

CHAPTER VII

ATHLETICS AT BETHEL FROM 1951 TO 1960

1950-1951

The athletic department staff was under a new head in the fall of 1950. Robert Tully resigned his position and the board moved up the football coach, J. Millard Fretz, to head the department. Milton Goering, a 1950 graduate, was appointed assistant athletic coach. Rudy Enns continued as head basketball coach. Another local businessman, Andy Douglass, assisted in coaching the football team. Ray Lichti, instructor in mathematics, assisted as tennis coach and Dalton Shive, a student, assisted as baseball coach.¹

The 1950 Graymaroon grid squad numbered thirty-nine members. The season saw only one victory and that in a non-conference game. The season record was one and eight, and in the Conference Bethel lost all six games and placed seventh in the standing. The KCAC selected four for honorable mention recognition: Chester Flickinger, Ivan Harshbarger, Eugene Kaufman and Marlowe Krehbiel.

Football Scores

Bethel	19	*McPherson	20	Bethel	7	*Baker	33
Bethel	14	Sterling	0	Bethel	0	*C. of Emporia	23
Bethel	0	*Ottawa	27	Bethel	0	*K. Wesleyan	53

¹Bethel College Collegian, September 8, 1950, p. 1.

Football Scores, continued

Bethel	13	Friends	14	Bethel	7	C. Missouri	32, ²
Bethel	0	*Bethany					

*KCAC games

The following were granted athletic awards: Calvin Flickinger, Chester Flickinger, Melvin Flickinger, Dale Goering, Harvey Grundman, Ivan Harshbarger, Carl Hohman, Duane Kaufman, Eugene Kaufman, Marlowe Krehbiel, Leland Krehbiel, Walter Neufeld, Ervin Penner, John Rosentiel, Stanley Schrag, James Schroeder, Merle Siebert, Gerald Stucky, Alden Warkentin, Kermit Wedel, Myron Zerger and Lyle Lehman, manager.³

Lanoy Loganbill on All-Conference Five. Bethel's basketball team was built around Lanoy Loganbill who scored 310 points and had an average of 17.22 points per game. He ranked fifth in Conference scoring. The Conference coaches selected Loganbill for All-KCAC first team honors. Honorable mention recognition went to Donald Harder, Duane Kaufman, Fred Schroeder and Richard Siemens. The Graymaroons won nine and lost nine in season play and placed sixth in Conference play with a record of four and eight.⁴

Basketball Scores

Bethel	71	Tabor	39	Bethel	66	*McPherson	65
Bethel	65	Parson, Iowa	74	Bethel	78	Friends	60
Bethel	63	*Goshen, Ind.	53	Bethel	71	*C. of Emporia	45
Bethel	65	Bluffton, Ohio	60	Bethel	50	*K. Wesleyan	55
Bethel	62	*Baker	42	Bethel	56	*Bethany	60

²Athletic Department Files.

³From the Registrar's Files.

⁴Bethel College Collegian, March 30, 1951, p. 4.

Basketball Scores, continued

Bethel	60	*Bethany	68	Bethel	65	*McPherson	49
Bethel	52	*K. Wesleyan	63	Bethel	59	*Baker	63
Bethel	53	Tabor	51	Bethel	53	*Ottawa	60
Bethel	81	Friends	48	Bethel	67	*C. of Emporia	70.5
Bethel	62	*Ottawa	65				
		#Scrimmage game				*KCAC games	

Varsity awards went to eight players: James Buller, Donald Har-
der, Duane Kaufman, Marlowe Krehbiel, Lancy Loganbill, Clifford Rick-
man, Fredric Schroeder and Richard Siemens.⁶

The baseball team failed to win in the nine games played.

Baseball Scores

Bethel	1	McPherson	19	Bethel	3	Friends	8
Bethel	6	Tabor	7	Bethel	4	Bethany	6
Bethel	4	McPherson	10	Bethel	1	C. of Emporia	11.7

Awards were granted to the following baseball players: Virgil
Dirks, William Dunn, Paul Koehn, Lyle Lehman, Ronald Miller, Stuart
Pankratz, Richard Schmidt, Fredric Schroeder, Dalton Shive, Charles
Stoesz, Jack Unruh, Alden Warkentin, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel.⁸

The netmen played two matches with McPherson and lost both,
0 to 6 and 1 to 5. In the Conference western division play-off Bethel
netmen lost in early rounds. No varsity awards were granted.⁹

The track team under Coach Fretz participated in a full schedule

⁵From the Registrar's Files.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Official Baseball Score Book, 1951.

⁸From the Registrar's Files.

⁹Athletic Department Files.

of meets, numbering nine. Four new Bethel records were established. In the Conference meet the mile relay team won its third consecutive trophy.

New Bethel Track Records

100 yard dash	:10.1	Clifford Rickman
440 yard dash	:50.1	Gerald Schmidt
Pole vault	11' 11"	Chester Flickinger
Mile relay	3:29.3	Calvin Flickinger, Edgar Dalke Robert Kingery, Gerald Schmidt

Track Season Record

Quadrangular	McPherson 66 1/2, Bethel 43 Kansas Wesleyan 43, Sterling 9 1/2
Wichita Invitational	Bethel placed 3rd
Dual meet	Bethel 73, Bethany 36
Kansas Relays	Medley relay team placed 3rd
Triangular	Bethel 73 1/2, C. of Emporia 27 1/2 Friends 23
Pentangular	Bethel placed 3rd
Dual meet	McPherson 70, Bethel 61
Triangular	McPherson 71, Bethel 42, Bethany 21
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 4th 10,11

Awards were approved for the following: Edgar Dalke, Calvin Flickinger, Chester Flickinger, Dale Goering, Harvey Grundman, Robert Kingery, Jesse Krehbiel, James Rich, Clifford Rickman, Gerald Schmidt Merle Siebert and Roy Dale Unruh.¹²

¹⁰ Bethel College Collegian, April and May, 1951.

