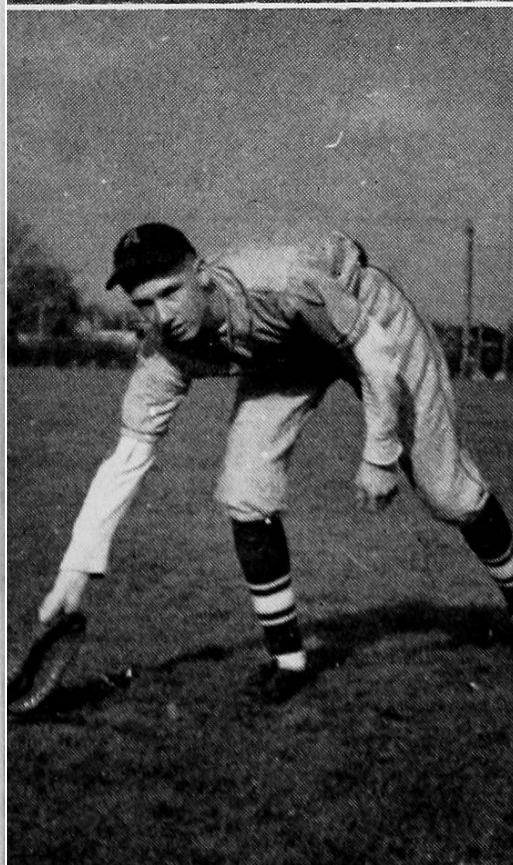
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FIRST ROW: Barney Francis, Bill Cotner, Hugh Nelson, John Walker, Bill Verwohlt, Bob Hager, Earl Hebden.
 SECOND ROW: Dave Sherman, Don Corn, Avery Robbins, Russ Trembly, Bob Hoag, Spike Gerwin, Jud Millhon, Bob Mowery, Dick Crout, Skip Harrison, Gerard Hall.
 THIRD ROW: Jim Price, Bill Clapp, Mike Harrison, Dick Barr, David Stephan, Nick Soussanin, Tom Buel, Jim Barnes, Tom Waters, Don Valtz, Bill Sutton, Keith Hoyt, Jim Buck.

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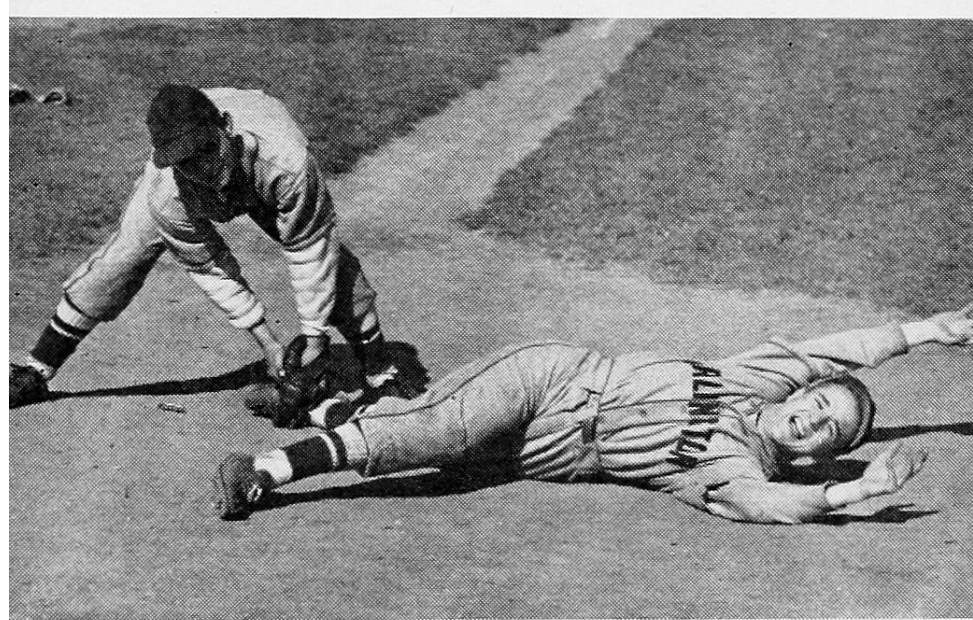
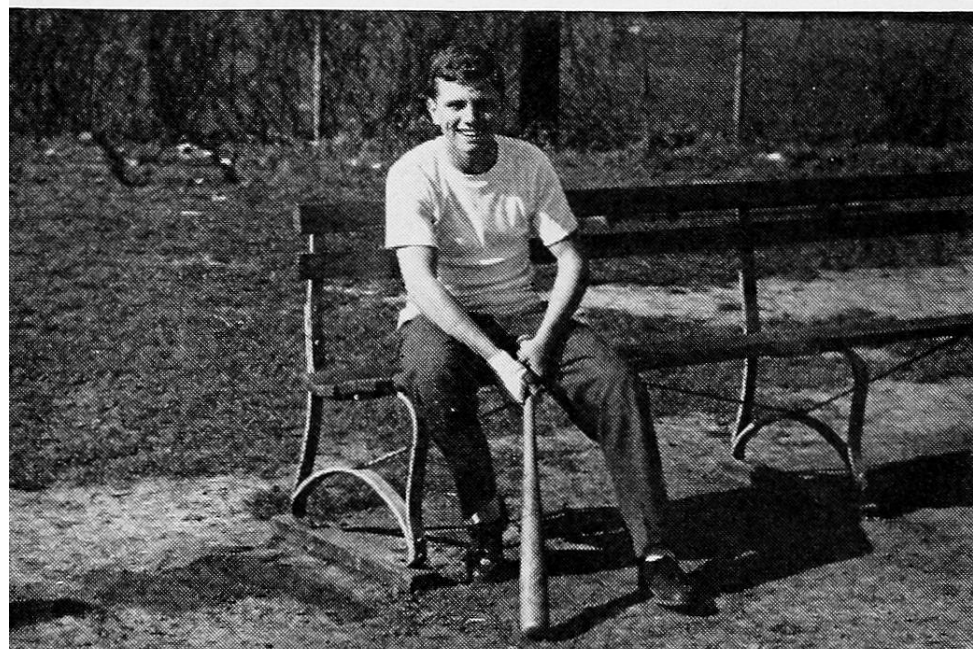
Arlington's defending C. B. L. baseball champions began practicing late in March with high hopes of bringing the league title back to Arlington for the second consecutive year. Five lettermen returned from last year's squad and were expected to carry the brunt of the attack. They were Captain Spike Gerwin, Bob Mowery, Don Corn, Bob Hoag, and Dave Sherman. Aiding them were many other experienced boys from last year's "A" and "B" squads who did not earn their letters. To brighten the picture further, most of the boys had played together during the previous summer on a very successful knothole team. Barney Francis, who coached last year's champs, was again at the helm of the "A" squad.

For the "A" squad Spike Gerwin and Bob Hoag alternately played shortstop and handled the pitching chores. Avery Robbins was back of the plate in most of the games, and the first team infield was rounded out by Dave Sherman, L. R. Trembly, and Don Corn, who played first, second, and third base, respectively. Bob Mowery was the only letterman back in the outfield. Jud Millhon, Gerard Hall, and Bill Cotner also patrolled the outer gardens. Hugh Nelson also played outfield as well as subbing for Robbins at catch. Skip Harrison was back of Sherman at first and Bobby Hager was used at second. Dick Crout

played several infield positions as well as doing some catching. Earl Hebden was a utility outfielder.

For the second consecutive year, the large turnout of baseball enthusiasts necessitated fielding a "B" squad. Doyt Perry, the school's athletic director, assumed the task of coaching these boys. They had uniforms of their own and a large schedule of games was to be worked out for them. For the most part the "B" squad was composed of younger boys, mostly freshmen and sophomores. This is in keeping with the school's athletic policy of building toward the future. If only a varsity squad was fielded, there would be no one to take their places when they were graduated. By outfitting a "B" squad, coaching them, and providing games for them, they will have the knowledge and experience to capably step into the varsity shoes in the following year. The members of this year's "B" team will be the stars of the future.

This year's schedule for the "A" squad consisted of a home and home series with the C. B. L. teams, Grandview, Bexley, Academy, and Delaware, two games with St. Charles, and single games with University and Linden. Many other teams were met who were not scheduled when this article was written. The toughest competition in the C. B. L. race was expected to come from Bexley and Grandview, who was fielding an entire team of lettermen.



C. B. L.

With ten returning lettermen the prospects for another successful season were certainly bright for Upper Arlington's baseball team, defending C. B. L. co-champions. The team was captained by Avery Robbins. Other lettermen included seniors Donn Corn, Spike Gerwin, Jud Millhon, Bob Hoag, Russ Trembly, and Dick Crout. Dave Sherman, a junior, and Bob Hager, a sophomore, also were lettermen. Unfortunately Bill Cotner, another one of the ten, suffered a leg injury sometime last fall and thus was unable to play this spring. However, Bill was only a junior; so he has another year to play the national pastime in high school. The team was fortunate to have several capable reserves from last year's "B" squad on hand. These boys rounded out the team. Mr. Doyt Perry took over the coaching duties and was assisted by Mr. Morris Taylor, who coached the "B" squad.

Because of a late basketball season and bad weather, the season was slow in getting under way. Mr. Perry's biggest job was getting every man in his right position and finding the best coordinated "nine" for his first team. Practically every man on the team could play several positions but this type of versatility is not too important in baseball. You have to learn to play one position well. The success of the team was most likely going to depend on batting power. There were several potential hitters, but they along with the rest still had to be developed.

The infield was made up of Dave Sherman at first base, Russ Trembly at second, Don Maloney at third, and Avery Robbins at shortstop. Dick Crout, Jim Price, and Bob Hager also played second base and sometimes short stop. Don Corn took over the catching duties, being assisted at times by Robbins. Spike Gerwin, Bob Hoag, Jud Millhon, Bob Repine, and Jim Barnes handled the pitching chores. While they were not pitching, these boys took their turns in the outfield. Skip Harrison and Mike Harrison also patrolled the outer gardens. Hoag, Millhon, and Gerwin were also utility infielders.

District Class "A"—Baseball

Mr. Taylor had a large turnout for the "B" squad. Many underclassmen had a desire to play and came out for the team. This squad like the varsity had uniforms of their own. This factor seems to add to the game and also gives the boys a greater incentive to play. The idea of the "B" team is to build up the reserves in order that they can be regulars in a few years. Many games were scheduled with other reserve teams, and we feel sure that they will be ready to carry the brunt of the load in ensuing years.

The varsity had games scheduled with Bexley, Grandview, and Academy in the C. B. L., Delaware having dropped out of the league in baseball. Also on the schedule were games with North, St. Charles, University, and Chillicothe. Several Saturday afternoon games were to be played. The Bears also will enter the tournaments in the middle of May. Bexley is expected to be the toughest opponent in the C. B. L., but you can be sure that our team will be in their fighting with everything it has.



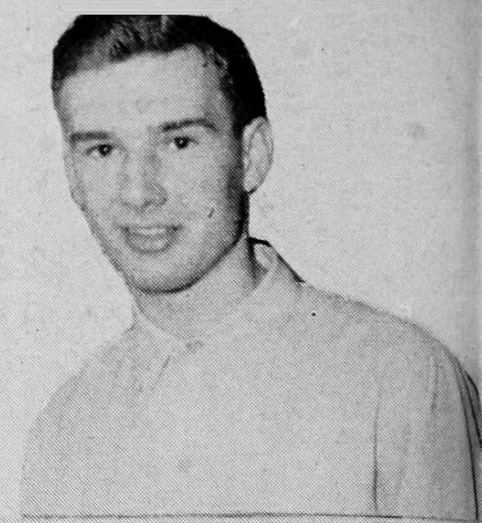
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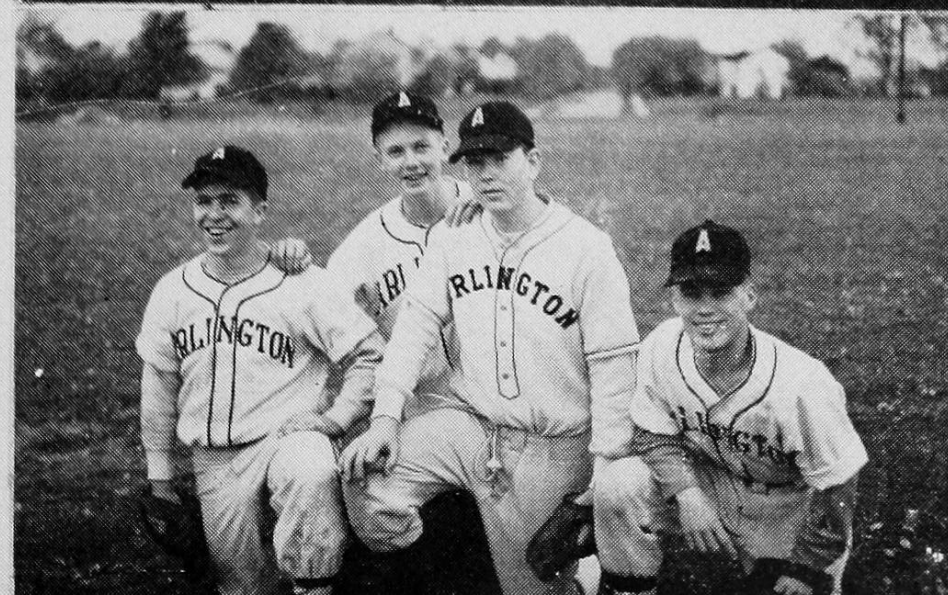
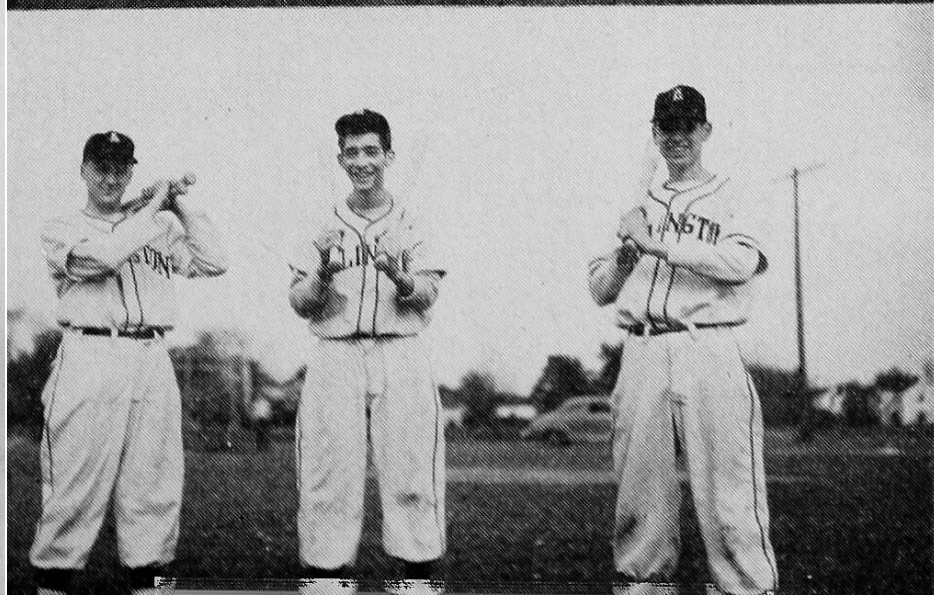
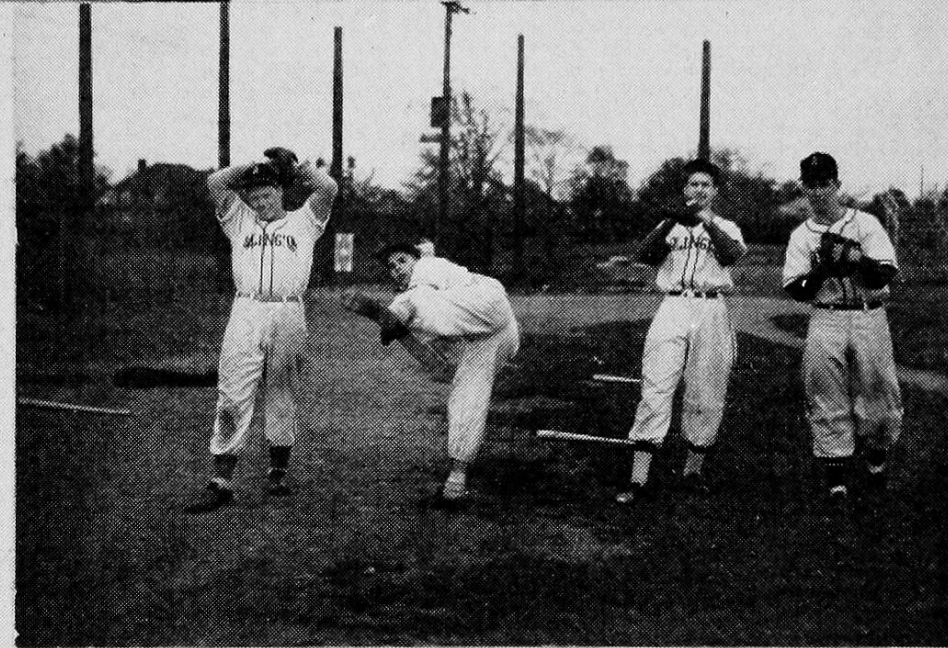
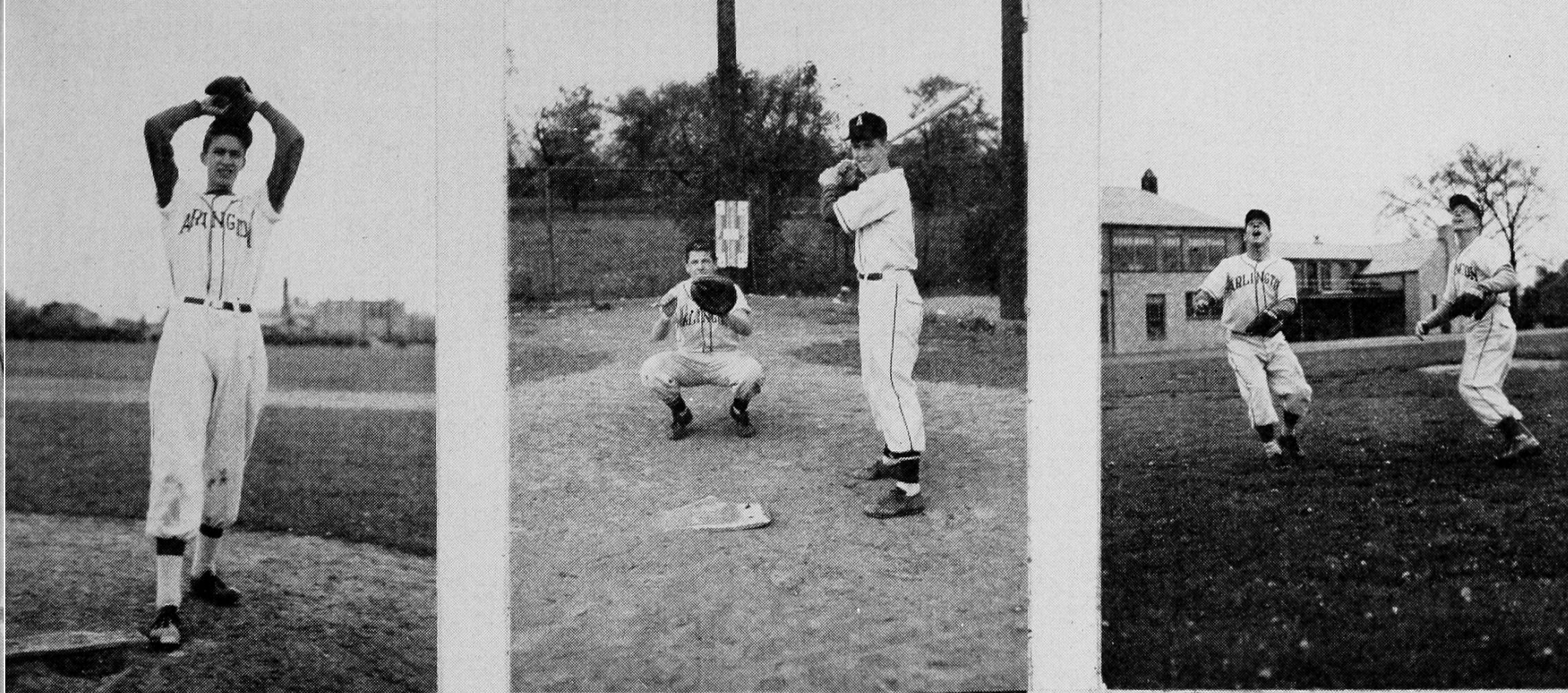
The nucleus of this year's baseball team was made up of six returning lettermen from last year's State Class A "runner up." These veterans of last year's squad include seniors Captain Dave Sherman, Jim Barnes, Bill Cotner and Don Valtz, junior Bob Hager, and sophomore Don Maloney. The vacancies left by last year's seniors were to be filled by capable members of the "B" Squad.

After several early season practice games, Coach Doyt Perry cast an optimistic eye toward the on-coming C. B. L. race. With ample power at the plate and a steady infield combination, Mr. Perry's chief concern was forming a good defensive outfield. The infield was composed of three veterans, Dave Sherman at first, Bob Hager at shortstop, and Don Maloney at third.

Sophomore Howie Waganhals at second completed the smooth working unit. Able infield replacements were found in Roger Nelson, who aided Dave Sherman at the initial sack, Jim Emanuelson, who filled in at either second or short, and Don Valtz who besides his pitching duties helped at third base.

The catching department was upheld by Tom Buel, Dave Fenner and Dick Tice, who also played the outfield. A well balanced pitching staff included Jim Barnes, Bill Cotner, Don Valtz, and Don Maloney. The outfield usually had Tom Waters in left, either Barnes or Cotner in center and Tice or Bob MacEwan in right. They were backed up by Ed Fields, Abe Bassett, Ronnie Green, and Bob Drake.

The varsity had games scheduled with Bexley, Grandview, and Academy in the C. B. L., Delaware and Mt. Vernon having elected not to participate in the baseball league. Games were to be played with Westerville, Aquinas, St. Charles, University, Chillicothe, and Circleville outside the league. The Bears also will enter the tournaments in the middle of May. Grandview's experienced ball club was expected to be the most powerful of our opponents but you can be sure that the "Golden Bears" fighting spirit will not be denied.

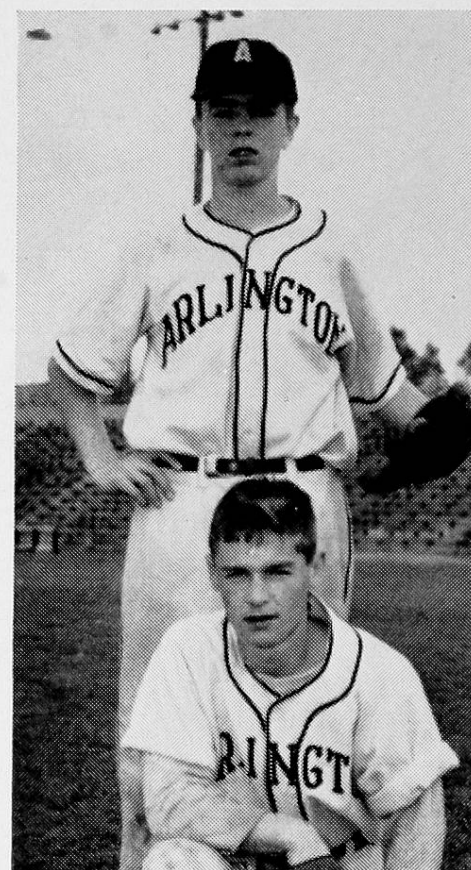
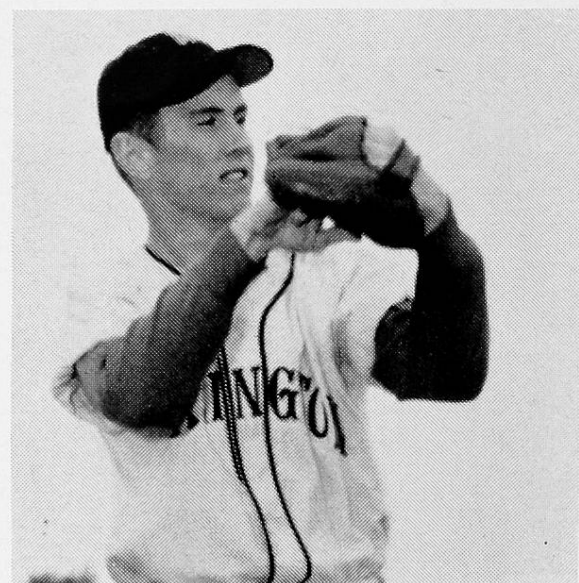


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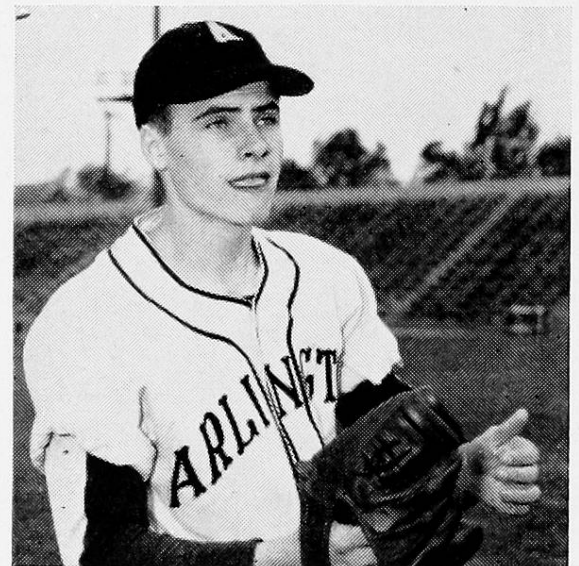
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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- April 8 Academy
- 12 Mt. Vernon
- 22 Grandview
- 29 Bexley
- May 3 Academy
- 10 Mt. Vernon
- 13 Grandview
- 20 Bexley



BASEBALL

This year's edition of the Arlington baseball squad under the able leadership of Bob Hager racked up a fine season's record although it was defeated several times.

At the outset of the season, Coach Perry had very few replacements to fill in for last year's graduating members. He found a strong veteran infield but a relatively weak pitching staff, and an even weaker outfield. However, replacements were soon found for the outfield posts, and Don Maloney came in from third base to take a share of the pitching chores while Southpaw Duck Young was another chucker.

The Bears displayed a stellar keystone combination in Hager, shortstop, and Hoff Wagenhals, second baseman. This year marked the end of a four-year career for Capt. Hager at shortstop, and his all-around team spirit and ability were major factors in the success of the team.

When they weren't pitching, Young and Maloney took over first, and third base duties respectively. Maloney showed exceptional skill in the hot-corner, this being his third year of varsity competition. Filling in for these boys were Don Johnson, Walt Wagenhals, and Tracy Hager.

Behind the plate was the veteran backstop, Dick Tice, whose powerful throwing arm scared out many a man before he tried to steal a base.

In the outer gardens the Bears were not quite so well set, and hence a lot of alternating and trying out of different men was necessary. However, Pig Ed Fields was one boy that was in the line-up consistently, with the other posts being very indefinite from game to game.

At the plate the Bruins showed steady hitting power with Maloney's big bat showing the way although no great sultans of swat were developed.

After competing in league play with Bexley, Grandview, Academy, Delaware, and Mt. Vernon twice each, as well as with many city and suburban ball clubs, the Arlington nine entered the Central District Class A baseball tournament. This year's squad was not quite able to equal the record of runner-up in the state which the squad two years ago made, but it did show a lot of fighting spirit.

A reserve squad was active as usual and it played out a regular schedule under the direction of Coach Morris Taylor. No doubt many of the players on this year's "B" squad will be the nucleus of next season's varsity.



COACH DOYT PERRY

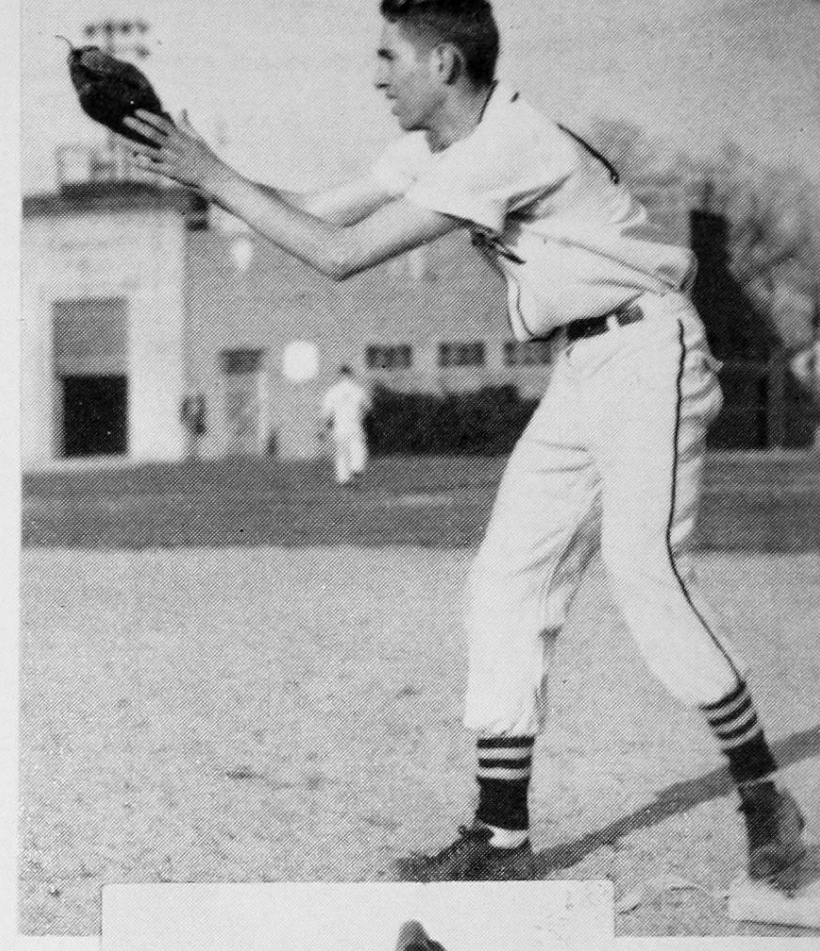


CAPTAIN BOB HAGER

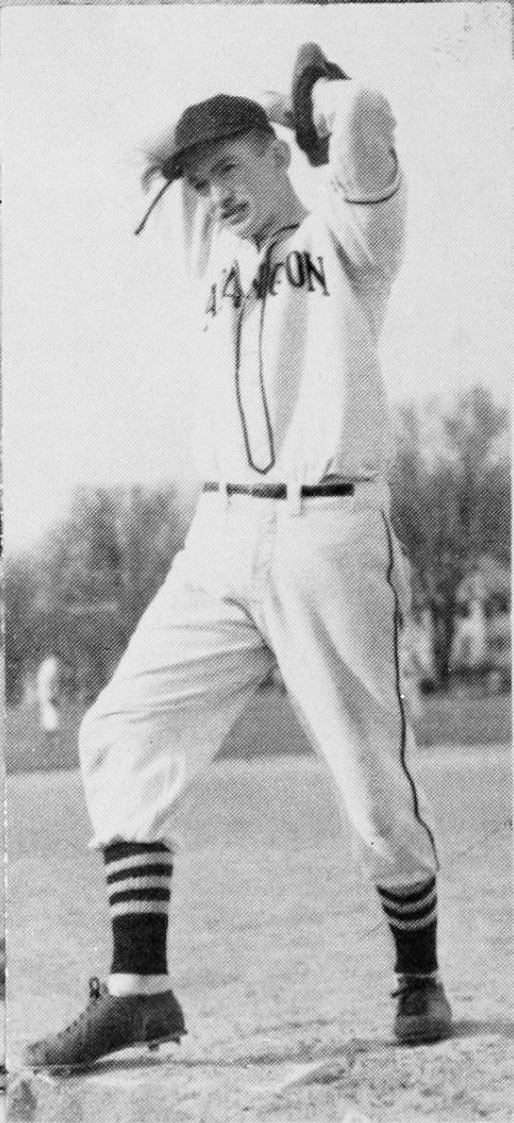
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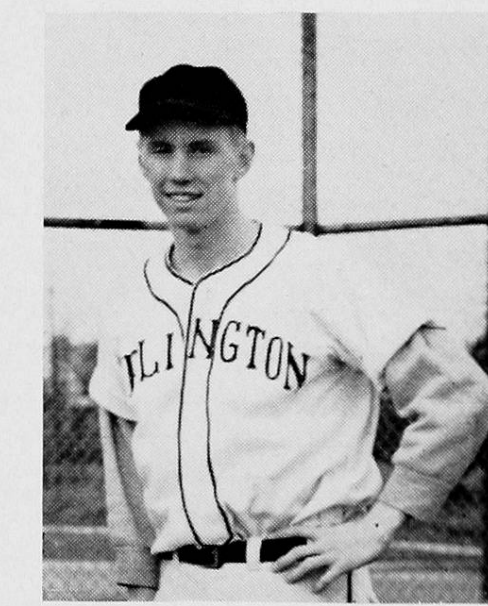


Front Row—Maxon, Van Fossen, Young, Hager, Wagenhals, Yost, Neal, Maloney, Smith.
Back Row—Coach Doyt Perry, Vlasich, Mouk, Groves, Johnson, Ireland, Vradelis, Holub, Zipfel, Spilker.



Coach Doyt Perry

Baseball
1950
C. B. L. Champs



Captain Don Maloney

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to . . . Baseball! And so it was this year when 34 candidates aspired to become members of the 1950 team. Prospects for a championship season were outstanding; and, although the first eight games were cancelled because of adverse weather, morale was exceptionally high.

Particular prowess was found in the pitching department. Don Maloney, Dave Smith and Tom Neal, skilled moundsmen, formed this trio that would pace the nine to many important victories. Maloney and Smith shared shortstop duties, while Neal doubled in the outfield when not pitching. Howard Wagenhals and John Van Fossen, two strong-armed receivers, divided catching responsibilities.

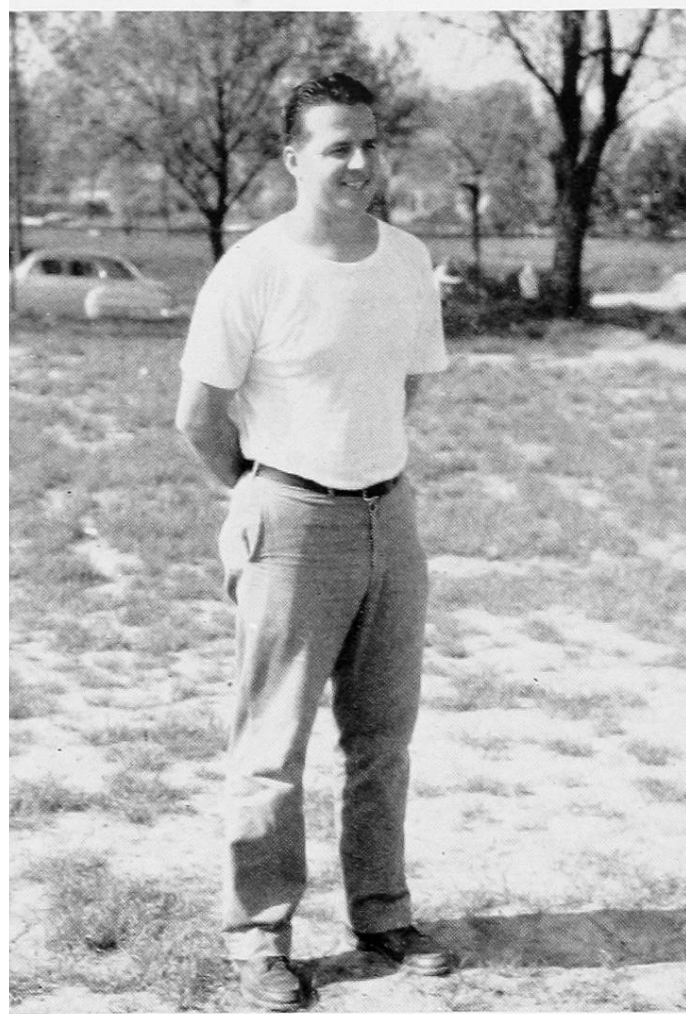
First base was held down by Dick Young, who was expected to enjoy a banner season. Tracy Hager completed a keystone combination that was hard to beat, while Gene Groves resumed his familiar third base post.

Lettermen Darrel Zipfel, Jerry Yost, and Bob Holub paced the outfield group with rookie Finley Maxon scheduled to play an important role.

Dick Mouk, Ted Vradelis, Roy Miller, Bill Lenz, Don Johnson, Wayne Ireland and "Spike" Spilker filled utility capacities.

Included in our baseball reflections are knot-hole champs, R. C. Colas, Cooper-Norge and state class A runnerups. Determination, winning spirit, rigorous training, along with leadership, will provide a championship.

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Coach Mike Kish



Another Great

The potentialities of this year's baseball squad seemed to shape up quite well after several early games. The team was fielded this year under the capable leadership of Captain Bob Holub and Coach Mike Kish.

The team this year had five returning lettermen plus several others who had gained valuable experience last year. The returning lettermen were Finley Maxson, Bob Holub, Tom Neal, Gene Groves, and John VanFossen. Although this year's squad lacked depth behind the initial nine players, the several replacements seemed quite adequate. Because of his lack of knowledge of the capabilities of this year's team, Coach Mike Kish was forced to experiment at different positions in an effort to come up with a winning combination.

The experienced Bruin infield was made up of lanky Don Johnson at first; Gene Groves and Bruce Hadden at second; Joe Kirwin at shortstop; and Bill Lenz in the hot corner. John Van Fossen carried the blunt of the catching assignments, nobly assisted by Al Spilker. Both catchers have fine throwing arms, and it isn't likely that enemy runners will wander far from the bases.

The Bears played expert ball in several of their early games, which was quite commendable considering the earliness of the season. One of the weaknesses of the team was the Bears' mound staff. It consisted of only two stand-out performers, Tom Neal and Gene Groves. With

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the nine forced to play three games a week, this lack of depth played considerable havoc with the coach and team.

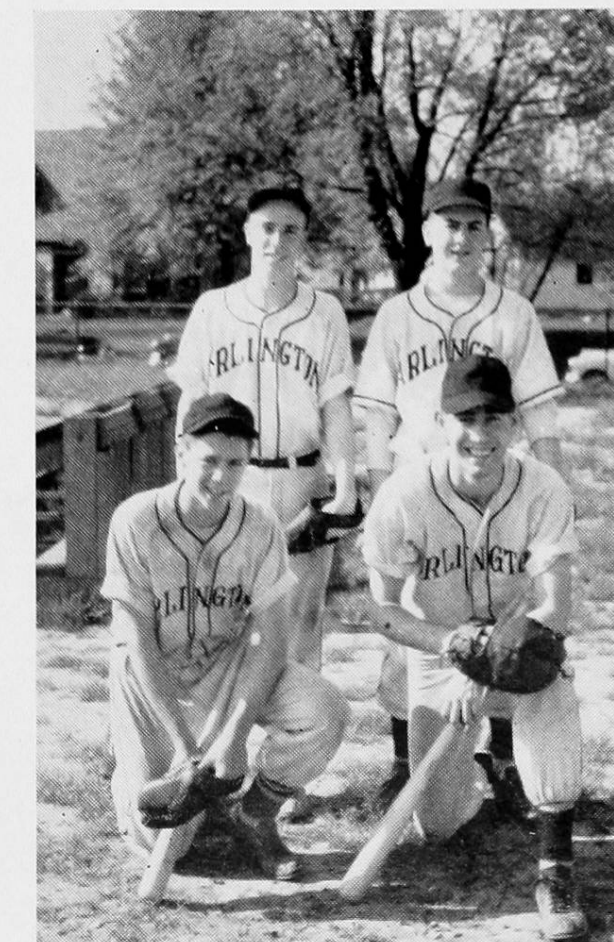
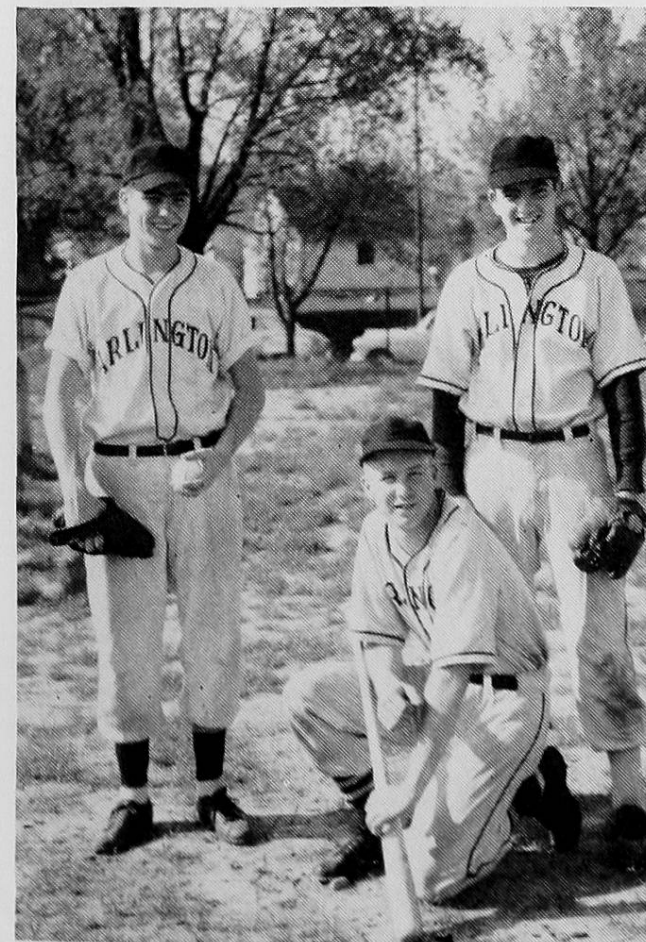
The outer garden was patrolled by Bob Holub, Finley Maxson, Roy Miller, and Tom Neal, when he was not chucking them on the mound. Captain Bob Holub ended up with a brilliant season to top off his three years of service with the varsity. This outfield was backed up by Ted Wilson and Warner Trautman.

In C.B.L. play the defending champs clashed with Bexley, Mt. Vernon, Delaware, Grandview and Columbus Academy on a home and home basis. From the way things shaped up Bexley figured to be the biggest barrier on the Bears' attempted trip back up the championship road. Tentative games also were scheduled with St. Charles and Aquinas. The Bears competed in the Central District Class A Tournament in May.

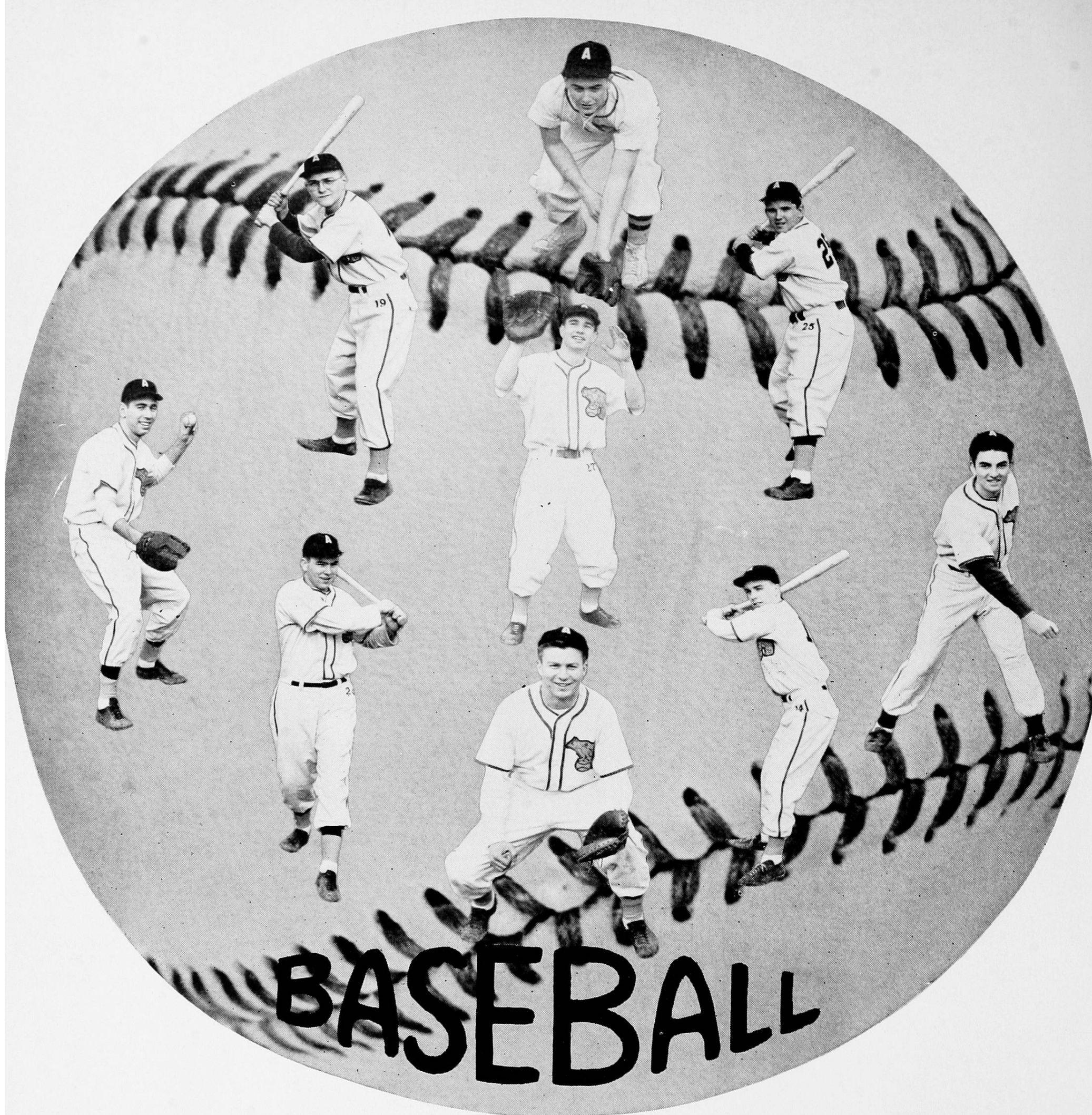
The nine was a hustling one, all the way, with plenty of spirit. Tom Neal, runner-up in hitting for two previous seasons, carried the bulk of the team's powerful hitting attack; everyone shone brilliantly, however, on one occasion or another.

There was also a reserve team again this season, which was under the direction of Steve Nesha and Bob Mowery.

The varsity will probably count heavily on several members of this year's squad for regular duty next year.



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Row 1 (L. to R.): Whipps, Van Fossen, Gerlach, Maxson, Rardon, Neal, Pataky, Popp, Stritmatter, Williams.
 Row 2: Nein, Vierck, Purdy, Lenz, Johnson, Van Fossen, Rose, Hadden, Culp, Fergus.
 Row 3: Thomas, Baker, Hager, Spilker, Groves, Kirwin, Fritis, Lorig, King, Mr. Rose (Coach).

The advent of spring this year brought forth not only spring fever but also our baseball team. After several spells of inclement weather, which forced the team indoors during the early part of the season, the boys quickly whipped into shape in preparation for their attempted arrest of the C.B.L. crown. This year's team was coached by Dale Rose and was captained by Tom Neal.

The nucleus of this year's squad was built around nine returning lettermen from last year and an additional letterman from another school. As evidenced by this large number of experienced players plus several players from the wealth of material possessed by last year's reserves, the Bruins were very fortunate from the start and made the most of their opportunities. Four players — Tom Neal, Gene Groves, Finley Maxson, and John Van Fossen — had been playing together on the team for the past several seasons and consequently were all handy to have around.

The experienced Bear infield consisted of lanky Don Johnson and Chuck Vierck at first; Gene Groves and Bruce Hadden at second; Joe Kirwin at short-stop; and Bill Purdy and Bill Lenz in the hot corner. Behind the plate dividing the catching chores were John Van Fossen and Al Spilker.

One department always weak at Arlington has been the pitching corps. This year that wasn't the

case, though, because Tom Neal and Gene Groves, last year's two workhorses, returned and they were backed up by Bill Popp and Dick Phalin.

Patrolling the outer garden were Finley Maxson, Tom Neal, Dave Rose, Jr., Ronnie Rardon, and Jack Stritmatter. Neal had another fine season to top off four years of valuable service to the team.

The high spot of the season was the team's trip to Cincinnati during Easter vacation to play two double-headers. In C.B.L. play the Bruins clashed with Bexley, Mt. Vernon, Delaware, Grandview, and Academy on a home basis. Defending champ Bexley was the Bears' main obstacle in the championship race. Several tentative non-league games were also scheduled. The Bears competed in the Central District Class A Tournament in May.

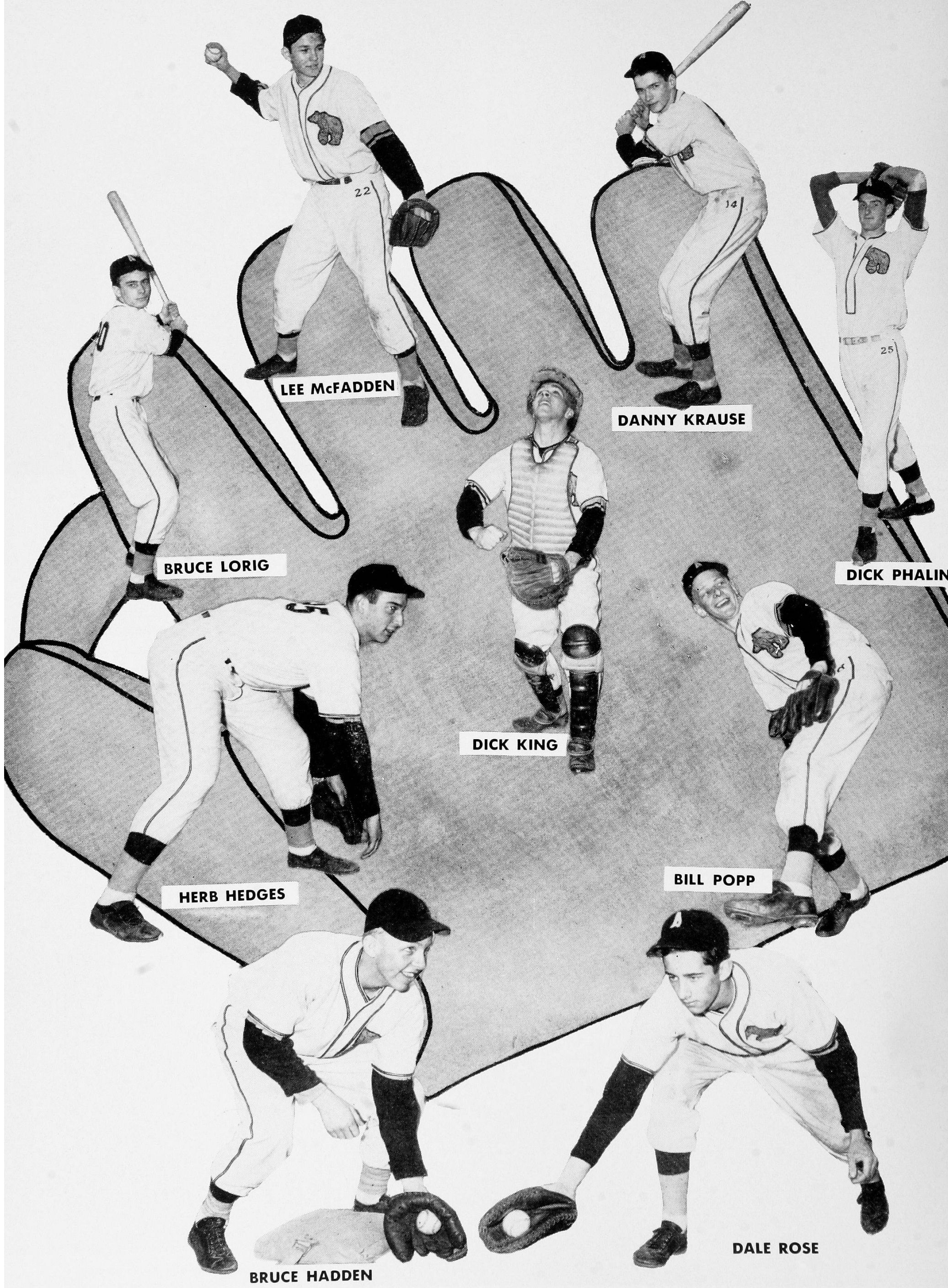
The nine was a hustling one all the way, with plenty of spirit. Coach Rose did a fine job with the team in his initial year at Arlington, and after he learned everyone's capacities, all obtained an equal chance to show their talents. Tom Neal, Bill Purdy, and Finley Maxson led with the best stick-work as the other boys shone brilliantly on various occasions while carrying the bulk of the attack in the other departments.

There was also a reserve team again this season. As most of this year's squad was composed of seniors, next year's varsity will probably count heavily on boys from this team for service.



