

## **MS-448 Belmont Bison High School Alumni Collection**

**Collection Number:** MS-448

**Title:** Belmont Bison High School Alumni Collection

**Dates:** 1956-2006

**Creator:** Belmont Bison Alumni Association

### **Summary/Abstract:**

This collection contains materials assembled by the Belmont Bison (High School) Alumni Association, Dayton, Ohio, covering the history of the school, focusing primarily on student and alumni activities. The majority of the collection is comprised of photographs and slides, but also includes newsletters and newspaper articles along with award plaques and miscellaneous memorabilia.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 6 linear feet.

**Language:** English

### **Repository:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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### **Acquisition:**

The collection was donated to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives in August 2011 by Jane Gengler, the current head of the Belmont Bison Alumni Association.

### **Related Material:**

MS-238 Grace A. Greene Normal School Alumni Records  
SC-167 Roosevelt High School Collection

### **Additional Sources:**

Belmont High School Multi-Class Web Site: <http://www.belmontbison.com/10701.html>

**Processed by:** Paul Ciaravolo March 2012

**Arrangement:**

The collection is arranged into five series:

- Series I: School Administration & Activities
- Series II: Newsletters & Newspapers
- Series III: Photographs & Slides
- Series IV: Scrapbooks
- Series V: Memorabilia

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

In the early 1950s, rapid population growth in Dayton created the need for additional schools to accommodate the increasing numbers of students. The construction of Belmont High School commenced in 1953 as part of Dayton Public Schools to meet this need. Plans were drawn up and land purchased for the site in 1953, with the laying of the building cornerstone occurring in 1955.

The school hosted its first classes in September 1956, with the formal dedication of the school occurring on October 31, 1956. No seniors attended the school during the first two years of its operation, so the first senior class did not graduate from the school until 1958.

The Belmont Bison Alumni Association was created by class of 1959 member Donald Clouse and officially incorporated in 1995.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection is composed of material assembled by members of Belmont Bison Alumni Association, containing artifacts relating to daily student activities at the high school from 1956 to 2006, along with some material relating to alumni activities. It is divided into five series:

Series I, School Administration & Activities, contains a variety of documents, awards and other memorabilia. Highlights include general information about the school itself along with a number of commendations and proclamations related to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Belmont High School. There is also a “Hall of Fame” section describing achievements of Belmont High School Alumni.

Series II, Newsletters & Newspapers, contains issues from the Belmont High School newsletter, the “Belmont Hilltopper”, from 1958 to 1990, along with a small selection from the “Belmont Connection” community newsletter and various Dayton Public Schools publications. Also included are clippings from the local newspaper the “Dayton Daily News” relating to Belmont High School.

Series III, Photographs/Slides, contains miscellaneous photographs and slides documenting student activities and organizations, primarily from the mid to late 1990s. This series also includes several class and reunion photos, some of which are located in the oversize material.

Series IV, Scrapbooks, contains photographic scrapbooks assembled by various graduating classes and school organizations including the “Belle-Ettes” cheerleading squad and OWE work program.

Series V, Memorabilia, is predominantly composed of awards plaques, but also includes a variety of other artifacts such as pennants and patches.

## **Subject Terms**

### **Persons/Families**

Clouse, Donald

### **Organizations/Corporate Names**

Belmont Bison Alumni Association

Belmont High School

### **Places**

Dayton (Ohio)

### **Subjects (General)**

Dayton (Ohio) -- Public schools

OWE Program

Project COPE

Alumni and alumnae

### **Material Types**

Newspapers

Photographs

Slides

Scrapbooks

## **Collection Inventory**

### **Series I School Administration & Activities**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	School History and Facts	Undated
	2	Student Council Information	Undated
	3	BHS First Year	1956-1957
	4	Student Council Records	1956-1973
	5	Class of 1958	1958
	6	Class of 1959	1959, 1979, 1999- 2002
	7	Class of 1960 Reunion	1985

8	Class of 1968	1968
9	Project COPE Fall 1989	1989
10	Project COPE 1991-1992	1991
11	Project COPE 1995	1995
12	Project COPE Participant Lists	1990-1995
13	Class of 1992-1993	1992-1993
14	Class of 1995	1995
15	Class of 1996	1996
16	Class of 1997	1997
17	Class of 1999	1999
18	Class of 2003	2003
19	Class of 2006	2006
20	Alumni Association Incorporation	1995-1997
21	Don Clouse	1987, 1997-1999, Undated
22	Commendations and Awards	1980-1996, 2004- 2006

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Commendation from Speaker Jon A. Husted, Ohio 2006

House of Representatives

Gift Announcement from Class of 1962 Undated

2	1	Alumni Hall of Fame	1987-1988, 1996- 1998
	2	Alumni & Student Miscellaneous Items	Undated

**Series II: Newsletters & Newspapers**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	3	Dayton Public Schools	1996-1998, 2006
	4	Belmont Connection	1993-1997, 2002
	5	Dated Newspaper Clippings	1985, 2004
	6	Undated Newspaper Clippings	Undated
3	1	Belmont Hilltopper	Nov 1956- Dec 1959
	2	Belmont Hilltopper	Jan 1960 – Mar 1963
	3	Belmont Hilltopper	Jun 1972 - Dec 1979
	4	Belmont Hilltopper	Mar 1980 – Dec 1989
	5	Belmont Hilltopper	Feb 1990 - Nov 1999
	6	Belmont Hilltopper	Dec 2000 – Oct