¹¹ The Newton Evening Kansan, May 19, 1951, p. 8.

¹² From the Registrar's Files.

1951-1952

Andrew Douglass appointed head football coach. Andy Douglass assumed the football coaching duties for the 1950 season. Coach Fretz was granted a leave of absence to take work for his advanced degree. Dan Unruh was appointed director of athletics and head basketball coach. He was an assistant in football.

The Graymaroon football team did a repeat of the previous year. In season play one game was won and eight were lost. Bethel was the cellar team with eight Conference losses. Honorable mention recognition by the Conference went to Eugene Kaufman, Alden Warkentin and Ivan Harshbarger.

Football Scores

Bethel	0	*McPherson	39	Bethel	14	*Baker	25
Bethel	18	Sterling	6	Bethel	6	*C. of Emporia	41
Bethel	6	*Ottawa	14	Bethel	19	*K. Wesleyan	27
Bethel	0	*Bethany	21	Bethel	7	Panhandle A&M	21. ¹³
Bethel	6	Friends	26				

*KCAC games

Varsity awards went to Darrell Albright, Jack Brubacher, Clarence Buller, Floyd Butz, John R. Dyck, Lowell Ewert, Calvin Flickinger, Chester Flickinger, Melvin Flickinger, Francis Funk, Dale Goering, Homer Goering, Ivan Harshbarger, Kenneth Hege, Eugene Kaufman, Leland Kaufman, Paul Lange, Stanley Lehman, Guadalupe Llana, Don Penner, Irvin Penner, Marlan Ratzlaff, Dean Schrag, Alden Warkentin, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel.¹⁴

¹³ Athletic Department Files.

¹⁴ From the Registrar's Files.

Loganbill and Harder receive special Conference recognition.

The basketball team was coached by Dan Unruh, the former Tabor College coach and Bradley University basketball player. Don Harder set a new individual score for a single game record by dropping in thirty-six points. Harder received second team All-Conference recognition. Loganbill was selected on the first five All-Conference team for the third consecutive year. In his freshman year he was listed on the All-Conference second team. Over the four year period Loganbill set a new scoring record with a total of 1,240 points. He played in seventy-nine basketball games, which gave him a record of 15.69 points per game average.¹⁵

Bethel won eight basketball games and lost eleven. In Conference play the Graymaroons had a record of five and seven and placed fifth.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	62	Phillips	51	Bethel	61	Tabor	53
Bethel	60	McPherson	73	Bethel	59	*Ottawa	75
Bethel	57	Tabor	63	Bethel	62	*McPherson	70
Bethel	55	Northwestern	56	Bethel	81	*C. of Emporia	61
Bethel	70	Okla. Baptist	62	Bethel	92	*K. Wesleyan	74
Bethel	65	E. Cen. Okla.	71	Bethel	67	*Bethany	69
Bethel	55	*Baker	68	Bethel	70	*Ottawa	80
Bethel	69	*Bethany	74	Bethel	69	*Baker	54
Bethel	52	*McPherson	55	Bethel	64	*C. of Emporia	55. ¹⁶
Bethel	80	*K. Wesleyan	70				

*KCAC games

The following received awards: Dale Geering, Homer Geering, Donald Harder, Duane Kaufman, Lanoy Loganbill, Johnny Siemens and Mel-

¹⁵Bethel College Collegian, March 7, 1952, p. 4.

¹⁶Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1952, p. 81.

vin Siemens.¹⁷

The tennis team in 1952 tied one and lost eleven matches, and lost in the early rounds of the Conference western division play-off. Only the results of two matches were found. Bethel tied Bethany three to three and lost to McPherson one to five.¹⁸ Paul Becker, John R. Dyck, Paul Nachtigal and Robert Schmidt received awards.¹⁹

The baseball team, coached by Dalton Shive, won two and lost six games.

Baseball Scores

Bethel 3	McPherson	7	Bethel 1	McPherson	7
Bethel 1	Friends	5	Bethel 5	Friends	17
Bethel 3	McPherson	2	Bethel 4	Tabor	5
Bethel 5	Bethany	4	Bethel 1	Tabor	5.20

Awards were granted to John Dietterich, Paul Koehn, Stuart Pankratze, Richard Schmidt, Carl Schroeder, Charles Stoesz, Johnny Siemens, Alden Warkentin, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel.²¹

The Bethel track men participated in eight track and field meets. No new records were established.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	McPherson 100, Bethel 31
Wichita Invitational	Bethel placed 2nd
Dual meet	Kansas Wesleyan 68, Bethel 63

¹⁷From the Registrar's Files.

¹⁸Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1952, p. 83.

¹⁹From the Registrar's Files.

²⁰Official Score Book, Baseball, 1952.

²¹From the Registrar's Files.