- SCHEDULE**
- April 1 — South
 - April 5 — Lancaster (2)
 - April 11 — at Cincinnati Western Hills (2)
 - April 12 — at Cincinnati Hughes (2)
 - April 15 — Mt. Vernon
 - April 18 — at Bexley
 - April 19 — at Lancaster (2)
 - April 22 — Grandview
 - April 25 — at Delaware
 - April 29 — Academy
 - May 2 — at Mt. Vernon
 - May 6 — Bexley
 - May 9 — at Grandview
 - May 14 — Delaware
 - May 16 — at Academy

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LEE McFADDEN

DANNY KRAUSE

DICK PHALIN

BRUCE LORIG

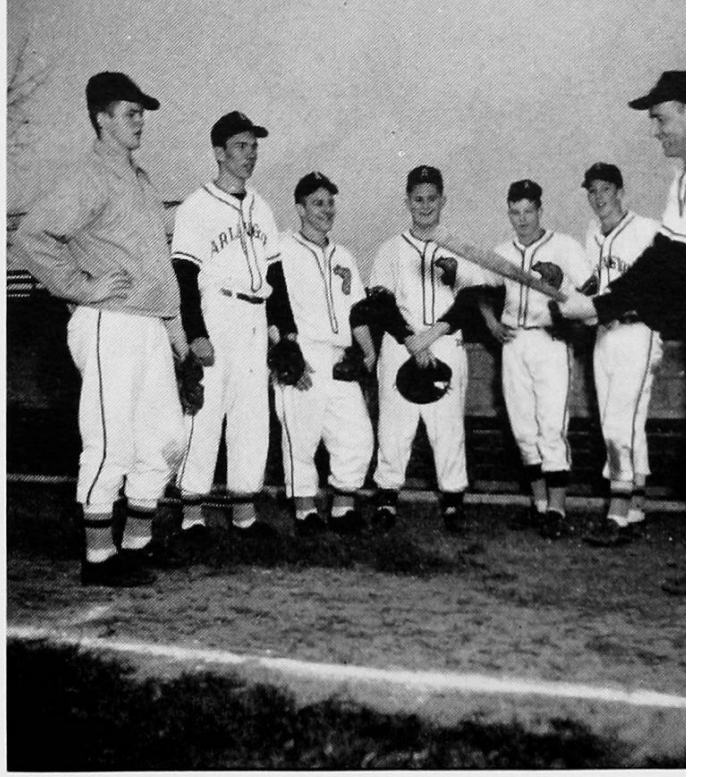
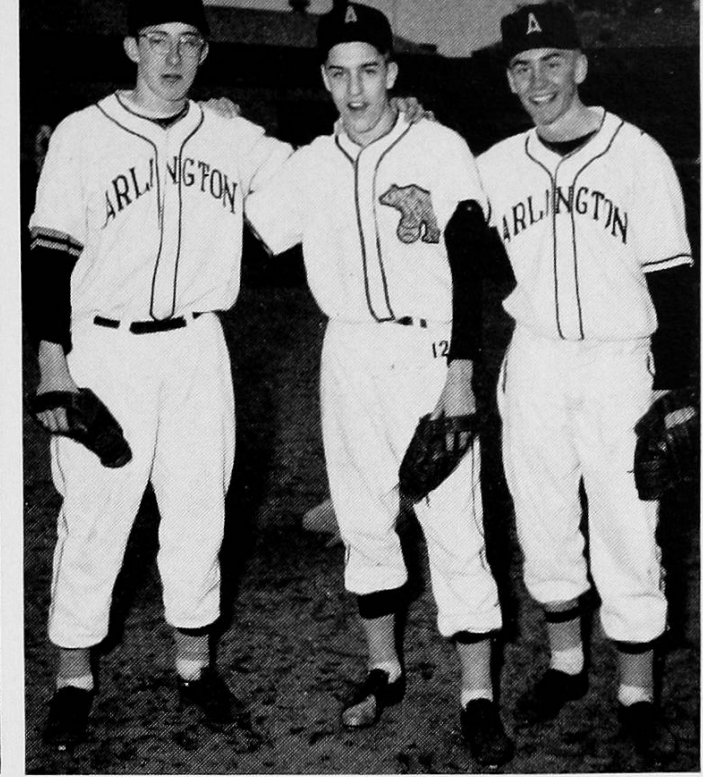
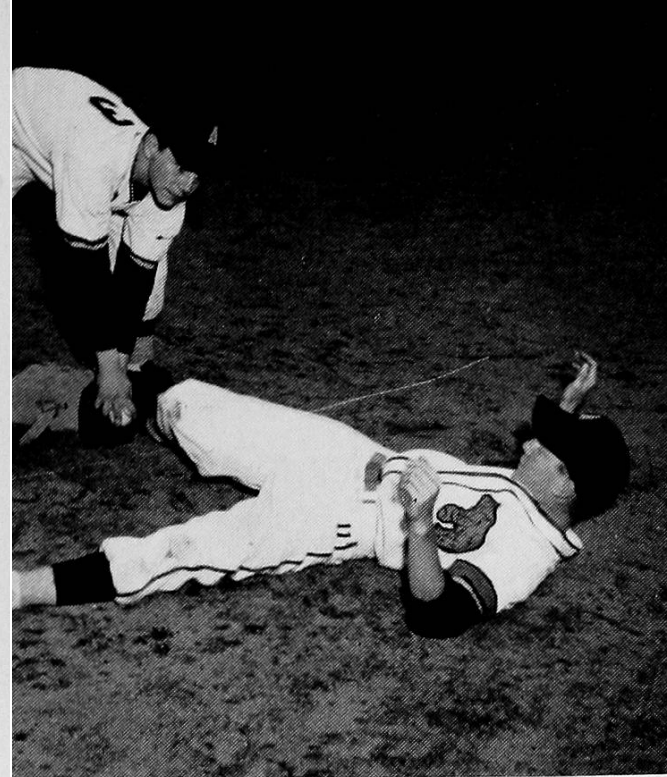
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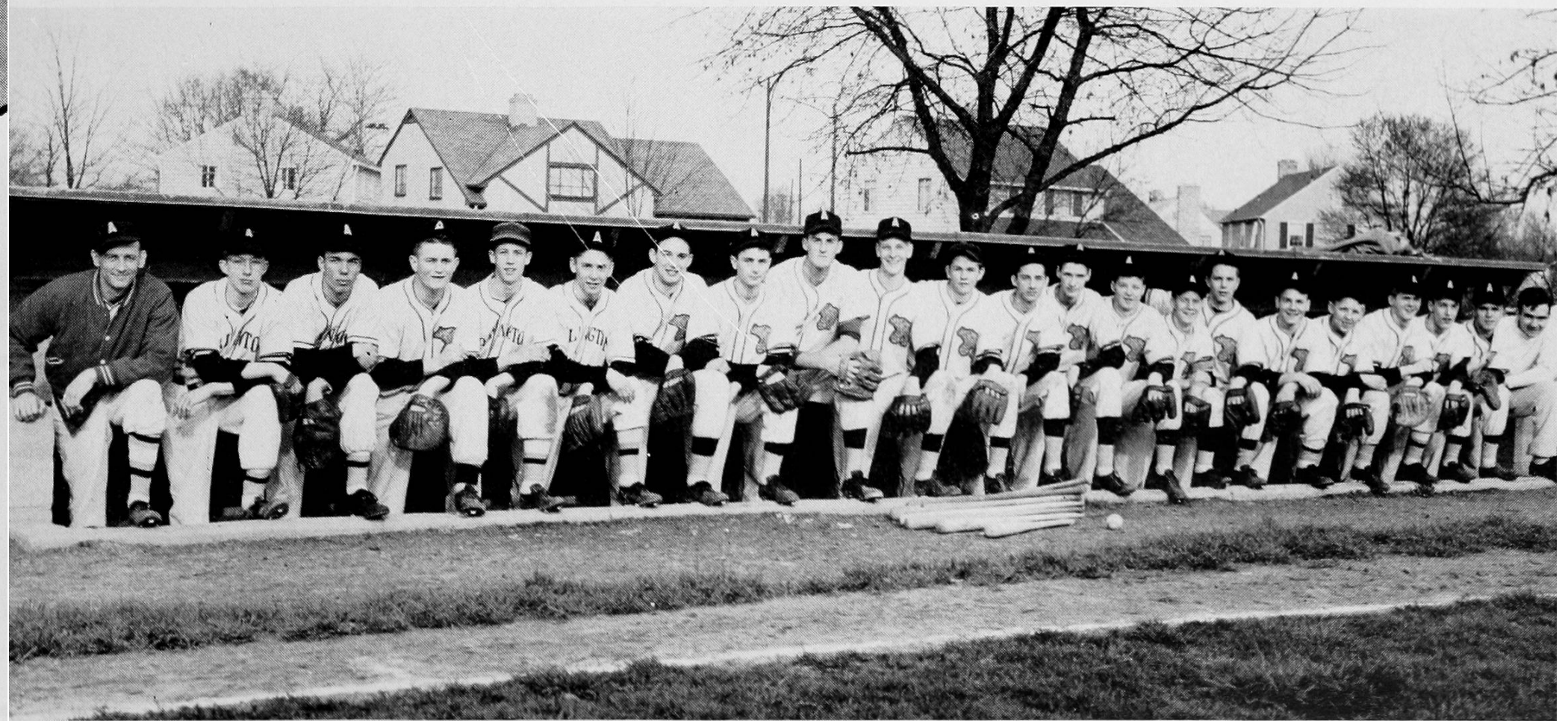
Every spring, along with warm weather and spring fever, the baseball team begins practice for the oncoming season. This year, under the leadership of Captain Bill Popp and Coach Dale Rose, the Bruins looked forward to making their bid for the CBL Championship. Coach Dale Rose had eight returning lettermen ready for action — Bill Popp, Dick Phalin, Lee McFadden, Bruce Hadden, Bruce Lorig, Dale Rose, Wesley VanFossen, and Jack Stritmatter — and he lost no time in obtaining capable replacements for last year's graduates.

The experienced Bear infield was composed of Dale Rose, Jr., and Chip Huhta at first; Gordon Pataky at second; Bruce Hadden and Lee McFadden at shortstop; and Wesley Van Fossen and John Baker at third. Patrolling the outfield were Bob McWilliams, Bruce Lorig, Jack Stritmatter, Preston Harris and Danny Krause. The catching duties went to Duncan "Butch" Campbell, ably as-

sisted by Don Culp and Dick King. The pitching staff was composed of veterans Captain Bill Popp and Dick Phalin and three newcomers — Clark Wolpert, Herb Hedges, and Eddie Meade.

In the C. B. L. league the team had games scheduled both home and away with Bexley, Grandview, Mt. Vernon, and Delaware. Early in the season Mt. Vernon appeared to be the strongest barrier to the Bears' trip to the C. B. L. crown, but you can rest assured that the Golden Bears' fighting spirit would not be denied. Along with the numerous non-league contingents, the Bears participated in the Central District Class A Tournaments in May.

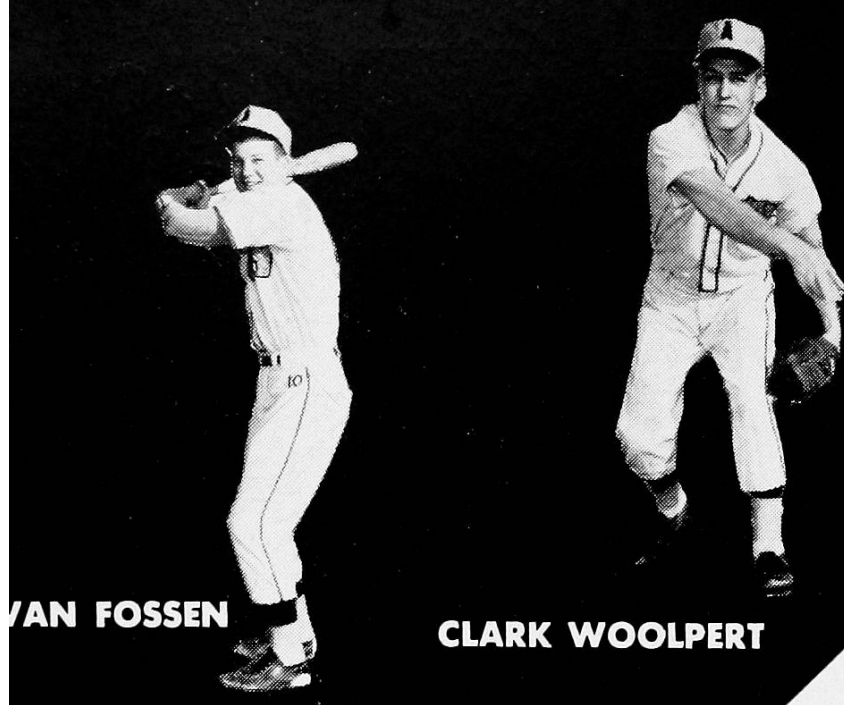
Under the coaching of Mike Kish, the reserve squad was active as usual this year. The reserves played a schedule of ten games, the majority of which were played at Arlington. Undoubtedly many of the members will be playing varsity ball next year.



Left to Right: Coach Dale Rose, Pres Harris, Chip Huhta, Don Culp, Bob McWilliams, Ed Mead, Herb Hedges, Bruce Lorig, Dick Phalin, Capt. Bill Popp, Lee McFadden, Dale Rose, Dan

Krause, Wes Van Fossen, Jack Stritmatter, Gordon Pataky, John Baker Bruce Hadden, Butch Campbell, Clark Woolpert, Dick King, Tom Thomas, and Manager Dave Fergus.

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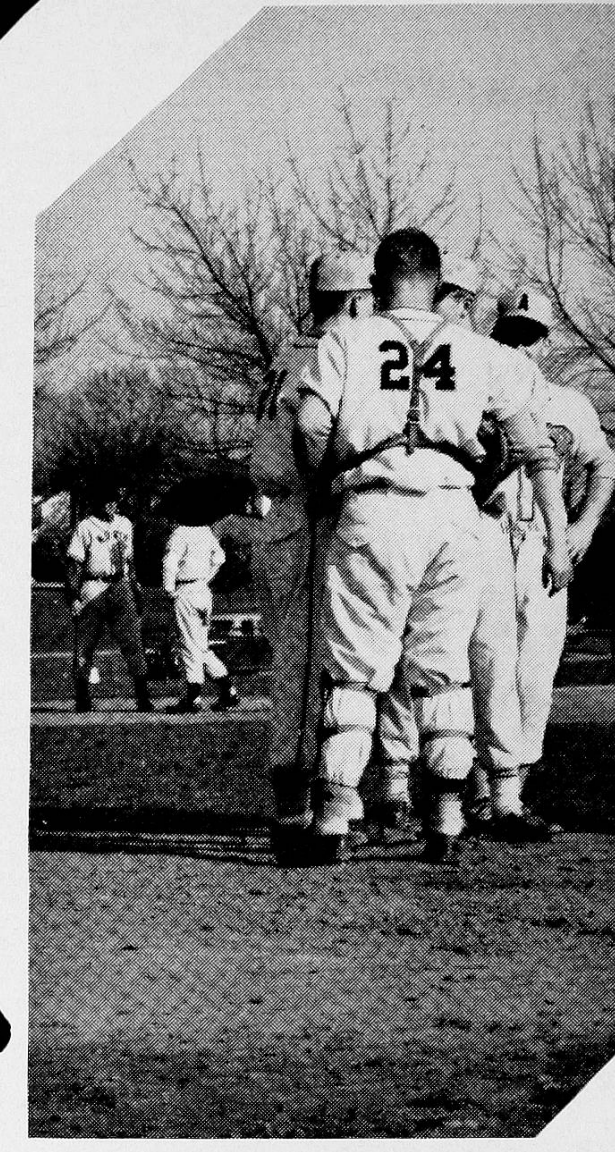
VAN FOSSEN



CLARK WOOLPERT



JOHN BAKER



First row (left to right): Bob McWilliams, Don Culp, John Baker, Gordon Pataky, Jack Stritmatter (captain), Clark Woolpert, Wes Van Fossen, Butch Campbell, Pres Harris.
Second row: Coach Dale Rose, Chip Huhta, Jim Fabyan, Jim Obert, Chuck Greene, Ed Mead, Charlie Rowe, Dave Parsons, Tom Williams.

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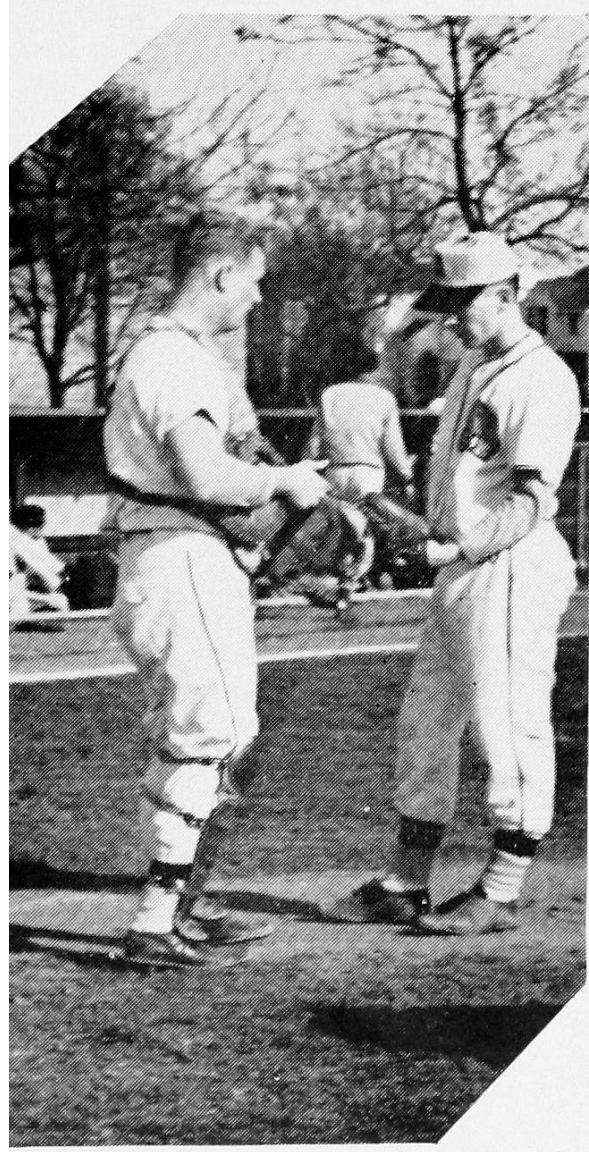
Spirit and determination were the keynotes of this year's Bruin baseball team. In trying to mold a C. B. L. championship team, Head Coach Dale Rose assisted by Gene Shade, had nine returning lettermen with whom to work. They were Captain Jack Stritmatter, John Baker, Duncan "Butch" Campbell, Gordon Pataky, Wes Van Fossen, Clark Woolpert, Don Culp, Pres Harris, and Bob McWilliams. In addition to these, eight more boys were selected from the more than fifty hopefuls to round out the seventeen man squad.

The infield was composed of veterans for the most part, with newcomers backing up the first team. Pres Harris and Chip Huhta were at first base; Gordon Pataky, Charlie Rowe, and Chuck Greene at second; Butch Campbell and Bob McWilliams at shortstop; and John Baker and Tom Williams at third. Don Culp and Jim Obert handled the catching more than adequately, and pitchers Ed Mead and Jim Fabyan were on the mound. Patrolling the outfield

were Captain Stritmatter, Wes Van Fossen, Clark Woolpert, and Dave Parsons.

A full card of twenty-seven games, not including tournaments, was lined up for the 1954 baseball season. Opening the season on the last day of March, the Bears met University on their home diamond. Winning this 9-0, the team went on to beat five out of its next opponents. The Bears won over Linden McKinley 12-0, Aquinas 10-3, and Galion twice, 7-6 in nine innings and 4-3 in eleven. The only loss during the first part of the season came at the hands of North's Polar Bears who won 5-7.

Arlington's reserve baseball team gave needed experience to many underclassmen. Coach Mike Kish guided the twenty-four boys on the reserve squad. Playing every time the Bears did, the junior team anticipated future years playing varsity ball.



BUTCH CAMPBELL



JACK STRITMATTER



GORDON PATAKY

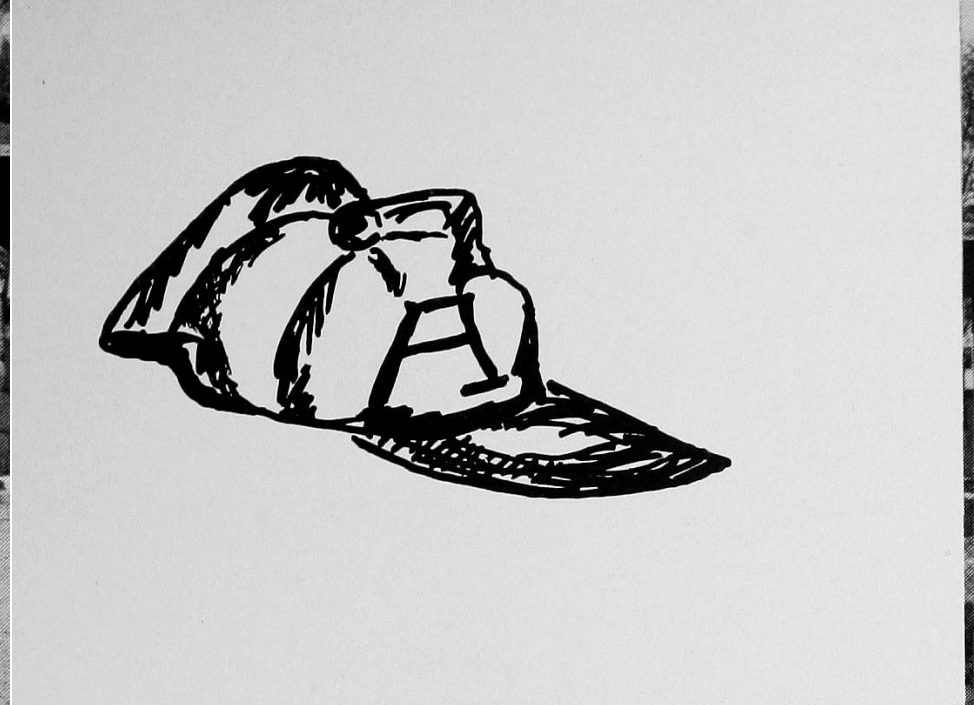


Coaches Rose and Shade watch anxiously as pitched ball flies towards the plate.



Captain Jack slams the pitch for a single.

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Left to right: Coach Dale Rose, Pres Harris (co-captain), Don Culp (co-captain), Dick Barse, Chuck Greene, Bob McWilliams, Phil Boswell, Jim Obert, Tom Williams, Dan Williams, Chuck Hosterman, Dave Parsons,

Steve Williams, Teddy Ongaro, Chip Huhta, Jim Fabyan, Dick Carson (manager), Dave Hosterman (manager).

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Spirit and determination to make Coach Dale Rose's last season at Arlington successful was the keynote of this year's baseball team. In attempting to mold a CBL championship team, Coach Rose had a nucleus of nine returning lettermen to work with. They were Co-captains Pres Harris and Don Culp, Jim Obert, Jim Fabyan, Chip Huhta, Bob McWilliams, Tom Williams, Chuck Greene, and Dave Parsons.

The infield was composed primarily of veterans, with depth at every position. Chip Huhta was at first base; Dan Williams and Chuck Hosterman at second base; Bob McWilliams at shortstop; and Tom Williams at third base. Patrolling the outfield pastures were Dave Parsons, Chuck Greene, and Phil Boswell. The catching was more than adequately handled by Don Culp, Jim Obert, and Steve Williams. The pitching staff was composed of veterans Pres Harris and Jim Fabyan and two newcomers — Dick Barse and Ted Ongaro.

A full card of twenty-two games, not including the state

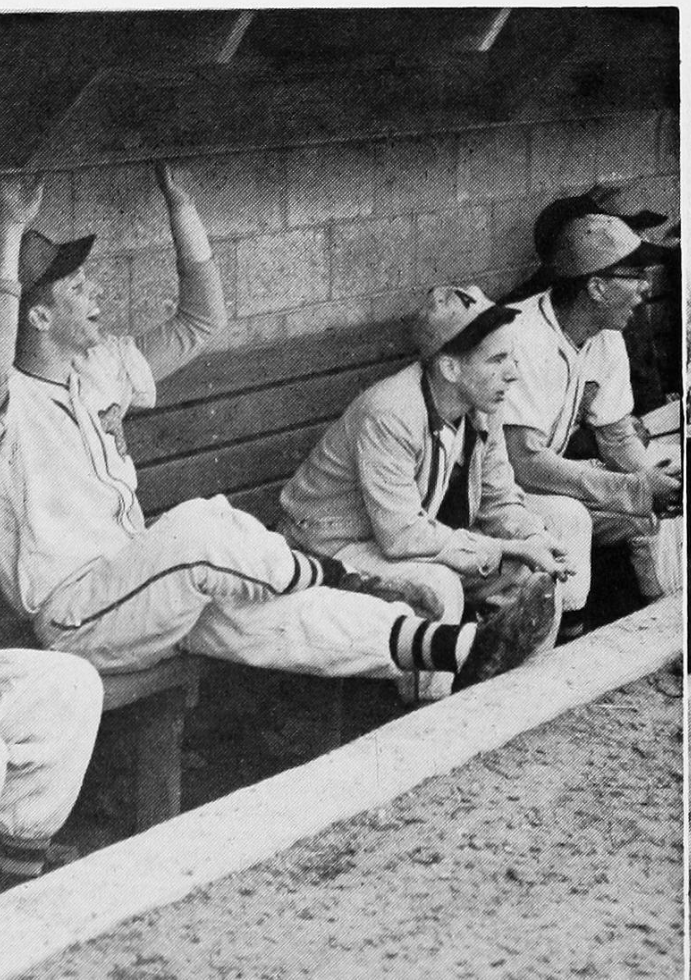
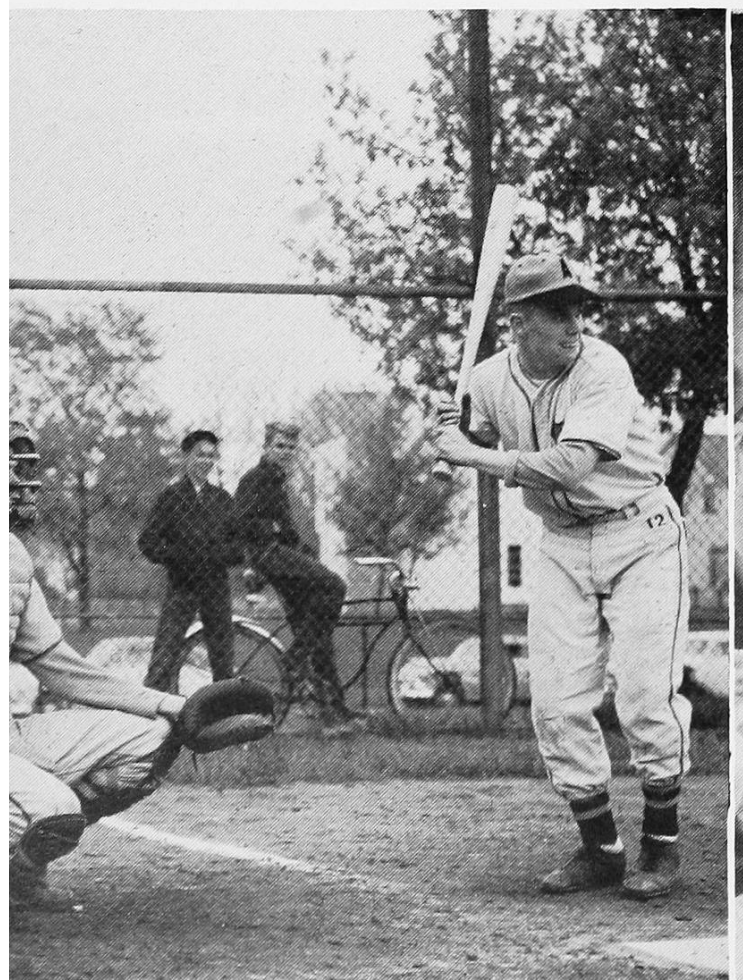
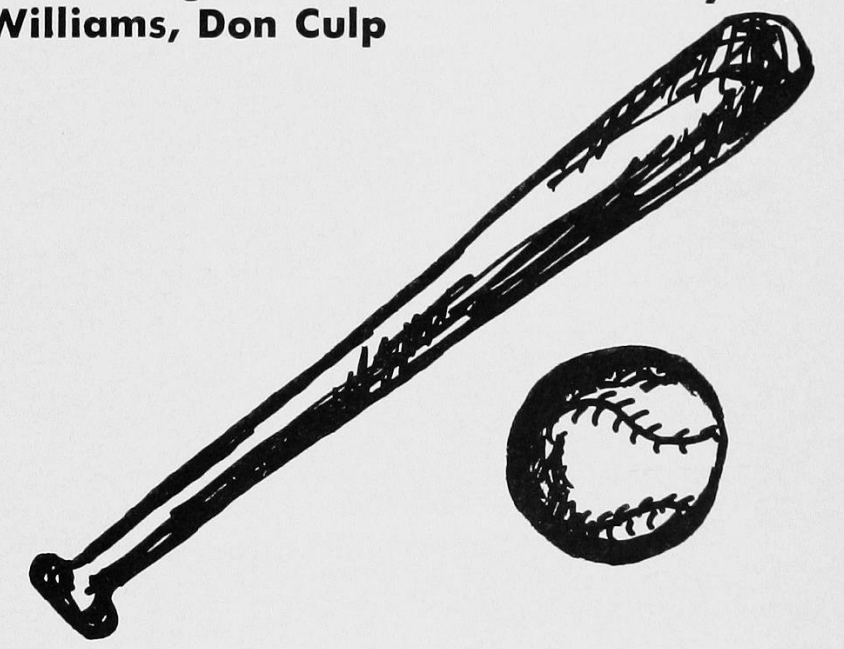
tournaments, was scheduled for the 1955 varsity. The Bears opened the season on April 2 by dropping a double header to a powerful Galion nine. Arlington picked up its first victory when it outslugged West 12-9. The Bruins defeated Delaware 3-2 behind the tight pitching of Jim Fabyan in the CBL opener on April 15. Arlington lost its first CBL to Mt. Vernon, then came back with victories over Bexley and Urbana. The Bears not only faired well against CBL competition, but were impressive against non-league contingents. The season was highlighted by a trip to Huntington, West Virginia, where the Arlington nine met the powerful Pony Express.

Under the guidance of Coach Tom Elliot, the Arlington reserve baseball team gave needed experience to underclassmen. Playing every time the Bears did, the 24 members of the squad gave an excellent account of themselves. Much of the success of the varsity depends upon the ability of the reserves to produce good talent in the future.



Left to right: Pres Harris, Chuck Greene, Dave Parsons, Chip Huhta.

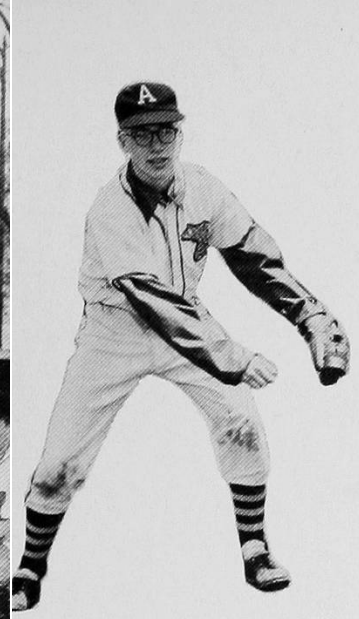
Left to right: Jim Obert, Jim Fabyan, Tom Williams, Don Culp



First row (left to right): John Howe (manager), Mike Jones, Darel Hull, Dick Tinsley, Jim Nicklaus, Phil Patterson, Dick Hardy, Mike Miller, Dave Will, Bob Butler, Don Kauer, Joe Williams (manager).

Second row: Coach Tom Elliot, Jon Berry, Ned Crockett, Ben Tobin, Jim Gordon, Larry Grubbs, Jim Rankin, Jim Thomas, Lou Sandel, Bill Howe, Jim Miller, Dave Fergus (varsity statistician). Not present: Bill Cook, Lee Hanna.

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Jim Thomas



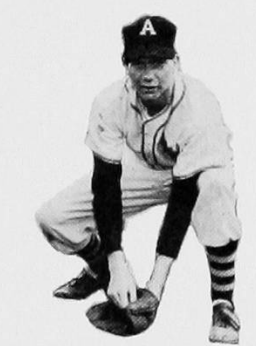
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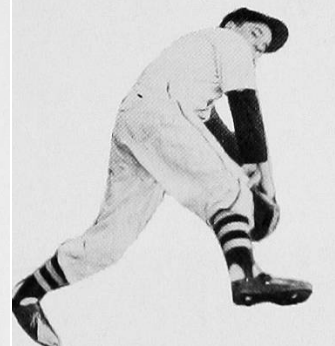
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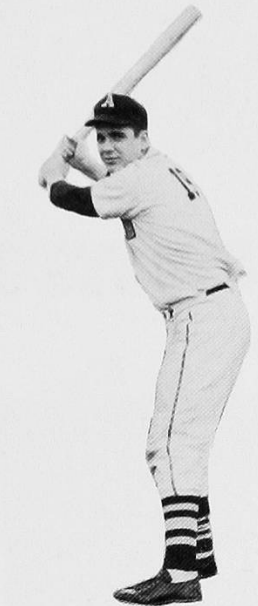
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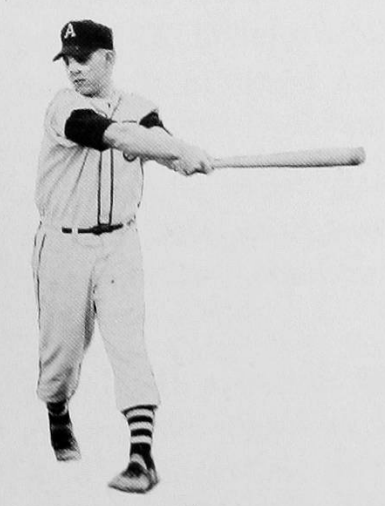
Bill Howe



Dick Bearse



Steve Williams



Phil Boswell



Left to right: Co-captains Phil Boswell, Dan Williams and Coach Bob Meeder.



Dick Argo

Coach Bob Meeder, Terry O'Donnell, Ted Ongaro, Jim Nicklaus, Don Kauer, Bill Howe, Johnny Johnston, Dick Argo, Dick Hardy, Bob Butler, Phil Boswell, Dan Williams, Bill Cook, Bob McWilliams, Jim Rankin, Dick Bearse, Chuck Hosterman, Darrell Hull, Jim P. Miller, Dave Locey, Steve Williams.

Baseball



In early March approximately eighty candidates for the 1956 baseball team turned out for the first practice under Coach Bob Meeder, at his first year at the Golden Bear reins. One month later, April 3, the varsity took the field at West for the first of twenty-one games.

Led by Co-captains Dan Williams and Phil Boswell, eight lettermen returned from last year's squad. The eight included Dick Bearse, Bob McWilliams, Chuck Hosterman, Jim Thomas, Steve Williams, Ted Ongaro, Phil Boswell, and Dan Williams.

This nucleus, plus several promising juniors, set the achievements of last year's honor winning team as a goal. The 1955 Bears tied for the C.B.L. championship with Bexley and Delaware and defeated defending champion St. Charles for the Central District crown.

Even though this year's squad may have been a little short of experience, their excellent spirit and hustle more than made up for their lack of know-how.

Under Coach Paul Corey the reserve team was made up of juniors and sophomores. The freshmen had a team of their own. The experience that these boys received will prove invaluable in later years when they make up the varsity team.



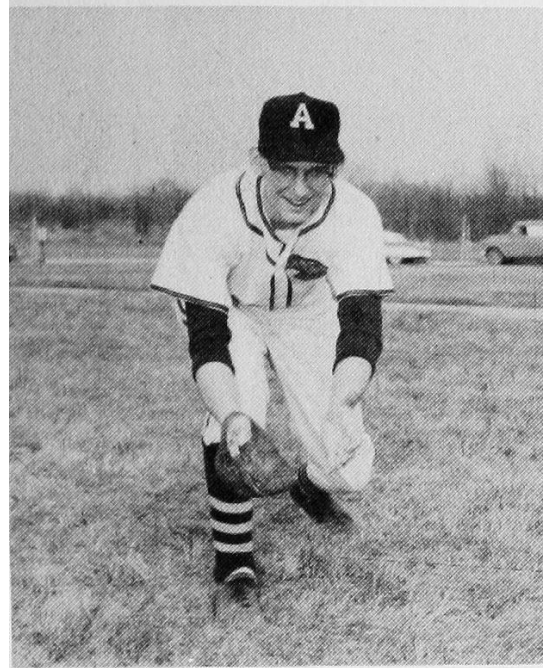
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Bill Cook



Dave Locey

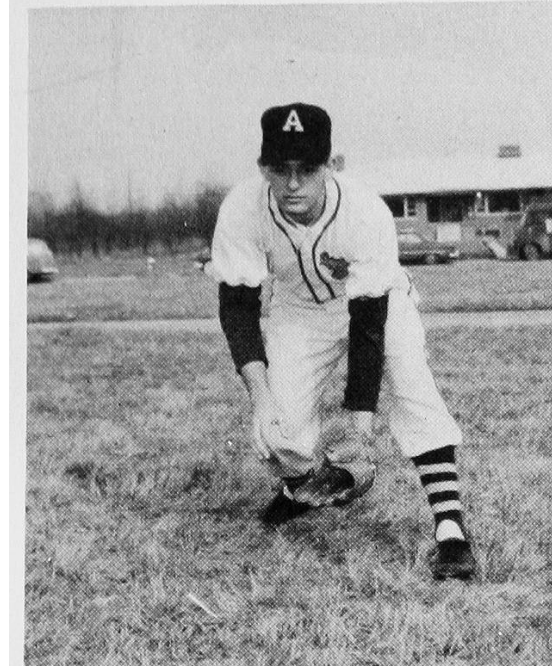


Jim Nicklaus



First Row—Left to Right: Artie Cullman, manager; Mike Rothgery, Bill Lovebury, Ted Ongaro, Dave Locey, Captain Jim Nicklaus, Roger Christman, Bob Fitzsimmons, Lee Hanna.

Second Row—L. to R.: Coach Bob Meeder, Jon Lynn, Jerry Wheeler, Lou Sandel, Bill Cook, John Jenkins, Darel Hull, Jon Berry, Bob Butler.



Jon Lynn



Rog Christman



Captain Jim Nicklaus and Coach Robert Meeder

In early March the Golden Bear gymnasium witnessed some 50 stiff and sore arms as the U.A. baseballers, led by Captain Jim Nicklaus, loosened up for the '57 season.

Nicklaus, '56 all-league choice, led a quintet of returning lettermen which included Bob Butler, John Jenkins, Darel Hull and Ted Ongaro. Jon Lynn, a capable newcomer, was expected to anchor the top-notch infield. An experienced reserve unit under Coach Pete Corey rounded out the talented Keystoneers.

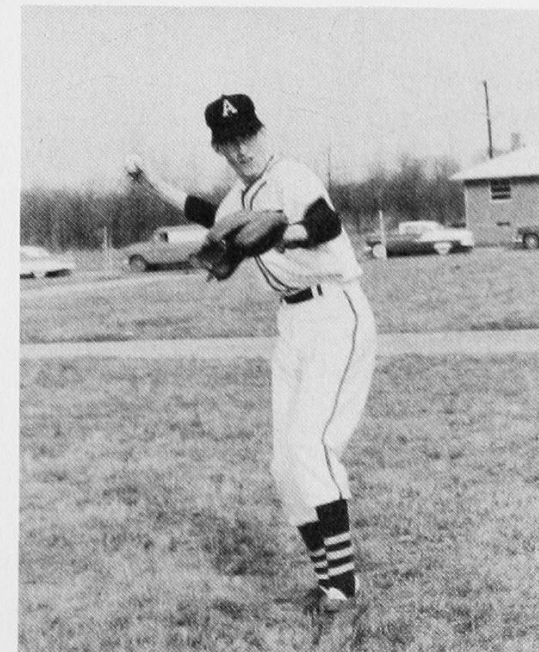
At the time the yearbook went to press, complete information about the team was not available.

The swatters' 17-game schedule included games with all the C.B.L. representatives, home games with Whitehall, Worthington, Hilliards and a road trip to Chillicothe and Cincinnati-Wyoming. The home games were played at the new Northam Park diamond under the skilled direction of head coach, Bob Meeder.

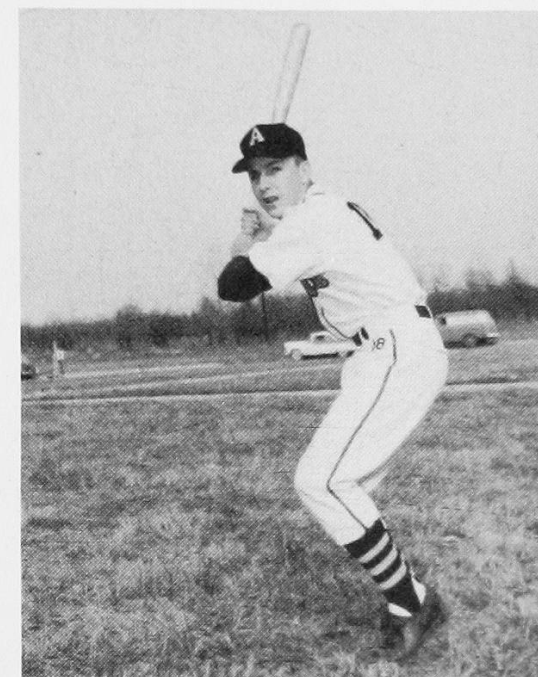
The well-knitted varsity and reserve units experienced a highly successful season. They express the hope that in 1958 Upper Arlington will have another team of championship proportions.



Bob Butler



Darel Hull



Bob Fitzsimmons



First Row—Left to Right: Jim Eigensee, Frank Rietz, Rick Laylin, Craig Welch, Bo Gehl, Ned Crockett, Bob Lapsley, Ralph Lewis, Dick Cottingham.

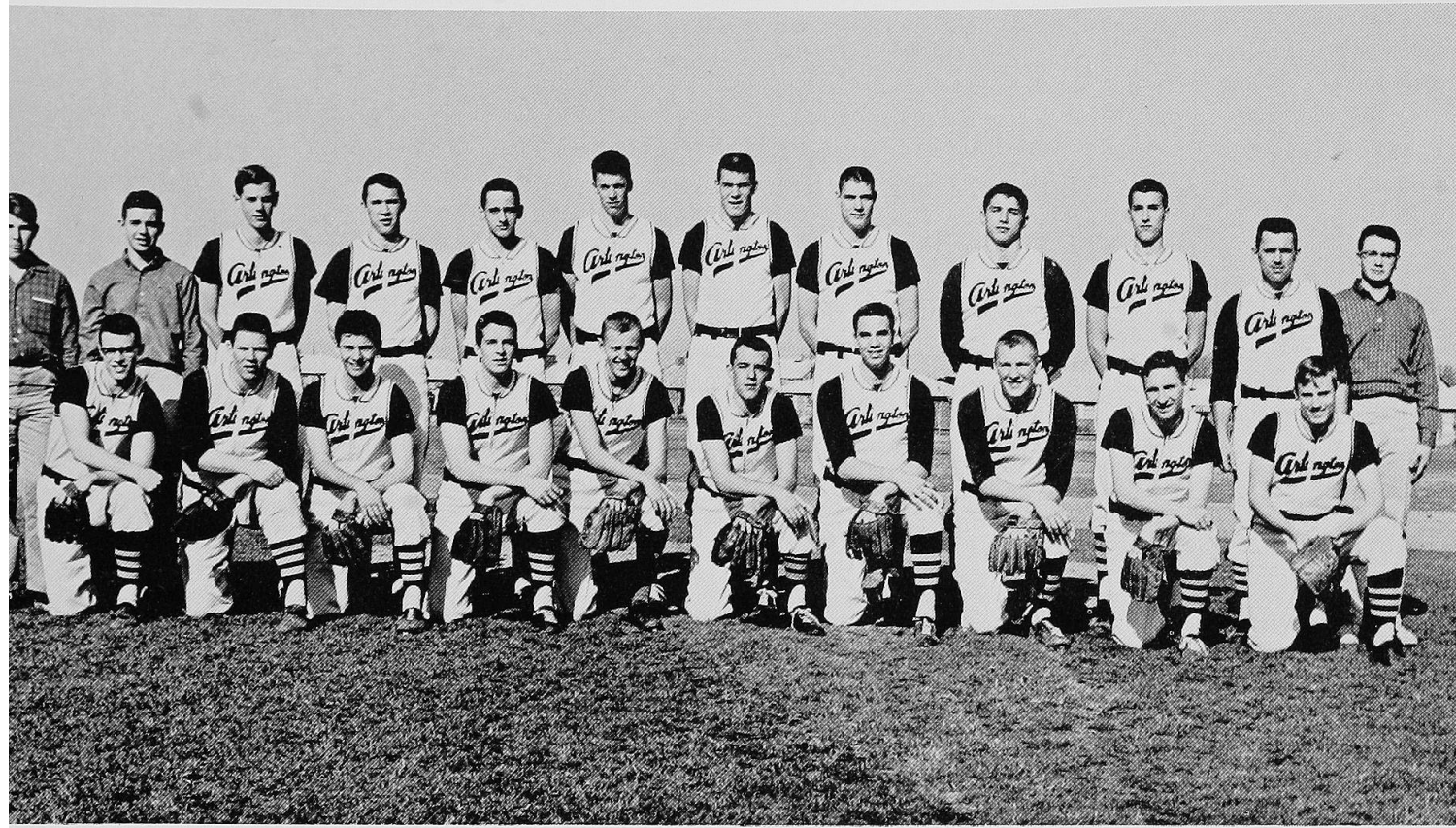
Second Row—L. to R.: Jim Bell, Jim Howe, Dan Hill, Tom Terry, Bob Neal, Jerry Ross, G. Sain, Ron Anderson, Mike Moberly, Jim Argo, manager.

Third Row—Left to Right: Larry Leese, Jerry Sarver, Joe Taylor, Craig Whitaker, Wes Brink, Bob Pausch, Tom Renshaw, Dick Ledyard, Jerry Ballard, Coach Pete Corey.

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Baseball

C. B. L. Finish—first (1961)
Record (1961)—17 wins, 7 losses
Captain: Tom Mattingly



Coach Corey will field another solid ball club this spring in an attempt to retain the C.B.L. championship. Pitcher Tom Mattingly will captain the U.A. nine, and seniors Emerson Berry, John Pitcher, Geoff Kabealo, Mike Burnett, Dave Hay, Bruce Larson, and Larry Addison will add punch to an Arlington drive for a third straight district crown.

Row One: Emerson Berry, Geoff Kabealo, Larry Addison, Mike Burnett, Dave Peck, Tom Mattingly, Bruce Larson, John Pitcher, Dave Hay, Bob Powers. Row Two: Manager Don Reed, Manager Tim McHenry, Benny Nicola, Mike Heyne, Ted Rose, John Ashby, Phil Williams, Keith Chrissinger, Jim Baas, Allen Carden, Coach Pete Corey, Manager Ken Overholt.

Golf

C. B. L. Finish—first (1961)
Record (1961)—17 wins, 1 tie
Captain: Joe Ray



Dick Southworth, Bob McCormick, Dick Springer, Joe Ray, Charlie Durrant, Ron Byers, Bob Snyder, Bruce Adler.

In the past, Upper Arlington has had great golf teams as illustrated by the school record of 240 wins out of 252 matches, which include three ties. The pressure will be on the '62 squad more than ever. Captain Joe Ray, Bob Snyder, Bruce Adler, Charles Durrant, Stu Eagleton, Ron Byers, and Clark Cellio can supply the victories, and possibly another district title.

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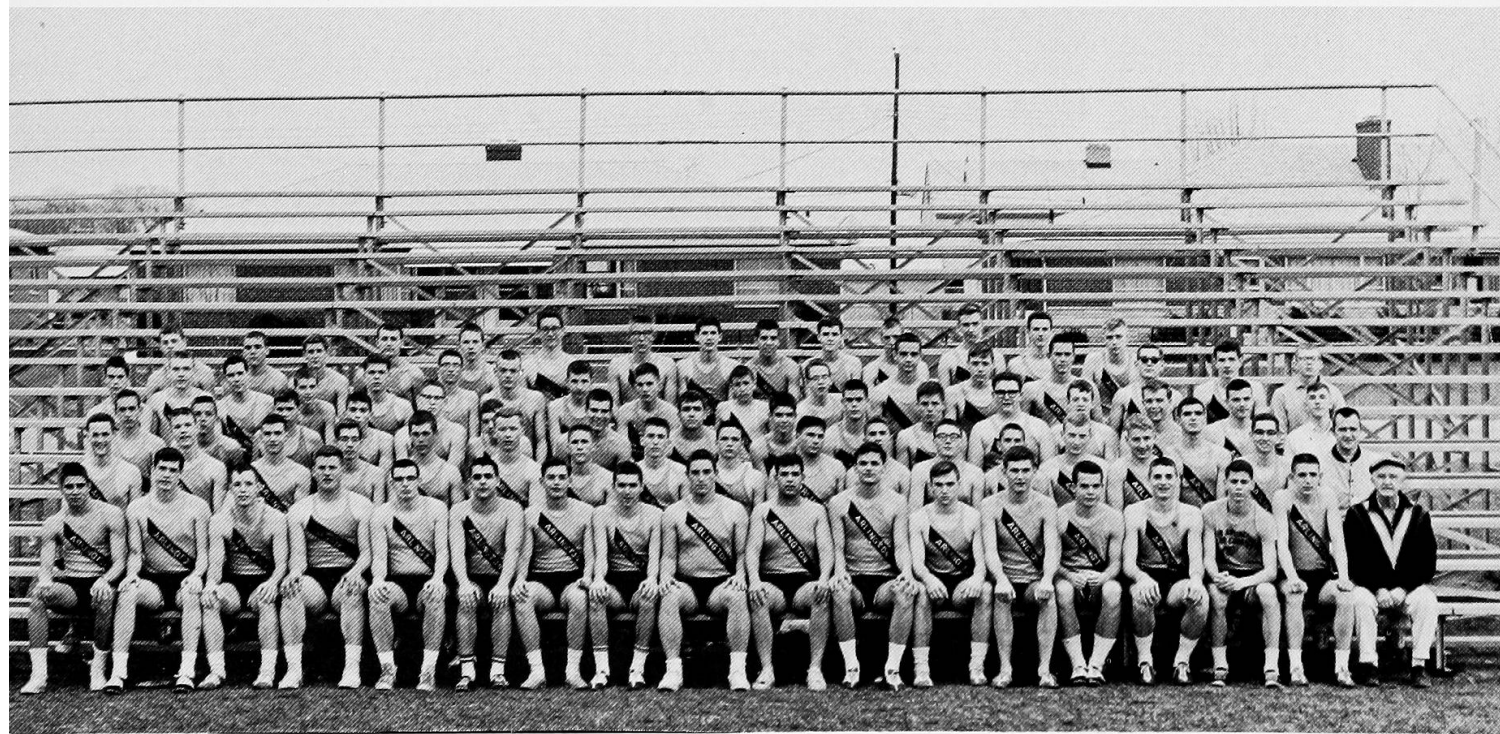
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Guided by Coach Pete Corey and led by Captain Ted Rose, the U.A. baseball team promises to be a strong contender for the C. B. L. crown. Though there are only two returning lettermen, Ted Rose and Phil Williams, seniors John Ashby, Mike Heyne, and Benny Nicola along with the lettermen form a substantial senior core. If solid support is received from the junior members of the team, this ball club will be a good one.

Row One, Left to Right: Tim McHenry (Manager), Ben Nicola, Gary Ebright, Terry Howison, Mike Heyne, Ted Rose, John Ashby, Phil Williams, Jim Baas, Bill Taylor, Don Reed (Manager).
Row Two, Left to Right: Bill Smothers, John Izzie, John Barry, John Tarbox, Dick Ryan, Terry Massaro, Roddy Burns, Ted Howell, Gary Spencer, Bob Bush, Pete Corey (Coach).
Row Three, Left to Right: Fred Eickelberger (Coach), Glenn Farraro, Tom Buell, Mike Logan, Tom Hartman, Mike Stanley, Howard Green, Larry Hilditch, Gary Knack, Jim Herbst, Achim King.
Row Four, Left to Right: Roger Wilson, Mike Hayward, Roger Wilson, Topy Ezell, Terry Osterstock, Rusty Weidner, Bill Radcliffe, Jeff Folkerth, Russ Fuller, Byron Bachman, Steve Johnson, Jeff Hanson.

Track



The track team, paced by senior Captain Paul Kuehn, face this year's challenging schedule with eight returning lettermen. Bolstered by many sophomore varsity prospects, the thin clads should capture their share of district and league honors. The Golden Bears are coached by Mr. Richard Larkin.

