

Fall and Winter Athletes Honored at Sports Banquet

By Mike Johnson

Make a touch down! Spike that volleyball as hard as you can! Run on the open road faster than the rest. Score a basket and shoot from the side to win a game! Swim faster than a fish. Pin you opponent for a win. Cheer the loudest for the Braves keeping the fans on their feet!

For such dedication in carrying out these tasks fall and winter athletes were honored April 9 during the semi-annual Sports Banquet held in the school cafeteria.

The evening began with opening congratulations by academic vice principal Ed John to both athletes and coaches for their accomplishments during the fall and winter sports.

Athletic director Eddie Mike acted as the evening's MC. He explained that this was a year of redefining the athletic department, a time of staff changes and building support, and that while there were some painful times the program was growing stronger.

After a steak dinner prepared by the hard working kitchen staff the evening's program began. Awards, letters, plaques, and words of appreciation were presented to students.

Head football coach "Big Ben" Lawver (former pro with the Green Bay Packers) introduced coaches Joe Warde, Mark Woodhead and Kaine St. Paul. Ben complimented those boys who remained on the team all season and presented them with their sport letters.

Highlights of the season were shared, mistakes laughed about, and hopes for the new season shared.

Rodney Clark, Kim Manion and Bob Henselman presented girls on the two volleyball teams with special plaques, letters and awards for their growth during a highly spirited season.

Cross country coaches Eddie Mike and Marvin Devereaux didn't play "Chariots of Fire", a song made famous because of two cross country runners in the 1928 Olympics, but they did compliment the fire of dedication found in their fall athletes. Letters for those who remained on the team were presented, special plaques for most improved

and MVP were presented to those young runners who gave up much during those cold wet autumn mornings.

Winter Sports held some painful memories, but the hard work of athletes shone through.

Coaching boys basketball were Eddie Mike, Joe Warde, and Marvin Devereaux. Their boys received letters, many good words, and special individual player awards for MVP, Most Improved, and Most Inspirational. Despite the fact that the games had to be forfeited the boys were in fine spirits and knew that they had grown strong as a team.

Wrestling was coached by Mark Woodhead and Kaine St. Paul. Besides the letters for those who finished the season each player received a color 5x7 picture of himself. Photographs were taken by Donna Napier.

Girls Basketball coaches Bob Henselman, Rodney Clark, Kim Manion, and Verdel Briggs recalled highlights of their season as well as presented girls with letters, awards and special individual plaques.

Mr. Roswelle Seare's efforts to begin a swimming team paid off as his athletes set many new school records during their short season.

Cheering on all the teams and fans during both winter and fall sports were varsity and JV cheerleaders. The girls were under the coaching direction of Ms. Debra Thorpe and assisted by Bernice DePoe. In addition to letters Ms. Thorpe presented Vicki Matt with a special birthday cake.

Coaches talked about why they enjoyed working with the athletes: they wanted students to experience good feelings about themselves and develop their many talents and skills. Almost all the coaches said at some point during the evening that they had seen improvement in the players and that they personally had experienced a lot of fun and excitement.

Chemawa students can be proud of their athletes and the fans who turned out to support them.

Don't forget spring sports—there are games to win. "It's not over until... it's over!"



MEN FOR ALL SEASON: Players who remained on the varsity football team all season received letters during the sports banquet. Sharing the honors are Pat Billie, sophomore; Eddie Bastian, sophomore; Frank Baker, junior; Roland Rave, junior; Leonard Red Cloud, junior; Jimmy Fryburg, junior; Gordon Comes Last, sophomore; Gary George, senior; Paul Bellew, senior; Ken Little George, senior; Monty Munyan, senior; Jesse Wall, senior; Dwayne Edwards, senior; Chester Mowtwitch, junior; Raymond Cagy, junior; and Bill McLean, senior.



STAFF PRIDE: Don Pigsley, friend to students and staff lets athletes know how proud he is of their accomplishments.



HONORING TEAM EFFORTS: Girls varsity basketball players not only earned letters for their outstanding commitment to the season, but found working as a team a skill that is rewarded in other ways. Members honored during the sports banquet are (L to R): Marie Minthorn, 11; Maria Quincy, 11; Michelle Metcalf, 12; Elaine Shotridge, 12; Leilani Paul, 11; and Linda Russie, 11th.



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HE'S THE MOST: When Larry Roberts makes an effort to improve he doesn't kid around!



NEVER BORED: Pauline Napoleon's energies spread across the campus. From Student of the Month to special winter sports awards, Pauline makes things happen wherever she wanders.



BIG SMILE NOW: Mrs. Donna Napier, photo teacher, cheers for Chemawa.

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