Track Season Record, continued

Quadrangular	K. Wesleyan 62, Bethel 53 1/5	
	C. of Emporia 34 3/5, Sterling 15 7/10	
Dual meet	Southwestern 83, Bethel 65	
Triangular	Bethel 72 1/2, Friends 54 1/2, Bethany 7	
Dual meet	Bethel 82, Sterling 52	22
KCAC meet	Bethel placed fifth	

Track men receiving awards were: Calvin Flickinger, Chester Flickinger, Dale Goering, Robert Kingery, Jesse Krehbiel, Paul Lange, Eldo Neufeld and Dean Ortman.²³

1952-1953

Milton Goering returns as athletic assistant. Milton Goering was appointed full time assistant and instructor in physical education. During the previous year Goering had been athletic coach at Freeman Jr. College, Freeman, South Dakota. Dan Unruh was head coach of all sports except track. Milton Goering coached the track men.²⁴

The 1952 football team won two and lost seven in season play and placed seventh in the KCAC standing with a zero and six record.

Football Scores

Bethel	0	*McPherson	33	Bethel	14	*Baker	27
Bethel	33	Sterling	19	Bethel	20	*C. of Emporia	44
Bethel	7	*Ottawa	33	Bethel	6	*K. Wesleyan	27
Bethel	7	*Bethany	14	Bethel	7	Southwestern	55. ²⁵
Bethel	14	Friends	13				
*KCAC games							

²²Bethel College Collegian, April and May, 1952.

²³From the Registrar's Files.

²⁴Bethel College Collegian, May 9, 1952, p. 1.

²⁵Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1953, p. 75.

The Conference gave recognition to a number of Bethel gridmen. Ivan Harshbarger was selected on the first defensive team and on the second offensive team. Dale Goering and Rex Voran were selected on the second defensive team. Offensive team honorable mention selections were Dale Goering, Homer Goering, Francis Funk, Marlan Ratzlaff, Floyd Butz, Kenneth Wedel and Don Penner. Defensive team honorable mention recognition went to Floyd Butz.²⁶

Awards were granted to: Jack Brubacher, Clarence Buller, Floyd Butz, John Dietterich, Francis Funk, Dale Goering, Homer Goering, Robert Graber, Glenn Harder, Ivan Harshbarger, Clifford Kater, Leland Kaufman, Jake Krehbiel, Don Penner, Don E. Penner, Marlan Ratzlaff, Dean Schrag, Don Schrag, Rex Voran, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel and Arlis Schrag, (manager).²⁷

In 1952-53 the Graymaroon basketball team had a strong offense but were unable to hold the opponents. Bethel won six games and lost sixteen. In KCAC play Bethel lost all twelve games. The team set a new individual game scoring record by getting 111 points against Friends.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	64	Phillips	87	Bethel	57	*Ottawa	90
Bethel	34	Okla. Baptist	42	Bethel	83	Friends	72
Bethel	60	Tabor	53	Bethel	46	*McPherson	59
Bethel	48	McPherson	57	Bethel	74	*C. of Emporia	86
Bethel	69	*Baker	71	Bethel	59	*K. Wesleyan	74
Bethel	60	*McPherson	68	Bethel	111	Friends	70
Bethel	68	Phillips	55	Bethel	59	*Bethany	66

²⁶Bethel College Collegian, November 21, 1952, p. 4.

²⁷From the Registrar's Files.

Basketball Scores, continued

Bethel	51	S.W. Missouri	79	Bethel	63	*Ottawa	78
Bethel	60	*Bethany	61	Bethel	74	*Baker	84
Bethel	70	Tabor	65	Bethel	67	Tabor	61
Bethel	58	*K. Wesleyan	72	Bethel	70	*C. of Emporia	79. ²⁸

*KCAC games

Harder sets new individual scoring mark. Don Harder scored a total of 458 points in twenty-two games for an average of 20.8 per game. His high game score was thirty-four points in a game against Kansas Wesleyan. Harder was leading scorer in the Conference. He was given All-Conference second team recognition. Homer Goering was selected for honorable mention.²⁹

Ten players were granted awards: Jim Buller, Richard Buller, Stan Eitzen, Dale Goering, Homer Goering, Don Harder, Paul Harms, Jim Heidebrecht, Richard Schollenberg and John Siemens.³⁰

The 1953 baseball team won four and lost six games.

Baseball Scores

Bethel	6	Friends	2	Bethel	7	Friends	9
Bethel	0	Tabor	1	Bethel	4	C. of Emporia	8
Bethel	2	C. of Emporia	15	Bethel	6	Bethany	2
Bethel	8	Bethany	5	Bethel	5	McPherson	4
Bethel	0	McPherson	7	Bethel	4	Tabor	9. ³¹

Awards were presented to: John Dietterich, Myron Friesen, Paul Harms, Lawrence Hart, LeRoy Klippenstein, Don Schierling, Robert Schrag,

²⁸Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1953, pp. 81,82.

²⁹Bethel College Collegian, March 27, 1953, p. 4.

³⁰From the Registrar's Files.

³¹Official Score Book, Baseball, 1952.