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Row Two, Left to Right: Bob Peck, Mark Rogers, Ed Norris, Dick Baker, Bill Cockran, Jeff Heuss, Dale Kagy, Jim Knight, Carl Watkins, Jim Hutchins, Tom Read, Tom Poole, Terry Williams, Tim Redifer, Charles Mahan, Steve Young, Val Leshy, Coach Marv Moorehead.
Row Three, Left to Right: Mike Welch, Terry McClean, John Hays, Tod Ortlip, Charles Carmichael, Bill Schwenker, Bill Chambers, Steve Smith, Jot Holzaepfel, Dan Jackson, Colby Hillman, George Jacobson, Dick Wills, Greg Bradley, John Parsons, Graig Potter (Manager).
Row Four, Left to Right: Bill Anderson, Craig Richter, Mike Buchanan, Andy Brewster, Dave Yerke, Bill Gardner, Mike Heath, Larry Larrimer, Tommy Decker, Dave Fisher, Jim Magnuson, Thane Chilton, Bruce Lynn, Steve Smith, Charles Schwenker, Dick Davidson, Fred Carmack (Manager).
Row Five, Left to Right: Dennis Fabyan, Bill Jacoby, Randy Walker, Dan Dupler, John Ralston, Steve Ryan, John Stowe, Rick Wetwiler, Phil Korodi, Dick McBride, Dick James, Bob Hendershot, John Downing, Bob Scott.

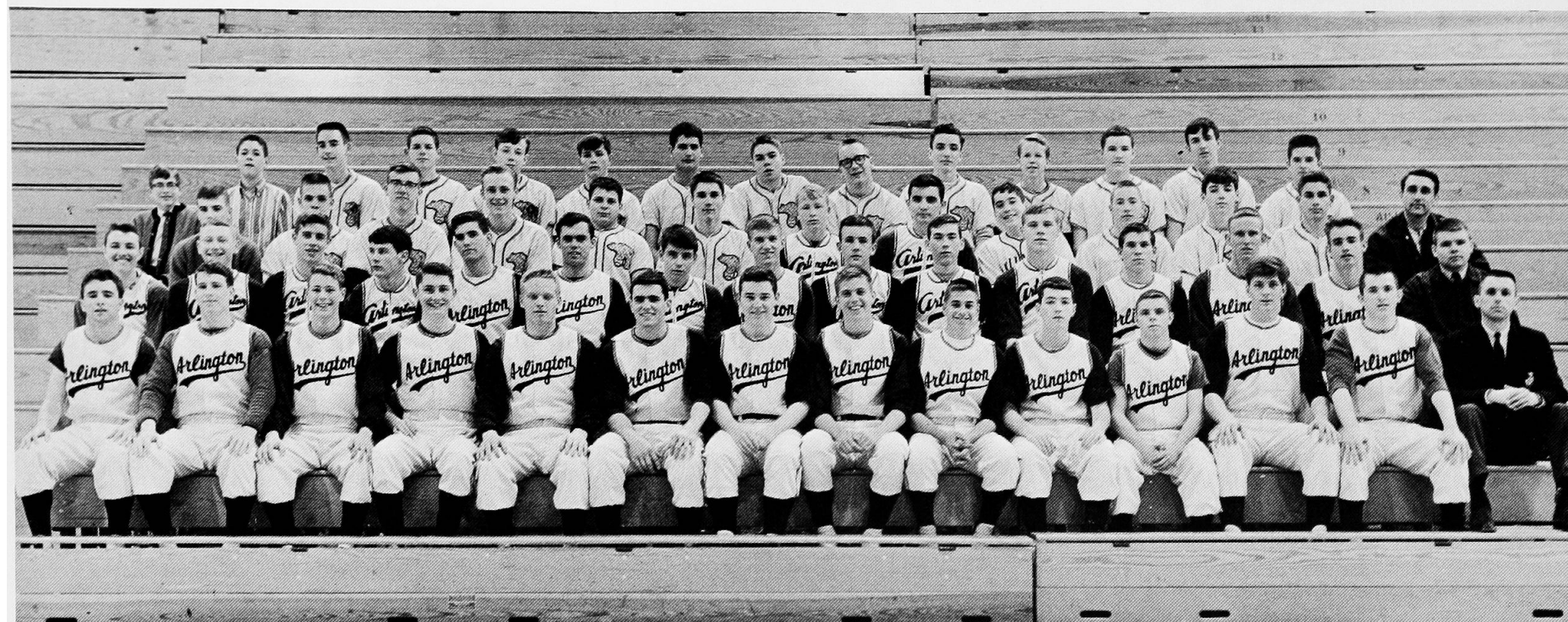
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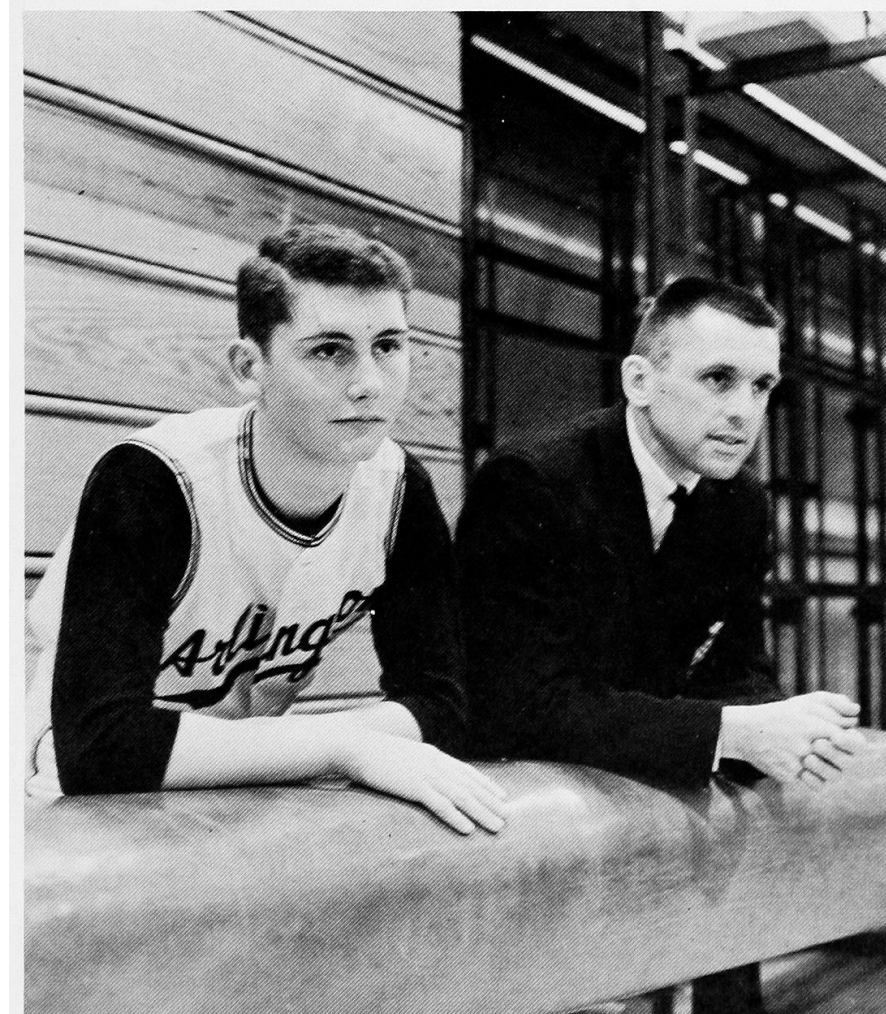
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Front Row: Gary Nack, Bill Taylor, Terry Massaro, Jon Tarbox, Mike Stanley, Dick Ryan, Roddy Burns, Glen Ferraro, Tom Buell, Ted Howell, Tom Hartman, Russ Weidner, Terry Osterstock, Coach Pete Corey. **Second Row:** John Spinelli, Jim McKenzie, Chip Neale, Bob Bruce, Rich Engelman, Bob Brouse, Jim Herbst, John Knox, Jack Hullman, Rodger Wilson, Gus Crim, Byron Bachman, Tappy Ezell, Larry Hilditch, Assistant Coach Jeff Drake. **Third Row:** Kenny Green

(Manager), Jeff Cowgill, Pat Grady, Frank Ray, Steve Carstens, Nathan Nietz, Steve Ziegenbush, Terry Morse, Mike Kelly, Kent Hay, Jim Nichols, Jim Howison, Buddy Polley, Bob Sells. **Last Row:** Jeff Hansen (Manager), Rick Ketcham, Scott Myers, Jim Jennings, Pete Susi, Steve Mitter, Dean Combs, Bob Meyer, Bill Howell, Jeff Burch, Rick Coe, Bob Button, Reserve Coach Don Albert.



The Arlington baseball team was a strong contender for championship honors. Nine lettermen from last year's squad returned to play for the Bears. Jon Tarbox was the team's captain and Mr. Corey was the varsity coach.

In the 1963 season the mound men tied for the Central Buckeye League Championship with Worthington's Cardinals. The team finished the season with the record of eight wins and four losses.

This year's diamond men had great potential with many returning juniors and seniors from last year. The sophomores also gave the team considerable strength.

Captain Jon Tarbox and Coach Pete Corey watch the team in pre-season practice.

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Front Row: Larry Hilditch, Gary Nack, John Knox, John Spinelli, Jim McKenzie, Glenn Ferraro, Tom Buell, Terry Osterstock, Tom Hartman, Jeff Hansen. Row 2: Kenny Green, Jim Howison, Chip Neale, Kent Hay, Steve Miller, Mike Logan, Jack Stevener, Pat Grady, Jim Jennings, John Staral, Bill Howell, Steve Savko, Scott Boulton. Row 3: Jeff Cowgill, Coach Butler, Dan Tewell, Jim Nichols, Bruce Babbitt, John Spittler, Bernie Brush, Bob Suter, Jim Duffee, Tim Buell, John Voss, Dan Love, Coach Corey. Row 4: Brian Kitchton, Rog Sonnesyn, Dan James, Jim Williams, Dick Sesler, Jeff Biggs, John Fickell, Perry Carmon, Jim Polk, Jim Allen. Last Row: Rick Greider, Bill Lathrop, Bob Burns, Dave Baumer, Tom Morgeur, Steve Gordy, Devey Wheeler, Mike Tharp, Randy Harris, Robert Kraft, Rob Vadja, Bill Perkins.

Baseball

The 1965 Golden Bear baseball squad had experience and depth throughout the team. Coach Pete Corey had eight returning lettermen, including double-letterwinner Mike Stanley, to defend the CBL title won last year.

The team got the most out of their lettermen. Coach Corey fielded a team with lettermen at every position except catcher. The Bears had a choice of ten pitchers, led by Gary Nack and Gus Crim. The squad's strong point was the outfield, where heavy-hitting Mike Stanley and Tom Buell teamed with speedy Jim McKenzie for a versatile unit. Seniors Terry Osterstock, Tom Hartman and Glenn Ferraro, and Junior John Knox formed a smooth infield.

Tom Buell, Glenn Ferraro and Mike Stanley were the Bears' tri-captains for the '65 season.

Baseball tri-captains Tom Buell, Mike Stahley and Glenn Ferraro drill for the season's competition with Coach Corey.



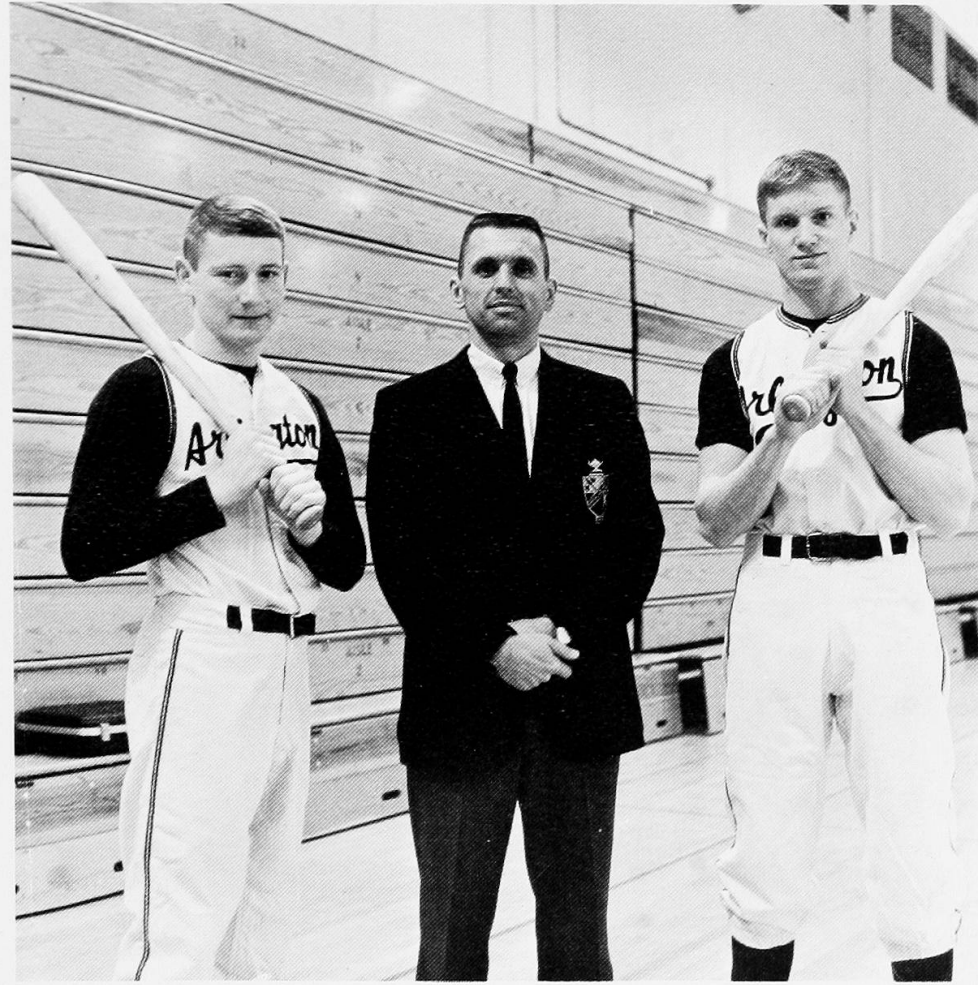
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Baseball



Jim McKenzie (left), a .392 hitter in 1965 and John Knox (right), who hit .352 last year, have been stalwarts for Coach Corey for three years.

Despite the return of only five lettermen, Coach Pete Corey molded a fine baseball team for Arlington's first year out of the Central Buckeye League. Under the leadership of co-captains Jim McKenzie and John Knox, the Golden Bear baseballers worked as a unit to produce a fine season.

Knox, who received his third letter this year, anchored a somewhat inexperienced but talented infield for the Bruins. It consisted of Bill Howell, catcher; Knox, first base; Chip Neale, second base; Jim Howison, third base; and John Spinelli, another letterman, at shortstop.

The outfield was headed by another triple-letter winner, Jim McKenzie. Jim covered centerfield while Kent Hay, Bruce Babbitt, Dan Love and Brian Kitchen fought for the left and right positions.

The team's pitching strength relied heavily on experienced senior Gus Crim and junior Jack Stevenore. Crim, who had a 7-1 overall record, has been a mound mainstay for two years while Stevenore saw much action in '65.



Front Row: John Spinelli, John Knox, Jim McKenzie, Jim Howison, and Coach Pete Corey. Back Row: Bill Howell, Jack Stevenore, Gus Crim, Chip Neale, and Dan Love.

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Jack Stevenor, Mike Tharp, Brian Kitchen, Bob Suter, and Dan Love.

Twenty-two games scheduled for moundsmen



Mike Tharp and Brian Kitchen, baseball Co-captains, feed the pitching machine.

April 1	Shaker Heights
April 4	Bishop Ready
April 5	Franklin Heights
April 7	Linden McKinley
April 8	Springfield North
April 10	Grandview
April 11	Newark
April 12	Watterson
April 13	Worthington
April 14	West
April 17	Grandview
April 19	Mifflin
April 20	Whetstone
April 22	Lancaster
April 26	Newark
May 6	Huntington
May 10	Gahanna
May 17	Mifflin
May 19	Whetstone
May 24	Franklin Heights
May 25	Gahanna
May 26	Worthington

The 1967 Golden Bear baseball team had only four returning lettermen. Coach Pete Corey predicted, however, that the seniors would dominate the playing action.

Seniors who were valuable to this year's squad were infielders Harley Schlanger, Jim Allen, Dan Love, and Bernie Brush; pitchers Bob Suter and Jack Stevenor; and outfielders Co-captains Brian Kitchen and Mike Tharp. Juniors Larry Sauer and Steve Hopkins also were a boost to the Bruin club. The teams from Worthington, Franklin Heights, and Huntington were expected to be tough competition for last year's district runners-up.

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Jeff Stark gets back to second base safely after taking a big lead.

Baseballers Fight Bad Weather Throughout Year

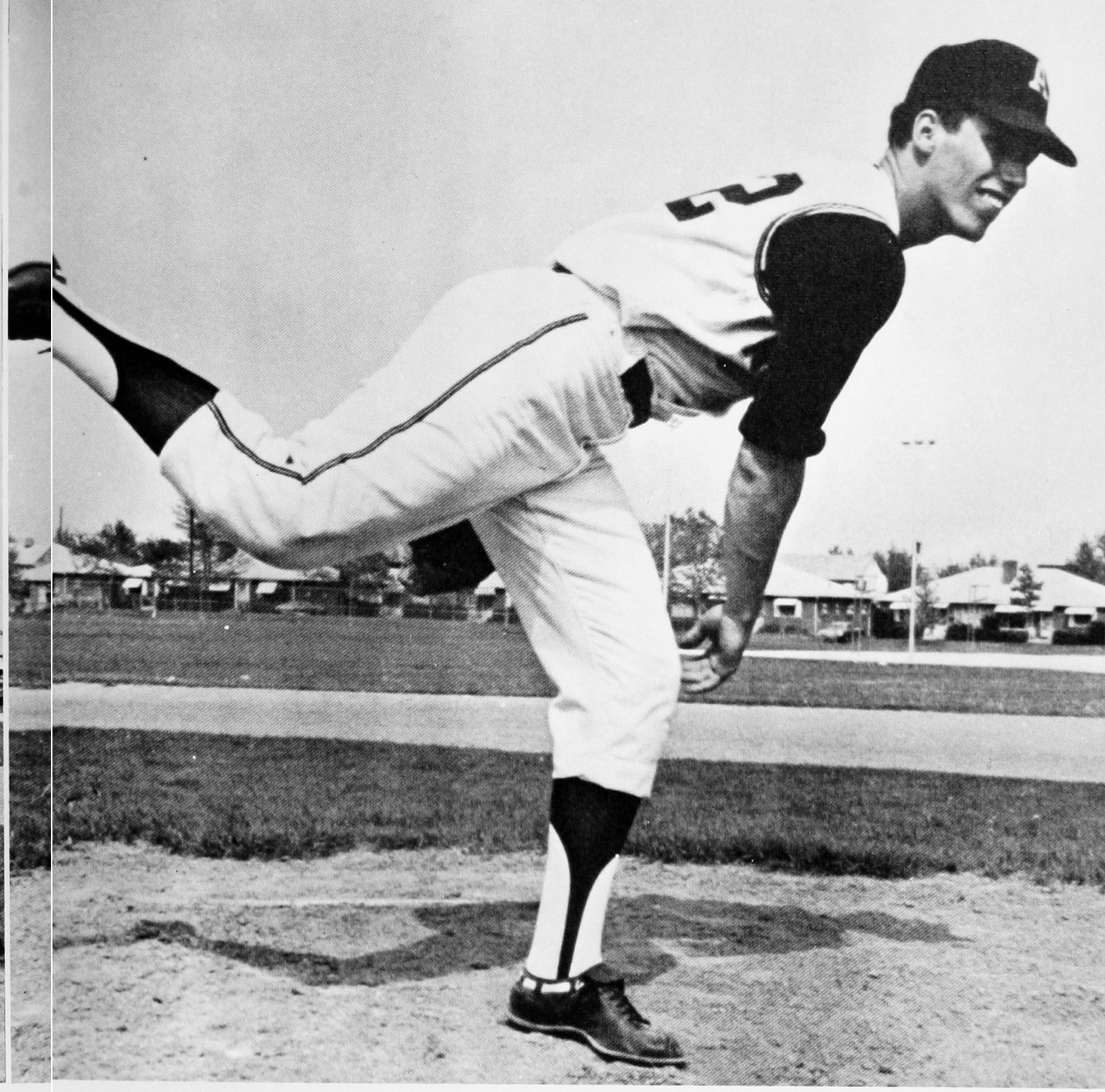
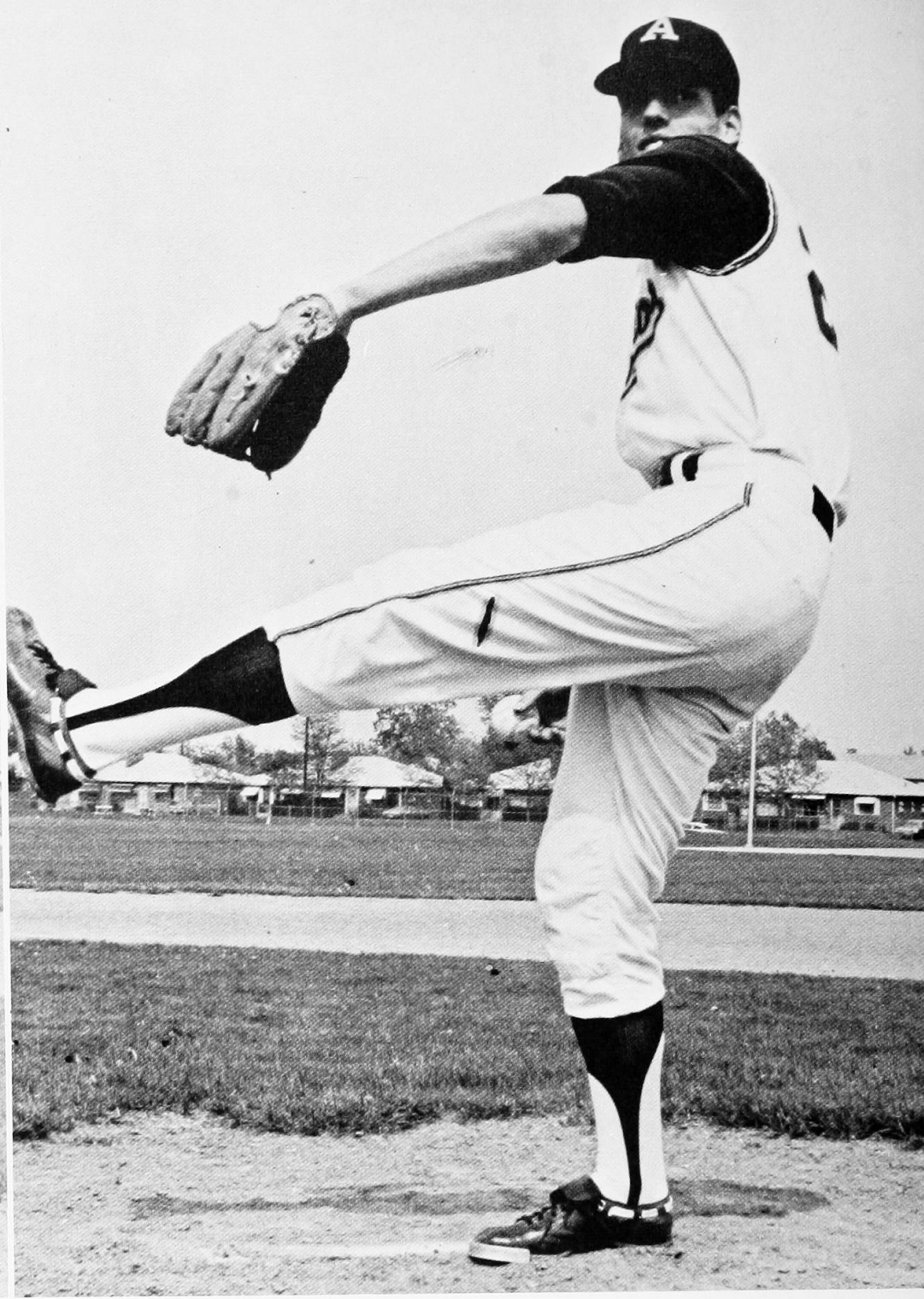


Brian Moloney stretches to catch a throw from shortstop.



Terry Steng connects on one of his many extra-base hits this year.

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Bruce Johnson mixes up hitters with a fine assortment of pitches.



First Row: Kent Meadows, Dave Starr, Bob Long, John Offenbacher, Dick Wagner, John Casell, Dave Woodruff. Second Row: Mike Corna (manager), Steve Hoag, Steve Kitchen, Mike Early, Dave Metzger, Jeff Stoner, Greg Arehart, Mike Steward, Phil Trudeau (manager). Third Row: Coach Tom Rutan, John Miller, Mike Crunelle, Bill Morse, Brendon Donovan, Paul Steger, Brent Taylor.



First Row: Coach Pete Corey, Ed Rhine, Bob Bean, Randy Yontz, Fritz Reitter, Brian Molony, Bob Bauer, Terry Streng, Tom Miller, Bruce Johnson, Tom Horn, Tom Long, Steve Foster (manager). Second Row: Ron Walters (manager), Dave Guda, Phil Cochran, Ross Earnest, Jim Bull, Chuck Franklin, Steve Keller, Alan Starr, Paul Lukeman, Jeff Kraushaar, Jari Chaney, Larry Larsen, Jim Knox, Jeff Stark, Bob Rauch, Dave Franklin, Steve Smith, Mark Frey (manager). Missing from picture: Ted McNulty.

Bears Down District Powers, East And Watterson

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Evading the baseman, a daring Bear slides into home plate.

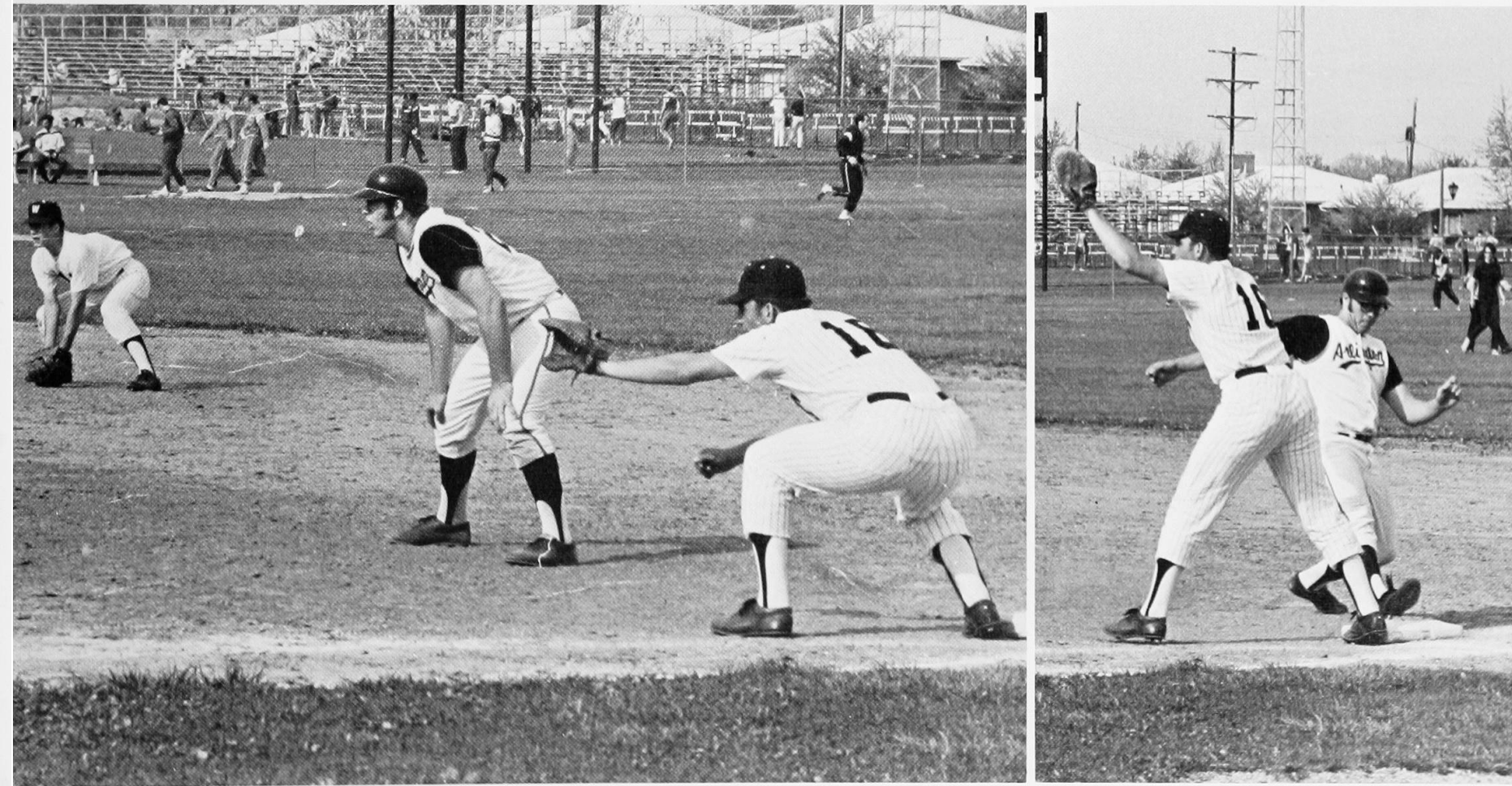


Jim Knox slugs a clean single with a perfect swing.



Chip Hess confers with catcher Dave Woodruff.

Batters Share League Title; Play Full Schedule of Games



"Big Al" Starr distracts the pitcher and gets back to the base with time to spare.

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Reserves Finish Excellent Season With 13-4 Record



Above, Mike Crunelle belts a line drive toward third base. Left, pitcher Bob Long hurls the ball at the plate.

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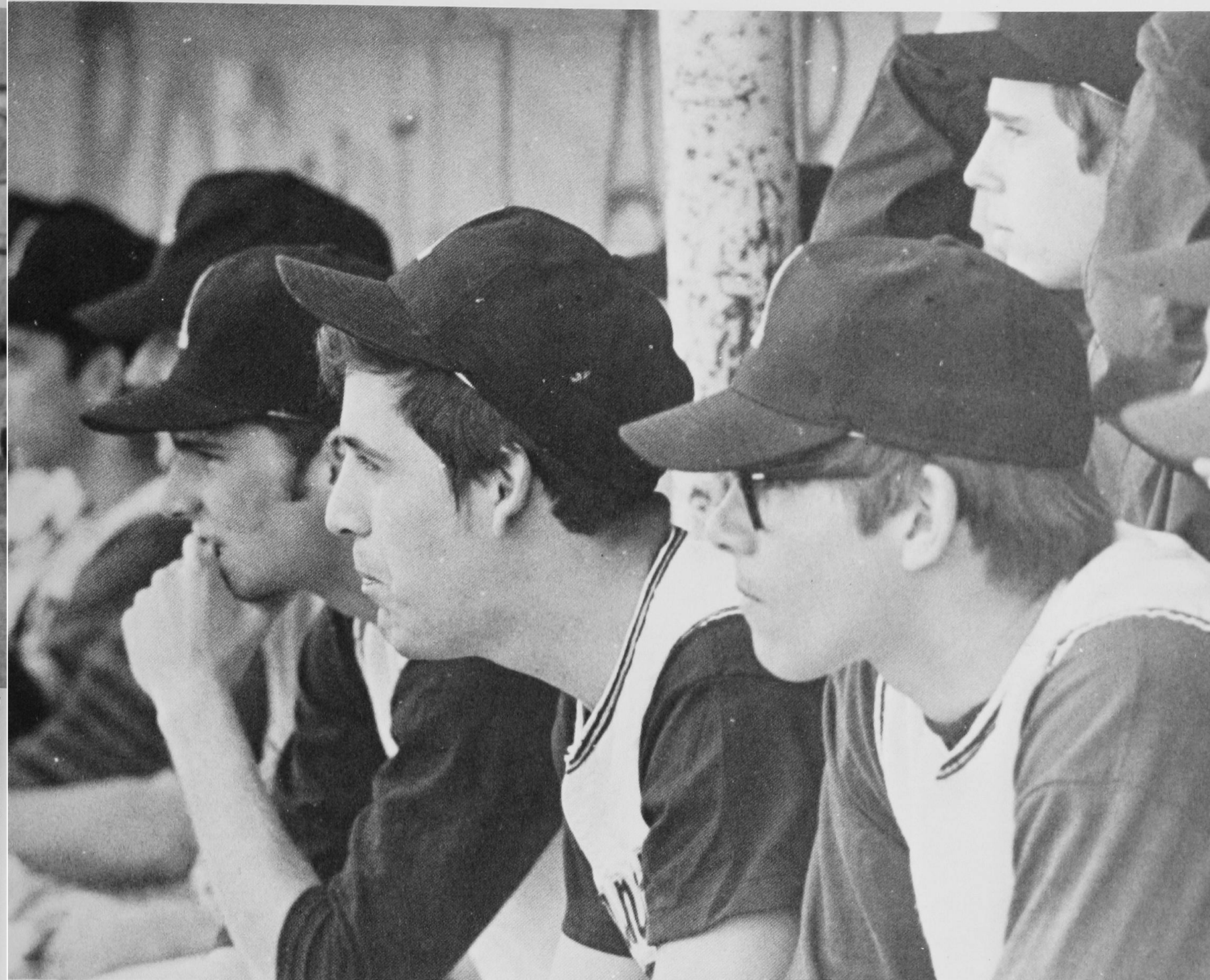
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*Bears again
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Mike Crunelle takes a hearty swing at the ball (above). Steve Kitchen lets a fast ball loose (below).



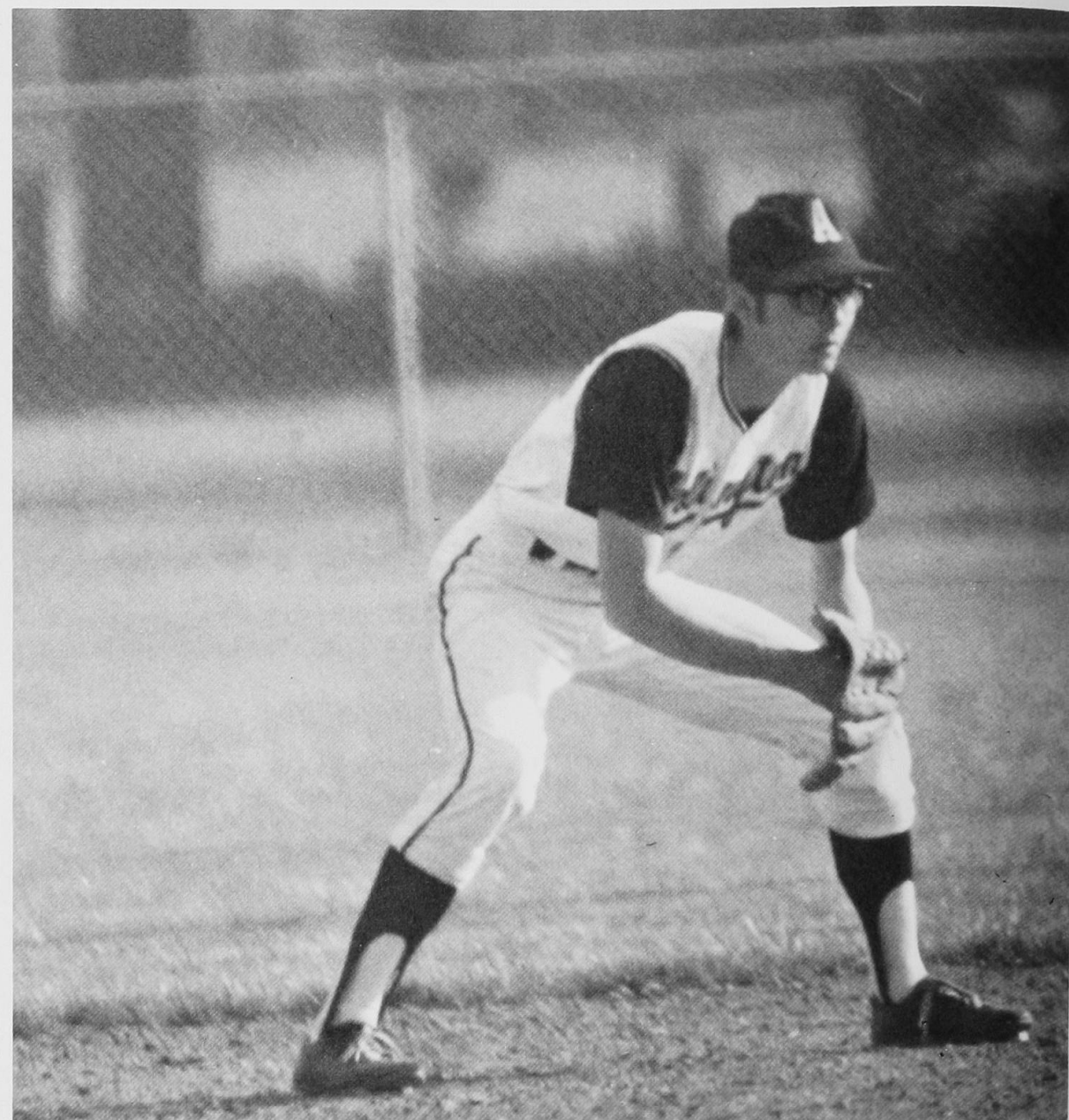
Golden Bear baseball, the dugout witnesses and reacts to both the good and bad calls.



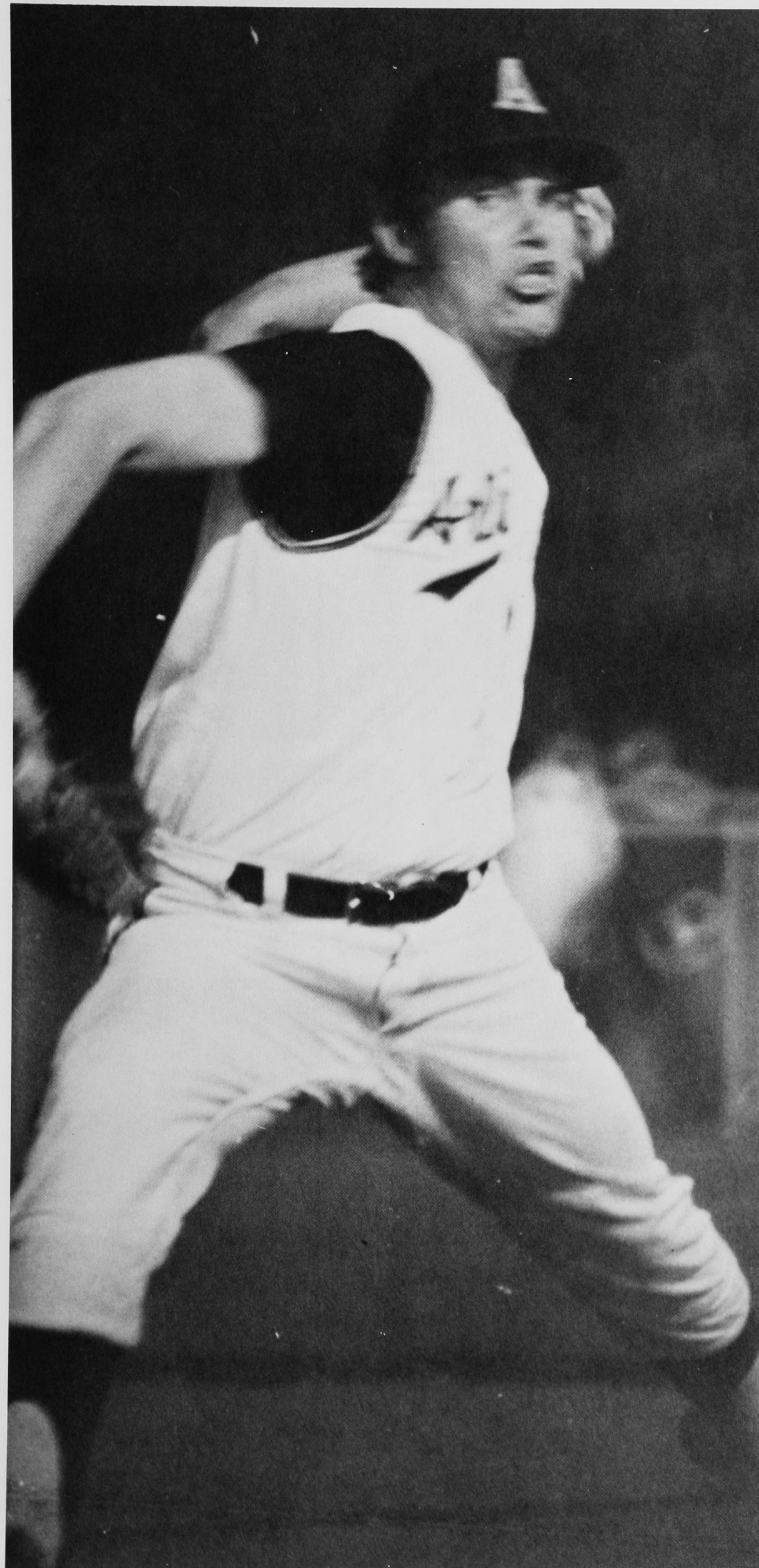
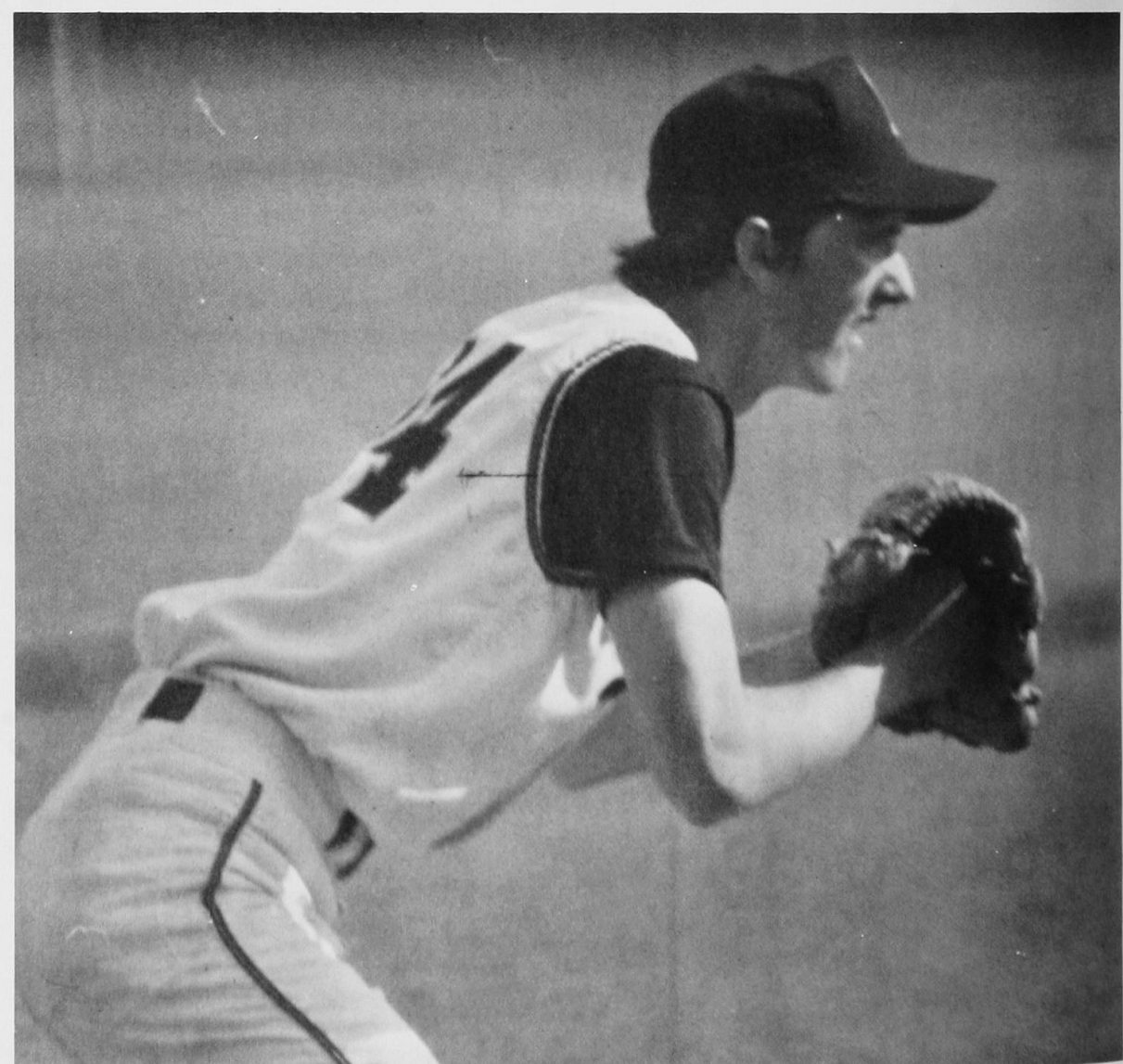
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Bob Reitter



*Kent Meadows
Bob Long*



*The faces of
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*Dave Woodruff (above)
Larry Larson (left)*

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Baseball bears
close season
as sectional,
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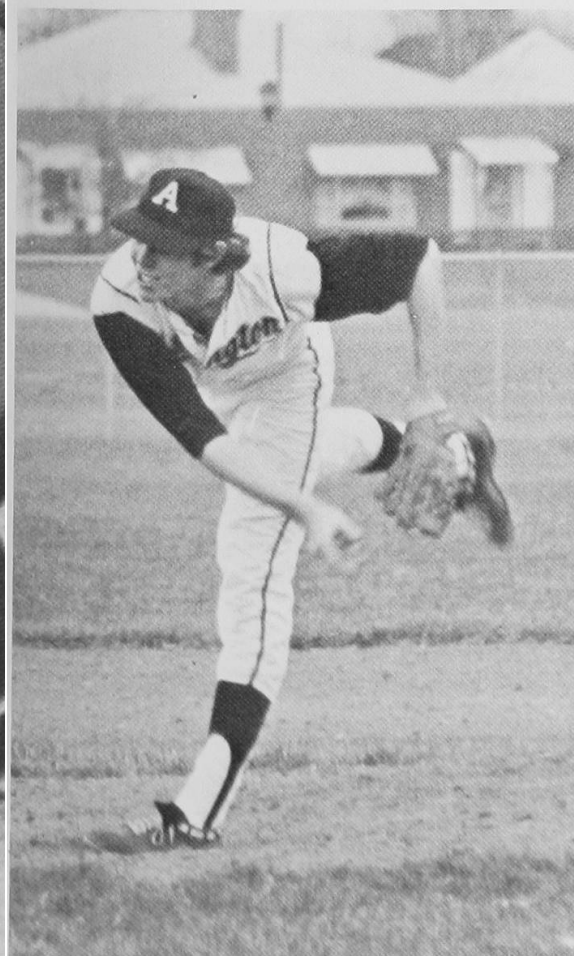
Bob Reitter gets a hit sending Tom Lankamer toward home plate (right). The combined Golden Bear effort is successful for a score (below).



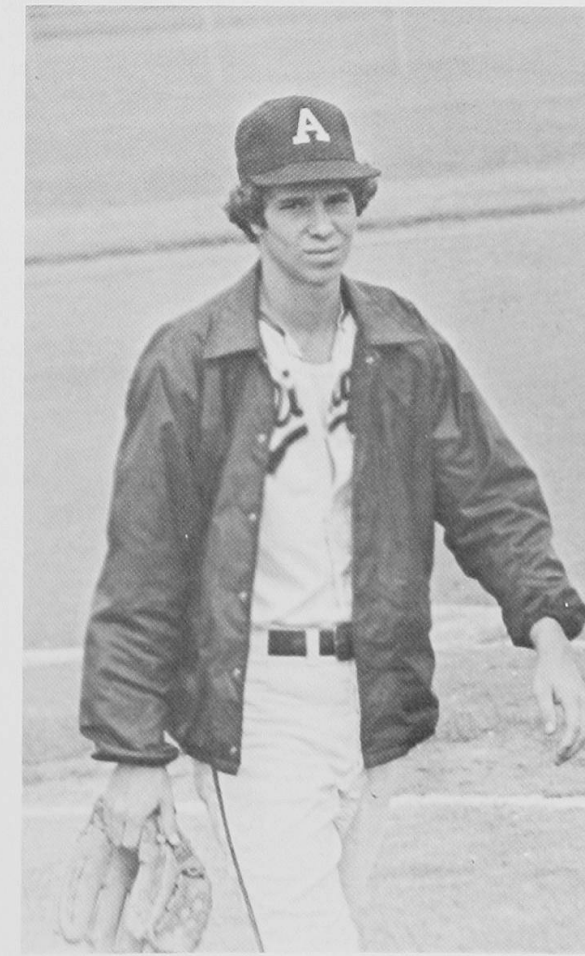
Mark Hillstrom tags out an opponent on second.



Bucky Wright lays down a perfect bunt.



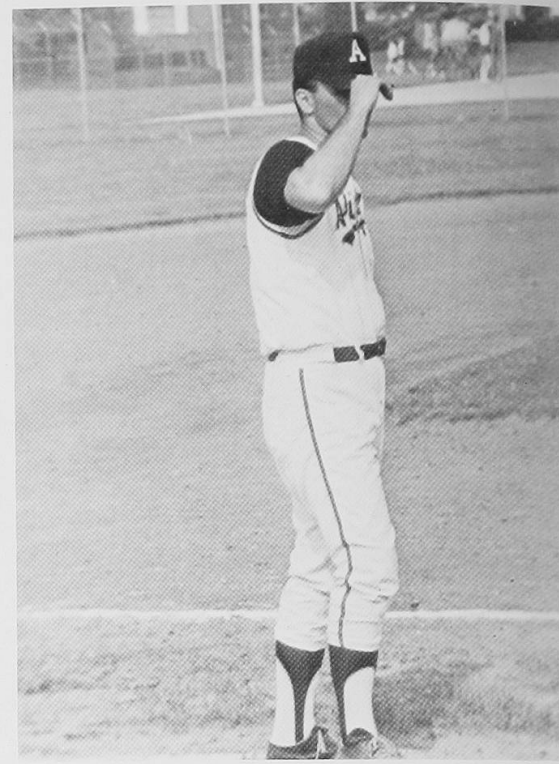
Outstanding pitcher Pat Neale warms up before a game.



Dave Feusner retires from the mound.

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Unequaled team boasts
19-7 record



Coach Rutan keeps a watchful eye on his players while calling signals at third base.



The tension of the game is noticeable in Arlington players Bucky Wright, Bill Davis, and Barry Burgert as they await their turn at bat.



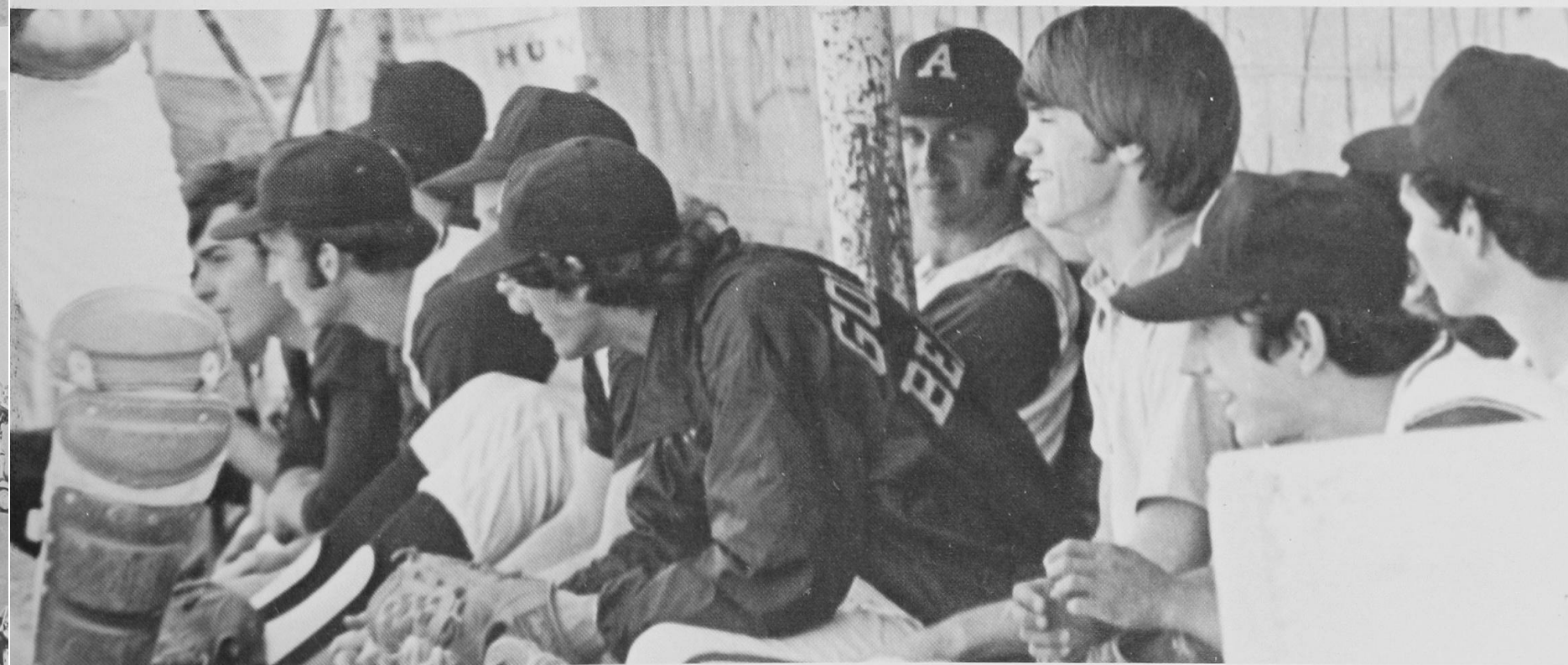
Jeff Van Dyke slides through the dust to score another run for the Bears.



