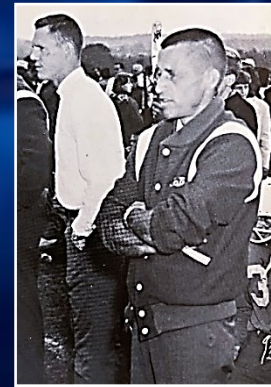
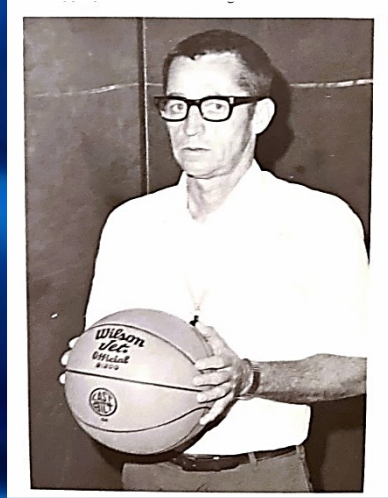


“Coach” Bob Diffenbacher



When one thinks of the perfect mentor for our developing adolescents, that person who better understands what each student or athlete needs to be at the top of their game, one name comes to mind to every Bobcat, Bob Diffenbacher. For more than 30 years, beginning in 1952, Coach Diffenbacher dedicated his life to bringing out the very best in every one of his students, no matter their skill level. Whether it was teaching the fundamentals of physical health and teamwork to his students in gym class or increasing the skills and mindset of that promising star athlete, Coach Diffenbacher understood how to get the very best from each of his students. His compassionate expectation for each student, molding them into better physical and mental condition, gave them a clearer understanding of their individual contribution to the success of the team activity in which they were participating.

Robert Franklin Diffenbacher was born in Kane, Pa. October 23, 1923, the second of 4 children. He grew up in Wesleyville, Pa. and graduated from Wesleyville High School. After graduation, Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps, served in World War II as a tail gunner and was shot down twice. After the war and a long recovery from his injuries, he enrolled at Bowling Green University on the G.I. Bill. He and his wife Martha had two sons, Brian and Dan. They have four grandchildren, Andrew, Sarah, Cornelia, and Devan. He was an avid small game hunter and fisherman, spending time each summer in Canada and on Chautauqua Lake in New York State. Coach Bob Diffenbacher passed away April of 1991 at the age of 67.