John Siemens, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel.³²

The 1953 track team was unable to win a meet but placed high in the running in most of them. Don Penner broke the shot put record three times during the season. His final mark was 44' 4 1/2" for the shot put.³³

Track Season Record

Triangular	McPherson 71, Bethel 53, Tabor 10
Triangular	Southwestern 68, Bethel 44, College of Emporia 20
Dual meet	Bethel 68, Kansas Wesleyan 65
Quadrangular	Kansas Wesleyan 72 1/2, Bethel 49
	Bethany 25 1/2, Sterling 17
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 5th

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Awards were approved for: Stan Eitzen, Francis Funk, Dale Goering, Glen Goering, Clifford Kater, Don E. Penner, Karl Ratzlaff, James Rich, Eddie Stucky and Dean Ortman.³⁵

1953-1954

Gilbert Galle appointed athletic director and coach. Gilbert Galle succeeded Dan Uhrh as athletic director and athletic coach. Galle was a former Bethelite, having participated in football, basketball and track. He received Conference recognition as a football player. Milton Goering continued as athletic assistant.³⁶

The football team won its first game and tied the last one.

³²From the Registrar's Files.

³³Bethel College Collegian, May 8, 1953, p. 4.

³⁴Ibid., April-May, 1953.

³⁵From the Registrar's Files.

³⁶Bethel College Collegian, April 19, 1954, p. 4.

They lost the seven games in between. The final game of the season ended a twenty-five game losing streak in Conference play. The season record was one win, seven losses and one tied game. In Conference play Bethel lost six and tied one. Marlan Ratzlaff and Don Schrag received honorable mention recognition by the Conference coaches. Friends was admitted to the Conference this fall with full participation immediately.

Football Scores

Bethel	31	Sterling	6	Bethel	7	*Baker	48
Bethel	0	*McPherson	46	Bethel	14	*C. of Emporia	59
Bethel	6	*Ottawa	53	Bethel	13	*K. Wesleyan	13
Bethel	0	*Bethany	47	Bethel	6	Panhandle A&M	63. ³⁷
Bethel	7	*Friends	12				

*KCAC games

Awards were granted to: Floyd Butz, Delbert Dester, John Dietrich, Stan Eitzen, Robert Gray, Robert Graber, Harlan Graber, George Goering, John J. Goering Jr., Clayton Kaufman, Delmar Kaufman, Gilbert Kaufman, Arley Loeffler, Harold Loewen, Walter Ott, Don Penner, Jerome Regier, Marlan Ratzlaff, Donald Schrag and Walt Tieszen.³⁸

The Bethel basketball team played twenty-five games and won twelve of them. In the KCAC standing the Graymaroons tied for sixth place with a six and eight record. Arley Loeffler, in his first year, led the scoring with 17.5 points per game.

³⁷Athletic Department Files.

³⁸Ibid.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 64	Southwestern	78	Bethel 67	*Baker	60
Bethel 71	Phillips	75	Bethel 73	*C. of Emporia	77
Bethel 81	Bethany	54	Bethel 58	*Bethany	56
Bethel 60	McPherson	69	Bethel 64	*Friends	42
Bethel 73	Tabor	50	Bethel 63	*Ottawa	67
Bethel 88	Phillips	72	Bethel 65	*K. Wesleyan	79
Bethel 78	C. of Emporia	64	Bethel 62	*McPherson	70
Bethel 61	McPherson	96	Bethel 59	*Baker	69
Bethel 79	Baker	66	Bethel 59	*C. of Emporia	69
Bethel 54	*Ottawa	69	Bethel 70	Southwestern	86
Bethel 61	*K. Wesleyan	81	Bethel 83	*Bethany	82
Bethel 87	*McPherson	84	Bethel 74	*Friends	52, ³⁹
Bethel 83	Tabor	58			

*KCAC games

The coaches selected Arley Loeffler and Paul Harms for honorable mention recognition. a poll, sponsored by the Newton Kansan, of the area sportswriters selected Loeffler for All-Conference first team recognition. They gave Paul Harms honorable mention. Loeffler set a new school single game scoring mark when he scored thirty-eight points in a game against College of Emporia.⁴⁰

The faculty approved awards to: Gerald Eck, Stan Eitzen, Bill Ewert, George Goering, Harlan Graber, Paul Harms, Arley Loeffler, Richard Schellenberg and John Siemens.⁴¹

Don Penner to NAIA National Track and Field Meet. The 1954 track team won five meets before placing second in the final two. Don Penner continued to set new marks in the shot put event. This year he added the discus event in his quest for new records. Penner estab-

³⁹Bethel College Collegian, March 5, 1954, p. 4.

⁴⁰Ibid., April 19, 1954, p. 4.

⁴¹Athletic Department Files.

lished a new KCAC mark in the shot put. He was selected by NAIA District No. 10 officials to represent the district at the national meet in Abilene, Texas. Penner placed fifth in the discus event at the Texas meet.

Track Season Record

Triangular	Bethel 64 5/6, K. Wesleyan 56 1/2
	Bethany 41 2/3
Triangular	Bethel 74 1/2, Friends 46 1/2, Tabor 41
Emporia Relays	Bethel weight team placed 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the shot put
Kansas U. Relays	Bethel spring medley relay team placed 3rd
Quadrangular	Bethel 78, Sterling 71, Friends 45 1/2, Tabor 24 1/2
Triangular	Bethel 77, Bethany 45 1/2, Kansas Wesleyan 36 1/2
Triangular	Bethel 74 1/2, McPherson 59 1/2, Bethany 25
Triangular	C. of Emporia 93 1/2, Bethel 40
	Friends 19 1/2
Quadrangular	McPherson 74 1/2, Bethel 72 1/2
	K. Wesleyan 38 1/2, Sterling 36 1/2
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 5th

Don Penner set new school records in the shot put (47' 10 1/4") and in the discus (151' 5 1/2"). In the KCAC meet he set a new Conference record in the shot put of 46' 3 3/4".⁴²

Varsity awards were granted to: Stanley Eitzen, Glenn Goering, Vernon Harms, Lawrence Hart, Arlo Kasper, Delmar Kaufman, Arley Loefler, Don Penner, Don Schrag, Marles Preheim and LaMoine Epp.⁴³

The baseball team won three and lost four games. Awards were granted to: Robert Gray, Paul Harms, Dale Klassen, Stuart Pankratz, Leroy Klippenstein, Jerome Regier, Don Schierling, Virgil Schmidt, Rob-

⁴²Bethel College Collegian, April-May, 1954.