Phil Fulton, a promising junior, takes a mighty swing at the ball.



Alongside Coach Rutan, co-captains Bob Reitter and Barry Burgert proudly display their Class AAA Sectional Championship trophies.



An optimistic atmosphere prevails in the Bears' dugout as teammates discuss the game.

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Baseball team wins COL and district championships, then drops to runner-up in regional.



VARSITY BASEBALL: (First row, left to right) Steve Bean, Jerry Kuamoo, Dave Yepsen, Phil Fulton, Tom Lankamer, Link Murphy, Chuck Warner, and Mark Weidemaier. (Second) Matt Bennett, Himet Sipahi, Vic Lankamer, Gary Ginther, Craig King, Chuck Bateman, Tres Scherer, Ron Mercer, and Dave McCarty. (Third) Mr. Rutan, Bill Cornwell, Doug Kuehn, Dave Marsalka, Mike Boggs, Dave Fuesner, Jim Gerlach, Jeff Chapman, and Mr. McKenzie. Missing from picture: Chuck Meyers and Steve Morse.

Dave Yepsen kneels to the mound unleashing his fast ball.



Junior first baseman Steve Bean closely guards the foul line hoping to prevent an extra base hit.

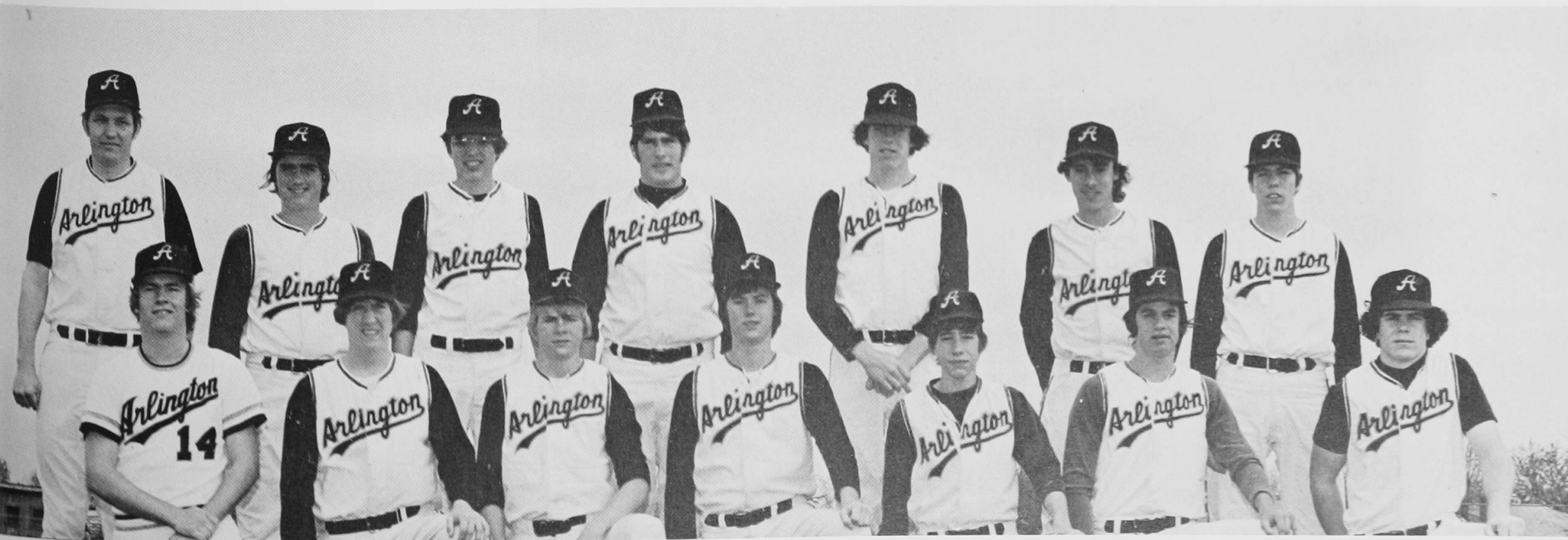


Chuck Warner waits on deck as Phil Fulton takes a cut.



VARSITY RECORD:

UA 7 Ready	3	UA 3 Grove City	0	UA 9 Reynoldsburg	1	UA 10 Chillicothe	7
UA 5 Marietta	4	UA 1 Watterson	2	UA 3 Chillicothe	0	REGIONAL	
UA 7 Marietta	2	UA 8 West	0	UA 11 Grandview	12	UA 5 West	4
UA 15 Walnut Ridge	4	UA 10 Wehrle	5	UA 0 Lancaster	6	UA 2 Lancaster	13
UA 8 Walnut Ridge	7	UA 6 Zanesville	1	UA 5 Lancaster	6		
UA 3 Newark	0	UA 7 Zanesville	6				
UA 8 Newark	0	UA 6 Mar. Frank.	0				
UA 1 Eastmoor	7	UA 7 Westerville	0				



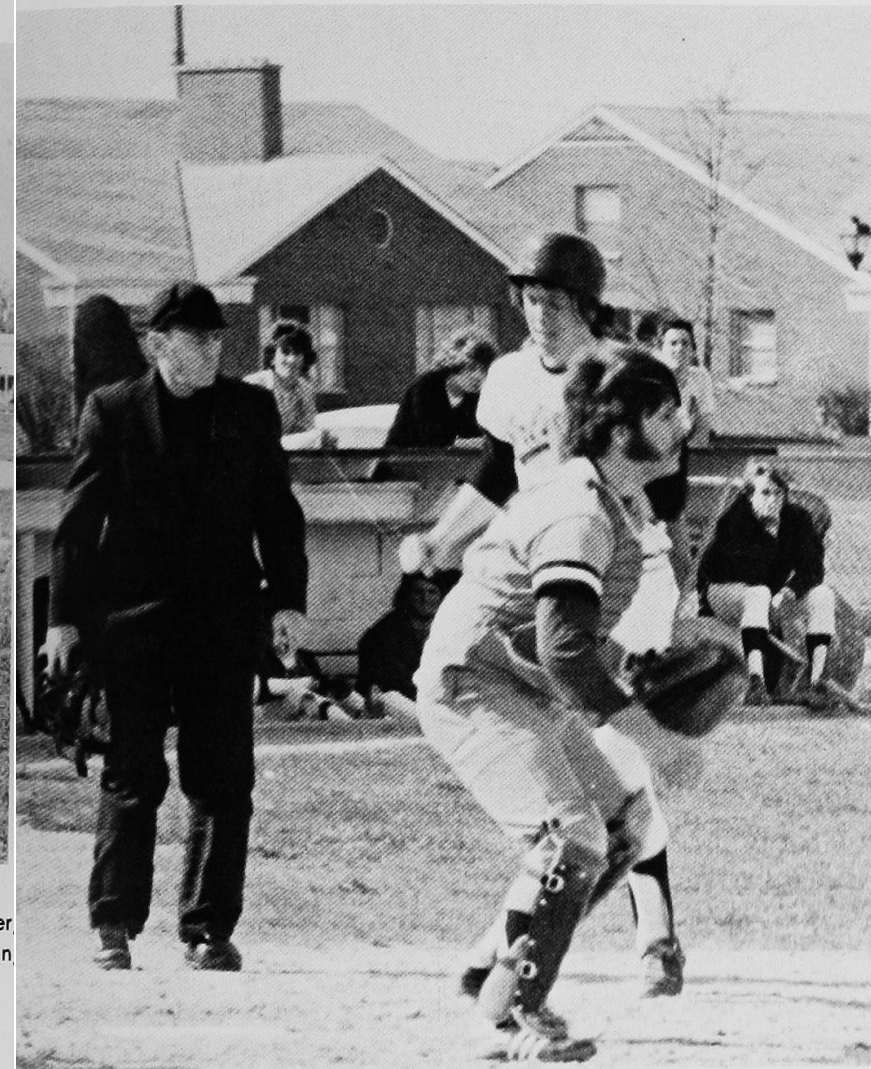
JUNIOR VARSITY: (First row, left to right) Gary Ginther, Steve Schwartz, Doug Knisley, Jim Adams, Steve Gardner, Gregg Amicon, and Bill Wolford. (Second) Mr. Beaver, Jim Caldwell, Dave Mengel, Dale Keitz, Tom Wellnitz, Rick Gemienhardt, and Rick Parfenchuck.

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Baseballers Share COL Crown; End 18-12



1974 UPPER ARLINGTON VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: (Bottom row, left to right) Bill Cornwell, Doug Kuehn, Mark Riggs, Vick Lankermer, Co-Captains Jerry Kuamoo and Steve Beam, Ron Mercer, Jeff Chapman, (Second row) Coach Doug Dodson, Jim Caldwell, Matt Bennett, Steve Morse, Jim Gerlach, Chuck Meyers, Tony Iacovetta, Gary Gither, Scott Staker, (Third row) Coach Bob Ginn, Dave Drees, Doug Knisley, Gregg Amicon, Dale Keitz, Tom Wellnitz, Doug Fahrenholz, Rick Parfenchuk, Steve Schwartz, Head Coach Tom Rutan.



Tom Wellnitz scores easily from third.



Gary Gither, the ace of the mound staff, fires his fastball.

SEASON RESULTS							
UA	19	Grandview	8	UA	10	Reynoldsburg	0
UA	5	Watterson	7	UA	0	Worthington	6
UA	6	Reynoldsburg	4	UA	2	Grove City	7
UA	6	Reynoldsburg	2	UA	5	Grove City	11
UA	7	Hilliard	2	UA	2	Wehrle	0
UA	7	Northland	8	UA	5	Grandview	8
UA	3	Walnut Ridge	10	UA	6	Eastmoor	4
UA	3	Walnut Ridge	1	UA	14	Newark	9
UA	12	East	6	UA	9	East	5
UA	3	Chillicothe	1	UA	2	Whetstone	4
UA	9	Chillicothe	8	UA	1	Marietta	0
UA	2	Walnut Ridge	4	UA	9	Marietta	5
UA	9	Newark	8	UA	6	Zanesville	1
UA	4	Newark	6	UA	4	Zanesville	0
UA	3	Lancaster	4	UA	3	Lancaster	4



Co-Captain, Jerry Kuamoo, fouls a pitch into the dirt (left).



1974 UPPER ARLINGTON RESERVE BASEBALL TEAM: (Bottom row, left to right) Steve Hall, Jim Riggs, Joe Botti, Andy Fugazzi, Kevin Tokar, Bob Smythe, Dick Smythe, (Second row) Dave Drees, Ed Schmidt, Larry Self, Scott Immell, Dave Gerlach, Scott Craig, Al Cloern, (Top row) Coach Doug Dodson, Coach Bob Ginn, Kevin Hatten, Greg Rhine, Mike Gray, Duke Dahlen, Tim Thompson, Joe Gallucci, Head Coach Dudley Beaver.

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Baseball finishes second in COL



(row 1) Gary Ginther, Rick Gemienhardt, Rick Parfenchuk, Gregg Amicon, Scott Staker, Jim Caldwell, Steve Schwartz, Doug Knisely; (row 2) Greg Rhine, Andy Fugazzi, Dave Gerlach, Don Delp, Dave Drees, Mike Gray, Kevin Hatten, Jim Riggs, Coach Rutan; (row 3) Coach Whipple, Pete Rumm, John Caldwell, Bill Piccinini, Jeff Wehr, Andy Pultz, Tim Bennett.

Coach Tom Rutan's Golden Bear Baseball team lost 9 and won 14 games as the Bears finished 2nd in the COL. After losing the first game, the Golden Moundmen won 7 in a row before splitting a double header with Newark. Except for the tournament loss the rest of the losses came in the double header splits. Many players saw action this year as there was a well balanced team made up of 8 seniors, 8 juniors and 2 sophomores. The yearbook staff would like to wish Coach Tom Rutan the best of luck as he becomes head football coach at Worthington.

(below) Batter up!



Mike Gray gets a man out at first base.



Gregg Amicon makes it back to first. (above)



RELAX BIRD, its only a game!!! (right)



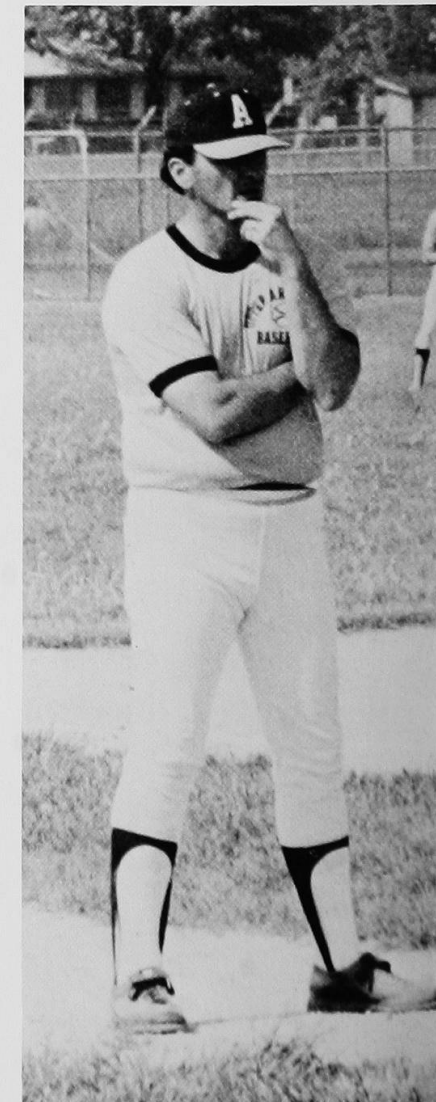
Gary Ginther on the mound. (above)



Rick Parfenchuk takes his Geritol before the big game. (above)

SEASON RESULTS

UA	11	Walnut Ridge	12
UA	9	Marietta	4
UA	8	Marietta	7
UA	4	Lancaster	0
UA	6	Worthington	5
UA	13	North	6
UA	3	Chillicothe	2
UA	9	Chillicothe	2
UA	2	Newark	3
UA	11	Newark	1
UA	8	Lancaster	5
UA	4	Grove City	1
UA	7	Grove City	8
UA	6	East	2
UA	4	Zanesville	3
UA	4	Zanesville	9
UA	5	Northland Tournament	
UA	11	Watterson	5
UA	3	Kettering Fair. West	4
UA	4	Kettering Fair. West	8
UA	7	North	2
UA	9	Brookhaven	3
UA	8	Delaware	3



Coach Rutan is a real card!



(row 1) Jim Hantak, Don Paoletti, Norm Weaver, Doug Valtz, Scott Schwartz; (row 2) Doug Hunt, Jeff Fisher, Brad West, Troy Bigham, Jim Johnson; (row 3) Coach Dud Beaver, Jeff Gouch, Dave Lowman, Ton Heyl, Dave Hawk, Jeff Davis, Coach Turpake.

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Diamond Bears win Dayton Tournery



ROW 1: Tim Bennett, Dave Gerlaca, Jim Riggs, Don Delp, Norm Weaver, Andy Pultz; ROW 2: Bill Piccinni, Troy Bigham, Jim Johnston, Mike Gray, Andy Fugazzi, Dave Lowman, Jeff Wher; ROW 3: Coach Dudley Beaver, Jeff Fisher, Dave Stentz, Gregg Rhine, Dave Drees, Kevin Hat-ten, Ass't Coach Dave Yepsen, John Caldwell.

Season Results

U.A.	2	Walnut Ridge	7
U.A.	2	Walnut Ridge	4
U.A.	3	Watterson	5
U.A.	1	Worthington	2
U.A.	2	Lancaster	5
U.A.	2	Groveport	3
U.A.	21	Columbus East	1
U.A.	2	Newark	4
U.A.	4	Newark	8
U.A.	5	Brookhaven	6
U.A.	4	Grove City	3
U.A.	12	Grove City	4
U.A.	5	Lancaster	6
U.A.	3	Newark	5
U.A.	7	Worthington	1
U.A.	4	Zanesville	1
U.A.	0	Marietta	6
U.A.	8	Marietta	6
U.A.	8	Groveport	11
U.A.	10	Northland	9
U.A.	2	Dayton Alter	0
U.A.	6	Fairmont West	4
U.A.	6	Westerville So.	8
U.A.	2	Zanesville	4
U.A.	3	Piqua	8
U.A.	3	Watterson	4



Jim Johnson plays the role of designated hitter.



Dave Drees serves up another strike.

The Upper Arlington mound men ended the 1976 season with a fair 10-17 regular season record. The Bears started out slow, losing their first six games.

The big highlight of the season came when first year coach Dudley Beaver and his Bears swept the Dayton Ross Tournament by defeating State-ranked opponents Day-ton Alter and Fairmont West.



Don Delp breezes through the inning.



Mike Gray holds on the possible winning run.



UPPER ARLINGTON RESERVE BASEBALL: ROW 1: Bill Simmons, Kevin Hollingsworth, Andy Heath, John Norris, Bob Hayes; ROW 2: Kevin Van Order, Seth Immel, Mike Pultz, Hans Moultrich, Craig Martin; ROW 3: Coach Bill Whipple, Paul Morris, Bill Scott, Bret Rouse, Jeff Gibbs, Jim Harper, Tom Blaine, Rob McNeil.

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Baseball Team wins 20

The 1977 boy's baseball team completed the season with an excellent 20-8 record. Led by co-captains Bill Piccinini and Dave Lowman, the Bears finished a strong second in the COL. Bill Piccinini was given the Outstanding Team Player Award at the end of the season banquet.

The Junior Varsity team also finished 2nd in the COL and had a 12-9 record overall.

UA SEASON RESULTS

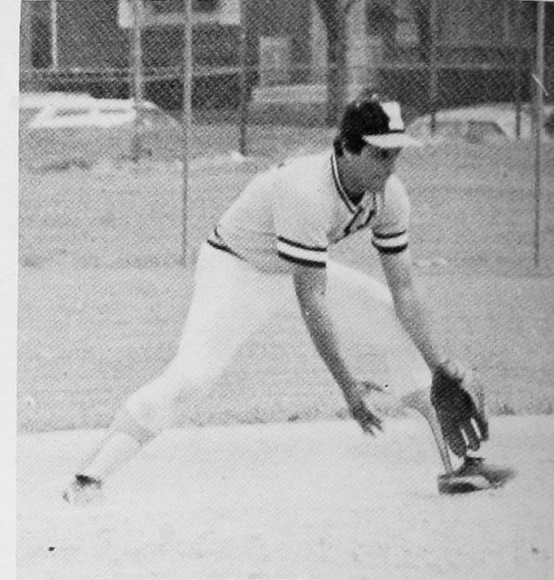
9	Delaware Hayes	3
3	Worthington	0
11	Franklin Heights	2
4	Zanesville	1
4	Zanesville	3
1	Grove City	0
0	West	5
7	Lancaster	5
5	Lancaster	2
1	Grove City	2
9	Westerville North	0
6	Columbus North	4
7	Newark	2
3	Newark	3
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1	Marietta	3
4	Marietta	6
0	Newark	6
8	Columbus North	3
4	Newark	2
4	Walnut Ridge	0
3	Walnut Ridge	1
8	Northland	9
18	Lancaster	13
8	Watterson	10
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7	Brookhaven	3
15	Watterson	5

Sectionals

11	Gahanna	8
9	Hilliard	11



Andy Pultz is our "ace on the mound."



Bill Piccinini never lets the baseball get by him.



Seth Immell is ready at the plate.



Andy Heath fires another strike across the plate.



JV Vic Newman stretches and flexes for a hefty heave.



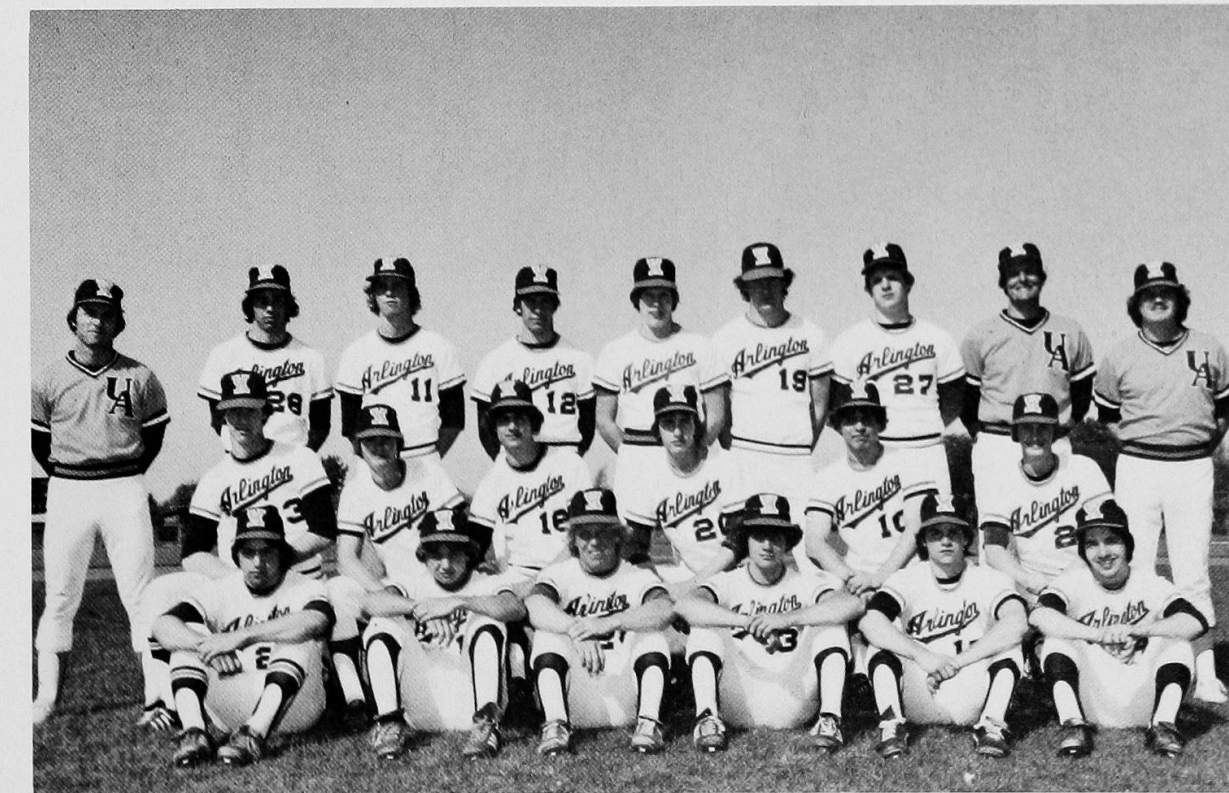
Jeff Plunkett is met by the team after smashing the game winning home run.



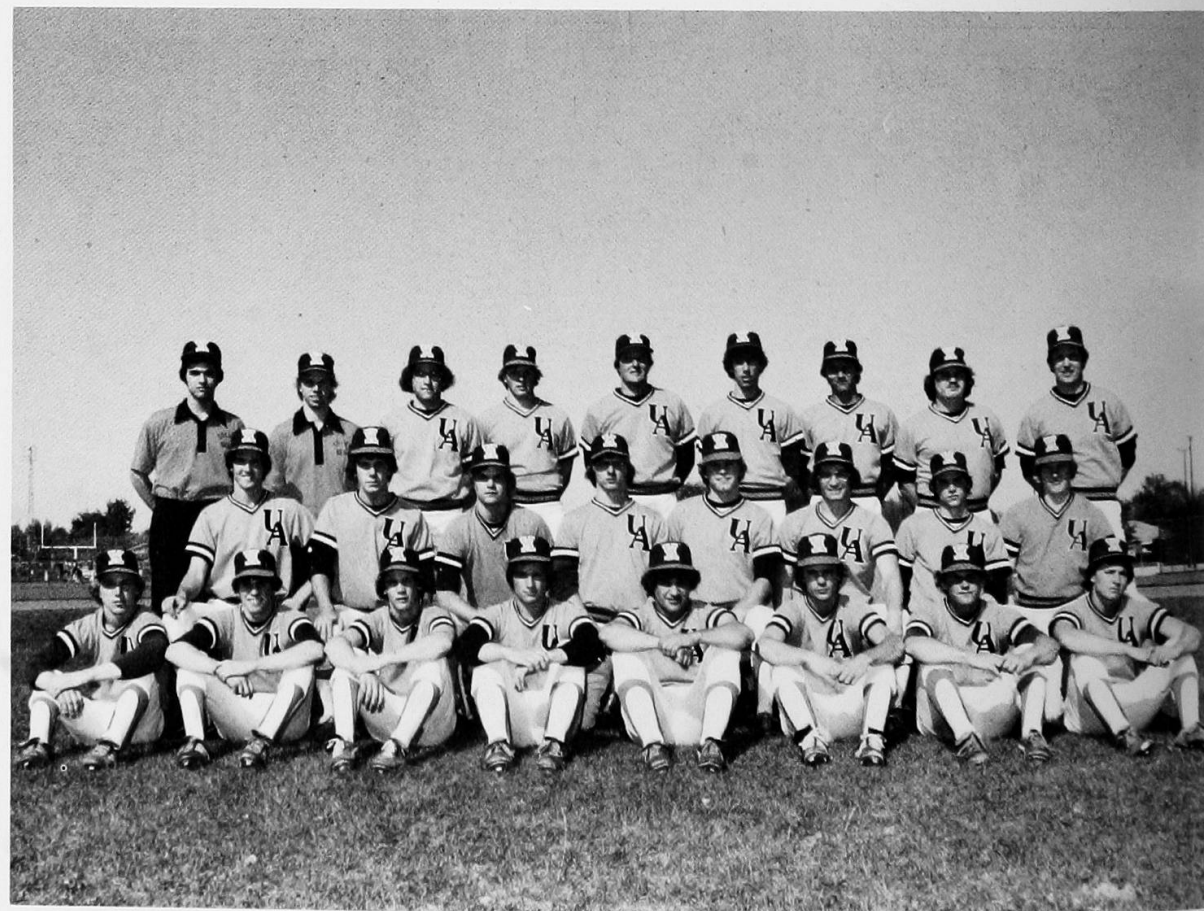
Jeff Wehr is determined to retire the side.



Mitch King waits for "his" pitch.



JUNIOR VARSITY: BOTTOM ROW: J. Gallucci, B. Wrightsel, B. Meeder, J. Harper, D. Fugazzi, V. Newman; ROW 2: P. Schoo, D. March, J. Eisnagle, K. Casey, D. Huther, M. Mayo; TOP ROW: Coach Whipple, D. Steward, C. Kirkham, T. Bugno, K. Southworth, S. Gordon, J. Hatchett, Coach Yepsin, Coach Koch.



VARSITY: BOTTOM ROW: M. King, S. Somerson, J. Norris, D. Lowman (co-captain), B. Piccinini (co-captain), B. Hays, J. Martin, J. Wehr; ROW 2: J. Johnson, S. Immell, B. Rouse, A. Heath, T. Bigham, A. Pultz, D. Fugazzi, K. Southworth; TOP ROW: J. Caldwell (mgr.), T. Bennett (mgr.), M. Pultz, J. Plunkett, Coach Yepsin, B. Scott, J. Fisher, Coach Koch, Coach Beaver.

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Baseball Bears struggle

An unusual spring, weatherwise, and various injuries teamed up to defeat the diamond Bears of '78. Twenty-five games had to be postponed or cancelled due to the weather, making it very difficult to maintain a high level of concentration and motivation. Individually, the Bears fared far better, however, Jeff Plunkett, and Seth Immell led the team as co-captains, and Mike Pultz and Brett Rouse provided more leadership for the Golden Bears.

UA Season Results

10	Zanesville	2
3	Zanesville	1
0	Lancaster	4
3	Lancaster	0
2	Lancaster	4
3	Newark	4
1	Newark	2
2	Newark	3
2	Marietta	8
5	Grove City	1
1	Grove City	5
0	Grove City	4
9	Eastmoor	8
0	Westland	3
6	West	4
5	Centennial	11
1	Watterson	0
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4	Marietta	7
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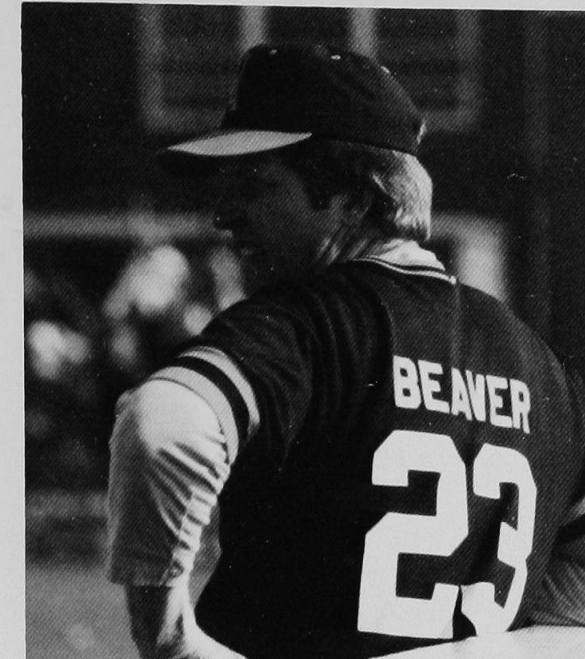
The Diamond Dolls.



RESERVE BASEBALL TEAM: BOTTOM ROW: M. Mizer, B. Lieter, L. Kesterson, S. Jones, S. Seiple; ROW 2: S. Weaver, P. Howaland, D. Vlahos, J. Chaney, J. Nelson, S. Schneider; TOP ROW: Coach Gehler, D. Montgomery, G. Coon, J. Freedy, D. Maloney, V. Newman.



GOLDEN BEAR VARSITY TEAM: BOTTOM ROW: D. Stewart, T. Bugno, B. Meeder, D. Fuggazzi, J. Norris; ROW 2: K. Casey, B. Roberts, A. Heath, M. Pultz, J. Gallucci; TOP ROW: Coach Beaver, S. Immell, B. Rouse, V. Plunkett, K. Southworth, D. Huther, V. Newman.



Coach Beaver watches his Bears.



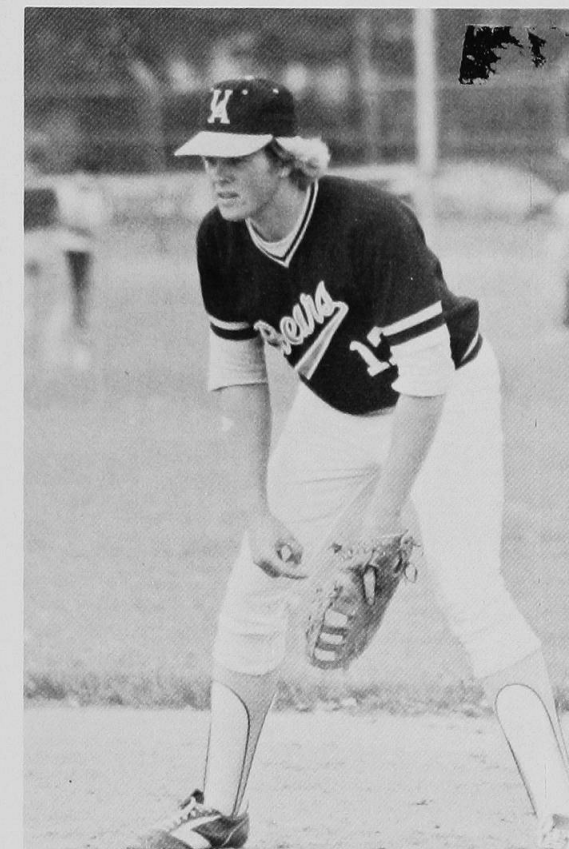
John Norris fields the ball.



Co-Captain Seth Immell slugs one.



Dave Huther takes off for first after tagging one.



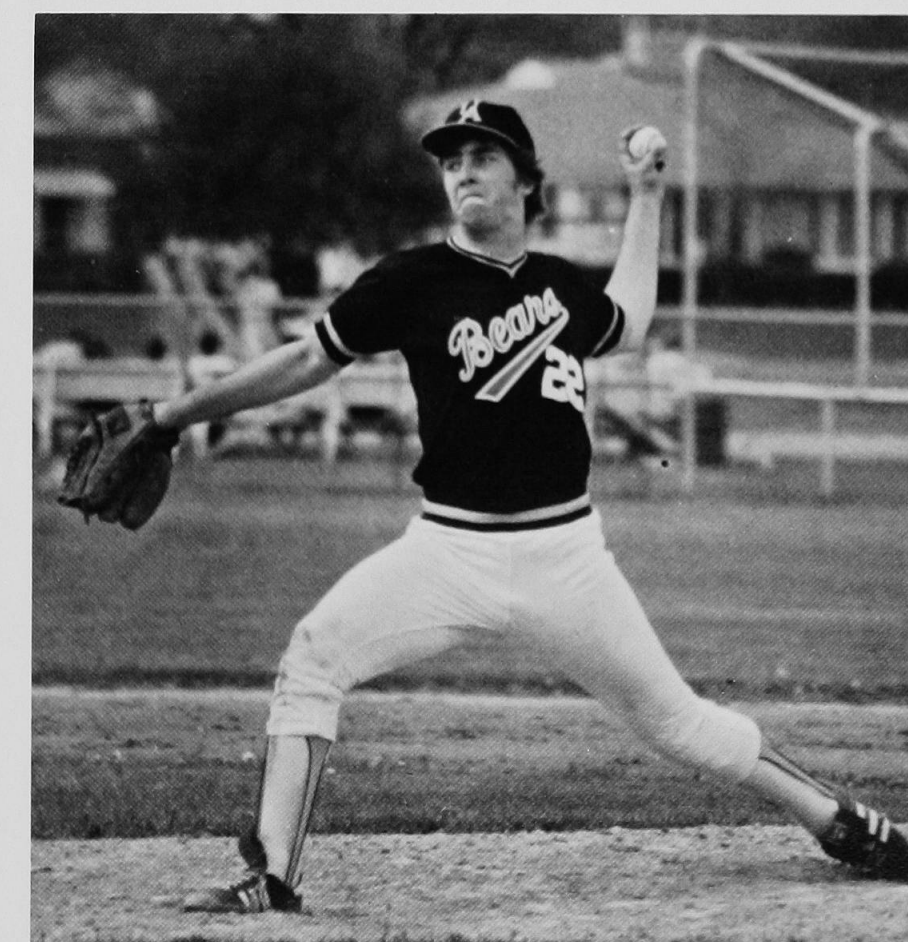
Co-Captain Jeff Plunkett stands ready for action.



The ace of the mound. (Brett Rouse)



Mike Pultz belts one for the Bears.

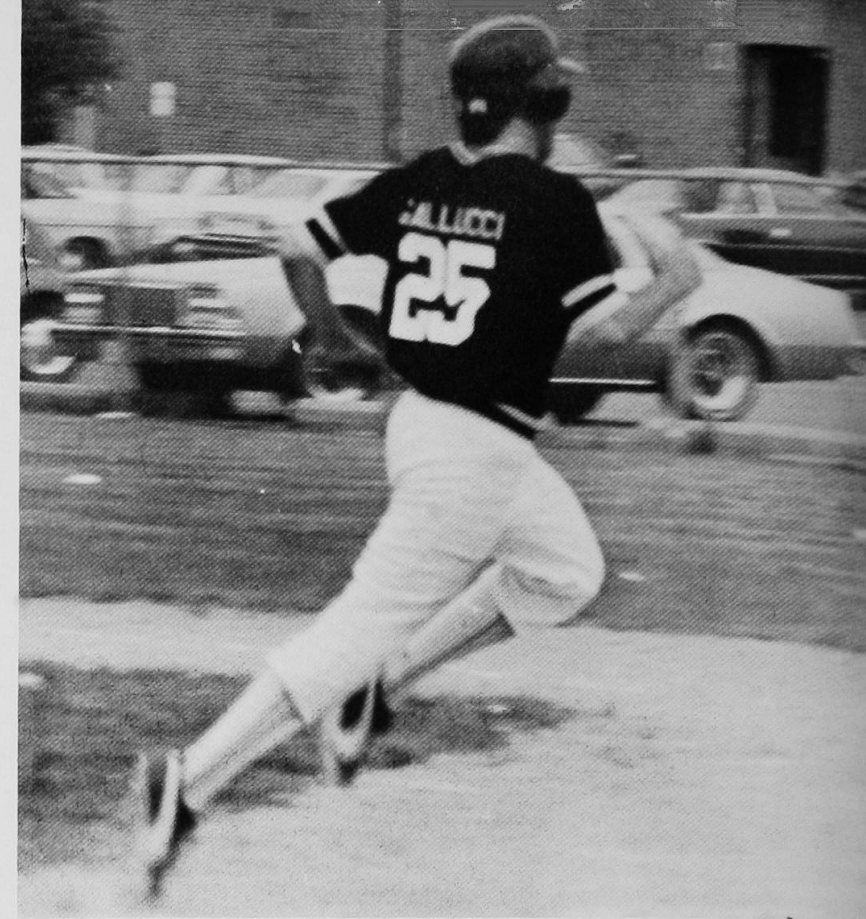


Kevin Casey shows his stuff.

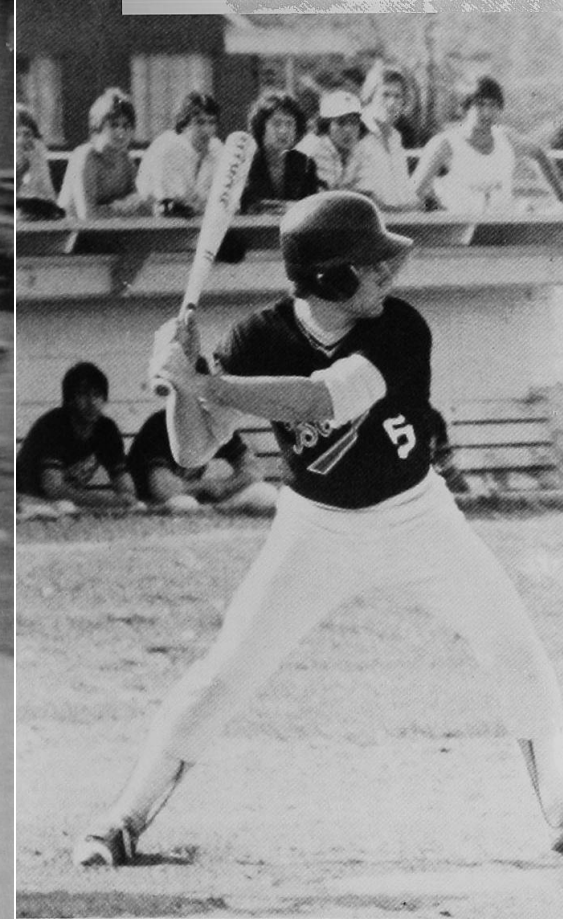
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Baseball Bears start fast . . . then sputter

After jumping out of the gate and winning their first three games, the '79 Golden Bear baseball team felt they were on their way. However, shortly after, ace pitcher Kevin Casey was injured and the Bears never recovered. Looking back on the season, Coach Beaver agreed that the loss of Casey, as well as the team's poor hitting and the high caliber of competition in the COL were responsible for the final 7-15 record. Nevertheless, the season was not without some bright spots. Senior Co-Captains Ken Southworth and Jim Gallucci provided strong leadership throughout the year. Senior Dan Fugazzi was voted the Bears' Outstanding Team Player and was also the team's leading hitter.



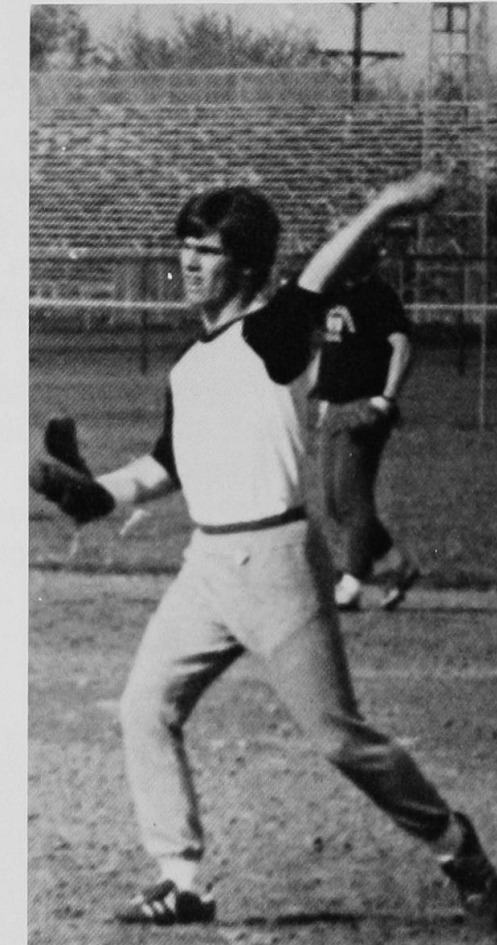
Co-Captain Jim Gallucci streaks home.



Slugger Danny Fugazzi awaits the next pitch.



Coach Beaver heads the mound conference.



Dwight Montgomery loosens up during "spring training."

Season Results			
UA	7	Hilliard	1
UA	6	Lancaster	4
UA	6	Lancaster	4
UA	5	Newark	9
UA	2	Lancaster	3
UA	0	Newark	7
UA	2	Newark	3
UA	1	Marietta	8
UA	4	Watterson	3
UA	1	Marietta	10
UA	2	Marietta	6
UA	5	Grove City	8
UA	4	Worthington	9
UA	7	Grove City	11
UA	6	Watterson	10
UA	9	Eastmoor	8
UA	7	Zanesville	9
UA	9	Zanesville	14
UA	2	Zanesville	4
UA	8	Westland	7
UA	7	Grove City	9
UA	8	Grove City	7



Tony Sabo steps into the pitch.



"\$#!?" (Ken Southworth)



Sophomore Dave Eckelberry makes his varsity debut.

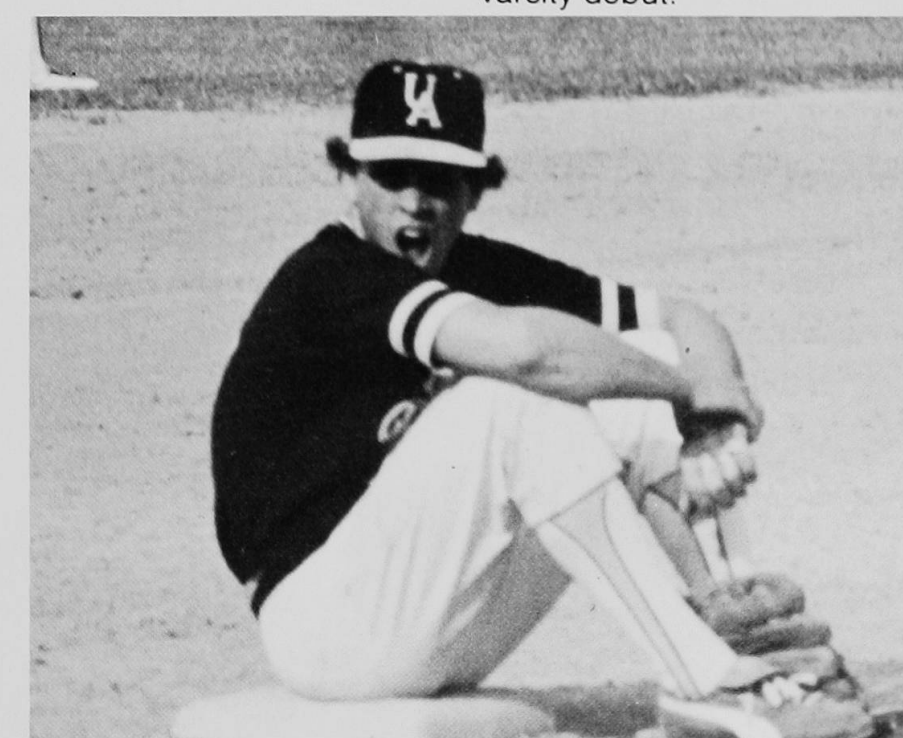
Reserves			
UA	13	Hilliard	0
UA	5	Lancaster	4
UA	4	Newark	1
UA	0	Lancaster	9
UA	6	Northland	5
UA	6	Newark	12
UA	3	Newark	0
UA	1	Marietta	4
UA	2	Watterson	4
UA	7	Marietta	1
UA	7	Marietta	6
UA	16	Grove City	6
UA	4	Worthington	5
UA	16	Northland	5
UA	6	Lancaster	5
UA	3	Zanesville	11
UA	10	Grove City	2
UA	3	Grove City	2
UA	5	Worthington	13
UA	2	Zanesville	4
UA	14	Zanesville	0
UA	9	Northland	8
UA	9	Northland	8
UA	6	Watterson	3



BOTTOM ROW: Dave Maloney, Dan Fugazzi, Bob Meeder, Scott Snyder, Stu Jones, Vic Newman. **ROW 2:** John Harper, Jim Gallucci, Dwight Montgomery, Dave Huther, Tom Bugno, Jeff Nelson, Lance Kesterson. **TOP ROW:** Bill Fergus, Asst. Coach Carter, Kevin Casey, Ken Southworth, Tony Sabo, Coach Beaver.



Hurler Dave Maloney gives it everything he's got.



Senior Dave Huther finds baseball rather boring.

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New Life Comes With New Coach

"Play ball!" Strong, dynamic and rarin' to win, the 1980 baseball team was a formidable opponent. After a season of come-from-behind victories, the team placed third in the Central Ohio League and advanced to the second round of finals in the Sectional Tournament. Brian Gibson, Team Efficiency Player, was chosen for the Central District team.

With dreams of smashing one out of the park, Mike Capuano waits for the pitch in the game against Marietta.

Varsity pitcher Bill Dickman winds up to release his fast ball strike to end the third inning against Newark.

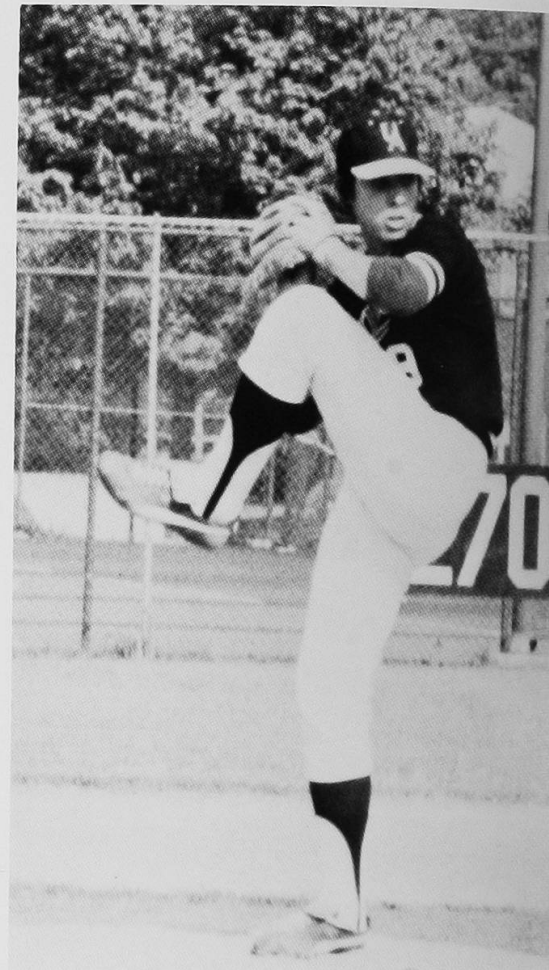
Varsity Season Results 14-14

UA	OPP
4	Worthington 6
25	Westerville South 2
5	West 4
0	Lancaster 1
7	Westerville South 4
13	Newark 6
0	Newark 3
3	Newark 8
2	DeSales 5
8	Mount Vernon 7
10	Wehrle 4
6	Marietta 5
1	Watterson 3
8	Zanesville 7
3	Grove City 0
13	Grove City 0
11	Westland 1
2	Northland 1
4	Grove City 6
0	Groveport 1
0	Zanesville 3
3	Zanesville 6
3	Lancaster 19
4	Worthington 0
0	Lancaster 12
4	Northland 5
3	Marietta 2

Team-elected standouts were Dave Maloney, Most Wins; Jeff Nelson and Mike Capuano, Most Improved; Mark Mizer, recipient of the Dr. Link Murphy Sportsmanship award, and Steve Sabo, Highest Batting Average — .404.

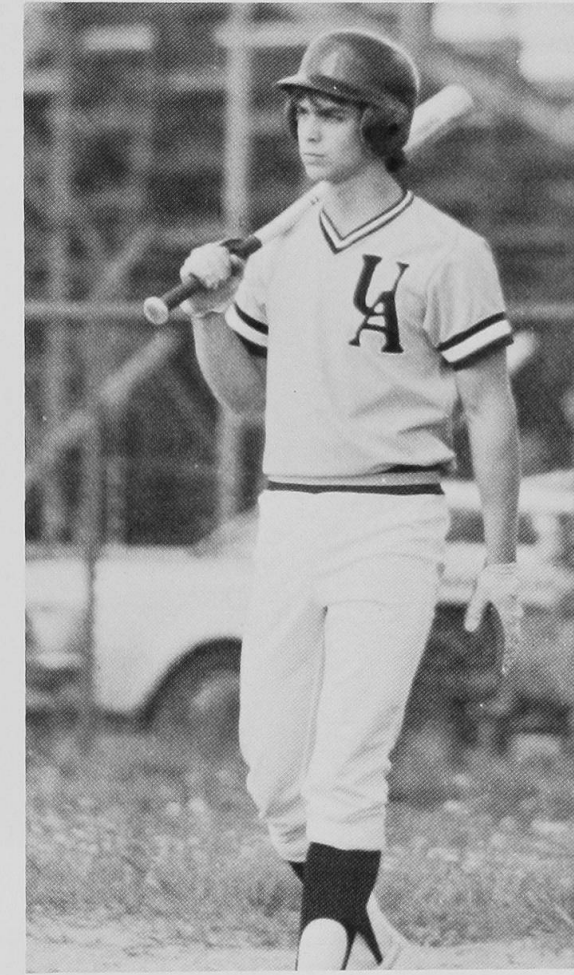
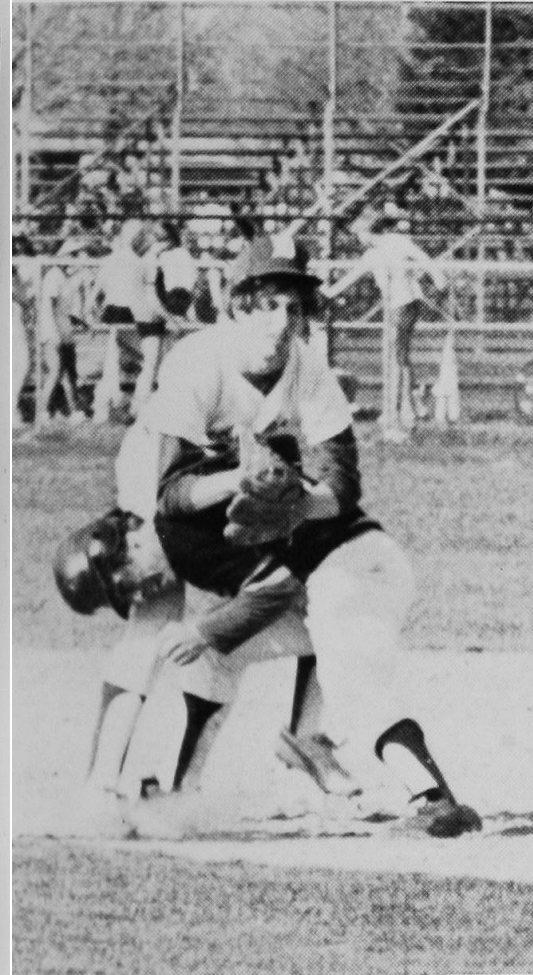
Co-captains Dave Maloney and Lance Kesterson credited Mr. Doug Geckeler, the team's new coach, with strengthening the

team through discipline. "Mr. Geckeler was a first-time coach so he was learning too, but he got 110% out of everybody because of respect," Lance said. Mr. Ronald Mautz, junior varsity coach, and Mr. Scott Carter, assistant varsity coach, also helped train the Golden Bear team.