7 Belmont Hilltopper 2002  
1992, Undated

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Dayton Daily News Article: Belmont star,  
injured in Iraq, Returns to football

**Series III Photographs & Slides**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
4	1	Class of 1959 Reunion Photos	1979, 1984, 1991, 1995, 1999
5	1	NCR OWE NCR OWE Binder	1985-1986 Undated
6	1	Yearbook Faculty Photos	Undated
	2	Yearbook Student Photos (Identified)	Undated
	3	Yearbook Student Photos (Unidentified)	Undated
	4	Class & Faculty Photos	1993-1994
	5	Student Activities #1	Undated
7	1	Negatives	Undated
	2	Student Activities #2	1992-1994, Undated
8	1	Student Activities #3	1992-1994, Undated
	2	Student Activities #4	1992-1994, Undated
9	1	Miscellaneous Slides Box 1	1987-1993, Undated
	2	Miscellaneous Slides Box 2	Undated
	3	Miscellaneous Slides Box 3	Undated
	4	Miscellaneous Slides Box 4	Undated
	5	Miscellaneous Slides Box 5	Undated
	6	Miscellaneous Slides Box 6	Undated
	7	Miscellaneous Slides Box 7	Undated
	8	Miscellaneous Slides Box 8	Undated

**Oversize Location 86 File 7 - Large Photos**

Corporal Robert Merricks Photo

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Class Photos 1959, 1961, 1965, 1990, 1994	
1999 City Golf Champions	
Jeannette Young 1000 <sup>th</sup> Career Point	2009
1999 Golden Gloves Champion	1999
1999 City Baseball Champions	1999
2000 City Wrestling Champions	2000
2000 City Volleyball Champions	2000
2001 City Volleyball Champions	2001
Trina Stewart 2000-2001 Martin Luther King Recipient	2001
Stephanie Brown 2000-2001 Martin Luther King Recipient	2001
Keneda Jackson 2000-2001 Martin Luther King Recipient	2001
Ariel Scroggins 2000-2001 Martin Luther King Recipient	2001
Elizabeth Jackson 2000-2001 Salutatorian	2001
Larry Prak 2000-2001 Salutatorian	2001
Christina Clark Russo Award	Undated
Ariel Scroggins Russo Award	Undated
Stephanie Asielue Archie Griffin Award 2001-02	2002
Ashley Arnold Salutatorian 2002-03	2003
Jeremy Harm OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award 2001-02	2002
Frank Pitts, Jr. Joe Russo Award Recipient 2002- 03	2003
Ryan Moorman Salutatorian 2003-04 (2)	2004
Trevor Johnson Ohio High School Athletic Scholar 2002-03	2003
Neakmal Prak Valedictorian 2002-03 (2)	2003
Salutatorian 2002-03	2003
Devin Portis Ohio High School Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award 2002-03	2003
Karina Gavalcinova Ohio High School Athletic Scholar 2002-03	2003
Shannon A. Parker Donald R. Clouse Memorial Award 2002-03	2003
Zontaye Bloodsoe Martin Luther King Award 2002-03	2003
Jessica Allen Valedictorian 2003-04 (2)	2004
Toni Holmes 2001 homecoming Queen	2001

## Series IV Scrapbooks

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10		Class of 1956	1956
		Future Teachers of America	1956
		Class of 1960	1960
		Class of 1961	1961
		Class of 1965	1965
11		Class of 1966	1966
		Class of 1967	1967
		Class of 1970	1970
		“Bell-Ettes” 1973-74	1973-1974
		“Bell-Ettes” 1976-77	1976-1977
		Class of 1977	1977

## Series V Memorabilia

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
12	1	BHS Lock-in Button	1991
	2	Proficiency Exam Button	Undated
	3	Navy JROTC Patch	Undated
	4	Jacket Patches	Undated
	5	Homecoming Ribbons	Undated
	6	Misc. Stickers	Undated
	7	Bison Pictures	Undated
	8	Pennant	Undated
	9	Book Cover	Undated
	10	School Folder	1991
	11	Dairy Council Award Plaque	1962
	12	Soccer Co-Champions Plaque	1983
	13	Belmont Boosters Scholar Plaque	1985
	14	Autocross Challenge Plaque	1985
	15	Catherine Brown Americanism Award Plaque	Nov 1987
	16	Craig Edwards Americanism Award Plaque	Nov 1987
	17	Derek Petrey Americanism Award Plaque	Nov 1987
	18	Afro-American History Pin	Nov 1987
	19	Belmont Soccer Plaque	1989
	20	Sear Ngeth Outstanding Performance Award	1990
	21	Dan Yeager Physics Achievement Award	1990
	22	School Spirit Award	1997
	23	Bison Spirit Shop Notebook	1998
	24	Belmont Centennial Calendar	2000
	25	BHS Floor Plan	Undated

26 Viola Jordan Memorial Card  
27 Hall Posters

1999  
1999-2000,  
Undated