⁴³Athletic Department Files.

ert Schrag, Delbert Schrag and John Siemens.⁴⁴

Baseball Scores

Bethel	4	Tabor	0	Bethel	9	McPherson	14
Bethel	1	Friends	0	Bethel	0	McPherson	7
		(forfeit)		Bethel	4	Friends	14
Bethel	12	Tabor	4	Bethel	0	McPherson	6. ⁴⁵

1954-1955

Milton Goering appointed head football coach. A coaching change was made for the 1954 season. Milton Goering was promoted to the head coach position with Gilbert Galle and Oswald Goering as assistants.

The Graymaroons moved up to third place in the Conference standing with a record of four wins, two losses and a tie. In season play Bethel won four, lost two and tied one.

Football Scores

Bethel	12	Sterling	13	Bethel	19	*Friends	12
Bethel	18	*McPherson	13	Bethel	33	*Baker	7
Bethel	14	*Ottawa	39	Bethel	7	*C. of Emporia	41
Bethel	19	*Bethany	0	Bethel	27	*K. Wesleyan	27. ⁴⁶

*KCAC games

Marlan Ratzlaff selected All-Conference center. Marlan Ratzlaff was selected by the Conference coaches for All-Conference first team recognition. Ratzlaff was a four-year letterman in football. Don Penner

⁴⁴Athletic Department Files.

⁴⁵Bethel College Collegian, May 11, 1954, p. 4.

⁴⁶Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1955, p. 71.

was placed on the All-Conference second team and six Bethel players were given honorable mention. They were: George Goering, Harlan Graber, Delmar Kaufman, Gilbert Kaufman, Arley Loeffler and Don Schrag.⁴⁷

Twenty-two squad members were granted awards. They were: Arlo Buller, John Dietterich, Stanley Eitzen, Duane Epp, George Goering, Harry Goering, John Goering Jr., Robert Graber, Harlan Graber, Harvey Grundman, Delmar Kaufman, Gilbert Kaufman, Harold Loewen, Don Penner, Larry Penner, Vern Quiring, Marlan Ratzlaff, Marlin Roeder, Don Schrag, Sheldon Steinle, Gene Suenram and Arley Loeffler.⁴⁸

The Bethel basketball team won twelve games and lost eleven in season play. In the Conference standing Bethel placed sixth with a seven and seven record. The Graymaroons won the fourth annual Central Kansas Collegiate basketball tournament at Moundridge.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 67	Southwestern	93	Bethel 61	*Baker	63
Bethel 93	Tabor	67	Bethel 68	*C. of Emporia	75
Bethel 71	Bethany	64	Bethel 63	*Bethany	55
Bethel 59	Tabor	57	Bethel 86	*Friends	67
Bethel 74	Southwestern	78	Bethel 72	*Ottawa	74
Bethel 81	K. Wesleyan	85	Bethel 75	*K. Wesleyan	88
Bethel 69	Baker	73	Bethel 60	*McPherson	58
Bethel 79	Friends	70	Bethel 63	*Baker	53
Bethel 56	*Ottawa	62	Bethel 75	*C. of Emporia	72
Bethel 76	*K. Wesleyan	81	Bethel 57	*Bethany	72
Bethel 80	*McPherson	71	Bethel 71	*Friends	44. ⁴⁹
Bethel 102	Tabor	79			

*KCAC games

⁴⁷Athletic Department Files.

⁴⁸Ibid.

⁴⁹Bethel College, Graymaroon. 1955. p. 76.

Paul Harms ranks sixth in NAIA statistics. Paul Harms' free throw accuracy ranked him sixth among the nation's small college players. The junior forward hit 119 free throws in 142 attempts for an average of 83.8 per cent. Harlan Graber was selected for the All-KCAC second team. Arley Loeffler, Paul Harms and Jerry Eck received honorable mention recognition.^{50,51}

Awards were presented to: Gerald Eck, Stanley Eitzen, Bill Ewert, George Goering, Harlan Graber, Robert Gray, Paul Harms, Arley Loeffler, John Siemens and Bob Standingwater (manager).⁵²

Baseball dropped as intercollegiate sport. Baseball was eliminated from Bethel's athletic program. The main reason given was the resignation of Gilbert Galle, head basketball and baseball coach. Tennis was revived after a year's absence. Oswald Goering was appointed tennis coach. This was the first year since 1946 that baseball was not played.⁵³

The tennis team won one match and lost five. In the Conference western division play-off Bethel lost in the first rounds.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	2	Tabor	7	Bethel	6	K. Wesleyan	3
Bethel	4	K. Wesleyan	5	Bethel	1	Tabor	8
Bethel	4	McPherson	5	Bethel	0	Bethany	9

⁵⁰Bethel College Collegian, March 18, 1955, p. 4.