(Row 1) Matt Riggs, Gary Coon, Jeff Nelson, Mark Mizer, Dave Maloney, Lance Kesterson, Stu Jones, Craig Reilly, Dwight Montgomery, Mike Capuano (Row 2) Assistant Coach Scott Carter, Dave Eckelberry, Steve

Sabo, Scott Bean, E. J. Early, Brian Gibson, Dave Wolfe, Mile Schwartz, Bill Dickman, Trainer Bill Fergus, Coach Doug Geckeler.

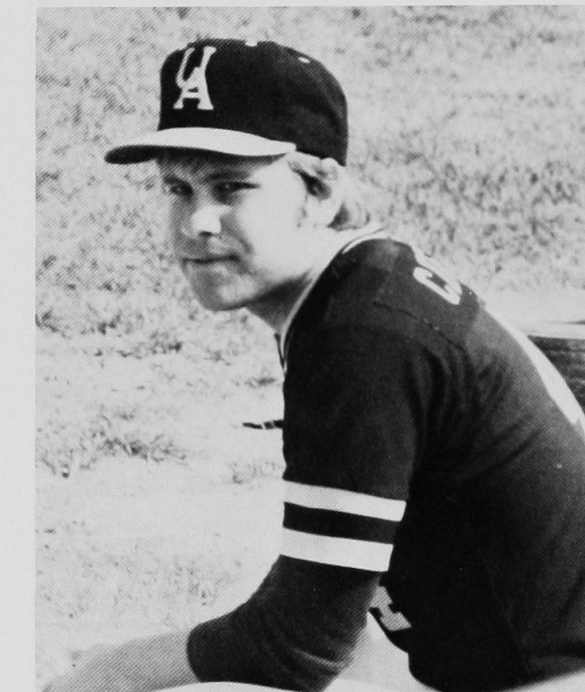


(Row 1) Joe Devore, Kevin Rask, Mike Healy, Jim Ptry, Jamie Wilhelm, Bruce Swords, Chris Swabby, rt Tittle (Row 2) Willie Christensen, J. B. Shank,

Scott Balson, Dave Kiger, Jeff Wells, Eric Kidwell, Joe Deltosto, Coach Ronald Mautz. Missing from picture: Jamie Diwik.

With the support of the team behind him, Co-captain Dave Maloney gets ready for his turn at bat.

Anticipation in his eyes, Assistant Coach Scott Carter awaits the outcome of the squeeze play.



Fearless Dave Eckelberry flies into the second baseman from DeSales, despite his valiant effort, he is called out.

Mean, confident Chris Swabby stares down the pitcher from Newark before hitting a single up middle field.

Reserve Season Results 8-14

UA	OPP
7	Worthington 9
2	Lancaster 5
5	Westerville South 4
6	Newark 13
0	Newark 6
2	Watterson 17
9	Newark 19
1	DeSales 3
2	Mount Vernon 4
2	Marietta 9
3	Watterson 0
5	Zanesville 4
9	Grove City 1
15	Grove City 10
13	Westland 3
3	Worthington 7
1	Lancaster 3
0	Lancaster 9
5	Zanesville 6
14	Zanesville 6
1	Marietta 2
9	Marietta 3

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Baseballers Endure Sluggish Season

Despite a rollercoaster season saturated with unpredictability and conservatism, an athletic kinship prevailed among the Baseball Bears. Said head coach Paul Eckelberry, "I saw a great expression of love for the players and a great amount of knowledge imparted. There was a resurgence of pride in U.A. Baseball."

Teamwork, particularly on the over-shadowed defensive aspect of the game, resulted in several stunning victories; however, the season record did not mirror the team's efforts. "I was very disappointed with the season from the win-loss standpoint (10-11). Our

goal was to win the overall record," said coach Eckelberry.

The assistant coaches for the varsity team were Russ Nelson and Bruce Heine. Dave Eckelberry led the team in hits (22), runs batted in (20), doubles (5), home runs (4), and batting average, a stellar .695. Dave tied with Steve Sabo for most walks (13), while Sabo claimed sole honors for runs scored (23), and stolen bases (13 for 13). Leading sacrifier was David Wolfe who had four. Mike Capuano slugged the most triples, two.

The top pitcher this year was junior Dean Colossimo, who threw for forty six innings,

twenty-two stike-outs, twenty-two walks, a 5-3 record overall and a 3.07 earned run average.

At the final banquet, co-captain Bill Dickman was awarded the Hustler Award for sportsmanship. Other co-captains were Eckelberry and Gibson.

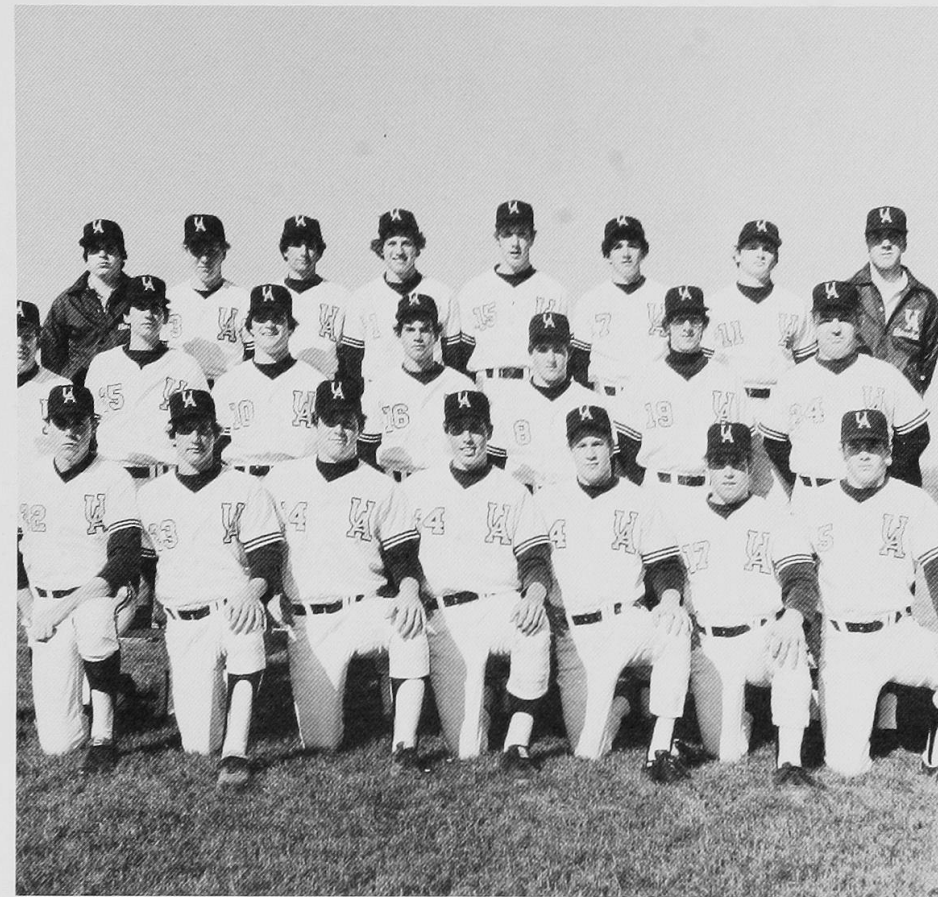
Ron Mauts, reserve coach, managed a Central Ohio League championship team, with many outstanding players hitting in the range of .300's to .400's.

Their overall record was a strong 14-5 with J. B. Shank and Jim Hoptry, both juniors, outshining for the season.

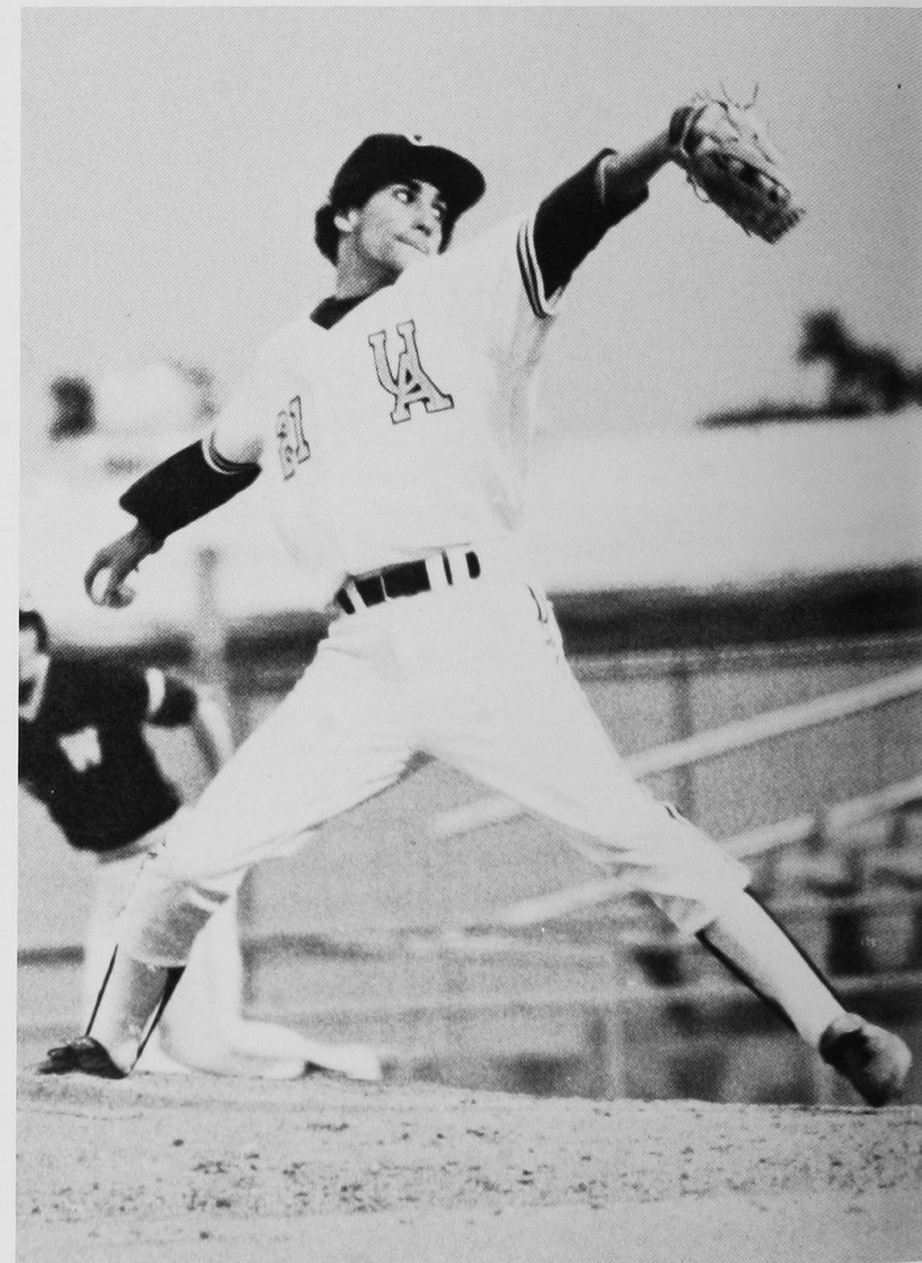
Season Record 10-11		
U.A.		OPP.
3	Zanesville	0
6	Groveport	7
3	Zanesville	2
2	Zanesville	6
0	Lancaster	3
9	Watterson	6
6	Northland	5
0	Lancaster	5
5	Lancaster	9
1	Newark	9
3	Newark	4
10	Newark	11
5	Worthington	7
9	Marietta	7
11	Marietta	5
4	Grove City	0
4	Grove City	3
12	South	1
4	Westerville North	1
5	Whetstone	7



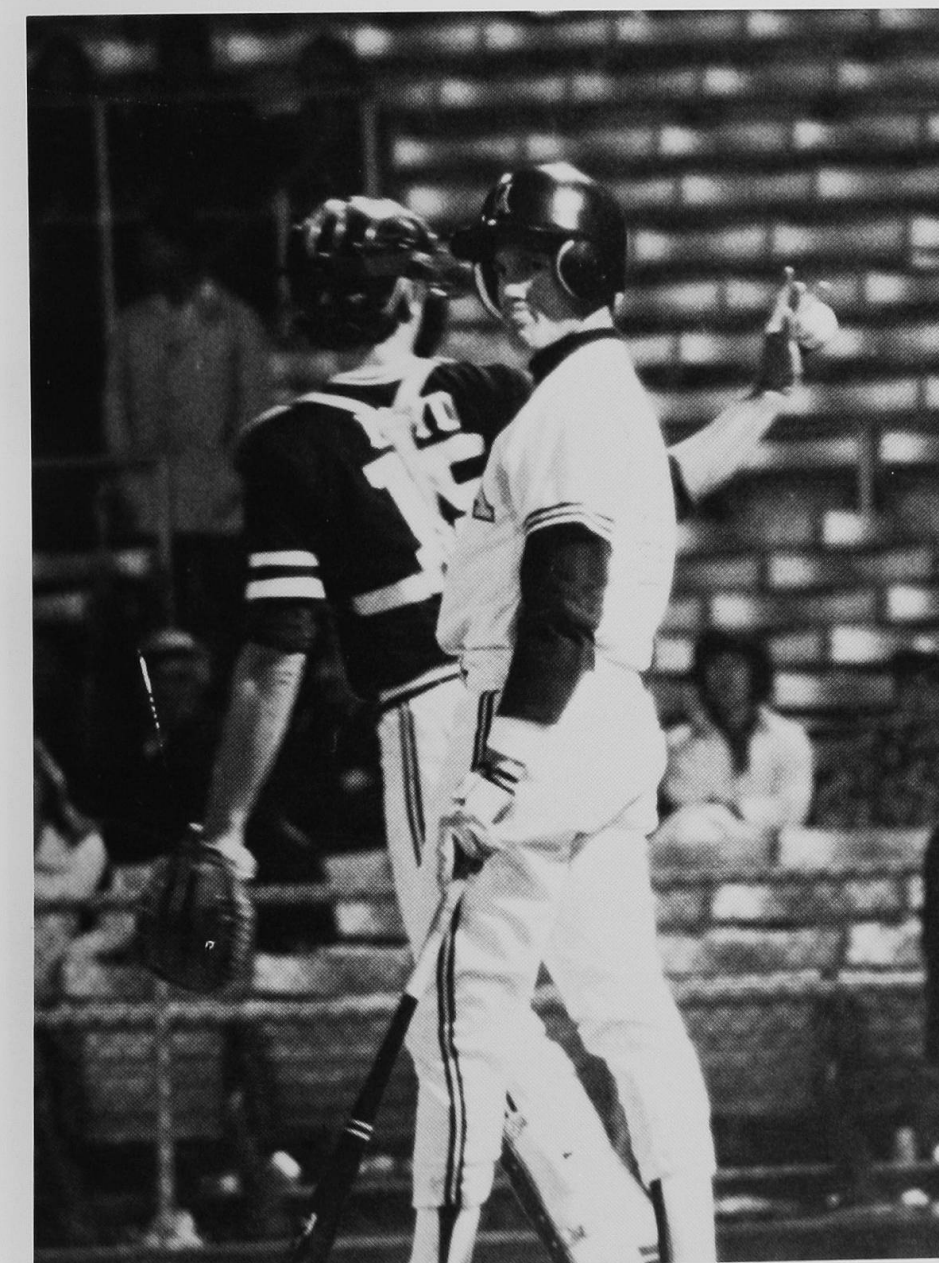
When the dust settled it was Dave Eckelberry in the clear after a fantastic display of his baserunning.



(Row 1) Dave Kiger, Scott Bean, E. J. Early, Bill Dickman, Brian Gibson, Shivone, coach Paul Eckelberry (Row 3) Jim Evans, Mike Mathews, Dean Colisimo, Steve Sabb, Mike Schwartz, Tim Parsons, Mike Capuano, Bill Fergus. (Row 2) Bruce Heine, Matt Riggs, Jeff Wells, Kevin Rask, Gary Grabovac, Joe



Sophomore Dean Colisimo winds up to blow another strike past an unsuspecting opponent.



Tri-captain Brian Gibson flashes a questioning look to the bench after a so-called strike.



(Row 1) Jim Hoptry, Mark Eppert, Healey (Row 3) Coach Ron Mautz, John Vandervoort, Bob Bergamesca, John Moore, J. B. Shank, Steve Jacoby, Bob Hays, Matt DeSantis. (Row 2) Jim Bender, John Fairand, Chris Miller, Chad Marolf, Mike

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As a Westerville South Wildcat slides powerfully into home plate, an unyielding Doug Shank prevents the runner from scoring.



Junior Varsity Baseball — (Front Row): Doug Blue, Thias Hoadley, Shaun Mynster, Todd Sherer, Ken Katz, Jon Deshler, Dan Vegso **(Back Row):** Coach Sandy Thompson, Mike Gladman, Mike Sabo, Doug Sternisha, Ron Plunkett, Karl Miller, Grant Jones, Dan Adams, Herb Gillen, Coach Jim Nicklaus.



Junior Joe Schivone releases his powerful fastball as a Grove City opponent leads off from second base.



Varsity Baseball — (Front Row): Joe Schivone, Chad Marolf, John Moore, Bob Hays, Steve Jacoby, Jim Bender, Dean Colosimo **(Back Row):** Coach Russ Nelson, Mark Eppert, Kevin Rask, Mike Matthews, Tim Parsons, Brent Garland, Gary Grabovac, Mike Sabo, John Fairand, John Vandervoort, Coach Ron Mautz.

Some Hits, Some Runs, Some Errors

The final game the Golden Baseball Bears played in the state tournament was in Canal Winchester on May 17 when they challenged a tough Northland squad. After eight innings the game was tied, but in the ninth, two consecutive doubles won the game for Northland.

This district semi-final game ended the Bears' hopes for a title and was indicative of the kind of season the team had. In this game, as in the season, the team started well but fell just short in the end.

The rallying cry "wait til next year" could be a sincere

warning of future success as all the team members except one were underclassmen. Under the leadership of Head Coach Ron Mautz and junior co-captains Bob Hays and Brent Garland, the young team gained valuable experience throughout the year by facing such stiff conference competition as Worthington and Grove City. However, victories came easily over other OCC teams such as Westland, Groveport, and Gahanna.

The junior varsity squad also encountered a trying season. A lack of strong pitching held the

team back, but lone senior Kevin Rask reflected that "the j.v.'s should contribute well to the varsity next year."

At the June 4 banquet, the team's individual accomplishments were recognized. Junior Tim Parsons was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award. Honored as the Most Improved Players were juniors Chad Marlof and Gary Grabovac, while Hays was named Mr. Hustle for his strong efforts on the field. Chosen to lead the team next year as captains were Hays, Garland, Parsons, and Joe Schivone.

15-11		
U.A.		OPP.
4	Hilliard	3
5	Groveport	2
6	Westerville South	0
7	Newark	6
5	Watterson	2
9	Westland	5
15	Franklin Heights	0
12	Gahanna	6
2	Worthington	4
10	Reynoldsburg	4
1	Westerville North	4
10	Groveport	3
6	Grove City	7
4	Grove City	3
6	Watterson	5
3	Lancaster	11
7	Westerville South	8
8	Westerville North	4
4	Westland	3
5	Brookhaven	4
3	Newark	5
6	Newark	11
6	Northland	7
5	Gahanna	6
0	Reynoldsburg	2
0	Worthington	10

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Sophomore Randy White winds up to throw another strike across the plate as spectators await the outcome.

With a little effort, senior pitcher Mike Matthews lunges for the base before Centennial gains another out against the Bears.



Even though we did make it the district tournament, we had an ironic season — both the first and last games were rained out," commented tri-captain Bob Hays. "Our coach, Mr. Ron Mautz, always said that we didn't get off to a

Weather Fails To Dampen Bears' Spirit

very good start because we had so many starts. It was hard to acquire a set rhythm throughout the season because the weather prevented us from playing eight games," he added.

No matter how hard it rained, the boys varsity baseball team managed to have a successful season with a final

record of 16-8. The reserve baseball team also did well and advanced to and won the Mount Vernon Junior Varsity Invitational. The reserve team's final record was 15-5.

The Baseball Bears received recognition for their efforts and achievements during the season at their banquet in late May. Tri-captain Joe Schivone earned the All State and All

Season Record

UA	OFF.
5	6
12	4
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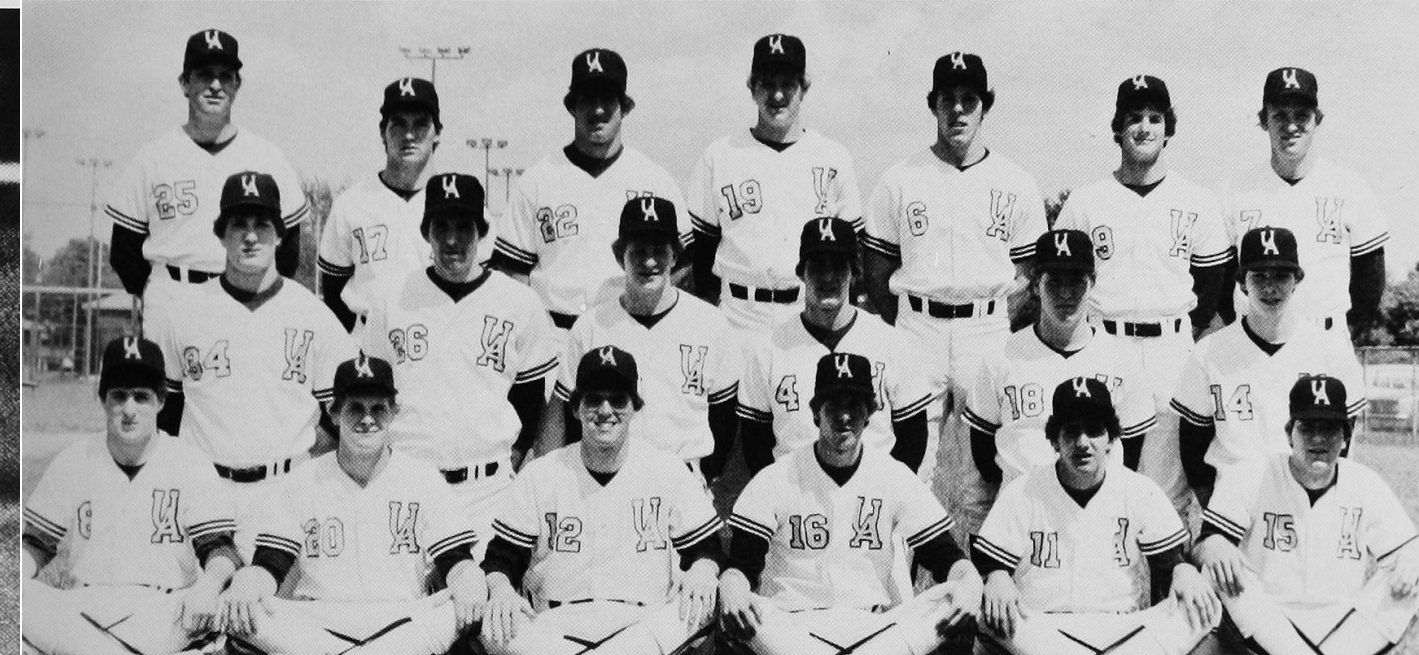
District Player Award, which was the first time an Upper Arlington player received such a high honor, and he also garnered the Most Valuable Player Award. Seniors Mike Matthews and Jim Bender both received the Most Improved Player Award and sophomore Brad Kern earned the Hustle Award. The Central Ohio District coaches chose three players to receive the All League Award: seniors Bender and Tim Parsons and junior Mike Sabo. Senior John Fairand received honorable mention. Also chosen were the 1984 co-captains: Mike Sabo and Ron Plunkett.

The rainy and cold weather may have dampened spectators' spirits, but the Baseball Bears maintained their ambition to fulfill both team and personal goals.



Keeping a steady eye on the ball, Greg Grabovac decides to wait for the next pitch.

Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Gary Grabovac, Brent Garland, Bob Hays, Joe Schivone, Tim Parsons, Jim Bender **(Second Row):** John Moore, Steve Jacoby, Chad Marolf, John Fairand, Mike Matthews, Mike Gladman **(Back Row):** Coach Ron Mautz, Brad Kern, Mike Sabo, Randy White, Mike Milo, Greg Grabovac, Assistant Coach Jerry Streng.



V Baseball: (Front Row): Pat Roland, Herb Gillen, Todd Scherer, Steve Ebright, Doug Blue, Dave Froling **(Second Row):** John Willey, John Guy,

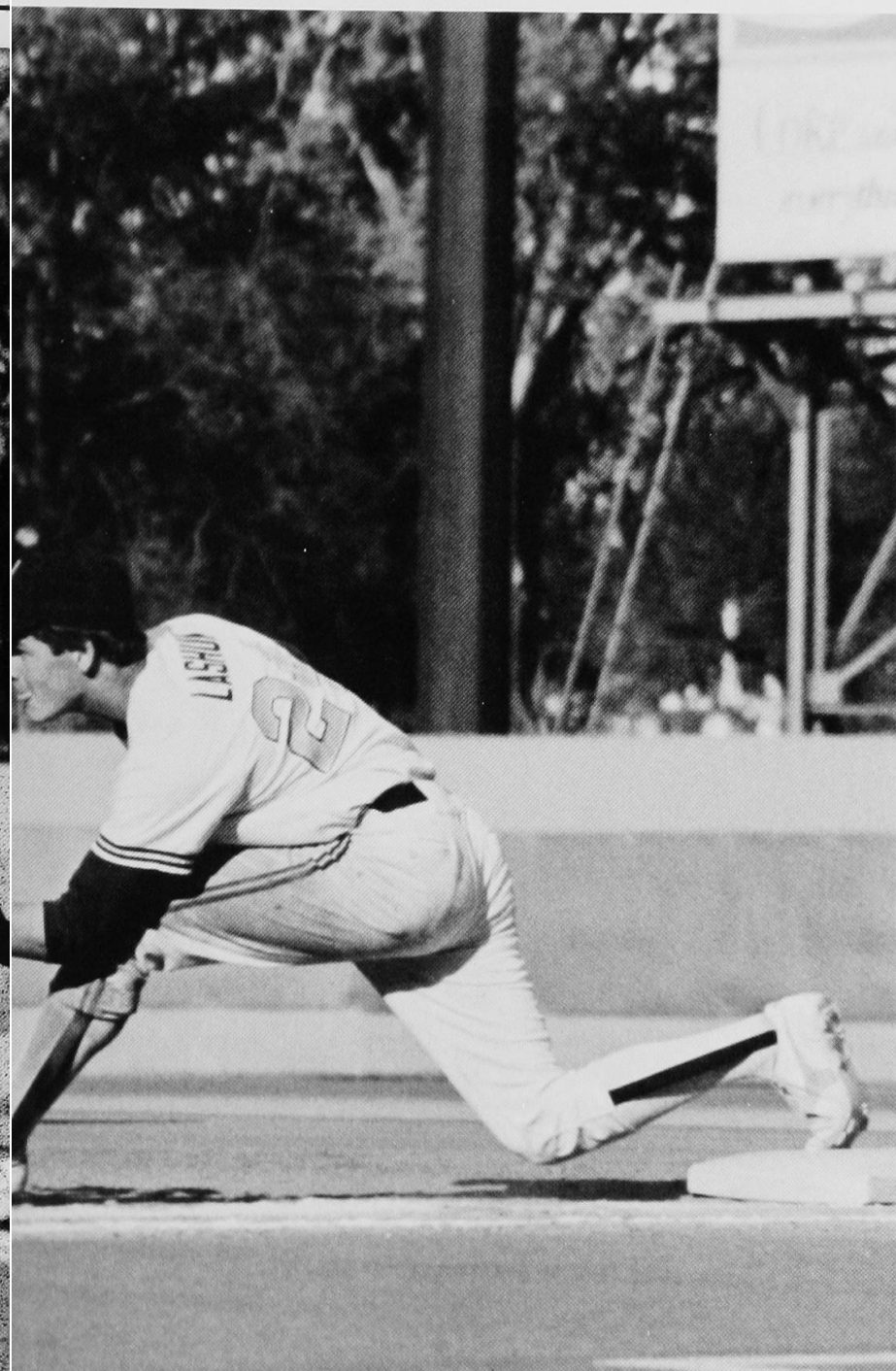
Jeff Koblentz, Spero Cataland, Jim Hanenman, John Schuman **(Back Row):** Assistant Coaches Bill Purdy and Bob Holob, Scott Damm, Greg Lashuk, Tim

Farber, Greg Ruff, Manager Phil Kimball, Head Coach Sandy Thompson. (Missing from picture: Dave Miller.)

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Greg Lashuk demonstrates the flexibility demanded in baseball as he stretches toward the oncoming ball.

Randy White hurls the ball toward the plate, hoping it will meet Greg Ruff's mitt instead of the opponent's bat.



The team explodes with the thrill of victory after Mike Sabo crosses home plate to win the game against Worthington 10 to 9.



Baseball: (Front Row): Jon Deshler, Dave Miller, Mike Sabo, Ron Plunkett, Greg Ruff, Tim Farber (Second Row): Coach Ron Mautz, Jeff Koblenz, John Schuman, Brad Kern, Dave Froling, Greg Grabovac, Coach Jeff Plunkett (Back Row): Phil Kimball, Ken Katz, Randy White, Greg Lashuk, John Guy, Stuart Scott, Bill Keethler.



Bears Cover All Four Bases

The 1984 edition of the baseball season was by far the best that Upper Merion has ever seen. Although fifteen of a dozen games were rained out, the Baseball Bears climbed to fifth place in the state and second place in district, with a final record of 26-2.

In addition, the Bears accomplished something that no other team in the history of the league has done: they did not lose a single game to another team in the league, giving them the undisputed OCC championship, their first.

Mr. Ron Mautz coached the 1984 team for his third year and was assisted by Mr. Jeff Plunkett and Mr. Greg Grabovac. The secret of the team's success may have been in Coach Mautz's strategy. "We were a more relaxed team last year, and took whatever came to us," he commented. "If we won, we won; if lost, we lost."

At the spring banquet, Mike Sabo and Ron Plunkett were chosen

Randy White and Brad Kern will lead next year's varsity team.

Season Record		26-2	
UA		OPP	
13	Delaware	4	
8	Grove City	6	
6	Westerville South	1	
5	Toledo St. Francis	1	
8	Westland	4	
13	Gahanna	8	
17	Hilliard	1	
16	Worthington	14	
7	Northland	3	
5	Northland	4	
9	Westerville South	0	
4	Westland	1	
4	Eastmoor	7	
11	Groveport	8	
23	Gahanna	6	
20	Grove City	3	
14	Centennial	6	
6	Reynoldsburg	1	
5	Licking Valley	2	
7	Groveport	2	
7	Reynoldsburg	2	
11	Worthington	4	
11	Mifflin	2	
12	Pickerington	7	
10	Worthington	9	
13	West	2	
6	Gahanna	4	
6	Marion Harding	9	

Awards were also given at the banquet to some of the more out-

standing players. The Most Valuable Player Award was shared by Sabo, Kern, and White. Most Improved Player was shared by Greg Ruff and Bill Keethler, and Kern won the Mr. Hustle Award for his second year in a row.

With seven of the nine starting players returning next year, Coach Mautz will be able to build on this year's successes. "I don't think we'll be changing any of our strategies," he said. "We'll just do what we've been doing and see what happens."

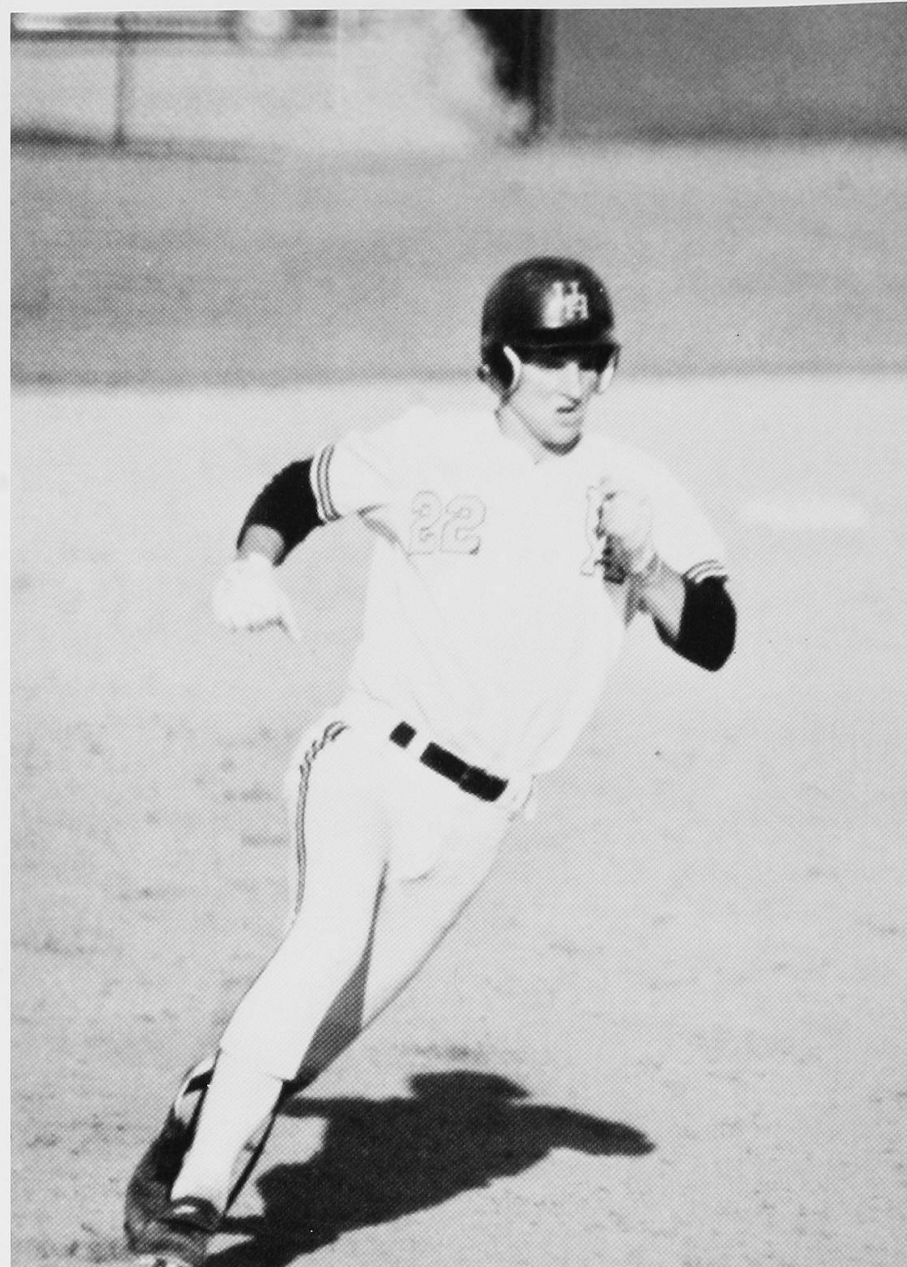
The junior varsity team was rained out of more than a dozen of their games, so they finished their season with only a 13-5 record. They were coached by Mr. Sandy Thomson and assisted by Mr. Bill Purdy and Mr. Bob Holub.

The freshman team, coached by Mr. Mike Matthaes, finished the season with a 13-2 record. Mr. Matthaes was assisted by Mr. Jim Caldwell and Mr. Jeff Nelson.

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Approaching third base, junior John Lorms attempts to stretch a double into a triple.

Reserve Baseball: (Front Row): Brady Sabota, Justin Sell, Todd Gropper, Chris Haughn **(Second Row):** Ryan Webb, Dave Dunlap, Ron Johnson, David Sotos, Aaron Bender **(Back Row):** Coach Sandy Thompson, Bobby Elliott, Andy White, Jeff Tudas, Don Wachsmith, Craig Abbruzzese, Greg Wells, Assistant Coach Steve Ebright.



Finishing with a season record of 27-5, the baseball team lasted through one of its finest seasons ever. It was a season of success and recognition for both the team and individual players. Head Coach Ron Mautz and

This year's team was excellent, one of the best that has gone through this school.

Assistant Coaches Ed Grabovac and Dave Koblentz provided the backbone for the team; the players did the rest. In addition to their fine season finish, they were the Ohio Capital Conference champions, district champions, and competitors in

the regional tournament. A state poll by other coaches ranked UA's team third.

Many players broke school records — too many to name, according to Coach Mautz. For example, Brad Kern scored the most home runs with eight, and fellow senior Gregory Lashuk had the highest number of runs batted in — 43. Also, Tim Farber, Kern, and Randy White were named All Ohio players which White said was "a great honor."

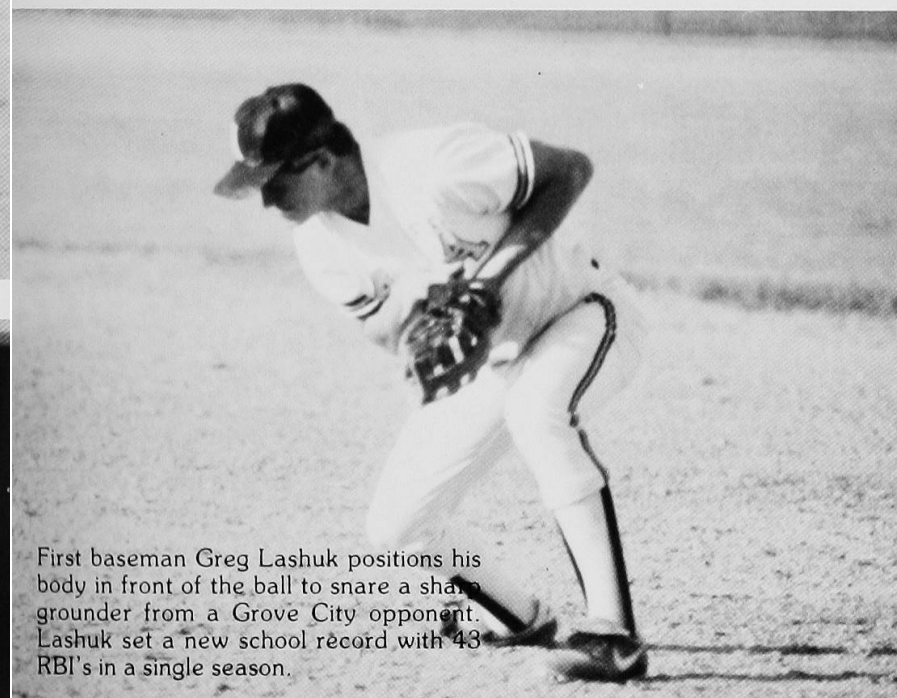
Looking ahead to next year, Coach Mautz commented that while it would be difficult to better this year's team, there is a promising junior varsity team and talented freshmen coming up from Jones and Hastings middle schools. "We'll also have experienced players returning in key positions next year," said

junior Stephen Guy.

However, the baseball Bears were, without a doubt, a great success. Coach Mautz summed up by saying: "This year's team was excellent, one of the best that has gone through this school. We constantly worked together to achieve our goals: we won the OCC league, we won the district final, we made it into the regional games, and we set many, many school records along the way."

At the spring awards banquet, the team honored individual accomplishments. Craig Brill and Bill Keethler replaced Brad Kern and Randy White as the new co-captains. The Most Improved Player Award went to Brill, the Mr. Hustle Award to Kern, and the Most Valuable Player Award to Farber who held a .546 batting average.

Season Record		
UA	27-5	OPP
23	Buckeye Valley	0
11	Grove City	13
1	Westerville South	2
2	Northland	6
19	Westland	2
6	Toledo St. Francis	1
11	Delaware	6
8	Gahanna	4
20	Franklin Heights	13
12	Worthington	5
9	Wattersen	3
2	St. Charles	8
15	Reynoldsburg	6
15	Hilliard	1
5	Groveport	3
7	Dublin	4
11	St. Charles	7
13	Grove City	1
12	Westerville South	2
14	Northland	4
23	West	2
11	Reynoldsburg	1
17	Westland	2
25	Marion Franklin	2
5	Newark	4
6	St. Charles	4
9	Grove City	4
0	Lancaster	7
9	Gahanna	7
8	Groveport	0
13	Worthington	10
9	Reynoldsburg	2



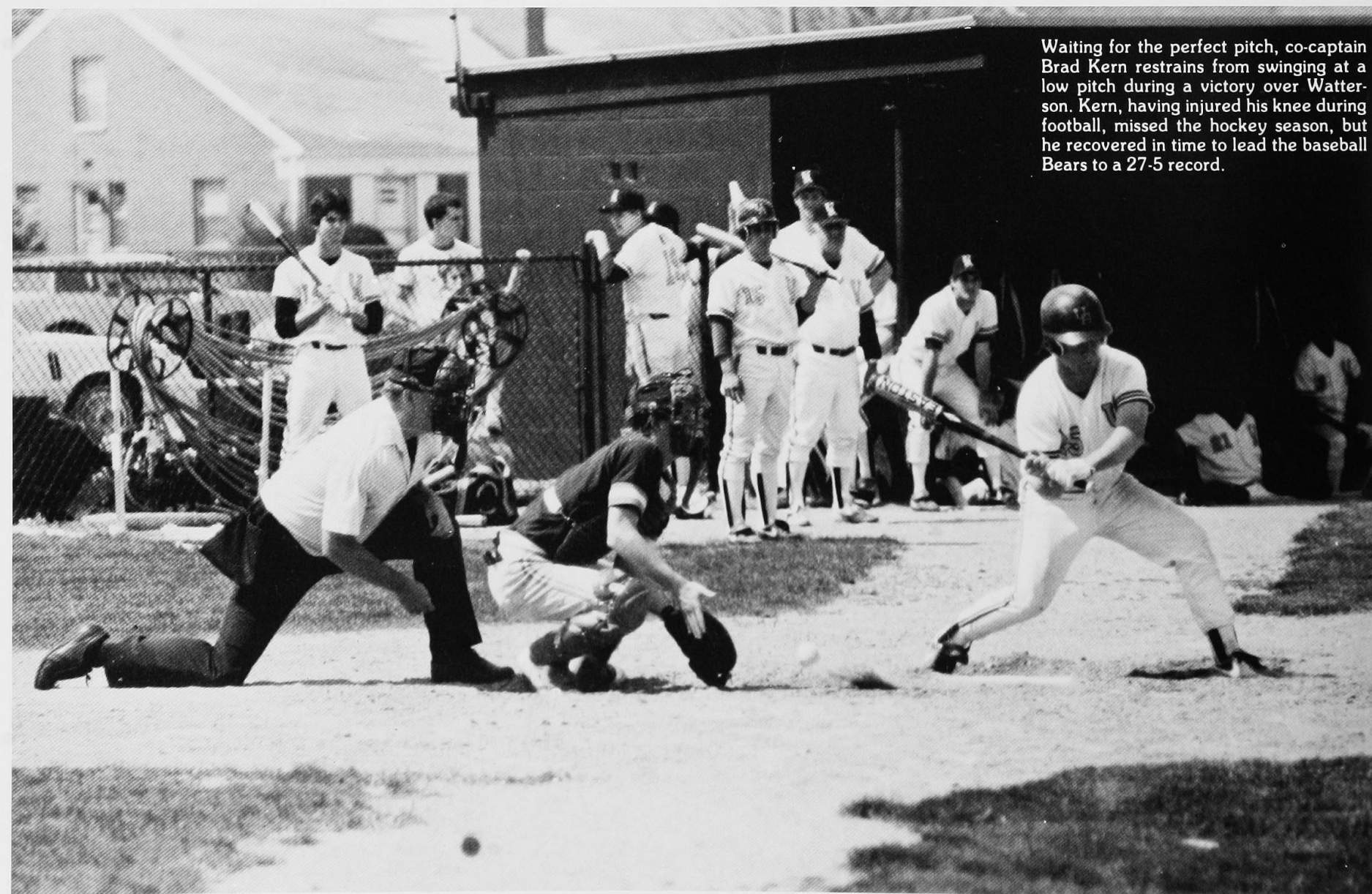
First baseman Greg Lashuk positions his body in front of the ball to snare a sharp grounder from a Grove City opponent. Lashuk set a new school record with 43 RBI's in a single season.



Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Craig Brill, Greg Grabovac, Randy White, Brad Kern, Bill Keethler, Jeff Behm **(Second Row):** Dave Froling, Bill Klausman, Tim Thomas, Jeff Koblentz, Greg Ruff, Stuart Scott **(Back Row):** Coach Dave Koblentz, manager Phil Kimball, John Schivone, Greg Lashuk, Steve Guy, John Lorms, Tim Farber, Coach Ron Mautz.




In one fluid motion, Steve Guy prepares to launch a fastball past an unsuspecting opponent at the plate.



Waiting for the perfect pitch, co-captain Brad Kern restrains from swinging at a low pitch during a victory over Wattersen. Kern, having injured his knee during football, missed the hockey season, but he recovered in time to lead the baseball Bears to a 27-5 record.

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Baseball Report

26-1

UA	OPP
11	Hilliard 3
28	Centennial 0
9	Westerville South 1
8	Youngstown Hubbard 5
19	Toledo St. Francis 10
18	Franklin Heights 5
12	Westland 7
12	Gahanna 0
9	Whitehall 3
6	St. Charles 5
15	Reynoldsburg 2
10	Dublin 7
6	Groveport 5
10	Marion Franklin 4
16	Grove City 4
4	Watterson 1
16	Westerville South 5
11	Mt. Vernon 12
9	Westland 4
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12	Grove City 2
13	Worthington 8



Reserve Baseball: (Front Row): Mike Chen, Steve Porterfield, Tim Richardson, Cole Calland, Tim Miller (Second Row): Steve Wilbourne, Paul Whybrew, Doug May, Ryan Webb (Back Row): Frank Hinkle, Greg Vergamini, Danny Freiburger, Jeff Tudas, Bob Earp, Coach Bill Purdy. (Missing from picture: Kevin Osterstock.)

Senior pitcher Don Wachsmith loosens up his pitching arm with the help of catcher Greg Wells. Wachsmith's pitching and hitting led the Bears to a 1-0 victory over Dublin and a district championship.



DEFENSE AND BIG HITS STEAL DISTRICTS

The Bears experienced a school record-breaking season when they advanced to the final game in regional competition. Their final record was 1-2, "the best season, undeniably, that UA has ever had," said junior Brady Sabota. With only two losses in the entire season — one early on to Mount Vernon, and one to Westerville North for the regional title — the Bears played more games than any other team had in UA history.

The team had been improving significantly for the past two years under the guidance of

Head Coach Ronald Mautz and Assistant Coach Dave Koblentz. Co-captains Bill Keethler and Craig Brill also provided backbone to the team.

Practices began in March, and the Bears played their first couple of games at the end of that month. We set goals for the season; we wanted to win states," said senior Don Wachsmith.

The loss to Mount Vernon in April was close — the Bears lost by only one run in extra innings. From that point, however, they held a steady winning streak.

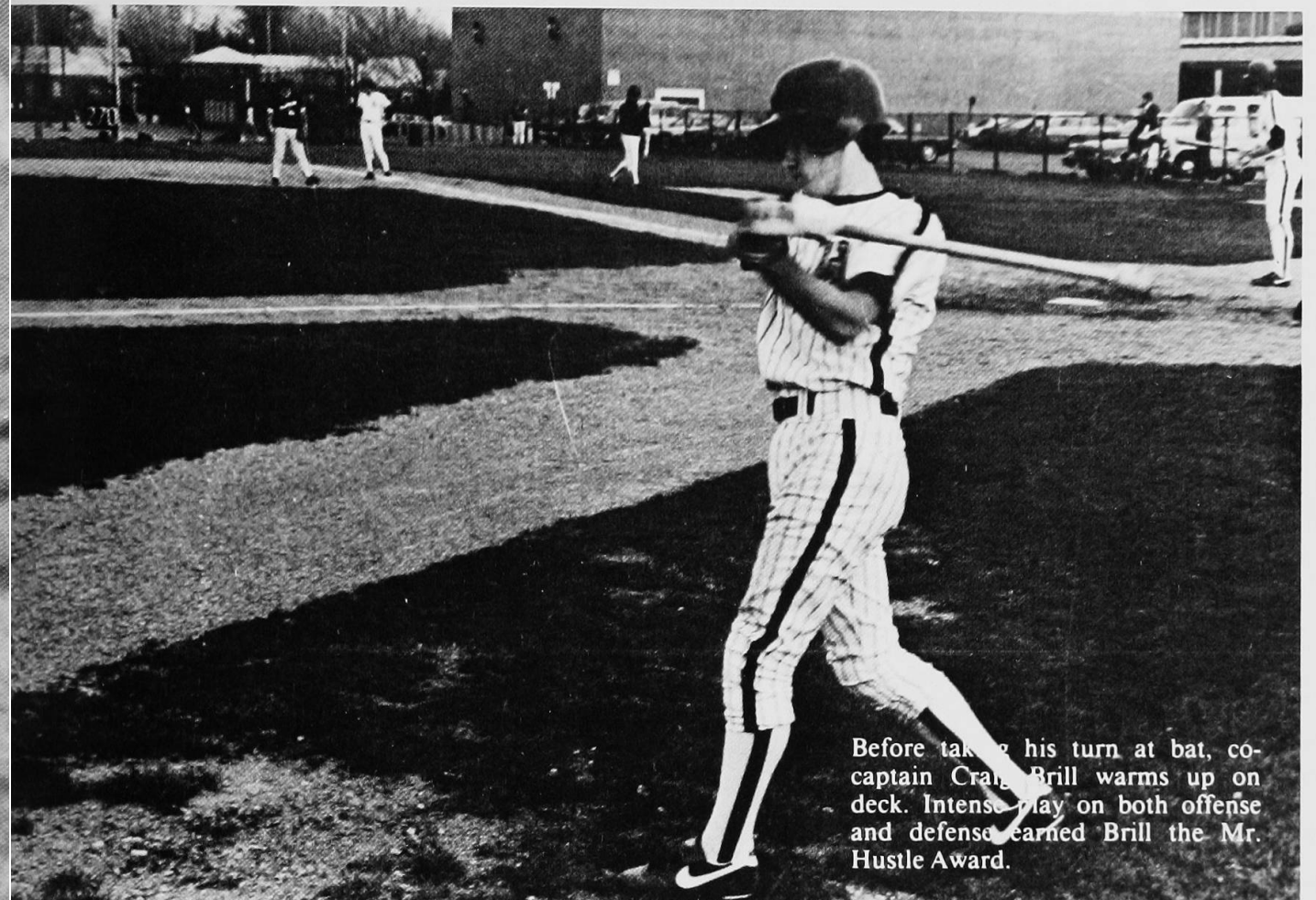
Sectionals and districts began late in May. The team entered the competition for sectionals knowing that they were probably going to win. "We didn't need to play our best," said Wachsmith.

The high point of their season came at the final game of the district competition against rival Dublin. Facing one of the best pitchers in the nation, the Bears almost pitched a no-hitter. The district title was clinched when Wachsmith hit the winning run, making the final score 1-0.

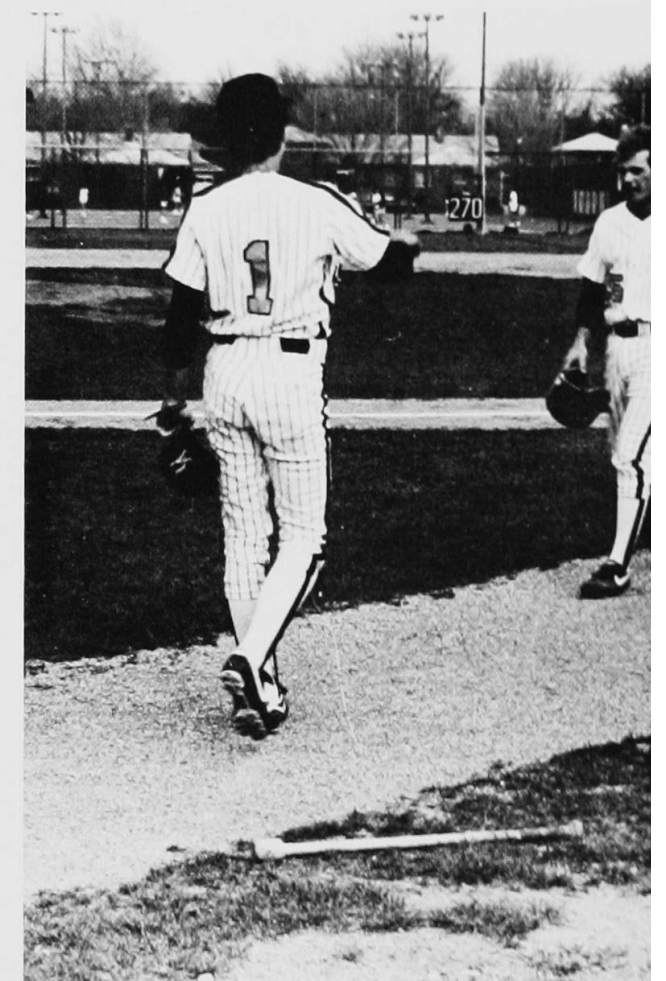
At regionals, "every game

counted. We knew the competition was very good," said Brill. In the final game against Westerville North, "we didn't play as well as we should," said Assistant Coach Koblentz. They lost the game, 13-6.