⁵¹Ibid., April 1, 1955, p. 4.

⁵²Athletic Department Files.

⁵³Bethel College Collegian, March 4, 1955, p. 4.

Awards were granted to: John Dyck, Paul Harms, Larry Penner and John Siemens.⁵⁴

Don Penner betters his discus and shot put records. The track team won three and lost three of the meets on its schedule. Don Penner bettered his shot put mark to 49' 11" and his discus record to 160' 1 1/4". Marlin Roeder set a new Bethel pole vault record by a vault of 12' 2".

Track Season Record

Quadrangular	C. of Emporia 91, Bethel 55
	Southwestern 47 1/2, Bethany 21 1/2
Triangular	Bethel 61, K. Wesleyan 59 1/2,
	McPherson 14 1/2
Emporia Relays	Weight team placed 2nd in the shot put
	and 5th in the discus
Dual meet	McPherson 66 5/6, Bethel 65 1/6
Triangular	C. of Emporia 70, Bethel 50,
	K. Wesleyan 40
Triangular	Bethel 76 1/2, Sterling 47, Tabor 34 1/2
Triangular	Bethel 63, K. Wesleyan 71, Bethany 24
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 5th 55

Awards were presented to: Albert Buller, Earl Dirks, Gilbert Franz, Dan Hirschler, Arlo Kasper, Delmar Kaufman, Arley Loeffler, Klaus Neufeld, Don Penner, Marles Preheim, Marlin Roeder, Don Schrag and Bob Standingwater (manager).⁵⁶

⁵⁴Athletic Department Files.

⁵⁵Bethel College Collegian, April-May, 1955.

⁵⁶Athletic Department Files.

1955-1956

Gerhard Buhr appointed head basketball coach. Gerhard "George" Buhr, a Bethel graduate, was appointed head basketball coach, assistant football coach and instructor in physical education. Buhr taught at Lehigh, Kansas, and was the athletic coach there. Milton Goering was appointed director of athletics.⁵⁷

The Bethel football team won four and lost five games. The Conference record was four and three and the Graymaroons finished in a fourth place tie. The co-captains were Don Penner and Don Schrag.

Football Scores

Bethel	19	Sterling	20	Bethel	33	*Friends	19
Bethel	7	*K. Wesleyan	28	Bethel	19	*Baker	0
Bethel	0	*McPherson	6	Bethel	7	*C. of Emporia	20
Bethel	12	*Ottawa	8	Bethel	14	Concordia, Neb	20. ⁵⁸
Bethel	26	*Bethany	7				
*KCAC games							

Don Penner selected on All-KCAC eleven. Don Penner, a senior, was selected All-Conference first team tackle. George Goering and Arley Loeffler were placed on the All-Conference second team. The following were given honorable mention recognition: Arlo Buller, John Goering, Harlan "Cot" Graber, Larry Penner, Don Schrag and Gene Suenram.⁵⁹

Varsity awards were approved for: Howard Bechtel, Jack Brubacher,

⁵⁷ Bethel College Collegian, May 6, 1955, p. 1.

⁵⁸ Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1956, pp. 78, 79.

⁵⁹ Bethel College Collegian, December 2, 1955, p. 4.

Arlo Buller, Stanley Bitzen, Duane Epp, Francis Funk, Larry Gilchrist, Gene Goering, George Goering, Harvey Grundman, Harlan Graber, Glenn Harder, Bob Heinze, Clayton Kaufman, Darrel Kaufman, Leland Kaufman, Marvin Krehbiel, Loren Kuehny, Arley Loeffler, Sherwin Niehage, Don Penner, Larry Penner, Verne Quiring, Don Schrag, Gene Suenram, Kenneth Wedel and Kermit Wedel.⁶⁰

Bethel wins first Kansas Conference title. In one of the most successful athletic ventures in the history of the College, the 1955-1956 basketball team won the school's first Kansas Conference title. Three tournament titles were won in pre-Conference play. Bethel won the fifth annual Central Kansas Collegiate tournament at Moundridge for the second consecutive year. The second title was the Phillips' Invitational tournament championship at Enid, Oklahoma. The third was the third annual KCAC tournament championship at McPherson. In Conference play Bethel won thirteen and lost the final game. The Threshers had a nineteen game winning streak going into the final game. In the NAIA District No. 10 play-off Bethel lost both games to Kansas State College of Pittsburg. Bethel's season record was twenty-two games won and four defeats.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	63	Sterling	33	Bethel	73	*Baker	65
Bethel	89	McPherson	54	Bethel	73	*C. of Emporia	68
Bethel	68	Tabor	52	Bethel	71	*Bethany	62
Bethel	67	Southwestern	79	Bethel	71	*Friends	70
Bethel	81	Phillips	74	Bethel	74	*Ottawa	68
Bethel	58	Northwestern	48	Bethel	77	*K. Wesleyan	64

⁶⁰ Athletic Department Files.