Several players received awards at the season banquet. Most Valuable Player was Stuart Scott, Most Improved was sophomore Scott Schoemer, and the Mr. Hustle Award winner was Brill. Four players made the All-District team: seniors John Lorms, Scott, Keethler, and junior Tim Thomas. Scott went on to qualify for All-State.



Before taking his turn at bat, co-captain Craig Brill warms up on deck. Intense play on both offense and defense earned Brill the Mr. Hustle Award.



After Bill Klausman crosses home plate in the Bears' victory over Westerville South, Justin Sell is quick to congratulate his teammate. This was a common scene as the Bears scored a total of 285 runs in their 27-game season.



Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Bill Klausman, Ron Johnson, Craig Brill, Bill Keethler, Todd Gropper (Second Row): Scott Eckelberry, Justin Sell, Tim Thomas, Scott Schoemer, Brad Sabota, Greg Wells, Craig Abbruzzese (Back Row): Coach Ron Mautz, Coach Dave Koblentz, Dave Dunlap, Don Wachsmith, John Lorms, Stuart Scott, Trainer Ron Walter.

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Baseball Bears steal states Team unity, skill leads to success

Supported by a school full of loyal fans, the baseball team finished the best season in the high school's history. The team ended with a 28-3 record, won the districts, triumphed at regionals, and, for the first time, was number one in the state.

"I think the main reason for all of our successes was our closeness as a team," said senior Dave Dunlap. "We all supported each other through the season, and no one put anyone else down."

Coach Dave Koblentz and Coach Ron Mautz traded positions, with Mr. Koblentz taking over as head coach, and Mr. Mautz acting as assistant. Co-captains Ron Johnson and Tim Thomas helped the coaches lead the team.

The season began with a streak of victories broken only by two losses in the middle of the season. "We played Westland on a Friday and lost 7-8 in a really tight game. Then, the next day, on Saturday, we had to play Watkins Memorial," explained junior Tim Miller. "We were still flat from our loss to Westland,

28-3			
Cincinnati LaSalle	5-3	Westerville North	17-9
Westerville South	4-3	Worthington	18-15
Gahanna Lincoln	16-11	Watterson	8-8
Dublin	16-7	Whetstone	8-6
Westland	9-5	Groveport	3-11
Worthington	7-5	Reynoldsburg	6-3
Reynoldsburg	6-5	Gahanna Lincoln	11-8
Massillon	6-0	Franklin Heights	10-3
Groveport	17-5	Reynoldsburg	15-2
DeSales	7-5	St. Charles	4-3
Grove City	7-6	Watterson	7-6
Westerville South	17-15	Wapakoneta	9-8
Bishop Ready	15-3	Lancaster	6-1
Mt. Vernon	9-2	Cincinnati Elder	12-7
Westland	7-8	Toledo Start	4-0
Watkins Memorial	1-6		

and we weren't playing our best. I think that was why we lost 1-6 in the Watkins game."

The district tournament began while the team was still finishing its league season. At districts the Bears beat St. Charles and Waterston to place first. In the midst of districts, the team lost 3-11 in a league game against Groveport.

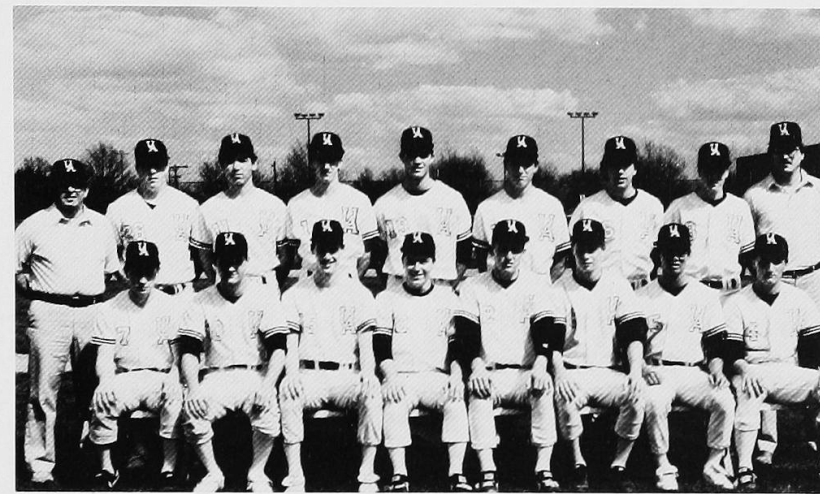
"At that time, we were more concerned with districts that the game against Groveport," said junior Dave Frieburger.

At regionals, the Bears played one of the toughest games of the season against Wapakoneta. They won 9-8 after the Bears' pitcher struck out two batters with bases loaded in the ninth inning.

Their confidence boosted at regionals, the Bears went on to triumph at the state match, overwhelming Cincinnati Elder 12-7 and shutting out Toledo Start 4-0.

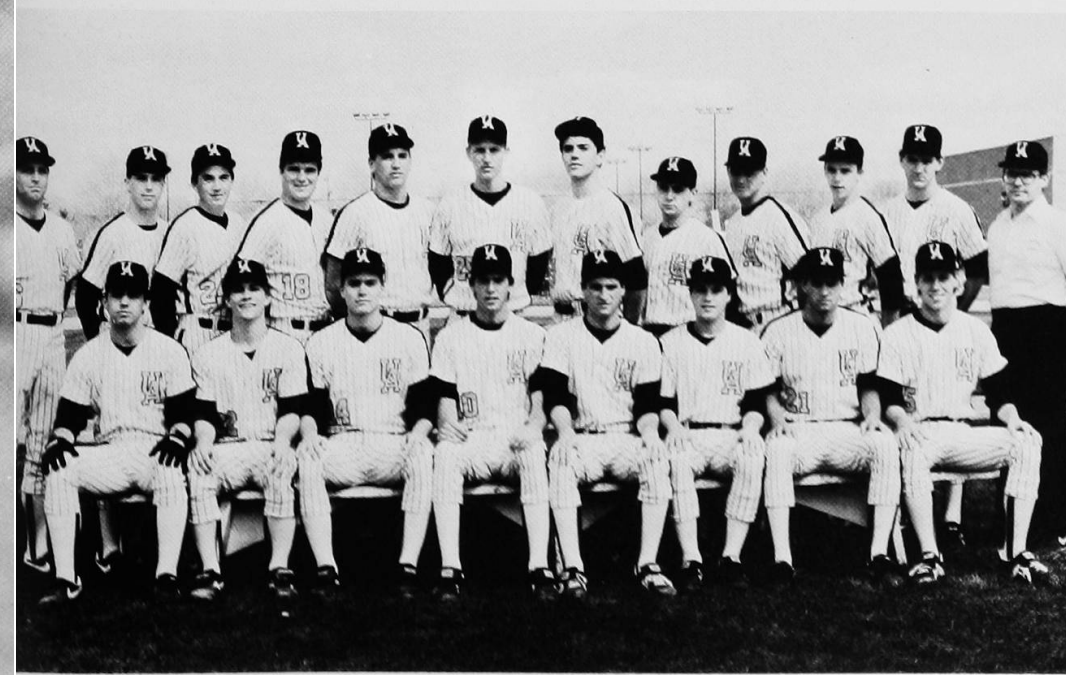
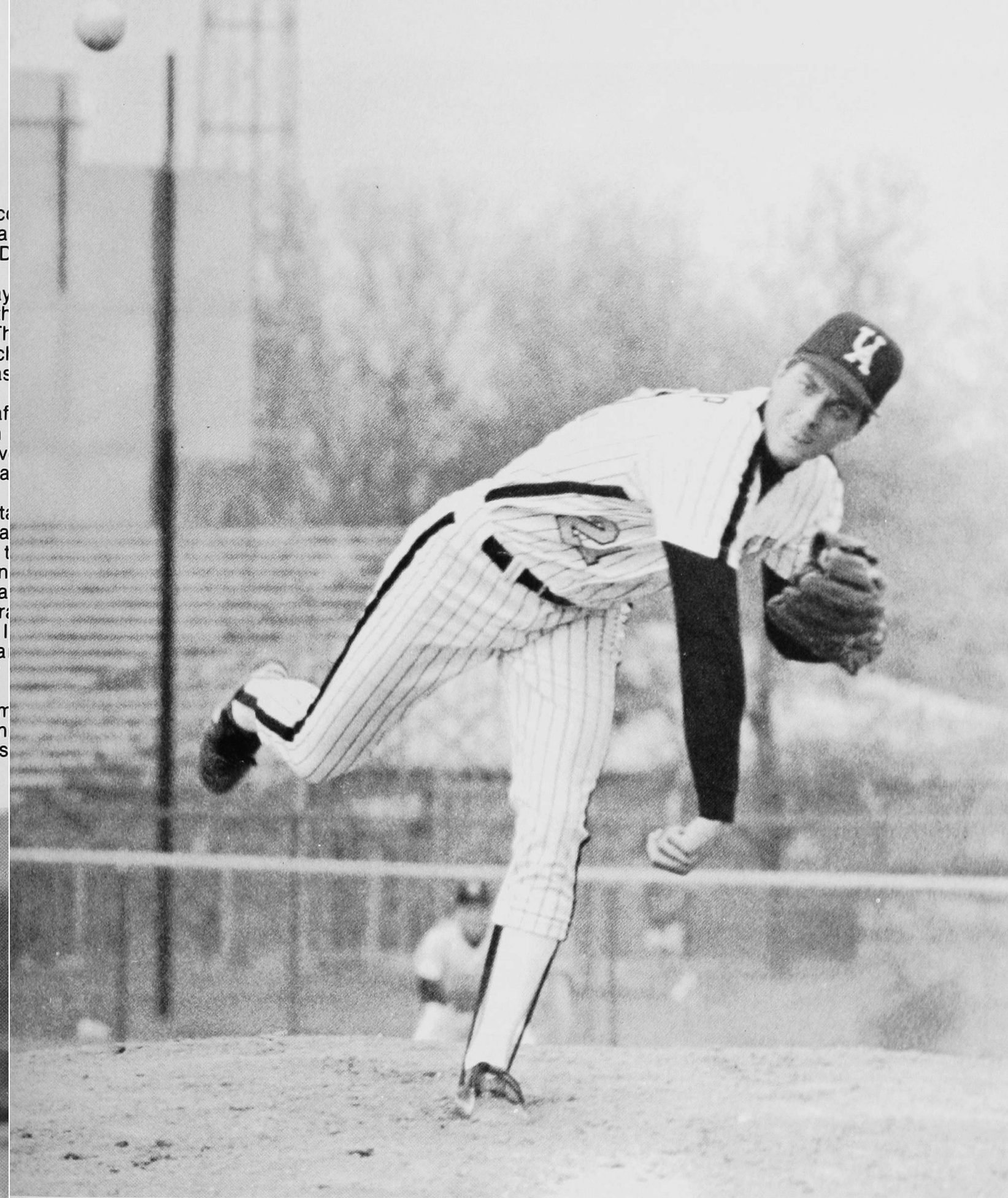
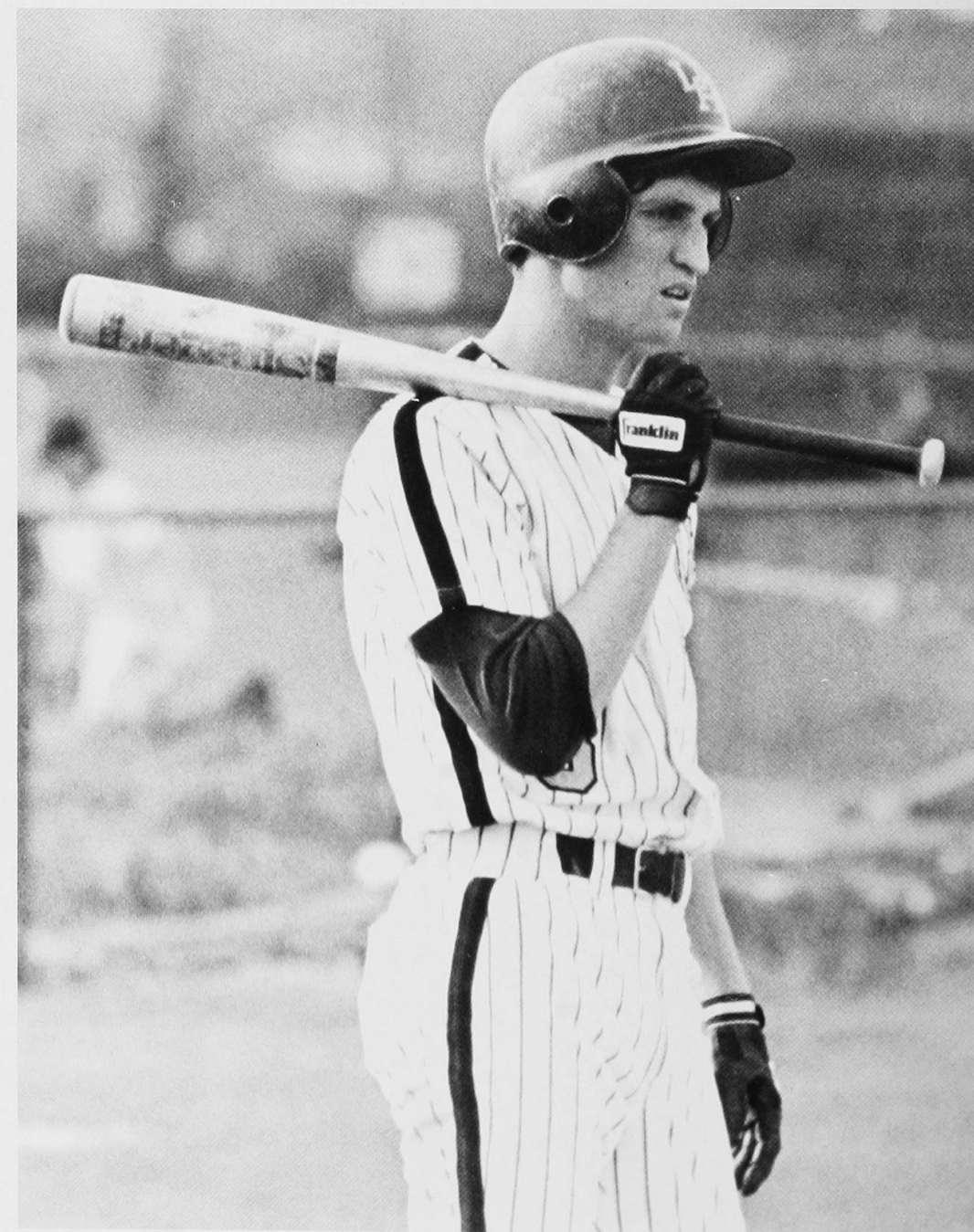
Awards were given after the state championship match. Thomas was named Most Valuable Player Award. Senior Greg Wells took the Hustle Award and Frieburger and senior Craig Abuzzese were named Most Improved Players. Thomas and Eckelberry were chosen to play the All State team.

Coached by Mr. Sandy Thompson and Mr. Bill Purdy, the junior varsity team concluded its season with an 11-7 final record. ■



Reserve Baseball: (Front Row): Scott Vancura, Chris Gitersonke, Bob Earp, Kevin Knight, Matt Kesterson, Kip Erikson, Mike Chen, Tim Richardson (Back Row): Coach Bill Purdy, Kurt Lampracht, Greg Smith, Mike Mushrush, John Masdea, David Dewalt, Mike Magee, Mike McCarthy, Coach Dan McMillen. (Missing from picture: Coach Sandy Thompson, Coach Dick Flynn.)

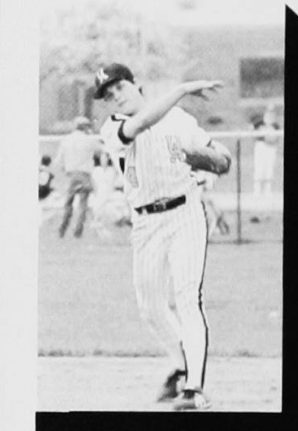
Preparing to bat, senior Ron Johnson checks on the fielding situation. The Bears finished the season with a .352 batting average.



Looking for a strike, senior Dave Dunlap launches the ball toward the plate. The team played twelve different pitchers, eight of whom won at least once.

Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Scott Eckelberry, Bob Elliot, Jeff Tudas, Tim Thomas, Ron Johnson, Ryan Webb, Dave Dunlap, Brady Sobota (Back Row): Coach Ron Mautz, Rick Farrell, Craig Abuzzese, Greg Wells, Scott Schoemer, Dan Frieburger, Frank Hinkle, Todd Gropper, Doug Dunlap, Tim Miller, Doug May, Trainer Ron Walters. (Missing from picture: Coach Dave Koblentz.)

Senior Ryan Webb does his share for the Bears on both offense and defense. Webb, also a golfer, was a member of two state championship teams this year.



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YEAR OF RECONSTRUCTION

Bears battle neutral season

"Our record doesn't indicate how good we were," commented senior Greg Vergamini. Under the guidance of its head coach, Mr. Mike Matthaes, and Assistant Coaches Rick Good and Dede Piccinnini, the baseball team ended the season with a record of 14-16.

Commended Matthaes, "The team never quit. Particularly as defending state champs, they could easily have 'thrown in the towel', but they never did."

At the beginning of the season, the team, composed of mostly sophomores and juniors, lacked experience. "Yet," said Matthaes, "many times the bases were loaded and we were just one hit away from winning or tying the game."

Noted sophomore Richard Farrell, the toughest games were against West-

terville North because "... they had a pitcher who threw over ninety miles per hour."

However, the team lost both games against Westerville North by only one run, 9-8 and 4-3.

In the second half of the season, Matthaes said the team played better defensively and the "pieces of the puzzle began falling together."

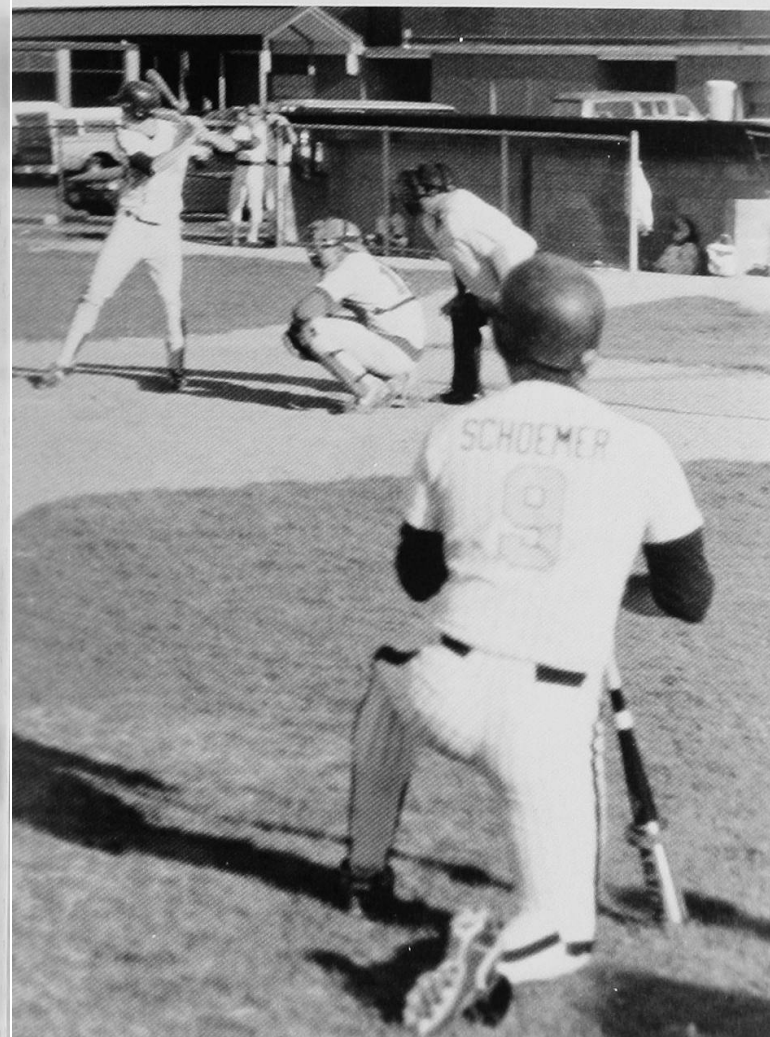
For example, "In the district game against DeSales, we were down in the second to the last inning by 7-5, and we came back to win the game 8-7," Farrell commented.

Explained senior Tim Miller, "Right when the district tournament began, we started playing well together as a team. We told ourselves that the tournament could be a new season, and we could prove to the other teams that

we were contenders." The team lost against Westerville North in the district championship game. Westerville North eventually lost to Watterson, the state champions.

Tri-captains Miller, Dan Freiburger, and Scott Schoemer led the team throughout the season. Team members recognized outstanding individual efforts at the May banquet concluding the season. They voted Miller the Most Valuable Player. Junior Doug Dunlap received both the Hustle Award and the Most Improved Player Award.

The reserve team, coached by Mr. Sandy Thompson and Assistants Dick Flynn, Bill Purdy, and Dan McMillon, ended with a record of 16-7.



Senior tri-captain Scott Schoemer crouches in waiting as he watches fellow tri-captain Tim Miller take his turn at bat. Schoemer was the only third-year varsity player.

Reserve Baseball: (Front Row): Fred Thomas, Sean Powers, Brady Burt, Don Wackerly, Bob Earp, Bart Patton, John Goff, Tom Hauser, Mike Magee **(Back Row):** Chad Dougherty, Craig Bjerke, Chris Clevenger, Bruce Davy, Mike McCarthy, Kurt Lamprecht, Coaches Dan McMillon, Dick Flynn, Sandy Thompson. **(Missing from picture):** Brian DuPont, Coach Bill Purdy.)



Junior David DeWalt lunges headfirst toward the bag seconds before the on-coming ball. DeWalt was one of the top five players for most stolen bases.

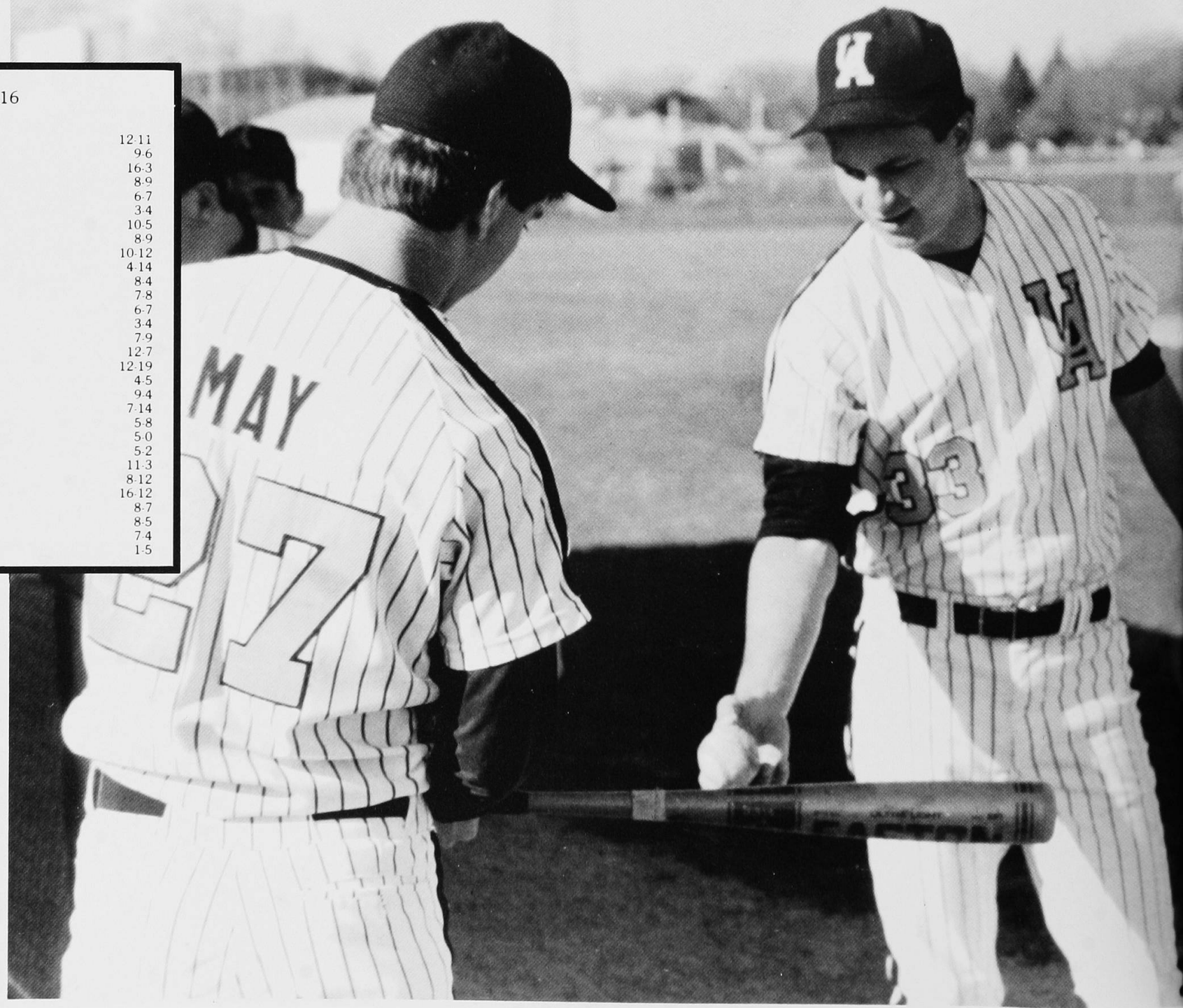


Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Kevin Knight, Greg Smith, Frank Hinkle, Doug May, Scott Schoemer, Dan Freiburger, Tim Miller, Greg Vergamini, Kip Eriksen, Doug Dunlap, David DeWalt, Mike Mushrush **(Back Row):** David Stegmiller, Terry Stone, David Gerlitz, Rich Farrell, Corey Geddis, Chad Turner, Coaches D. D. Piccinnini, Ron Good, Mike Matthaes.

14-16

Delaware	12-11
Franklin Heights	9-6
Newark	16-3
Westerville North	8-9
Gahanna	6-7
DeSales	3-4
St. Charles	10-5
Westerville South	8-9
Worthington	10-12
Westland	4-14
Northland	8-4
Groveport	7-8
Grove City	6-7
Westerville North	3-4
Watkins Memorial	7-9
Worthington	12-7
Dublin	12-19
Gahanna	4-5
Grandview	9-4
Westerville South	7-14
Westland	5-8
East	5-0
St. Charles	5-2
Pickerington	11-3
Grove City	8-12
Groveport	16-12
DeSales	8-7
Hilliard	8-5
Franklin Heights	7-4
Westerville North	1-5

Senior Greg Vergamini shows senior Doug May exactly where he must make contact with the ball in order to hit a home run every time.



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The Bears' strong team leads them successfully to state competition

IN FULL SWING

The student body packed the stands at OSU's Trautman Field as the sun blazed down on the players.

The baseball team was one game away from another state championship. Unfortunately, the afternoon was a long one for the baseball team as they lost to powerful Cincinnati Moeller 12-4.

Although the state championship eluded the baseball team, the players did have a very successful season, according to senior Greg Smith.

"We began the season with a spring break trip to Sarasota, Florida," Smith said. "It was the first time the baseball team had taken a spring training trip to Florida and I think the head start helped the team a lot. The teams we played there were

some of the toughest competition we faced all year."

The team played five scrimmages, losing all five. The games were played in Ed Smith stadium, the spring training grounds for the Chicago White Sox. Playing in a big stadium in front of a large crowd helped the team later in the season during tournament time, Smith said.

"When we began the state tournament we already knew how it felt to be in front of a large crowd," he said. "We were not as nervous as we could have been."

For the seventh straight year the baseball team captured the district title by edging out Westerville North, although they wound up second in the OCC behind Groveport. The team's

final record of 19-8, second in the state, was a welcomed improvement over last year's disappointing season, senior Kip Eriksen said.

"We had our doubts because of last year's season," Eriksen said. "But we played as a team and we were fundamentally solid. Those two factors pulled us through to the state tournament."

Individual honors went to Smith, first team All-OCC, and senior Jon Peck and junior Rich Farrell were named second team All-OCC. Senior Doug Dunlap received honorable mention All-OCC.

"The team came alive in the state tournament," senior Matt Kesterson said. "We pulled it all together when it really counted."



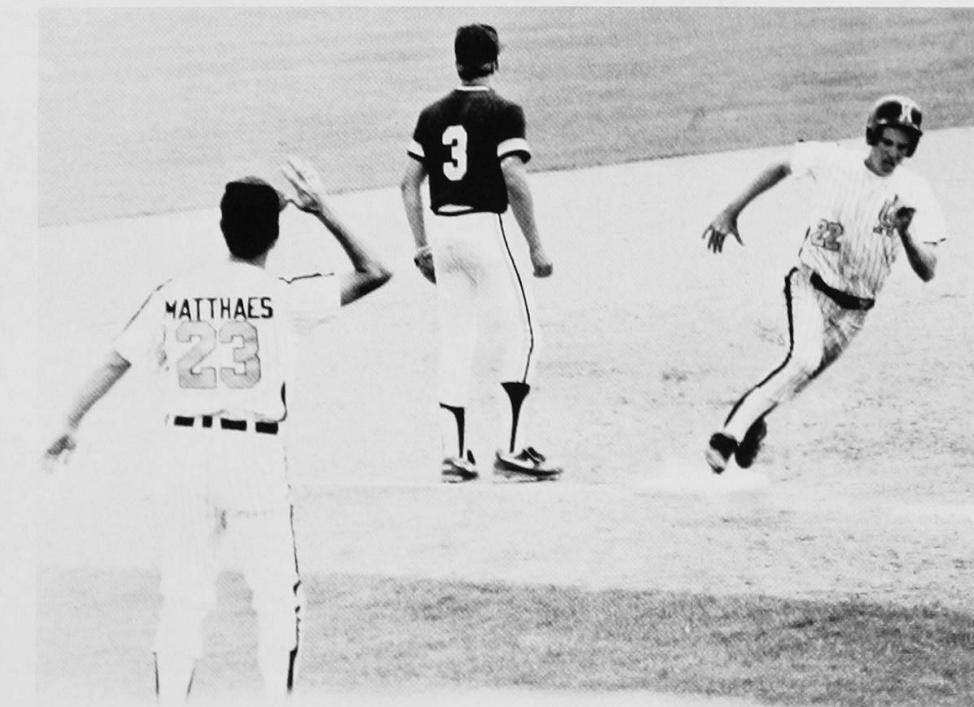
Senior Kip Eriksen displays a good eye as he holds back on his swing on the low pitch. In their game against Groveport, the Bears fell short, losing 3-7.



Junior Bart Patton retrieves a fly ball during the game against Toledo Central Catholic. The team won the game 5-3.



Junior Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Adam Ayers, Matt Hodgdon, Robby Powers, John Goff, Chris Clevenger, Kirk Wolfe, Todd Pfeil, Craig Bjerke, and Chad Dougherty. (Back Row): Coach Dick Flynn, Coach Sandy Thompson, Brian DuPont, Adam Fisher, Robert Werth, Freddie Thomas, Matthew Mizer, Sean Powers, Jeffrey Fickell, and Coach Bill Purdy.



Junior Terry Stone is waved home by coach Mike Matthaes during the semi-final state tournament against Stow Walsh Jesuit. The team defeated Stow 15-9 to move to the state finals.

Varsity Baseball: (Front Row): Michael Turner, Bart Patton, David Stegmiller, Bruce Davy, Doug Dunlap, David DeWalt, Brady Burt, David Gerlitz, Terry Stone, and Corey Geddis (Back Row): Coach Michael Mathis, Kevin Knight, Mike Mushrush, Matthew Kesterson, Kip Eriksen, Jon Peck, Gregory Smith, Richard Farrell, Coach William Pfeil, and Coach Rick Good.



19-8	
Bradeton Southwest	12-13
Delaware	10-2
Westerville North	6-4
Gahanna	11-5
Westerville South	7-5
Worthington	6-11
Westland	9-2
St. Charles	6-5
Groveport	3-7
Grove City	5-1
Westerville North	5-4
Teays Valley	3-14
Reynoldsburg	12-5
Worthington	7-4
Gahanna	14-2
Westerville South	3-4
Westland	8-2
Groveport	7-10
Grove City	7-10
East	13-3
Grove City	6-5
Delaware	14-1
Westerville North	6-5
Hilliard	8-5
Toledo Central Catholic	5-3
Stow Walsh Jesuit	15-9
Cincinnati Moeller	4-12

Winding up for a state victory

Baseball Bears dominate the OCC season and crush Cuyahoga Falls 20-7 in state final

Just minutes after the June 3 graduation ceremony, while most seniors were still trying to grasp the idea that they were finished with high school, plenty of cheering fans could be found at Ohio State University's Trautman field watching their high school baseball team capture another Class AAA state crown. It would be the second state title in four years.

The Bears capped off their season with a 20-6 defeat over Cuyahoga Falls. While their overall record was 30-6, they were ranked 11th nationally among high school teams, according to USA Today.

Senior Craig Bjerke explained why the team was so consistently good.

"We knew that everyone would want to beat us because we were state runner-up in '89," Bjerke said. "We also knew what we did last

year wouldn't help us this year, so we played to our ability and the rest took care of itself."

The team had its share of tough competition.

"Our hardest game was away at Westerville South. They jumped on us with an 8-0 lead, but we hung together and picked away little by little until we won the game, 17-11," relief pitcher Terry Stone said.

The Bears then won 17 games in a row.

The Golden Bears were led by senior captains Corey Geddis, Bart Patton and the only four-year varsity member, senior Richard Farrell.

"Everyone tried really hard to get us fired up for each game," Bjerke said. "This rubbed off and made us try even harder."

Farrell attributed their success to their third year head coach Mike Matthaes.

"He made us concen-

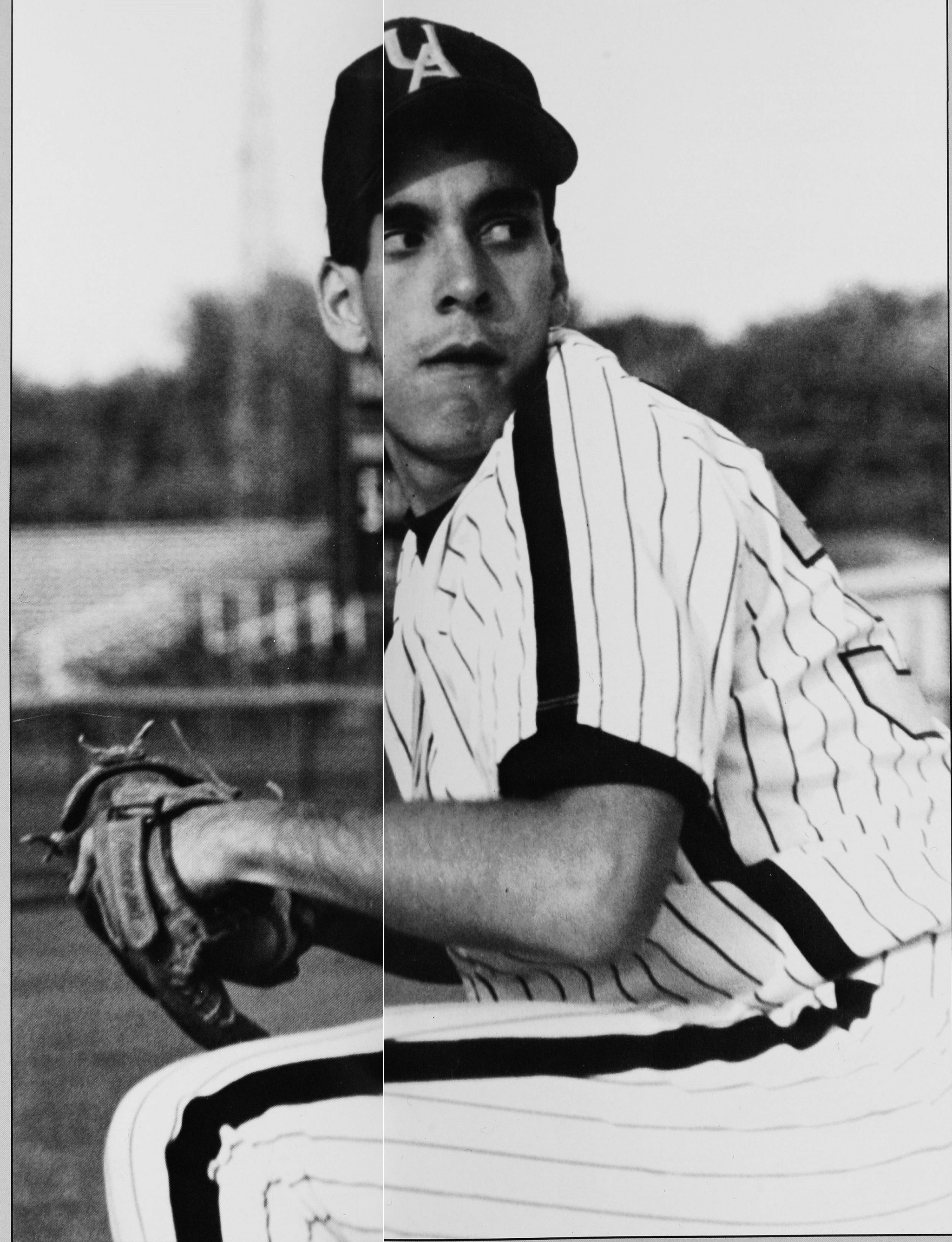
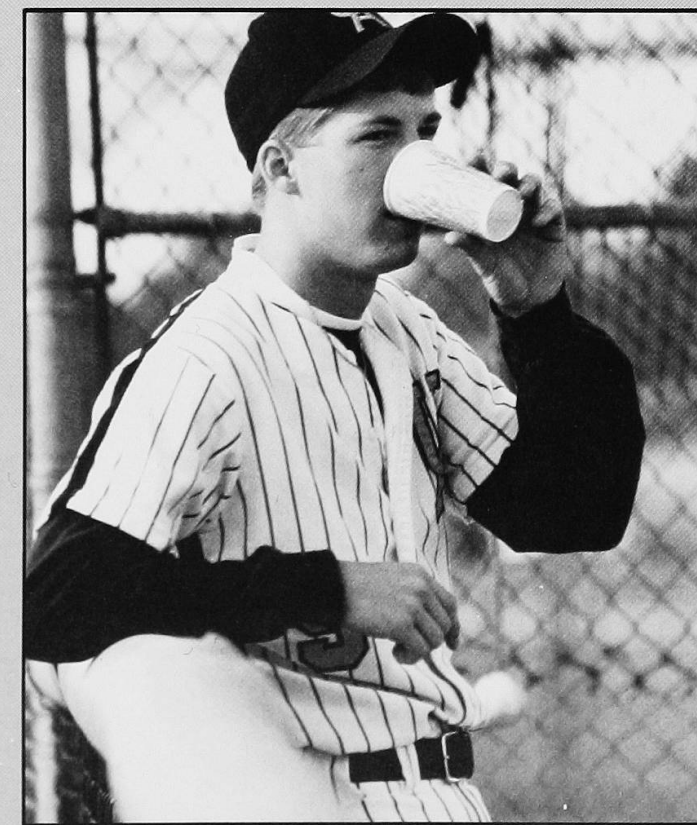
trate on each team so we wouldn't take anyone of them for granted, no matter how they were ranked," Farrell said.

The Bears finished their season with a .351 batting average and a team ERA of 1.67.

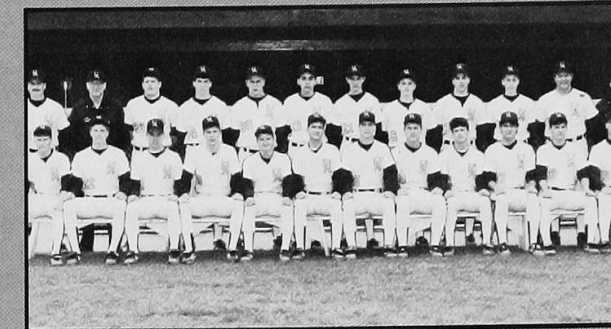
For students, winning another state championship only re-enforced what philosopher Jacques Barzun once said:

"Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America better learn baseball." Copy and design/Malissa DeLibera

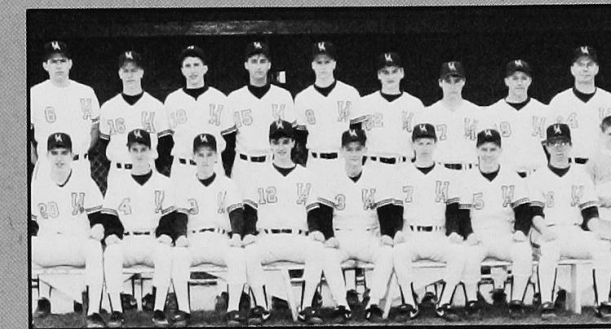
While staring down the opposing batter, junior Matt Mizer winds up and concentrates on pitching a slider. Mizer went on to help the Golden Bears defeat the Reynoldsburg Raiders 12-5 in seven innings, by striking their batter out. The non-league game was held April 23 at home, and Mizer's fielding percentage was .962. Photo/Kristyna Ryan



STEALING HOME



Varsity: (front row) Craig Bjerke, Terry Stone, David Stegmiller, Don Wackerly, Brady Burt, Corey Geddis, Richard Farrell, Bart Patton, Bruce Davy, David Gerlitz, Chad Turner, coach Rick Good; (back row) coach Mike Matthaes, coach Ralph Schivone, Sean Powers, Matt Ferris, Matt Mizer, Todd Pfeil, Matt Hodgdon, Drew Turner, Jason Moore, coach Bill Pfeil, manager Scott Ferguson. Photo/Petty Studio



Junior Varsity: (front row) Adam Fisher, Kirk Haines, Nate McKinley, David Costakos, John Stelzer, Chuck Palmer, Brian Dougherty, Adam Ayers; (back row) coach Ken Whettman, Eric Wahl, Nate Rish, Jason Mlicki, Jeff Fickell, Jason Bartschy, Andy Plagenz, Kirk Wolfe, coach Doug Geckeler, ball boy Brian Geckeler. Photo/Petty Studio



Freshmen: (front row) Kevin Kinnach, Bill Post, Mike Short, David Westin, Randy Meyer, David Black, Jeff Vergamini, Bobby White, Tommy Peck, Gary Delmore; (back row) coach Scott Schneider, Rob Albright, Jeff Braun, Nate Long, Mark DeWalt, Greg Koontz, Joe Meyers, Rob Stutz, Keith Hodgdon, coach Jim Plunkett. Photo/Petty Studio

Bradenton So.	10-2	Gahanna	2-3
Riverview	2-9	Westerville So.	17-11
Cardinal Mooney	6-13	Westland	5-3
Hilliard	9-0	Dublin	5-3
Mt. Vernon	6-2	Groveport	8-0
Chillicothe	2-3	Col. Academy	8-0
Hilliard	2-3	Westerville N.	5-3
Gahanna	4-3	Col. West	13-1
Wetstone	8-0	Grove City	8-3
Worthington	10-5	Beechcroft	11-4
Westerville So.	15-9	Westland	4-3
St. Charles	5-2	Walnut Ridge	18-3
Westland	2-1	Northland	3-2
Groveport	9-3	Ashland	11-3
Grove City	3-4	Newark Cath.	12-0
Westerville No.	6-4	Toledo Cent. Cath.	5-1
Worthington	5-2	Euclid	7-4
Reynoldsburg	12-5	Cuyahoga Falls	20-6

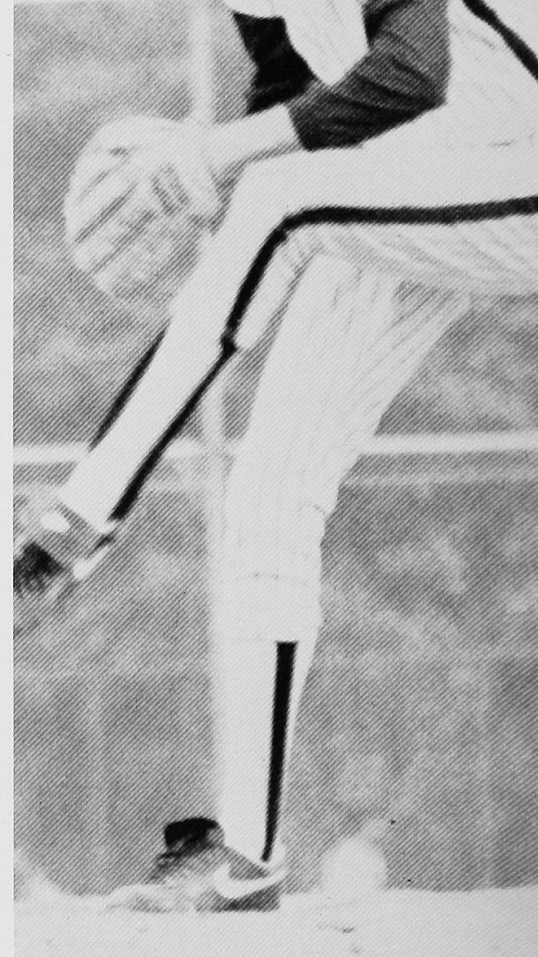
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BASEBALL

Captain Matt Mizer swings at a pitch.



Captain Jason Moore and Jeff Vergamini complete a play.



Jeff Fickell prepares to pitch. Jeff Fickell to go to OSU to continue playing baseball.

BOYS' VARSITY BASEBALL ROW 1: Matt Ferris, Adam Ayers, Jeff Fickell, Capt. Jason Moore, Capt. Matt Mizer, Drew Turner, Todd Pfeil, Matt Hodgson, Mark Dawson ROW 2: Coach Ralph Schivone, coach Mike Matthaes, John Stelzer, Kirk Haines, Eric Wahl, Mark Swartz, Tom Peck, Andy Plagenz, Rob Stutz, coach Rick Good, coach Bill Pfeil.



BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL ROW 1: Bill Post, Scott Wills, Dave Westin, Kevin Kimnack, Chuck Palmer, Jeff Vergamini, Josh McKinley, David Black, Rob Albright, Mike Short ROW 2: Coach Scott Snyder, Jeremy Robertson, Ben Hendershot, Keith Hodgson, Randy Meyer, Jeff Braun, Gary Delmore, Greg Koontz, Bob White, coach Doug Dunlap.

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Golden Baseball Bears

Wild Ride

Next time you visit Kings Island and their famous roller coasters, look around and see if the baseball team is there riding the same roller coaster ride they took in their '92 campaign.

As tri-captain **Kirk Haines** explained, the season was hard to track. "It was strange because we'd win a game, then lose one; every time we lost, it seemed like that set off a string of a few more losses." Though they ended with a respectable 12 win, 10 loss record, junior **Mark Dewalt** concurred with Haines' enigmatic explanation. "At times we were unbeatable; at other times nothing seemed to be in our favor."

The upside of the season included a memorable victory over Cincinnati Moeller and a pair of wins over OCC rival Hilliard. Junior **Bob White** said, "I'll definitely remember the Moeller game. At one time

Thomas Worthington	6-7
Hilliard	12-2
Kilbourne	12-2
Moeller	11-5
Thomas Worthington	7-5
Moeller	14-18
Westerville North	5-10
Grove City	4-3
Gahanna	4-3
Chillicothe	11-2
Hilliard	13-5
Walnut Ridge	11-1
Worthington Kilbourne	5-6
Westerville North	10-11
Steubenville	3-7
Winterville	5-12
Grove City	6-4
Northland	11-1
Chillicothe	10-0
Watterson	1-3
Pickerington	13-14
Groveport	3-7

they were ranked 18th nationally; they came here and we really pounded them." The Bears finished a very close second place in the OCC Central to Hilliard, although they

beat the Wildcats twice. "We got past Hilliard very easily, winning by the run rule in one game," White explained, "but our problem came with Westerville North."

Haines said hitting was the strong point of the team. "Our team batting average ranked up there with the best in the last five years." Senior **Eric Wahl** led the team in hitting with a .446 average. Wahl earned the Total Efficiency Player and Most Valuable Player, and the Mr. Hustle Award went to senior **Chuck Palmer**. Haines and Palmer earned first team All-OCC honors, Dewalt and Wahl received second team honors and White received Honorable Mention.

Like a roller coaster, the team had its ups and downs. However, with a couple more outs and a few more hits, the team may well have been riding high.



VARSITY Front Row: Andy Plagenz, Chuck Palmer, Matt Ferris, Kirk Haines, John Stelzer, Eric Wahl **2nd Row:** Mike Short, Greg Kuentz, Rob Stutz, Tom Peck, Jeff Vergamini, David Black, Manager Jim Evans **Back Row:** Coach Rick Good, Coach Bill Pfeil, Bob White, Mark DeWalt, Jeff Braun, Coach Mike Mattheas, Coach Ralph Schivone



JV Front Row: Arthur Lin, Bill Post, Tim Zeigler, Dan Bryan, Jamie Pearce, Mike Spisak **2nd Row:** Beau Stanley, Jeff Payne, David Westin, Kevin Kinnach, Dan Nicol, Tom Dingle, Matt Strader **Back Row:** Steve Dodge, Ben Hendershot, Gary Delmore, Tom Campbell, Chad Frazier, Rob Albright, Coach Doug Dunlap, Coach Scott Snyder



FRESHMEN Front Row: Rob Reinstette, Andy DiBlasi, Jon Secrest **2nd Row:** Mike Wise, Jeff Wahl, John Lee, Brady Tesner, Ryan VanBiene, Dax Davis, Matt LeCrone, Devin Crosgrove **Back Row:** Matt Cable, Jim Marquard, Dan Lerner, David Morgan, Anthony Barker, Matt Woessner, Chris Schilling, Coach Jeff Plunkett



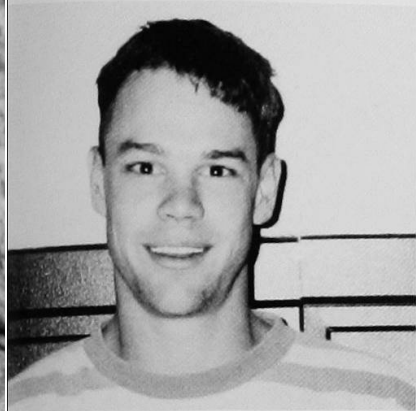
Junior **Bob White** waits for a pitch in a game against Hilliard. White hit two homeruns in the Bears' 12-2 win.

Junior **Tom Peck** hits a two-run homerun over the left-field wall against Thomas Worthington. The Bears won the contest 7-5.

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Baseball Bears Hit Grand Slam

SLIDING HOME AS OCC CHAMPS



Crack! All eyes turn to the sky as the ball sails high into the air. The opposing pitcher, Slabo, hangs his head as the ball drops over the fence and the batter jogs enthusiastically around the bases.

The boys baseball team met high goals for the year and completed a strong and memorable season. The team began its season with a trip to Louisville, Kentucky, where the team was only able to squeeze in two games due to bad weather. Nevertheless, the team showed promise with two close victories over St. Xavier and Louisville South-

ern. The season started off right as co-captain **Bob White**, senior, pitched a no-hit shut out in the home opener. This feat was duplicated later in the year when senior **Greg Koontz** threw seven no-hit innings in a victory over Chillicothe. The Bears finished the season with 16 wins and 8 losses.

The Bears tied with Worthington Kilbourne for the OCC Championship as both teams suffered final league losses. Senior pitcher **David Black** believed the Bears deserved the title outright. "We beat Kilbourne both times we played them. I think we were the better team even though we struggled late in the regular season," he said.

The team had a bye in the first round of the tournament and went on to defeat Franklin Heights 4-1. The Bears then beat Pickerington before facing Dublin in the district finals. Despite the fighting spirit of the Bears, as embodied in Black's hair which read

"Booya," the Bears fell short of their hopes with a 9-4 loss. Head coach **Mike Matthaes** said, "We dominated the game until the fifth inning, but some base running mistakes and good hitting by Dublin changed the momentum."

At the year's end banquet, the team celebrated its season. Senior co-captain **Tom Peck** won Most Valuable Player and OCC Player of the Year honors, while seniors **Mike Short**, **Jeff Vergamini** along with Peck

earned the Mr. Hustle Award; Short also received the Most Improved Award. Peck and senior **Mark Dewalt** earned first team All-District honors.

All the players were proud of their efforts and competed hard through the final game. The team composed of mainly seniors will always remember their many years of playing together as the underclassmen work to continue the tradition of excellence.

UA	OPP.
REGULAR SEASON:	16-8
4	Reynoldsburg 6
6	Westland 0
0	Newark 3
1	Chillicothe 0
9	Gahanna 13
5	W. Kilbourne 4
9	Academy 5
10	Grove City 2
12	Westerville N. 8
9	Chillicothe 1
1	Grove City 0
3	Hilliard 5
16	W. Kilbourne 6
7	Westerville N. 3
13	Walnut Ridge 0

Safe! Sliding into third, senior Keith Hodgdon successfully completed a risky steal. Hodgdon then ran home to score, and the Bears beat Grove City 9 to 5.