Basketball Scores, continued

Bethel 74	Bethany	62	Bethel 85	*McPherson	66
Bethel 70	C. of Emporia	66	Bethel 81	*Baker	73
Bethel 70	Southwestern	55	Bethel 73	*C. of Emporia	66
Bethel 77	*Ottawa	63	Bethel 63	*Bethany	55
Bethel 77	*K. Wesleyan	66	Bethel 72	*Friends	73
Bethel 80	*McPherson	45	Bethel 67	Pittsburg KSC	75
Bethel 66	Tabor	58	Bethel 79	Pittsburg KSC	103. ⁶¹

*KCAC games

Graber, Eck and Loeffler on All-KCAC team. The Conference coaches voted three Threshers on the All-Conference first team. Harlan "Cot" Graber and Jerry Eck were chosen for the guard positions and Arley Loeffler for the center position. Larry Dick and Paul Harms received All-KCAC honorable mention recognition.⁶²

Awards and special KCAC championship emblems were presented to: Eldon Becker, Larry Dick, Gerald Eck, Stanley Eitzen, Larry Gilchrist, Homer D. Goering, Harlan Graber, Paul Harms, Larry Penner, Dwayne Reusser and Harvey Grundman (manager).⁶³

The tennis team won two and lost four dual matches. Bethel participated in the two Tabor tournaments and in the Conference western division play-off.

Bethel with six points placed second in a three-team doubles tournament at Tabor College behind McPherson with nine. Tabor had three points. In the four-team doubles tournament, also sponsored by Tabor, Bethel placed third behind Sterling and Bethany with Tabor in

⁶¹Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1956, pp. 84, 85.

⁶²Bethel College Collegian, March 16, 1956, p. 4.

⁶³Athletic Department Files.

last place. No scores were recorded. In the KCAC western division play-off Bethel lost in the semi-finals.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	0	Bethany	6	Bethel	3	K. Wesleyan	4
Bethel	1	Bethany	8	Bethel	4	K. Wesleyan	3
Bethel	1	McPherson	8	Bethel	5	Tabor	4

Paul Harms and Larry Penner were presented awards.⁶⁴

Penner sets new Bethel and KCAC records. Don Penner continued his assault on the records set a year ago in his senior year. He established three new records. Penner represented the NAIA District No. 10 at the National Track and Field Meet.

New Track Records

Bethel	Shot put	51' 1/2"	Don Penner
KCAC	Discus	153' 4 1/4"	Don Penner
KCAC	Shot put	50' 9 1/2"	Don Penner ⁶⁵

Track Season Record

Triangular	McPherson 78 3/4, Friends 50 3/4, Bethel 15 1/2
Triangular	McPherson 106 1/2, Friends 29 1/2, Bethel 26
Dual meet	Bethel 66, Tabor 59
Emporia Relays	Don Penner placed 1st in the shot put and the discus
Triangular	Friends 79, Bethel 45, Bethany 32
Quadrangular	Ottawa 101, Southwestern 63 Friends 19, Bethel 16
Quadrangular	K. Wesleyan 82 1/2, C. of Emporia 80 Bethel 32, Bethany 19 1/2

⁶⁴Ibid.

⁶⁵Ibid.

Track Season Record, continued

Quadrangular	McPherson 83, K. Wesleyan 62	
	Bethel 27, Bethany 20	
Dual meet	Bethel 60, Tabor 56	
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 7th	66

Awards were granted to Duane Epp, Clyde Goering, Don Penner, Don Schrag, Robert Schmidt and Myron Schrag.⁶⁷

Golf added to athletic program. A golf program on the inter-collegiate program was planned for the following year. Squad members played at the Newton Country Club golf course and received special instruction. No matches were scheduled.⁶⁸

1956-1957

The Bethel Threshers placed fourth in the Conference with a four and three record in football. In season play Bethel won four and lost five games.

Football Scores

Bethel 25	Northwestern St. 31	Bethel 28	*Baker 23
Bethel 0	*McPherson 20	Bethel 20	*C. of Emporia 32
Bethel 13	*Ottawa 12	Bethel 21	*K. Wesleyan 26
Bethel 25	*Bethany 7	Bethel 19	Wm. Jewell 53
Bethel 13	*Friends 6		

*KCAC games

Special conference recognition went to: Arlo Buller, Harlan Graber, and Arley Loeffler for the All-Conference second team. Honorable mention recognition was given to Jack Brubacher, George Goering.

⁶⁶Ibid.

⁶⁷Ibid.

⁶⁸Bethel College Collegian, April 6, 1956.

John Goering Jr., Myron Goering, Francis Funk, Clayton Kaufman, Larry Penner and Gene Suenram.⁶⁹

Varsity awards presented are as follows: Fourth year--Jack Brubacher, Francis Funk, George Goering, John Goering Jr., Harlan Graber, Leland Kaufman and Arley Loeffler; third year--Arlo Buller, Myron Goering, Clayton Kaufman, and Larry Penner; second year--Howard Bechtel, Delbert Dester, Larry Gilchrist and Loren Kuehny; first year--Eldon Becker, Jim Dester, Royce Enns, Floyd Garnett, Leonard Goering, Bruce Mueller, Virgil Penner, Randall Schmidt, Eldon Schmidt, Gary Schrag, Kenneth Stucky and Robert Voran (manager).⁷⁰

Bethel defends basketball title. Despite the loss of two starters from the previous year's squad and a pre-season injury, the Threshers retained the Conference crown. Bethel defended the title with a ten won and four loss record. In season play Bethel retired the Central Kansas Collegiate tournament trophy by winning the event at Moundridge for the third consecutive year. The season record was seventeen and nine. In the NAIA District No. 10 play-off Bethel lost to Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia.⁷¹

Loeffler and Dick receive All-Conference ranking. Arley Loeffler was placed on the All-Conference first team and Larry Dick was placed on the second five. Harlan Graber and Dwayne Reusser received honor-

⁶⁹Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1957.