JUNIOR VARSITY Front Row: Tesner, John Lee, Matt Cable, Bob Paxton, Dax Davis, Mike Beau Stanley **Back Row:** Devin Wise, Andy Diblasi, Brady Cosgrave, Matt Lecrone, Matt



Varsity Front Row: Chad Mike Spisak **Back Row:** Coach Short, Tom Dingle, Rob Stutz, Bill Pfeil, Coach Mike Matthaes, Keith Hodgdon, Coach Rick Good, Jed Payne, David Black, Rob Reinstette, Matt Strader, Mike

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INEXPERIENCE HURTS BEARS

OPPONENT	SCORE
Gahanna Lincoln	6-10
Franklin Heights	7-8
Pickerington	4-11
Worthington Kilbourne	6-11
Newark	16-1
St. Charles	23-13
Westerville North	9-10
Watterson	10-29
Grove City	13-3
Bishop Ready	14-2
Chillicothe	1-10
Hilliard	7-8
Worthington Kilbourne	10-6
Newark Catholic	8-7
Westerville North	10-5
Dublin	2-2
Grove City	2-6
Westland	5-4
Hilliard	0-5
Groveport	7-1
Chillicothe	7-5
Thomas Worthington	5-12

Life is like baseball: sometimes you hit a homerun and sometimes you strike out, but the important thing is that you got up to the plate. For the members of the baseball team, baseball was life. They worked through a roller coaster season of victories and defeats, but al-

ways together as a team.

From the start of the season, Head Coach Mike Matthaes knew that his team was relatively inexperienced. "We were a very young team. But we learned a lot and gained experience throughout the season and became a very good baseball team," he

said.

In order to get a head start on the season, the team went to Orlando, Florida, during Spring Break. "We practiced hard and had a lot of fun. I think the trip helped us to develop as a team," said senior Matt Strader.

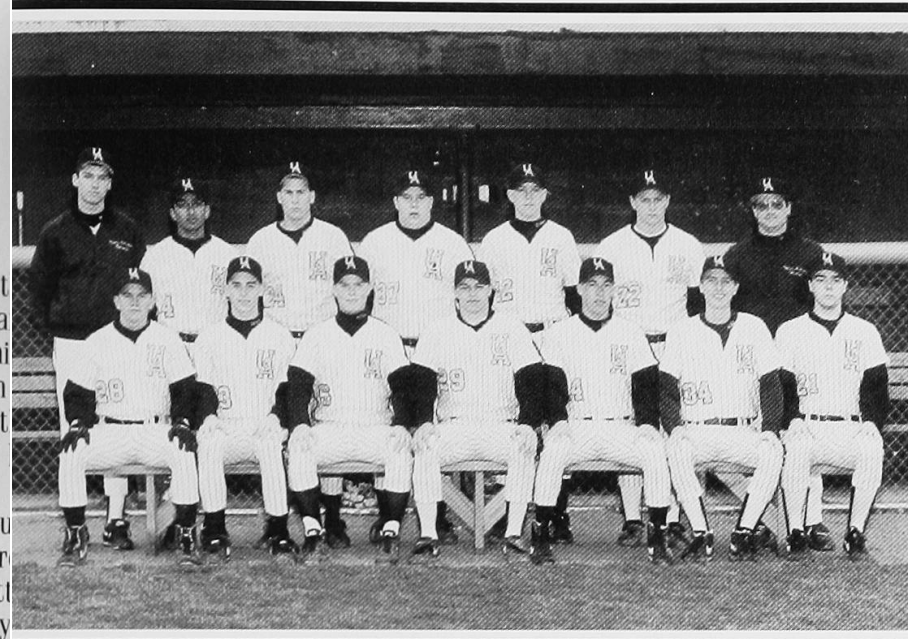
After a slow 0-4 start, the Bears rallied to finish the season with an even record of 10-10-1. The highlight of the year came with a 10-6 win over district leaders Worthington Kilbourne. "We made almost no mental or physical mistakes, and we hit the ball well. I think that we really played up to our potential," said senior captain Michael Spizak.

The postseason was cut short for the Bears by Thomas Worthington. The Bears fell 11-6 in the seventh inning. Senior captain Chad Frazier said that the Bear's lack of tournament experience accounted for the loss. "We had all the elements to go far in the tournament, but it just wasn't our night — that's baseball," he said. Junior Mike Wise looked

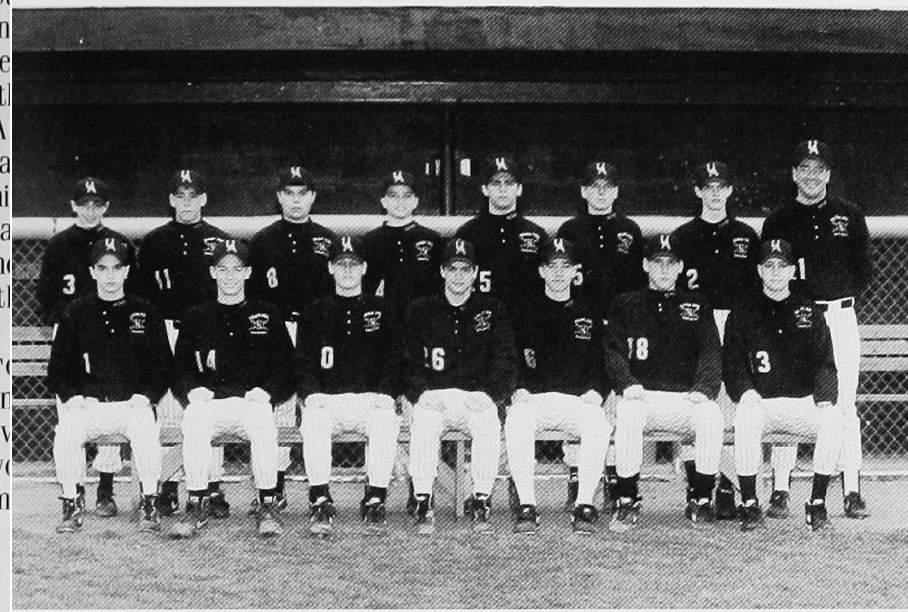
forward to next year. "With the experiences we got this year and all the returning starters, I think we will be ready to make a run at the OCC championship and the state tournament next year," said.

The team celebrated its successful season at the award banquet. Junior Rob Reinstette won the Most Valuable Player Award, Wise earned the Hustle Award and junior Brady Tesner was awarded Most Improved. Reinstette was also named to the First Team All-OCC and All-District teams, while Spizak, freshman Paul Lashuk and junior Beau Stanley won Second Team All-OCC honors. Captains named for next year were Reinstette, Stanley and junior John Lee.

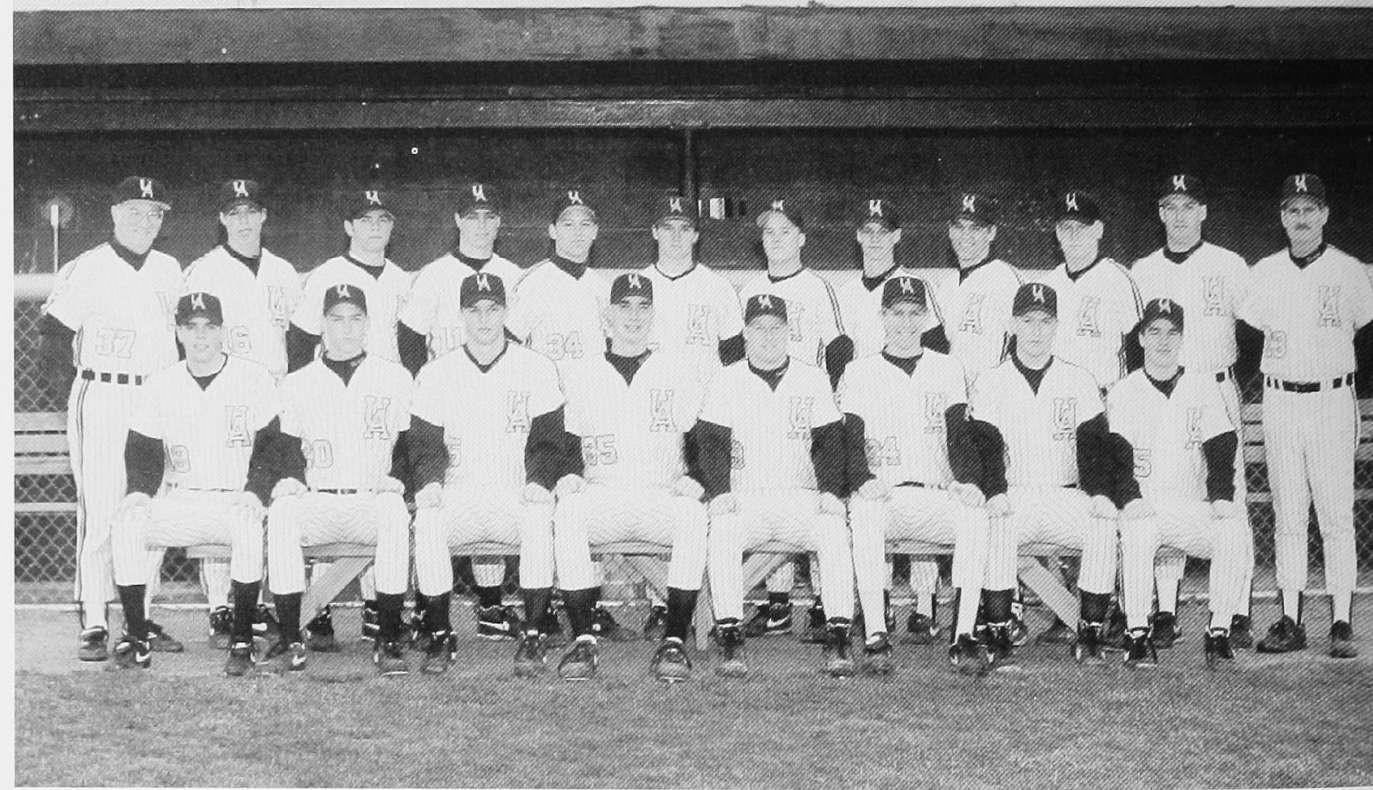
Though the Bears endured their share of ups and downs, the year was still a hit! As Key Coster said, "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, sometimes it rains" (*Bull Durham*).



JUNIOR VARSITY Front Row: Kevin Ely, Chad Cacchio, Steve Mangum, Jason Shields, Todd Walter, Eric Smith, Dan Lenerz Back Row: Coach Ed Blankenship, Jason George, Jim Marquard, Matt Lechrone, Todd Kubli, Dax Davis, Coach Scott Snyder (Not pictured: Devon Cosgrave, Jeff Schmid, Jeff Travis, Matt Woessner)



FRESHMAN Front Row: Bill Heiser, Alec Hoppes, Doug Heines, Andy Briggs, Brian Sena, Adam Yarbrough, Ben Brady Back Row: Mike Eneyart, Luke Reinstette, Andy Frick, Rod Welling, David Fein, Jim Livingston, Ryan Inskeep, Coach Barry Keith



VARSITY Front Row: Troy Walton, Jeff Wahl, Mike Spisak, Chad Frazier, Rob Reinstette, Jed Payne, Mike Kelley, Paul Lashuk Back Row: Coach Ralph Schivone, Matt Cable, Tom White, Brady Tesner, Matt Strader, James Pearce, John Lee, Mike Wise, David Merrell, Beau Stanley, Coach Rick Good, Coach Mike Matthaes



GOING! GOING! GONE! Senior captain Mike Spisak connected for the game winning homerun against Chillicothe. Spisak was voted Second Team All-OCC by conference coaches.

BASEBALL

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STEPPING UP TO BAT

Season Leads To Regional Action

At the beginning of the 1995 Golden Bear baseball season, the team had high aspirations. With seven starters and a strong pitching staff returning from last year, many players expected to be successful.

Although several baseball Bears performed well as individuals in the regular season, the team found themselves unable to get a break when they needed it. Senior co-captain Rob Reinstetle said, "In the regular season we performed pretty well, but when the game was on the line we never got that big hit or game-saving put out. That changed in the tournament when we started playing more as a team and getting things done when it counted."

One goal the baseball Bears wanted to achieve was to finish at the top of the OCC. Unfortunately, the Bears did not attain this goal, finishing fourth in the league standings. "Finishing fourth in the league was somewhat disappointing, but it made us

realize that we had to step up our game if we were going to be successful in the tournament," said senior co-captain John Lee.

The Bears started the tournament with a clean slate and an optimistic attitude. They knew that they were in a do-or-die situation. In the Bears' first tournament game against Eastmoor, UA came away with a 11-5 win that got the ball rolling.

The baseball Bears continued to win game after game in the tournament. Soon they found themselves in the district final game against Grove City, a stiff league competitor. The game was close until the Bears rallied in the fifth inning and built a substantial lead that was enough to win the game. After this win, the Bears beat Elida to reach the regional finals.

The team ended its season as regional runner-ups. The Bears exceeded all tournament expectations, ranking the highest since 1991. Copy and lay-out by Andy DiBlasi

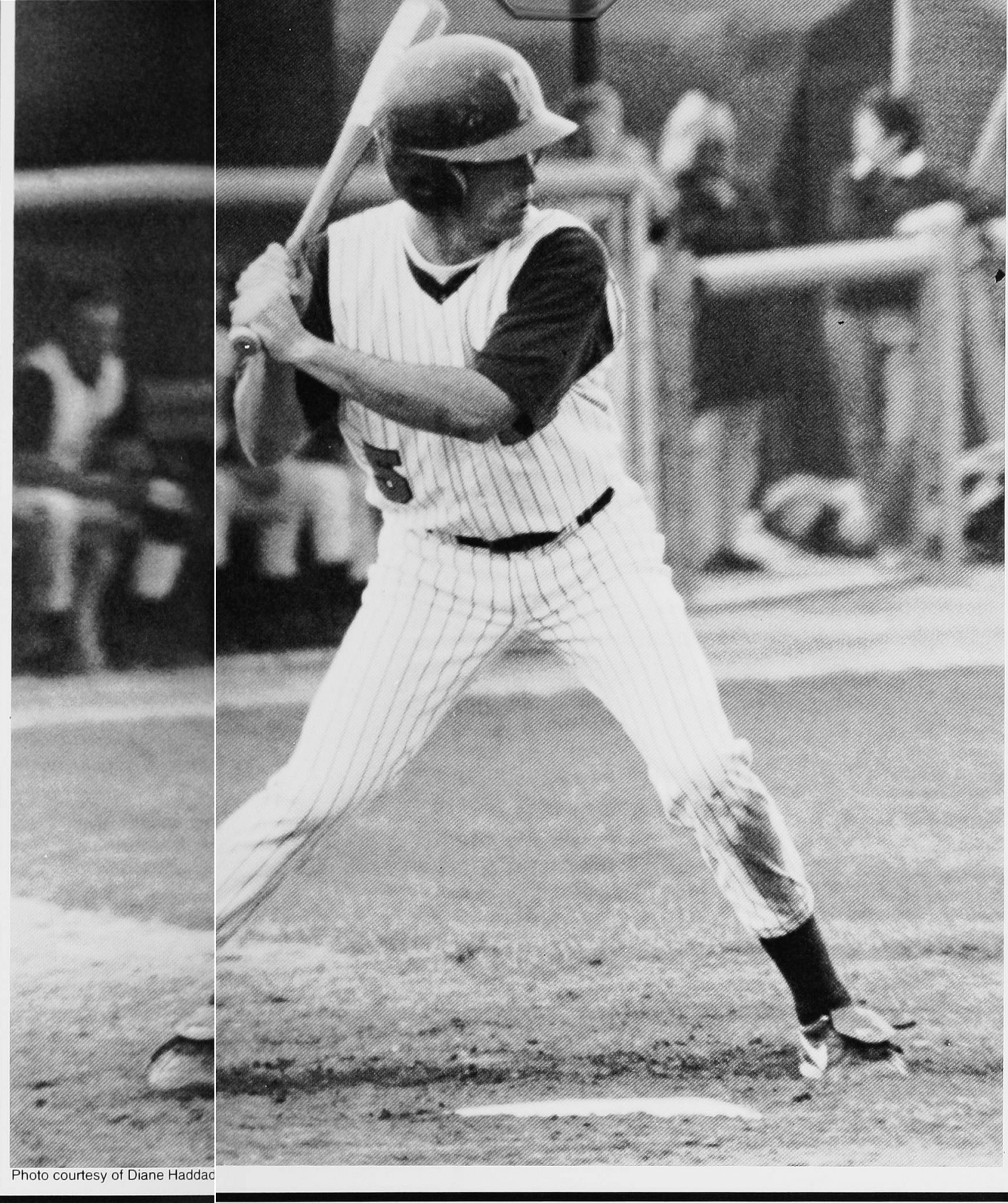


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Senior co-captain Brady Tesner waits on a pitch which he later hit for a double in a regular season game against Westland. The Bears ended up winning 5-4.

“Win-
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attainable
through
hard work
and dedi-
cation.”
- John Lee,
co-captain

T. Worth.	12-10
Northland	20-1
Gahanna	7-6
Pickerington	4-11
Worth. K.	1-11
Newark	6-4
Westland	5-4
Westerville N.	4-6
Grove City	12-2
Hilliard	4-5
Chillicothe	5-1
Worth. K.	12-9
Westerville N.	4-6
Grove City	10-3
St. Charles	14-5
Hilliard	4-18
Watterson	0-9
Chillicothe	6-1
Walnut Ridge	18-2
Hartley	12-5
Newark	5-6
Newark	5-7
Eastmoor	11-5
Gahanna	8-7
Westerville N.	5-4
Grove City	12-6
Elida	3-2
Toledo Start	8-9



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Front row: David Merrell, Jim Marquard, Mike Wise, Captain John Lee, Captain Rob Reinstetle, Brady Tesner, Beau Stanley, Dan Lenerz, Jason Shields **2nd row:** Coach Bill Pfiel, Coach Ralph Shavone, Chad Cacchio, Tom White, Steve Mangum, Eric Smith, John Milling, Mike Kelley, Troy Walton, Paul Lashuk, Coach Rick Good, Coach Mike Matthaes.

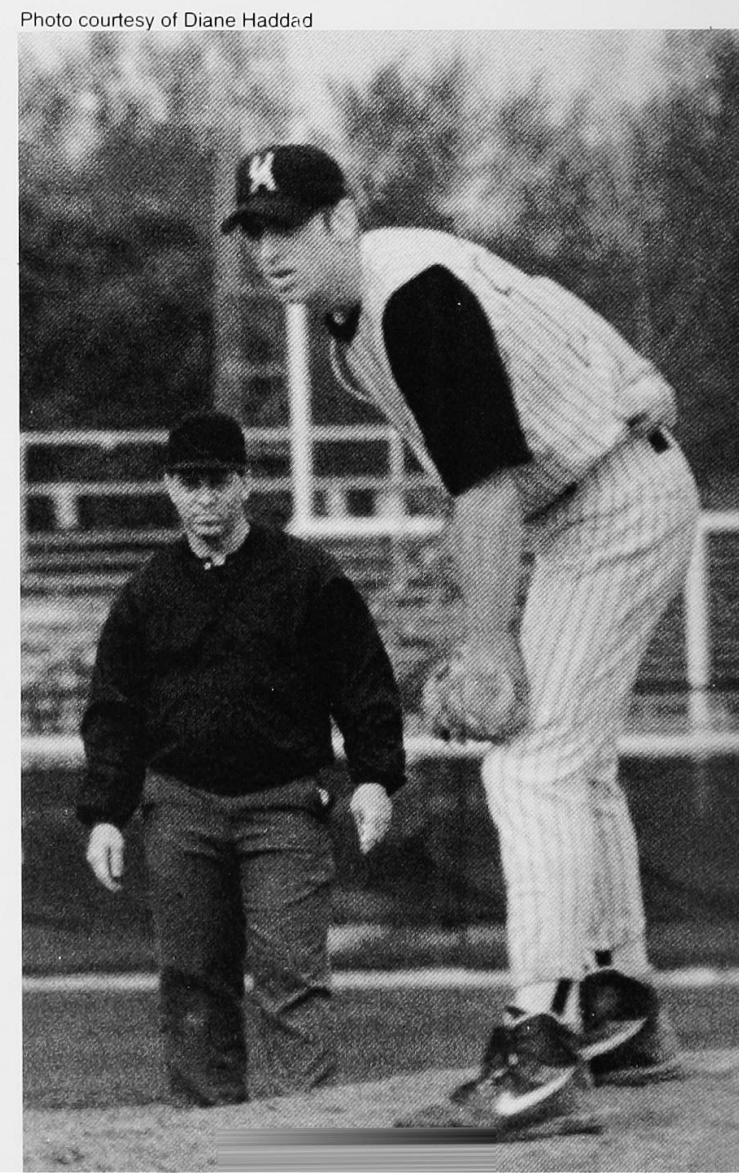


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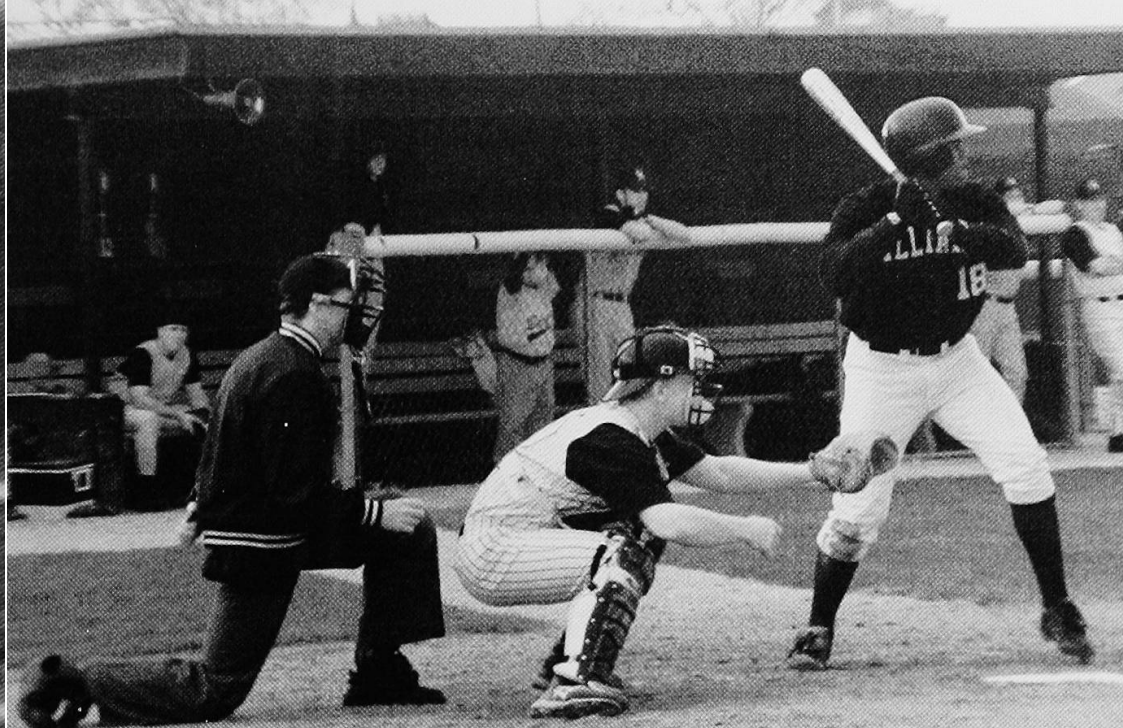


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Senior John Milling looks for a sign from the catcher while pitching in a home game against Charles, which the Bears went to win 14-5.

Senior co-captain Beau Stanley gets into position to receive a pitch during a home league match against a rival team, the Hilliard Wildcats.

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Completing their duties

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

DIDN'T WIN THAT ONE GAME THIS YEAR

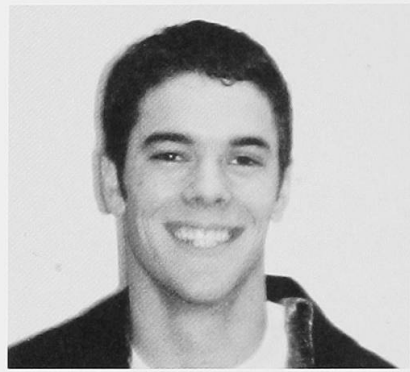
As OCC co-champions along with Pickerington and being rewarded sectional champions the Bears had a bright future ahead of them that noone thought would end so soon. It was the district final against Hilliard on Friday May 24, that ended any dream of going to State.

When asked what made this years team different from previous years Senior Troy Walton said, "We are hitting more homers, pitching better and making fewer errors."

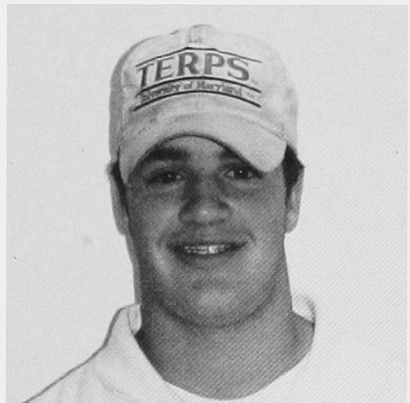
Junior Doug Heine stated, "With key players seniors Tom White, David Merrell, Eric Smith, Chad Cacio and Steve Magnum this was our year." This year White was named district player of the year. He led the Bears in home runs (10), RBI (37) and had a batting average of .508. Merrell was named player of the week from the Columbus Dispatch and Magnum was named the most consistent hitter by the team. With so few technical errors and such an advanced group of seniors why were the Bears deprived of their chance at State?

Senior Eric Smith stated, "It was all over because of one inning. We were leading 1-0 until the fifth inning and then they scored seven runs." According to Smith it was over three errors. Two hit batsman, two walks and three hits. Being down 1-7 the Bears tried to pull it off with a solo home run hit by Merrell and a two run homer be senior Mike Kelley. Unfortunately the Bears were unable to close the gap on the three runs they needed to tie. The Bears lost the Divison I Central District final to Hilliard 7-4.

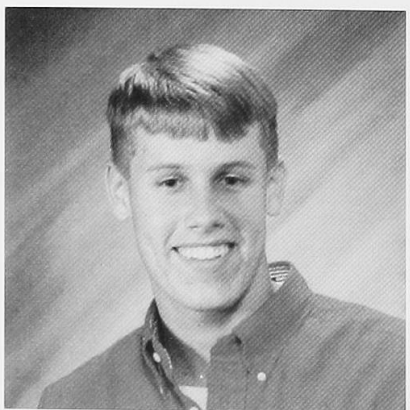
Coach Mike Matthaes ended the season by saying "they (the Bears) made a run at it, but we just dug ourselves into too big of a hole." Although the Bears were unable to end their season the way they had hoped, they still had reason to celebrate. Although they didn't go to State they were named OCC co-champions along with Pickerington and were sectional champions as well. Copy and layout by Kristie Widing



Senior Troy Walton was out for the season due to pre-season surgery on his shoulder, but will continue his baseball career next fall at Indiana University.



Junior Paul Lashuk the only junior to play on varsity his freshman year, contributed to the teams' success as the third base catcher, a change from first base last year.



Junior Doug Heine a first year varsity player and letterman contributed to the team in the out-field. Heine was one of the teams 5 junior players.



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Senior Eric Smith completes a pitch during an away game on April 24, against Chillicothe.

Fun Fact: The Bears scored more runs this year than any previous year.

Gathering during a game against Westerville South, the Bears prepare to win with a score of 8-3. Smith helped the Bears take home a victory with the final score of 13-0.



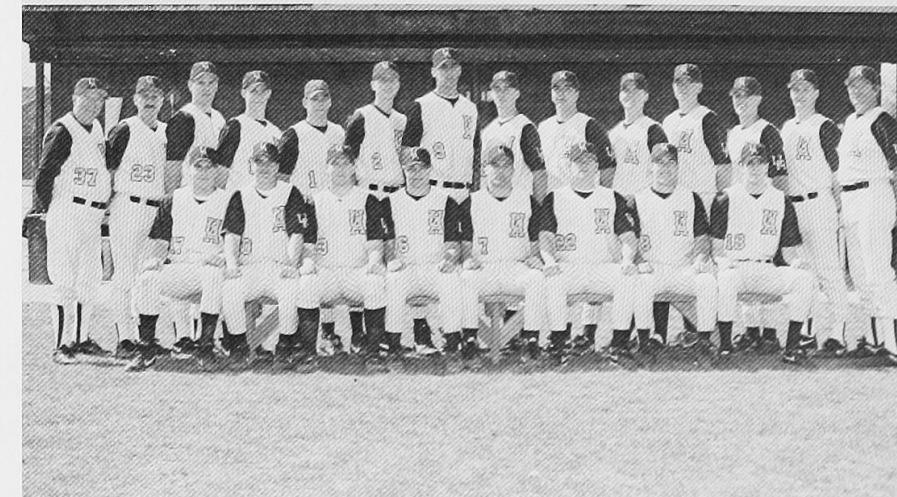
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Senior Tom White rounds the bases after hitting a home run against Grove City at an away game. Hitting over .500 White lead the Central District in the number of home runs hit (10) and RBI (37).

Baseball

DeSales	14-8
Newark	17-5
Dublin Scioto	23-0
Chillicothe	17-2
Grove City	15-12
Worthington Kilbourne	6-3
Reynoldsburg	21-7
Westerville South	8-3
Pickerington	1-7
Chillicothe	16-1
Dublin Scioto	5-3
Hilliard	8-3
Newark	2-0
Worthington Kilbourne	9-1
Westerville South	7-4
Reynoldsburg	21-2
Delaware	5-0
Pickerington	3-6
Jonathan Alder	21-3
Watterson	10-11
Walnut Ridge	17-3
Grove City	7-3
Hilliard	4-7

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Front Row: Adam Yarbrough, Paul Lashuk, Mike Kelley, Jason Shields, David Merrell, Tom White, Todd Walter, Troy Walton **Back Row:** Coach Ralph Schivone, Coach Mike Matthaes, Coach Tim Thomas, Alec Hoppes, Luke Reinstette, Eric Smith, John Milling, Chad Cacchio, Jeff Travis, Steve Mangum, Todd Kubli, Doug Heine, Coach Rick Good, Coach Bill Pfeil



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First Row; Andy Frick, Mark Walter, Luke Reinstetle, Jim Livingston. **Second Row;** George Stegmiller, Mark Keim, Paul Lashuk, Brad Snyder, Tyler Burt, Alec Hoppes, Ryan White. **Third Row;** Tim Thomas, Steve Walter, Doug Heine, Curt Edwards, Adam Yarbrough, Kyle Glandon, Rob O'Brien, Dennis Martin.

AWARDS

TOP OFFENSIVE

GEORGE STEGMILLER

GOLDEN GLOVE

PAUL LASHUK

TOP PITCHER

STEVE WALTER

MOST IMPROVED

ANDY FRICK

COACHES AWARD

DOUG HEINE

Pitching his way to victory and honor junior George Stegmiller helped the Bears win a close game over Lakewood, 9-8. Stegmiller later won the top offensive award and will be next years' captain along with juniors Steve Walter and Kyle Glandon.

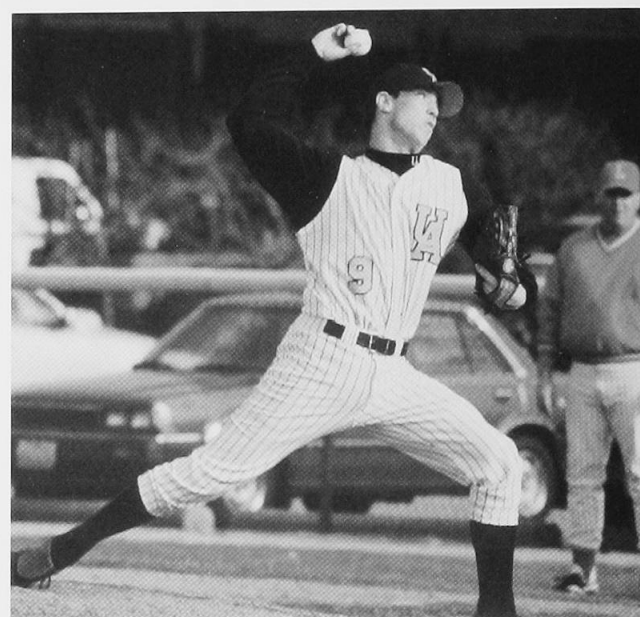


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Waiting for the perfect pitch, on the perfect day, in the perfect place. Junior Mark Walter waits for that pitch during a game the Bears played in Florida during Spring break. Senior Luke Reinstetle continued to play as catcher for last years' season.



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Arriving in a cloud of dust

senior Alec Hoppes, stops at second base to keep his eye on the incoming signals from his second base coach during the Groveport game. The Bears won 6-0.

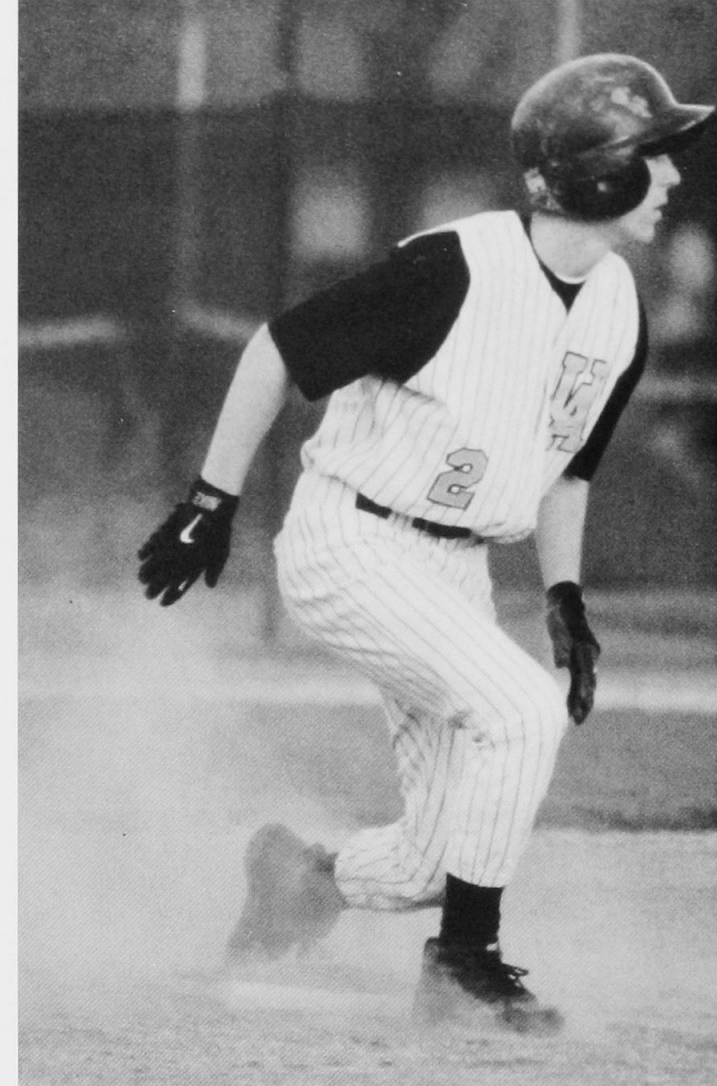


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UA
Baseball

Westland 0-4
Groveport 6-0
Lakewood 9-8
St. Charles 11-9
Chillicothe 8-2

Dublin Scioto 6-5
Grove City 12-14
Reynoldsburg 7-3
W. Kilbourne 10-4
Westerville South 13-10

Northland 9-7
Pickerington 15-5
Chillicothe 14-11
Dublin Scioto 6-7
Dublin Coffman 8-10

Newark 4-10
Grove City 5-4
Academy 13-4
Reynoldsburg 20-0
W. Kilbourne 15-0

Westerville S. 6-3
Pickerington 5-4
Olentangy 0-8
Westerville North 18-24

Tournament
Sectional
Grove City 19-4
District
Pickerington 2-4

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Celebration overflowed

from the benches after senior Paul Lashuk hit his second homerun during a game against Groveport. The Bears won 6-0. Lashuk was awarded the Golden Glove in helping the Bears win the OCC Championship and defeat Grove City 19-4 in the sectional final. The Bears finished their season with a 18-8 record.

Victory Over Doubt

Bears Prove Rebuilding Unneeded

Critics shook their heads in awe, opponents were amazed, but the UA coaches knew it and most of all the players had always felt it. Who would have known that a team with only one returning starter would be able to take the OCC championship and prove the UA baseball team didn't need to rebuild its team. All it had to do was reorganize and prove what they knew all along.

Two years ago the Bears graduated all but one starter, and the outlook on last years team was grim. With the help of new coach Dennis Martin that outlook became encouragement. "They took it as a challenge. There is a lot of tradition here, and I don't think the kids liked being labeled as not very good," stated Martin.

During Spring Break the Bears were given the opportunity to get some quality practice time in Florida. The practice paid off through out the season and the players recognized among themselves, "We're finding a new star every game, different people are stepping up every game. We're not letting it get to our heads. Hopefully we can do well the second half of the season and keep it up," said senior co-captain Doug Heine.

The players also realized their talents within themselves as well. "I've never been a home run hitter.

I've been a hitter who hits for average. Home runs come when you least expect them," stated junior George Stegmiller. When it came time for the Bears to prove it to all of their doubters, it was time for the OCC Championship. After beating a tough Dublin team The Bears just took it in stride. "The thing that makes me feel the best was everyone thought we would stink this year. But it's all ours," said senior co-captain Paul Lashuk.

Soon after the OCC Championships, the race for the state tournament began. In the first round the Bears beat Grove City 19-4 in the sectional, but in the next step up the Pickerington Tigers stopped UA in a close game of 2-4 in the District final. It was quite a place to be for a team that supposedly didn't have much to look forward to.

Next year brings promise for the Bears. With only seven graduating varsity players it will be another year of reorganization, who knows where they could finish.

After the Bears won the OCC the water buckets weren't dumped over the coaches head, there were no screams from the stands of 'the Bears win! The Bears are the champs!' Instead the UA baseball team was happy with taking the title quietly as if they had expected to do it all along.

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first row: Steve Walter, Mark Walter, Shawn Riehl, Craig Haines, Dan DeVault, Jimmy Rogers, Mark Keim, John Fiske, David Crawford, Brad Snyder, **back row:** Tim Thomas, Head Coach Denny Martin, George Stegmiller, Robby O'Brien, Kyle Glandon, Ben Kautz, Curt Edwards, Ryan White, Bruce Heine, Ralph Schivone

Senior Steve Walter winds up to pitch one of his many strikes on an Apr. 17 game against Dublin Scioto. During this game, Walter's most popular pitch was the slider. With the help of such a pitch, the Bears were able to defeat Scioto. That game later turned out to be one of Scioto's only two losses.

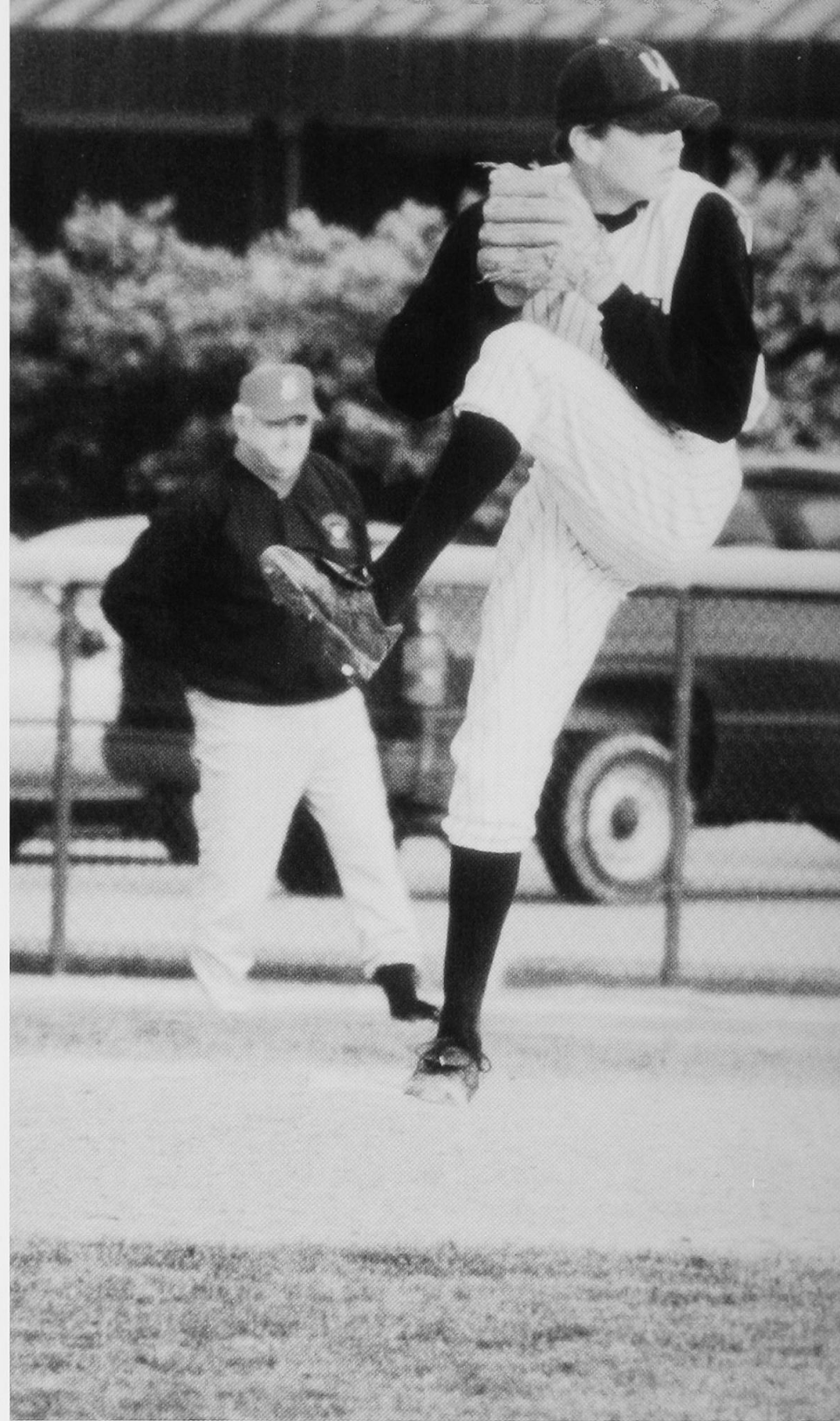


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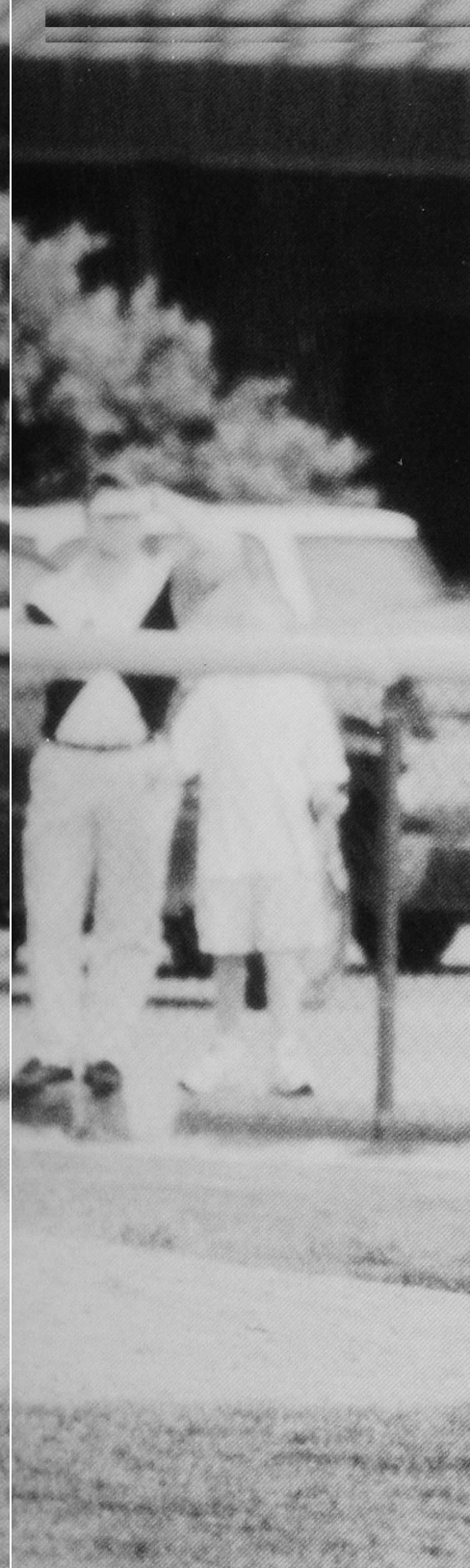


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Senior Ryan White fouls a ball while his teammate senior co-captain George Stegmiller watches from the on-deck circle. White was named to All-District Honorable Mention. Stegmiller was named first team all-district. This meant Stegmiller played in the District All-Star game at Cooper Stadium on May 27.

Balancing Priorities

Players make sacrifices for the sport they love

Worthington 3-2 Chillicothe 12-1 Olentangy 6-1 Dublin Scioto 1-0 Pickerington 9-10 Hilliard Darby 7-6 Reynoldsburg 18-4 Dublin Scioto 2-7 Olentangy 12-4 Hilliard Darby 12-7 Marysville 0-5 Groveport-District Tournament 3-4

Thomas Worthington 6-2 Toledo Bowsher 6-2 Watterson 4-0 Youngstown Boardman 10-2 Youngstown Boardman 10-2 Hilliard Davidon 12-13 Dublin Coffman 10-11 Reynoldsburg 6-0 Newark 7-3 Worthington Kilbourne 6-3 Saint Charles 1-8 Grove City 11-9 Newark 1-15 Chillicothe 1-15

Going to the Plate

Ready

SET

GO

"I love the guys [on the team]. I just wanted to help them have fun. I ended up loving it.

-senior Zack Prout



Photo by Devon Cotsumire

Every day the baseball team had a game, senior Zack Prout's voice could be heard booming from the football field to Ridgeview Road. Prout's job was to announce each batter as he approached the plate. Eventually, Prout began asking the players for a song they would like to be played while walking up to the plate. It entertained not only the fans and the players, but Prout himself as well.

The following is a list of players-nicknames included if appropriate and their songs.

- senior Mark "Rock" Walter- "Pour Some Sugar on Me" by Def Leppard
- senior co-captain Steve "Stevie Beefies" Walter- "Somebody's Crying" by Chris Isaak
- senior Dan DeVault- "I'm Too Sexy" by Right Said Fred
- senior co-captain Kyle Glandon- "My Pony" by Ginuwine
- senior co-captain George "Georgie Porgie" Stegmiller- "Green Acres Theme"
- senior Mark "Boss Hog" Keim- "Country Boy Can Survive" by Hank Williams Jr.
- senior Curt Edwards- "Feels So Good" by Mase
- sophomore Craig Haines- "It Takes Two" by Sonny and Cher

Freshman Nick Smith huddles by Brett Walter and part of the team to discuss the game's progression with coach Denny Martin. Despite Brad Snyder's homerun in the seventh inning of the May 11 game against Groveport, the team was not able to win the first round of the district tournament.

As any student enters into March, he begins to notice posters hanging on the walls in the main hallway. The images depict a highly anticipated event, a rite of passage of sorts, that students nationwide look forward to: spring break.

As students begin countdowns until that fateful day in March, some are not busy with travel agents. Some students already know where they are going to spend Mar. 21 through Mar. 28. These students are athletes.

Every year, the baseball team starts into March knowing their spring break will not be spent in Cancun or Saint Martin with their friends. They must spend eight days, Saturday to Saturday, in Cocoa Beach, Florida playing scrimmages against teams from different states. Attendance for the trip is mandatory and most of the boys who try out understand that. In fact, juniors and senior teammates alike agree the trip should remain mandatory.

"Everyone should be required to go. The trip separates the people who really want to improve and play baseball from those who don't. In its own way, it is a mini-tryout separating those who are dedicated to the sport to those who are just along for the ride," said senior co-captain Steve Walter.

Junior David Crawford said, "[The trip] brings the team together. It makes us better. Besides that, it's fun."

A typical day consists of waking up and heading to practice from 10 a.m. to noon. The boys then break for lunch to reconvene from 2 to 4 p.m. for more practice. The team played games mostly at night, but sometimes the rest of the day was left as free time to enjoy the beach and the sun.

Despite the intense schedule, the trip did not

seem to discourage perspective players.

"People who decide to play or not do so early on in the season. The trip doesn't really affect anyone's decision," said senior Mark Walter. "I don't think the trip is as fun as the trips I've taken in the past, but I want to play baseball. Missing out on an unstructured spring break trip is just part of the package," Walter said.

The trip also helps shape the season and bring individuals together into a team. After returning from Cocoa Beach, the team was 10-1 and ranked third in the state.

"We're doing really well. The trip helped us improve while other teams were in school or simply taking a break here in Ohio," said junior Shawn Riehl.

After weighing everything, the team seems to be unanimous about the trip. They know it is a sacrifice, but they also love their sport and would be disappointed if the trip was made voluntary.

Steve Walter said, "The trip reinforces my decision to play. To know the entire team has a set priority of playing is very assuring to know as a member and captain." Copy and layout by Sarah Graham and Lisa Owen

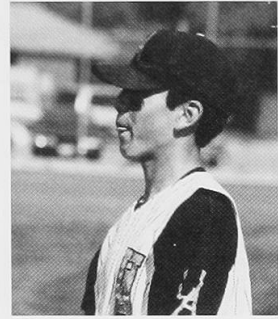


Junior John Fiske prepares to scoop up a grounder so he can toss the ball to second in an attempt to get the lead runner out. Fiske hit two home runs during the season and both during a single game. The second of the two solo shots helped the team beat Thomas Worthington on Apr. 8.

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Outstanding Identity

Freshman shortstop Greg Lopez has become pretty experienced in his 15 years. The first freshman on the varsity baseball team since Paul Lashuk in 1994, Lopez started playing at the age of three in Arizona. He has played on softball, t-ball, coach pitch, and traveling teams. Lopez moved to Arlington at age 12 and joined the UA Bears 12-year-old team. The next two years he played for both the Columbus Cobras and the Jones seventh and eighth grade teams. Coach Denny Martin said, "I saw Lopez play as a seventh-grader and knew he'd play for varsity as a freshman." Lopez feels his strengths on the field are quick hands, speed, good fielding and hitting, and a strong arm while his main weakness is in-



experience in comparison to the rest of the team. In addition to playing for the varsity team, Lopez's season highlight would be making seven double plays with John Fiske.

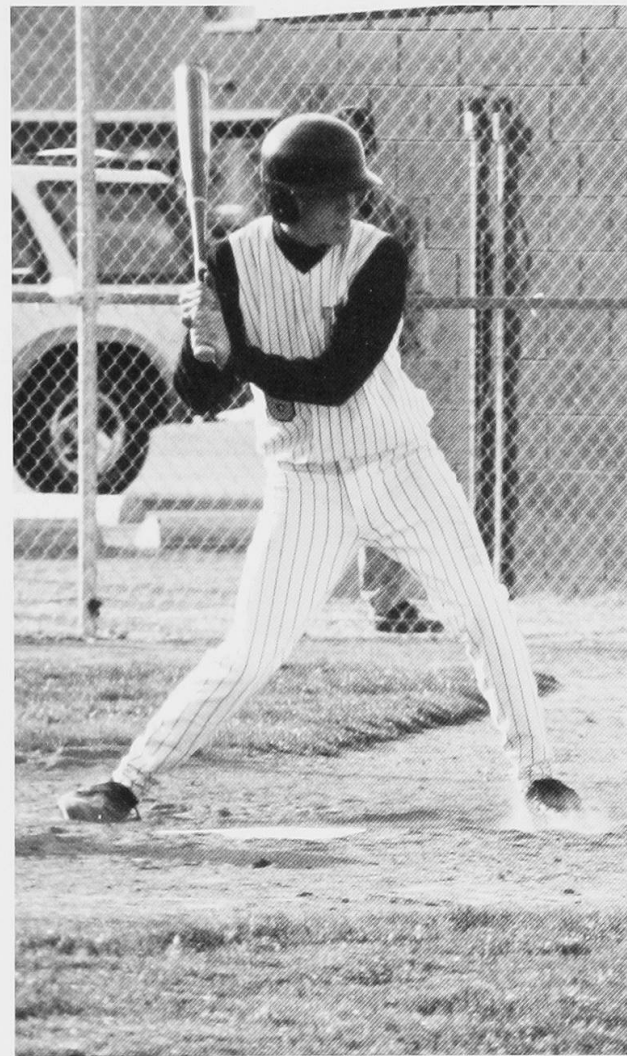


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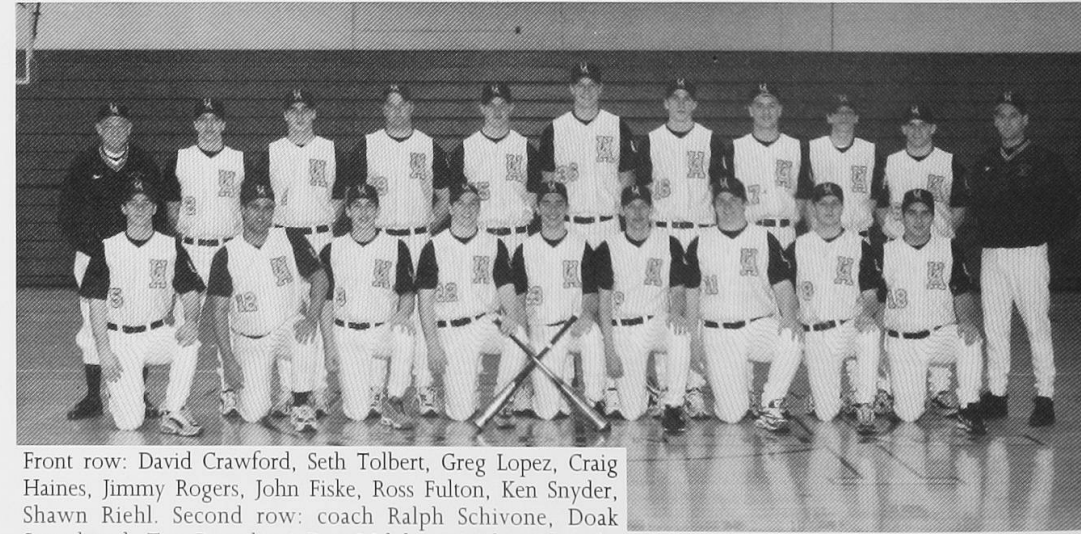
Senior Ben Kautz prepares to hit the ball during the April 21 home game against Chillicothe. The Bears won, 11-1.



Junior Kurt Hartfelder throws a practice pitch to junior Doak Strausbaugh before the April 21 home game.

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Front row: David Crawford, Seth Tolbert, Greg Lopez, Craig Haines, Jimmy Rogers, John Fiske, Ross Fulton, Ken Snyder, Shawn Riehl. Second row: coach Ralph Schivone, Doak Strausbaugh, Tom Berarducci, Dave Malolepszy, Adam Edwards, Nathan Doerschuk, Ben Kautz, Kurt Hartfelder, Billy Matty, John Welling, coach Denny Martin.

"WE HAD MANY INEXPERIENCED GUYS PLAY FOR US AND DO WELL, AND WE ENDED UP HAVING AN EXCELLENT FINISH," SAID JUNIOR DOAK STRAUSBAUGH. "WE WEREN'T EXPECTED TO GET AS FAR AS WE DID SO THE HARD WORK IN PRACTICE PAID OFF," SENIOR SETH TOLBERT SAID.

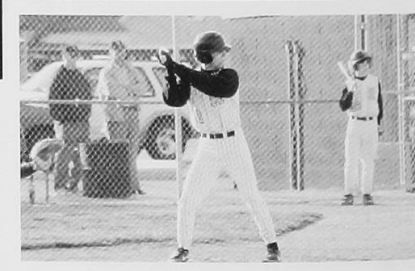
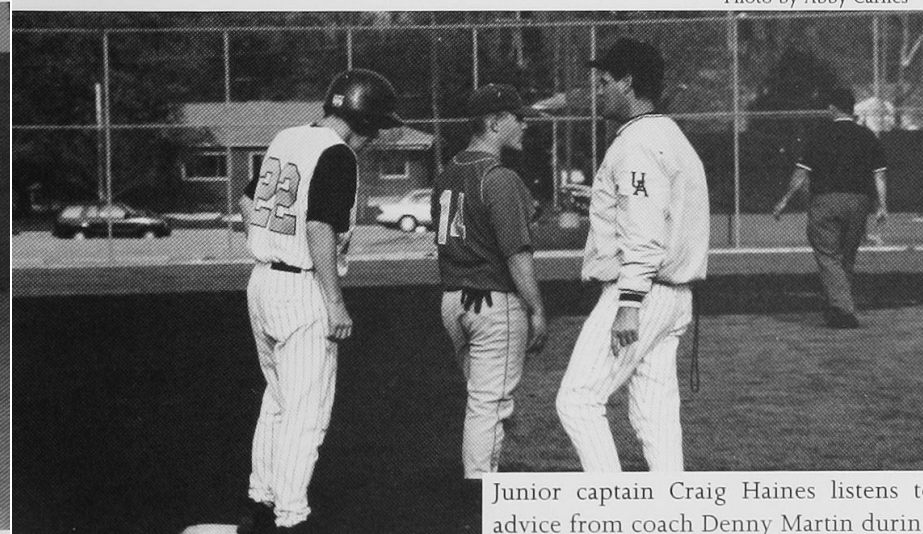


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Junior captain Craig Haines listens to advice from coach Denny Martin during the April 21 home game against Chillicothe. Martin has been the head coach since 1997.



Bull's Eye

YOUNG TEAM IMPROVES THROUGHOUT SEASON

It takes a good mix of talent and age to succeed as a team.

Coach Denny Martin said, "I feel really good about this team. They have worked harder than any team I've coached in 21 years."

The Bears graduated 10 seniors last year and left a space to fill. Seven seniors stepped up with two starting seniors that returned. "The seniors have hung in, supported (each other), and have been very helpful as leaders for the younger guys. They also really contribute in the field," Martin said.

Eleven underclassmen also moved up to join the team. Seven of them started, including juniors Doak Strausbaugh, Tom Berarducci, Craig Haines, Steve Kolcun and Dave Malolepszy, sophomore Mike Scheiderer and freshman Greg Lopez.

Although the majority of starters are underclassmen, the season still ended up well with a final record of 17-10. Junior pitcher Connor Kinsey said, "As is typical with a young team, we began the year slowly, but we've picked up a lot towards the end of the season."

Senior Jimmy Rogers also broke one school record this year. Rogers attempted 36 stolen bases and achieved all 36. The prior record was set in 1983. This record was 26 stolen bases by Tim Parsons. Martin said, "Rogers totally smoked the stolen bases record; he did awesome."

The team's season ended 17-10 with 8-4 in the OCC and two wins out of three games in the final tournament. Senior Shawn Riehl said, "Our team did really well, getting farther in the tournament than we had last year." Copy and layout by Liz Hurley

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Home Run Hitters

Baseball Bears come out with successful season of hard work, dedicaton and the OCC title

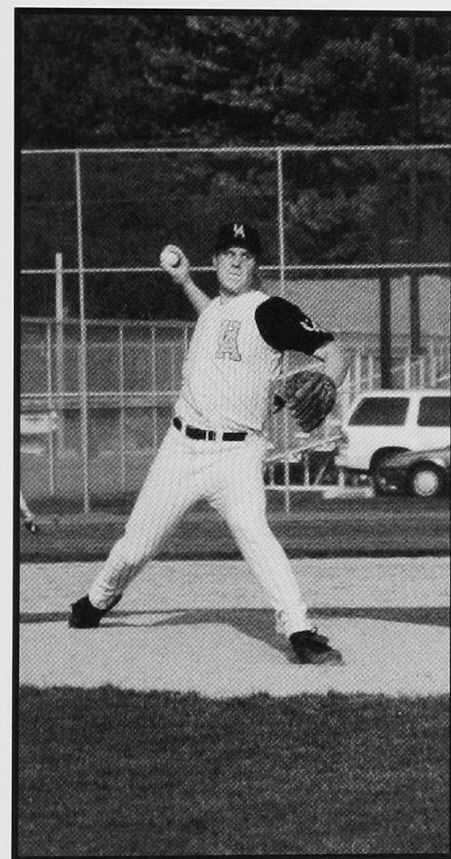


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Junior Connor Crim winds up for a pitch to opponent Licking Valley. Crim played first base along with pitching during the season.

Their dedication, practice, and experience all helped contribute to their successful season. This year the baseball Bears won the OCC cardinal division championship for the first time in three years, achieving one of the teams goals. They also finished runner-up in the district tournament, losing to Dublin Coffman. Senior Steve Kolcun said, "By far, the best part of our season was winning the OCC title for the first time in three years."

There were nine seniors on the team and several other returning juniors and sophomores giving the team lots of experience. Senior co captian Doak Strausbaugh stated, "Having all the seniors that we had on the team definately helped us, at times we would be really down and the picked everyone up."

Junior Matt Lisi said, "The seniors really took me under their wing as role models."

To help them prepare for their season the Bears spent spring break in Florida training for a week. There they were helped by players and coaches from the major leagues, giving them their imput and advice. Junior Mike Scheiderer said, "The spring break trip helped us with team unity and it helped us get into

the baseball mood before our season started."

Along with their OCC title The team also finished their season with a record of 20-7, during which they achieved a 12 game winning streak.

"We were very proud of our accomplishments," Kolcun said, "The bottom line is that our team was very special in the way we carried ourselves on and off the field. We had character, class, poise, and we knew how to get the job done."

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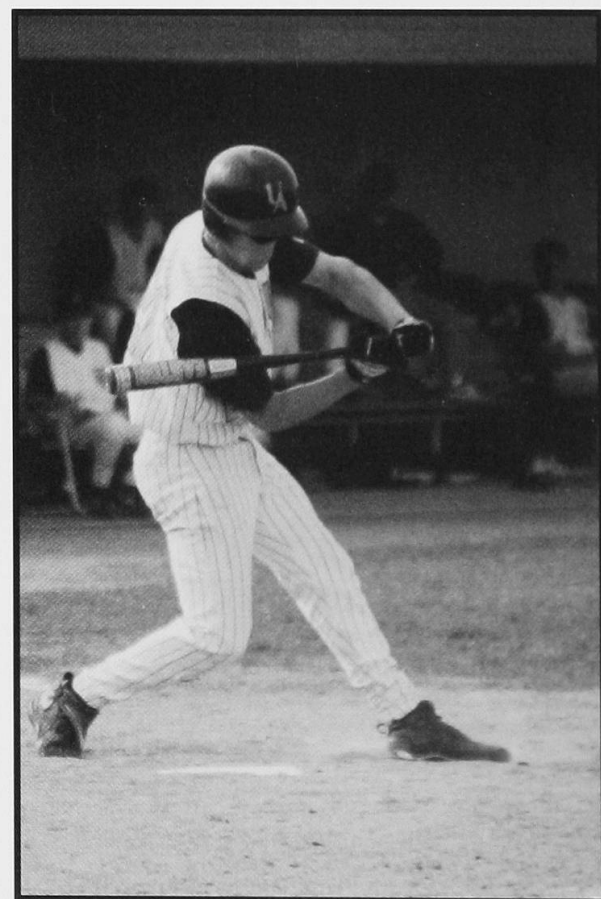


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Senior Steve Kolcun butns the ball during the team's May 5th game aganist Licking Valley. The Bears won the game with a final score of 6-2.

Senior Co captian Doak Strausbaugh prepares for a hit during the teams game against Reynoldsburg. The boys defeated them with a score of 3-2.

Fun in the Florida Sun Baseball team traveles to Florida for pre-season training

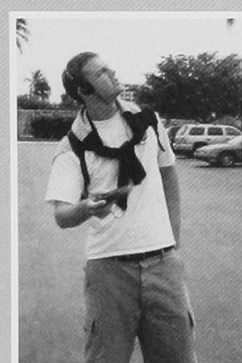


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Front row: coach Dave Tolbert, Steve Kolcun, Craig Haines, Tom Berarducci, Doak Strausbaugh, Dave Malolepszy, Row two: Alex Toussant, Greg Lopez, Brendan Gatens, Matt Lisi, Mike Scheiderer, Ken Snyder, coach Tim Thomas, Back row: Coach Denny Martin, Connor Crim, Adam Edwards, Nathan Doerschuk, Kurt Hartfelder, Connor Kinsey, Raffy Garabis, coach Ralph Schivone

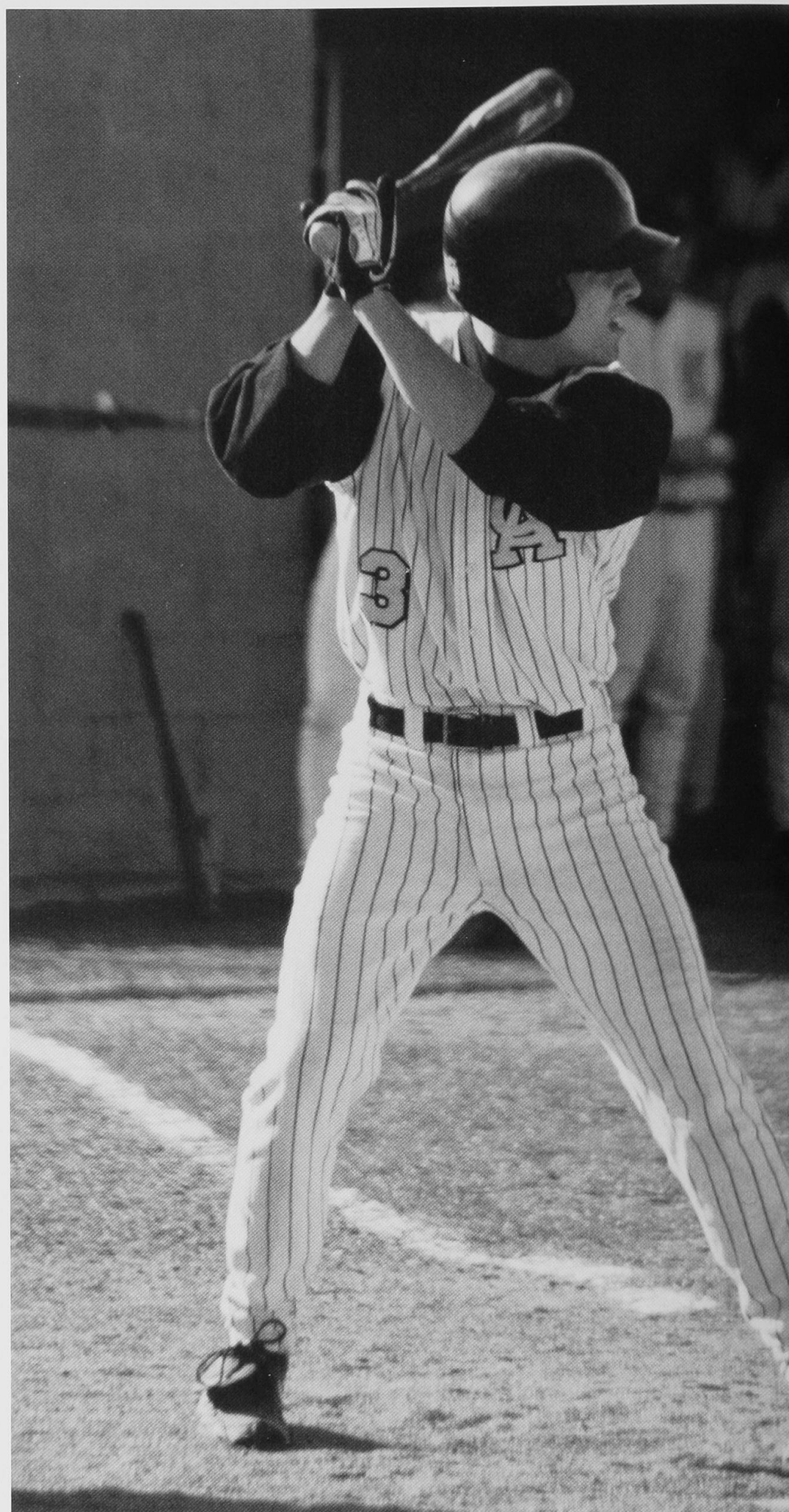


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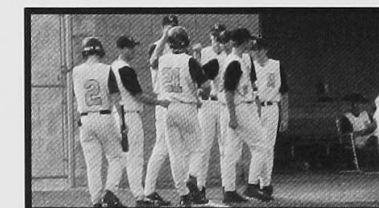


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Instant Replay: Lakewood 2-5, Dublin 13-3, Reynoldsburg 3-2, Lancaster 9-1, Hillard Darby 3-7, Jesuit 5-9, Walsh Jesuit 8-0, Thomas Worthington 15-7, Scioto 6-1, Toledo Bowsher 7-1, Northland 8-1, Reynoldsburg 11-6, Brunswick 11-6, Thomas Worthington 5-2, Olentangy 9-1, Westerville North 4-7, Johnstown 4-9, Groveport 5-4, Hillard Worthington Kilbourne (Tournament) 7-3, Dublin Coffman

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Junior pitcher Ben Smith and junior catcher Jamie Dupler discuss strategy on the mound. Time-outs for these meetings were common for the team.

Junior catcher Jamie Dupler awaits an incoming pitch to a Grove City batter. Dupler rotated with senior Matt Lisi at the catcher position.

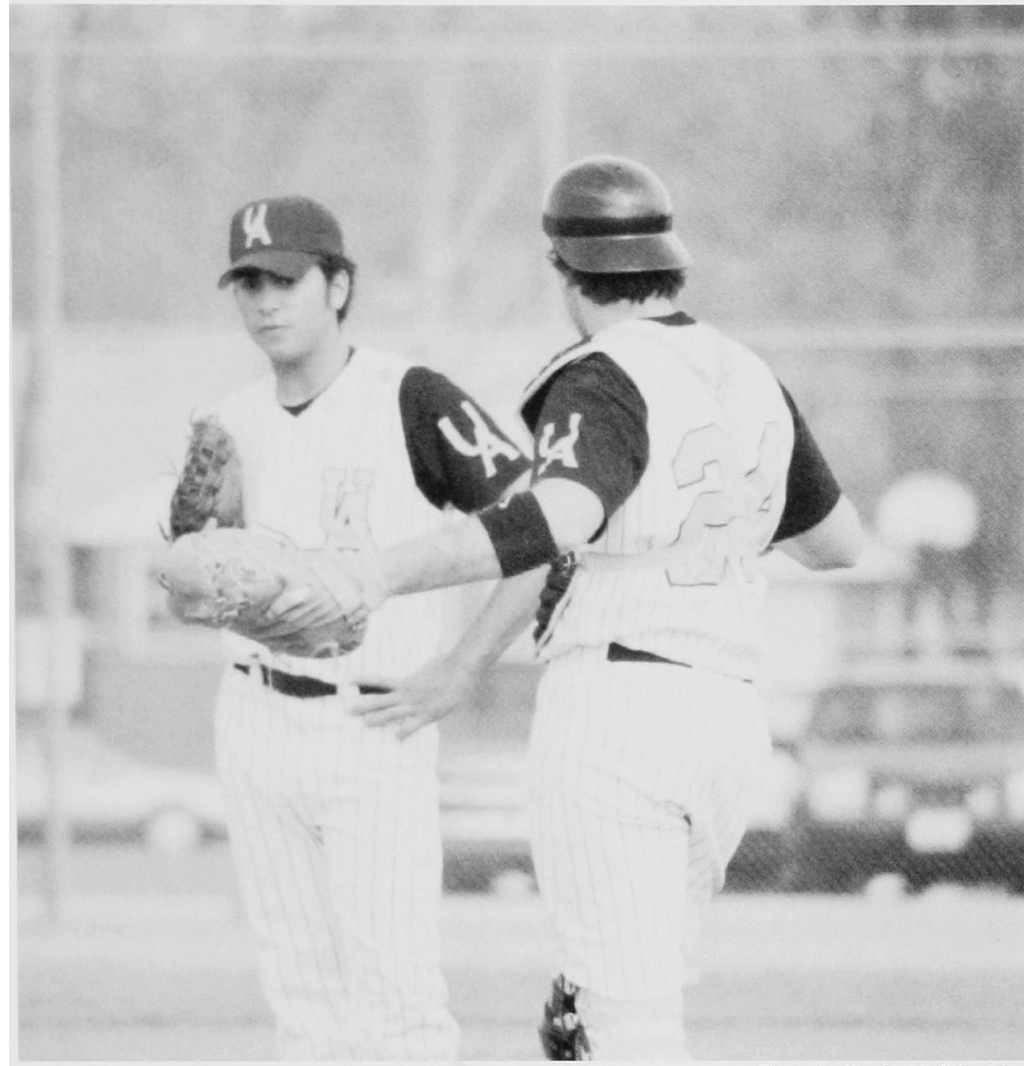


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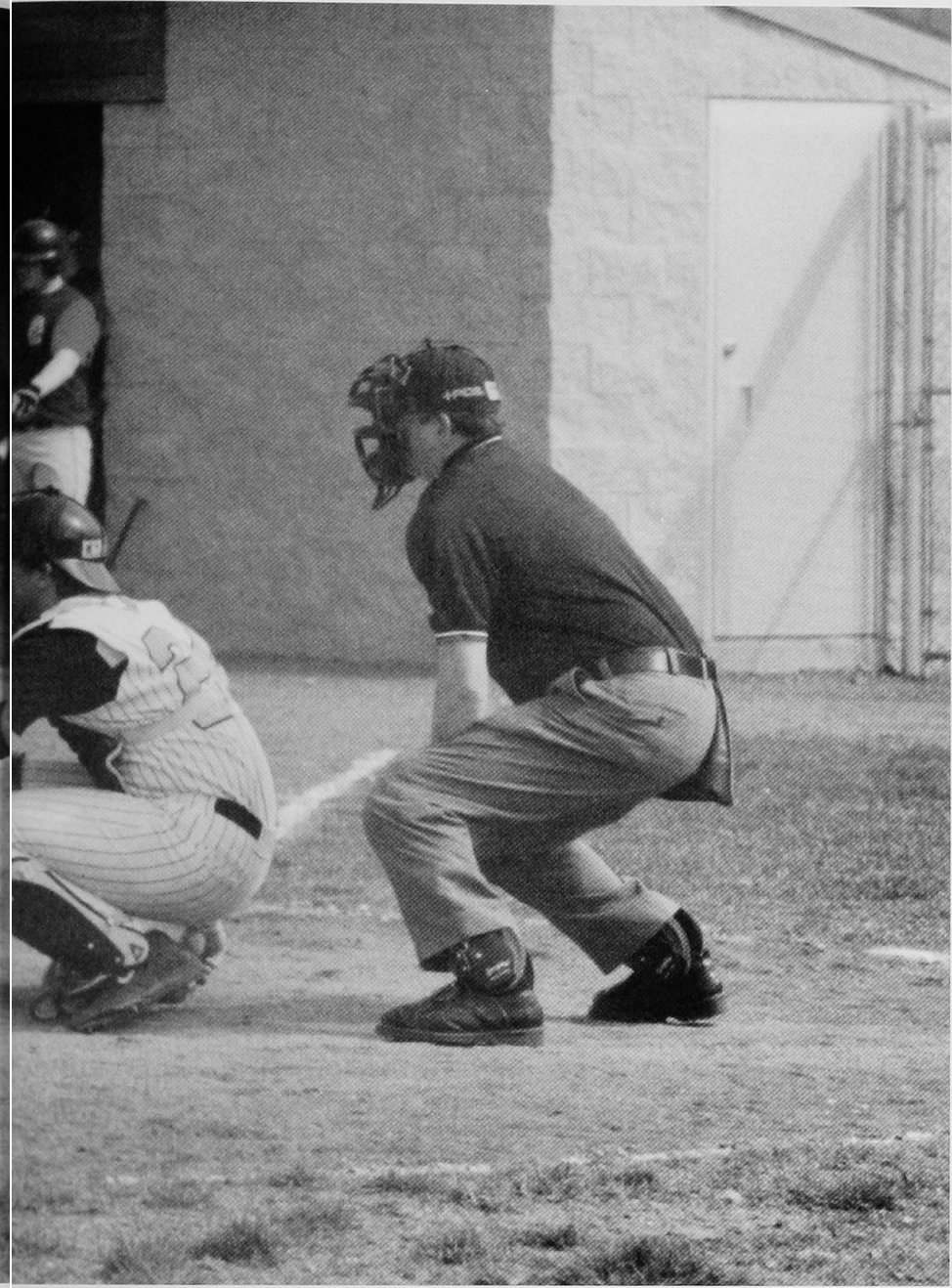
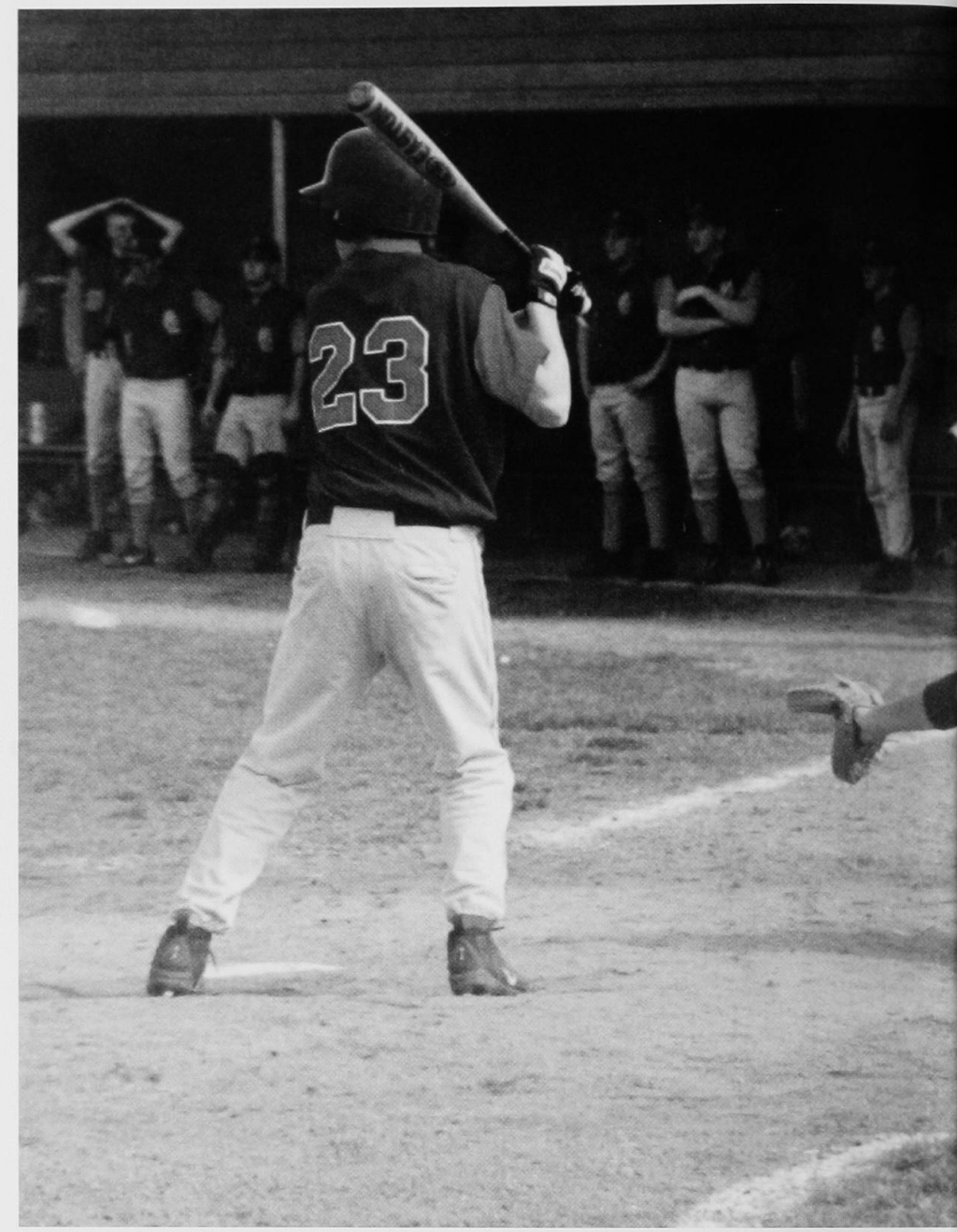


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No Pepper?

One might wonder what the sign behind home plate displaying "No Pepper" meant. Are baseball players allergic to pepper? Is salt an exclusive sponsor of the UA baseball team? Maybe a derogatory sign toward pepper lovers everywhere? Actually, pepper referred to a baseball drill used often by teams. In this drill a player would stand at home plate and hit balls to specific players. In other words, this player would throw a ball up and hit it to an outfielder, perhaps. This is called "peppering" the field, hence the name. While the baseball team participated in this, they did not want others playing pepper for the sake of the condition of the field.

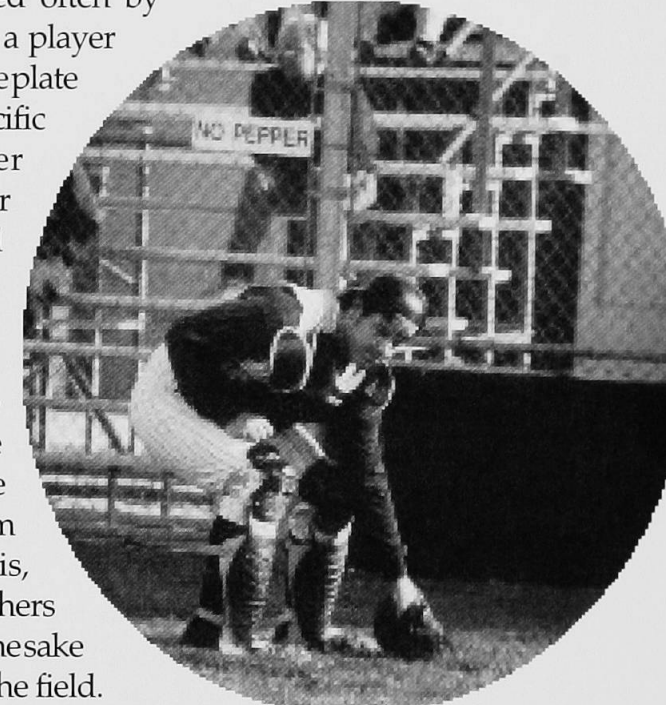


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Baseball team travels to Florida

Up to the Plate

Last spring break, the Bears baseball team trekked down to the Sunshine State. In Florida, the boys encountered hard work, long days and lots of fun.

Senior Connor Crim said being with the team all the time helps create unity.

"Although many athletes go to camps, not many of the sports go together as a team," Crim said.

The camp was called Bollittery Baseball Academy and was a popular training camp for any level baseball player. Even professionals were seen training at camp. Junior Danny Pendery said he saw Pedro Martinez of the Boston Red Sox while at camp, as well as the Ohio State baseball team.

The camp wasn't all hard work though. "We trained all morning and afternoon, but in the evenings we had plenty of free time to hang out on the beach, and other things," Pendery said.

The camp only lasted for the first half of spring break. The second half, the team traveled to Fort Myers to enjoy the rest of its spring break.

Senior Matt Lisi said, "It was really nice after working so hard to just chill in Fort Myers with no baseball."

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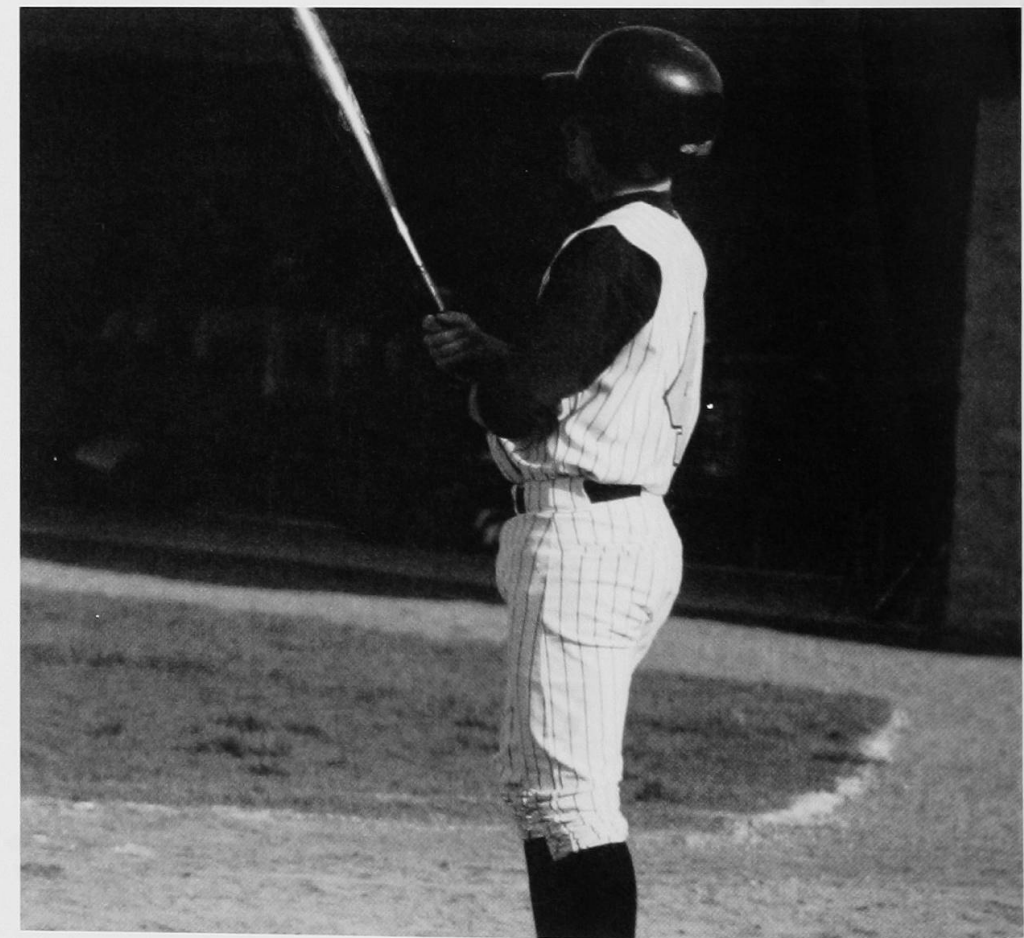


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Senior Mike Schriederer takes a few practice swings before stepping up to the plate in the Bears' home game against Grove City.

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Westland	11 1
Chillicothe	9 3
Lancaster	7 2
Dublin Scioto	5 6
Lakewood	4 5
Reynoldsburg	5 0
Grove City	9 7
Grove City	6 20
Olentangy	4 8
Tol. Bowsher	9 5
Fairbanks	11 1
Worthington	6 7
Chillicothe	5 4
Newark	9 4
St. Vince/St. Mary	11 1
Grosse Point, MI	7 9
Dublin Scioto	10 3
Reynoldsburg	7 5
Groveport Mad.	5 6
Hilliard Darby	15 3
Westerville S.	4 9
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T. Worthington	7 5
Olentangy	7 6
Reynoldsburg	8 7
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Final Record:
20-9
OCC Champs



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First row: Andy Krieger, Danny Pendery, Frankie Pacetta, Mike Scheiderer, Brendan Gatens, Matt Manofsky, Ben Smith, Raffi Garabis, second row: Kyle Perks, Greg Lopez, Chris Trotier, Steve Concilla, Alex Toussant, Dan Kolcun, Andrew McBride, Keith Johns, third row: Matt Lisi, Jamie Dupler, coach Terry Streng, coach Kurt Fullencamp, coach Denny Martin, coach George Robinson, coach Ralph Schivone, coach Dave Tolbert, Connor Crim, Adam Edwards

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Talented baseball team wins OCC title, Central District

Success became a familiar word for the 2002 UA baseball team. With 19 wins and only eight losses (10-2 in OCC division play), the team entered post-season play seeded fourth in the district tournament after clinching the OCC championship title. The baseball Bears then became District Champions as well, beating Dublin Coffman 9-8 in a long, tense game.

Junior Shane Butland said he enjoyed playing for the victorious team and said his teammates did as well.

“Our season has been very successful. We are champions in the OCC cardinal division for the third year in a row,” Butland said. “It’s been great playing on a team with a winning record.”

The Golden Bears’ championships did not come without hard work and dedication, however.

Seniors Danny Pendery and Ben Smith both said the Florida spring break trip pulled the team together and an accumulation of preseason practices and hard work during the season taught the Bears to work as a team.

“Due to all the time we have spent practicing together as a team we have really gotten along together as a team, developed a camaraderie with each other and the coaches, which leads to a successful team. Working together has really shown in our record,” Smith said.

At the beginning of the season the Bear’s starting center fielder, senior Andrew McBride, broke his collarbone. Senior Greg Lopez said the team missed McBride’s support and skills while he was out during the first half of the season.

“McBride was our lead-off hitter and a strong center fielder. Losing him hurt our team, but luckily, strong juniors stepped up and filled his shoes,” Lopez said. “Despite his injury, the team came together to win in close games.”

The team worked together well during the entire season and had high expectations for post-season play, senior Jamie Dupler said.

“We are an extremely deep team,” Dupler said. “Everybody has worked hard to help out the team in any way possible. Charlie Lenhard and Bobby Murphy both have really stepped up to fill the void McBride left. Keep an eye on our team.”



Swing! Batter, Batter! Junior Bobby Murphy prepares to hit the ball. “We always spent a lot of time during practice hitting the baseball, which was shown in our successful batting throughout the season,” Murphy said.

Three Strikes ... With a two strike count, senior Matt Manofsky prepares to throw another strike. If a strike was not thrown, the team was prepared to back up the pitcher if the batter hit the ball, senior Danny Pendery said.



Warm Up. Seniors Greg Lopez and Matt Manofsky throw the ball around before the start of the inning. Before each inning, the team warmed up their arms by doing practice throws.

Run, Lopez, Run! Senior Greg Lopez sprints to first base. “Our base running was one of the strengths that helped us defeat our opponents,” Lopez said.



Kinship helps brothers

Senior Alex Toussant and his brother, freshman Ben Toussant, were both members of the varsity baseball team.

“Having my older brother on the team has helped me adjust to the pressures of a team dominated by upperclassman,” Ben Toussant said.

Alex said he enjoyed being able to play on the same team as his brother for a year.

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A Milestone Win. The baseball team celebrates with coach Denny Martin, who achieved his 200th win against Dublin Scioto. Martin had been the UA coach since 1996. • *Photo by Anna Ondecko*



Baseball team travels to Florida during Spring Break to prepare for season

by Lisa Jadrozny

Spring break: filled with sunshine, warm weather, beaches, palm trees, seashells and ... baseball? While many UAHS students traveled on spring break with their families or friends, many baseball players went on spring break with their fellow teammates.

Thirty-two team members, along with three coaches, spent the first half of the week in Bradenton, Florida. There, the team had intra-squad scrimmages every morning followed by practices at the IMG Academy in the afternoons.

Senior co-captain and right fielder Taylor Birkos described the Academy as similar to a boarding school for athletes who want to work to become better at a particular sport. The team did not stay at the Academy but worked with Academy instructors and used Academy facilities.

The second half of the week was spent in Fort Myers, Florida, where junior first baseman and pitcher Eric Hartfelder said a more "spring break atmosphere" prevailed.

In Fort Myers, the boys spent the mornings scrimmaging but then had the afternoons and evenings to do what they wished. Hartfelder said the team played volleyball, went swimming and visited the beaches and local attractions.

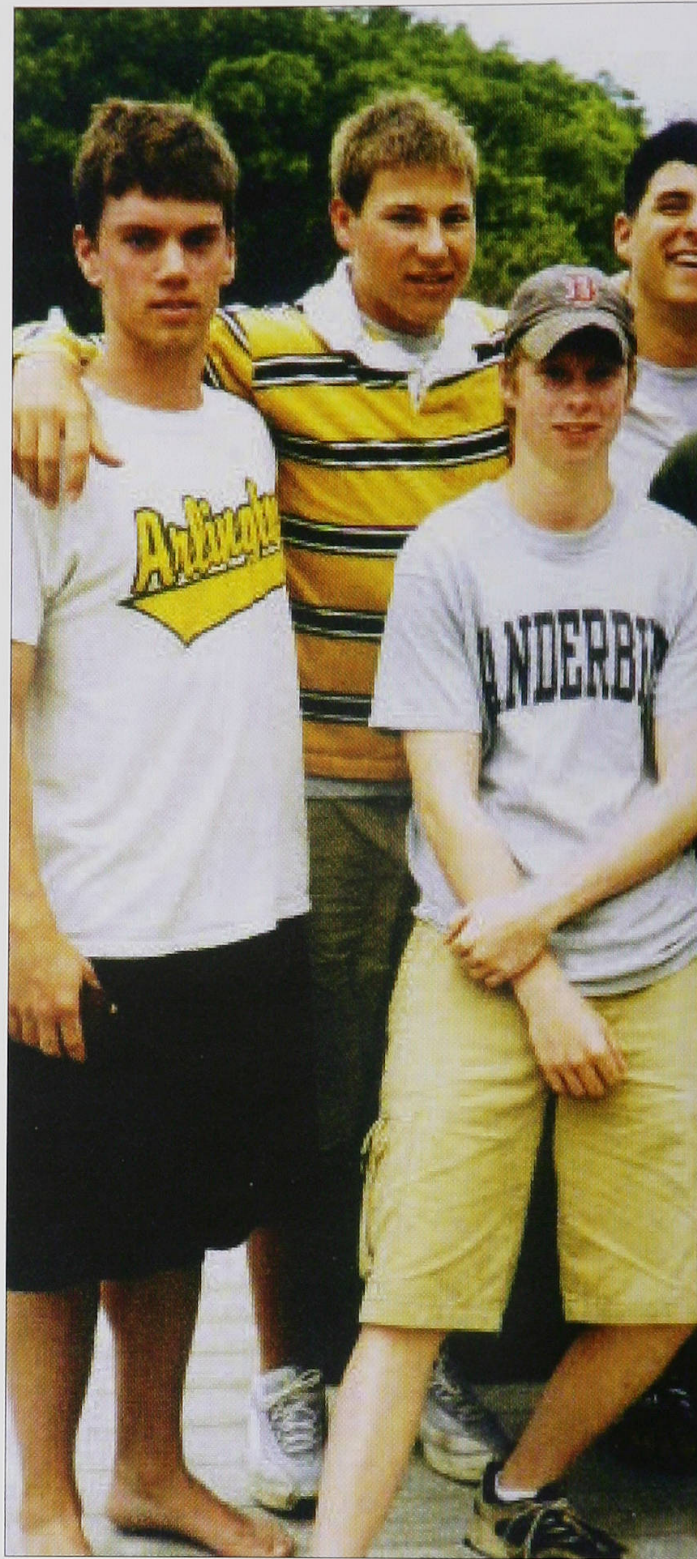
Team members found this mix of work and fun in Florida to be very beneficial to them during their actual season. Birkos said the types of conditioning and practices they had in Florida helped prepare them for things they faced in actual games.

"Practicing in the gym can only get you so far," Birkos said. "In Florida we can practice in more of a game-type atmosphere, and having that experience before the season starts can really put you a step ahead of teams who haven't done any spring training."

One other advantage the Florida trip gave the team was the opportunity to build relationships with other team members. Senior third baseman Greg Gaulke said the main purpose of the trip was to bring everyone together as a team and help them get to know one another.

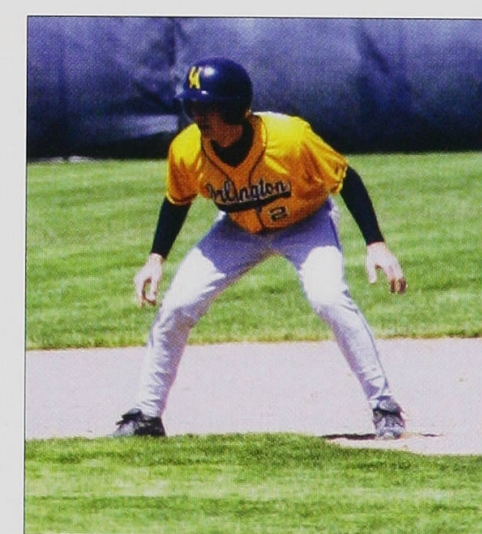
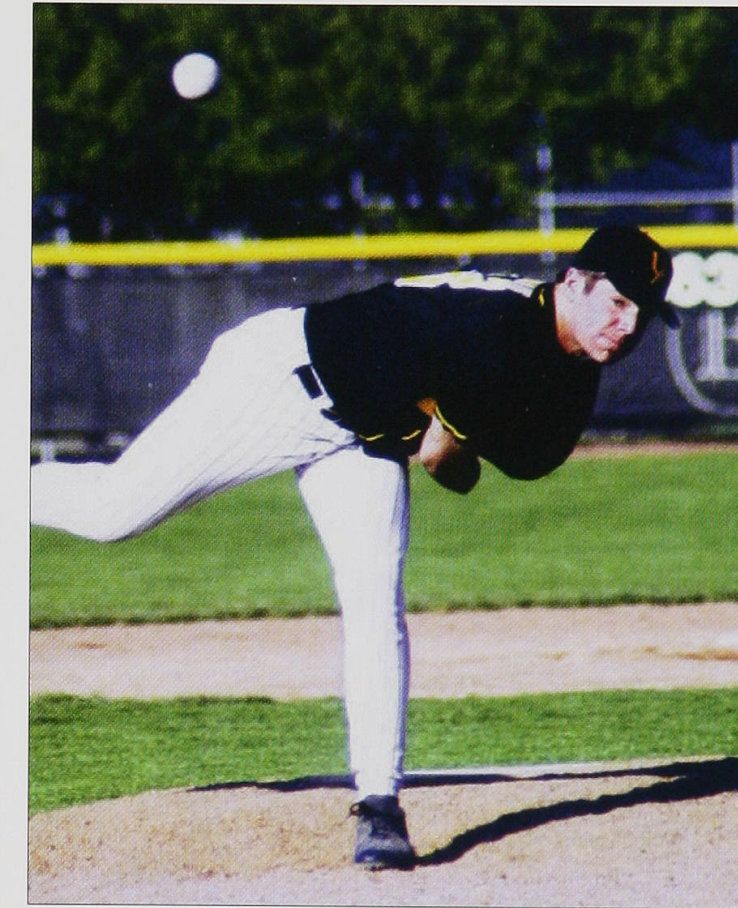
"When you're with one group of guys for that whole week, you really get to know everyone," Gaulke said. "We built a lot of team chemistry in Florida, and that can really help us in a game situation because we know and trust our teammates so much."

Though UA baseball players may not have had the entire spring break to relax, as many of their peers did, their time spent in Florida contributed to another successful season. ♦



Senior Smiles. Seniors Grant Palmer, Charlie Lenhard, Kyle Perks, Peter Townsend, Greg Gaulke, Bobby Murphy, Charlie Adams, Taylor Birkos, Shane Butland and Wes Kull pose together at the beach in Fort Myers, Florida. • *Photo courtesy Wes Kull*

Charles In Charge. Showing effort, senior Charlie Adams pitches the ball during the Pickerington game. Adams was one of seven pitchers for the Golden Bears during the 2003 season. • *Photo courtesy Taylor Birkos*



Batter Up. Concentrating, senior co-captain Charlie Lenhard swings at an incoming pitch. Lenhard also played the position of right fielder. • *Photo courtesy Taylor Birkos*

Keep Your Eye on the Ball. Senior Bart Miller prepares to catch the ball thrown by the pitcher. The 2003 season was Miller's first year on varsity. • *Photo courtesy Taylor Birkos*

Ready To Run. Junior Andrew DeRoberts stands in ready position as he leads off from second base. Base running was an important skill the Bears practiced. • *Photo by Ashley Arend*

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Strike One. Senior Miles Lustnauer makes the pitch. "My favorite part of playing baseball is the feeling you get when you make a great play or save the game," senior Nate Brown said. "You know you helped out your team." □ Photo by Elizabeth Ackermann



Change It Up. After warming up the pitcher, junior Brady Todaro is relieved by senior Matt Groezinger. The team had more underclassmen than usual, including one freshman and three sophomores. □ Photo by Elizabeth Ackermann



High Five. Senior Eric Hartfelder is greeted by his teammates as he returns to the dugout after scoring against Thomas Worthington. Hartfelder was one of the graduating seniors in the 2004 season. □ Photo by Elizabeth Ackermann



Number 10 to the Plate. Senior Matt Groezinger prepares to hit the ball. "Baseball takes a lot of skill to do well," Groezinger said. "If you're good at it then it says a lot about you and your work ethic." □ Photo by Elizabeth Ackermann

stepping up to the plate

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A swift swing followed by a sharp crack sends the baseball sailing through the air. The ball sails smoothly into senior Matt Groezinger's glove. Out. In one sleek, defensive play, the opponents' batter is back to the bench after a failed attempt at a run.

"Baseball is a game of failure," Groezinger said. "I don't like that because you can fail seven out of ten times and still be considered good. I don't like that because I don't like failing—no one does."

Groezinger's sentiments were echoed in the team's performance. The boys' baseball team worked together to overcome the many hurdles they encountered to finally succeed.

Junior Shane Casamassimo said as the season opened, the team immediately noticed its strengths and weaknesses had changed since the previous year, and there was a lot of growing that had to be done.

"The difference between [the 2004] team and [the 2003] team is that our hitting isn't as strong, so we have to make key defensive plays," he said.

Although team unity was lacking at the beginning of the season, Casamassimo said. Players bonded to become a very cohesive team by the end of the year.

"[During the 2003 season], we didn't really have [unity], but [during the 2004 season] we gelled really well," Casamassimo said.

Later in the season, many players on the varsity team were suspended briefly due to violations in the athletic code; as a result, many were suspended from the Senior Night game against Olentangy.

Senior co-captain Nate Brown said the team suspensions did not obscure some positive aspects.

"The player suspension really got all of us to think and re-dedicate ourselves to the season," Brown said. "We were all taking what we were for granted a little."

Groezinger said the incident showed everyone what the underclassmen were capable of doing as they won the Senior Night game.

The team hustles back to the dugout after completing an inning. Matt Groezinger is high despite the setbacks the season has brought. After a brief break, lead batter returns to home plate, poised to send the ball flying. □

baseball scoreboard >>

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Senior co-captain Eric Hartfelder

"Although we fell just short of our goals, we still had a good and successful season with a lot of memories."

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TEAM RECORD: 16-10

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Bad News

Season plagued by adversity, team struggles to maintain its focus

story by William Albuquerque
and Vikram Santhanam
photos by Patrick Buttress

Bears

Drenched in sweat and exhausted from a tough game against Lancaster, the baseball team walks off the field after another loss. Although the team tried to stay focused on upcoming games, the boys found it difficult due to all the distractions they encountered throughout the season.

With the mid-season suspension of head coach Denny Martin and multiple players benched because of athletic code violations, the team found it difficult to stay on track.

"It really hurt our team, because so many [players] were suspended. It was hard to recover from the loss."

Sophomore Cal Pyrch

From the beginning of the season, the team had problems off the diamond. A team party involving alcohol consumption, led to multiple suspensions, sophomore Cal Pyrch said.

"It really hurt our team, because so many [players] were suspended," Pyrch said. "It was hard to recover from the loss."

However, the controversy did not end there. After a team trip to Florida, coach Martin was accused of consuming alcohol while the baseball team was under his supervision. This resulted in his suspension for the remainder of the season. Pyrch was shocked by the suspension.

"We realized our coach was gone," Pyrch said. In Martin's absence, JV baseball coach Michael

Schaeffer took over the varsity team.

The problems spilled over onto the field. The team found it difficult to win despite many close games, junior Jim Gerlach said.

"The team didn't live up to its potential," Gerlach said.

Though the team had certain players who excelled—senior Ben Toussant received a scholarship to play for the Ohio State University—the team overall found batting to be a problem throughout the year, sophomore Derek Bley said.

"Batting was not too good," Bley said. "We got the players; just need to keep our heads together and focus."

While the team struggled on the field with batting, the pitching improved during the season.

Many players said Gerlach's pitching helped the team remain confident. Off the field, not everything was bad news.

"With our new clubhouse and our field renovations the sport will be more popular," Pyrch said.

For some players getting used to new coaching and many absences affected their playing ability. But although the season did not live up to the players' expectations, the team continued to fight. ●



◀ After recovering a ground ball, senior Dan Borchert turns to throw the batter out at first base. "I've had a good experience in baseball," Borchert said. "This season was interesting, but I'm going to miss it next year."



▲ Coach Denny Martin stands back to allow senior Austin Henry to round third base and head toward home. Martin coached the Bears for the beginning of their season but was later suspended and replaced.

◀ Swinging furiously for a homerun, senior co-captain Joey Irsik follows through after hitting the ball. "The team struggled because many of the more experienced players were suspended," Irsik said.

◀◀ Junior pitcher Jimmy Gerlach brings his arm back before throwing the ball. "Playing in the Cincinnati St. Xavier game was my favorite moment of the season," Gerlach said.



▲ Avoiding the tag, sophomore Derek Bley, a second-year varsity player, slides while attempting to steal third. Bley was one of three sophomores on the varsity team along with Cal Pyrch and Ian Smith.



► Extending his glove, junior outfielder Ricky Hurley gets a quick out with intense concentration. "It was a rough season, but it was a rebuilding year and so we're all looking forward to next year," Hurley said.



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Lancaster	3-1
Pickerington Central	13-14
Brunswick	11-1
Groveport	4-1
Gahanna Lincoln	2-1
Newark	6-1
Hilliard Darby	3-1
Thomas Worthington	7-1
Newark	5-1
Lancaster	1-1
Groveport	8-1
Worthington Killbourne	10-1
Licking Valley	7-1
Pickerington North	5-1
Brookhaven	29-1
Worthington Killbourne	11-1
Hilliard Davidson	4-1
Grove City	5-1

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