⁷⁰Athletic Department Files.

⁷¹Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1957.

able mention.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	75	Sterling	67	Bethel	89	Tabor	65
Bethel	72	Tabor	61	Bethel	76	*Baker	52
Bethel	74	McPherson	62	Bethel	65	*C. of Emporia	58
Bethel	65	Southwestern	36	Bethel	82	*Bethany	75
Bethel	61	Hastings, Neb.	69	Bethel	80	*Friends	66
Bethel	88	Goshen, Ind.	85	Bethel	77	*Ottawa	76
Bethel	65	K. Wesleyan	73	Bethel	57	*K. Wesleyan	69
Bethel	84	Baker	79	Bethel	59	*McPherson	56
Bethel	72	Friends	75	Bethel	61	*Baker	80
Bethel	85	*Friends	80	Bethel	71	*C. of Emporia	58
Bethel	77	*Ottawa	79	Bethel	77	*Bethany	69
Bethel	88	*K. Wesleyan	67	Bethel	70	Emporia KSTC	77
Bethel	58	*McPherson	66	Bethel	55	Emporia KSTC	69. ⁷²

*KCAC games

Awards and special KCAC championship emblems were presented to the following: fourth year--Larry Dick, Homer Goering, Harlan Graber, and Arley Loeffler; second year--Eldon Becker, Larry Gilchrist, Larry Penner and Dwayne Reusser; first year--Bruce Mueller and Robert Siemens.⁷³

Intercollegiate golf program inaugurated. The varsity golf team, coached by Oswald Goering, lost its first match to McPherson one to three. The win came in the second match with Friends on the Newton Country Club golf course, Bethel defeated Friends 14 1/2 to 13 1/2. In the Conference tournament Bethel placed sixth. The first varsity award in golf was granted to Robert Janzen. Other squad members of the golf team were William Buller, Robert Ediger, Orlando Goertzen, Ivan Harder and John Knock.⁷⁴

⁷²Ibid.

⁷³Athletic Department Files.

⁷⁴Bethel College Collegian, April-May, 1957.

The 1957 tennis team participated in seven dual matches. Bethel won three, lost three and tied one. In the Conference tournament Shellenberger lost in the semi-finals of the singles tournament; Brandt lost in the first round of the singles tournament; and Penner and Toews played in the doubles tournament and lost in the quarter finals.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	1	McPherson	6	Bethel	6	Tabor	1
Bethel	1	Bethany	6	Bethel	4	Tabor (tied)	4
Bethel	5	K. Wesleyan	2	Bethel	6	K. Wesleyan	1.75
Bethel	3	Bethany	4				

Richard Brandt, Larry Penner, Robert Shellenberger and Paul Toews were presented varsity awards.⁷⁶

Goering breaks 880-yard run record. Glen Goering set a new mark in the 880-yard run event by running the distance in 2:00.8. Bruce Mueller equalled the high hurdle record of :15.5 that had been in the books since 1939. It was set by Eric Friesen.

Track Season Record

Quadrangular	C. of Emporia 100, Bethel 71 1/2
	Friends 36 1/2, Tabor 11
Triangular	Bethel 55 1/2, Southwestern 54 1/2,
	Tonkawa Jr. College 51
Quadrangular	K. Wesleyan 73 1/2, Bethel 70 1/2,
	Bethany 48 1/2, Sterling 29 1/2
Kansas U. Relays	Bruce Mueller placed 5th in decathlon
	with 4,913 points
Pentangular	McPherson 63 1/2, C. of Emporia 56 1/2
	K. Wesleyan 38 1/2, Bethel 34
	Southwestern 31 1/2

⁷⁵Ibid.

⁷⁶Athletic Department Files.

Track Season Record, continued

Triangular	Bethel 88 1/2, Bethany 43
	Tabor 27 1/2
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 6th with 21 points ⁷⁷

Awards were granted to: Dale Buller, Delbert Dester, Clyde Goering, Glen Goering, Paul Linscheid, Arley Loeffler, Bruce Mueller, Virgil Penner, Myron Schrag and Robert Shaak.⁷⁸

1957-1958

Buhr appointed head football coach. Gerhard Buhr replaced Milton Goering as football coach for one year while Goering was on leave. Buhr was appointed acting director of athletics. Marlan Ratzlaff was appointed head track coach and athletic assistant. George Goering, a student, was an assistant coach in football.⁷⁹

Bethel stops Kansas Wesleyan after twenty-four games. The game with Kansas Wesleyan was one of the biggest upsets in the history of Bethel football. The victory was the first in twenty-four games played with Kansas Wesleyan, a period that extended back to the first game played in 1923. It was the first KCAC defeat for them in sixteen games or two seasons.⁸⁰

Kaufman and Penner receive national ranking. Clayton Kaufman and Larry Penner were elected co-captains of the 1957 Thresher team.

⁷⁷Bethel College Collegian, April-May, 1957.

⁷⁸Athletic Department Files.

⁷⁹Bethel College Collegian, August 9, 1957, p. 3.

⁸⁰Athletic Department Files.

The two received national ranking for their efforts. Kaufman ranked twelfth in passing and twenty-first in total offense among the small college players. Penner ranked eleventh in pass receiving and eighteenth in punting.

Bethel placed third in the Conference standing with five wins and two losses. In all games played the Threshers won five and lost four.⁸¹

All-Conference honors went to eight Bethel gridmen. Clayton Kaufman, Larry Penner and Virgil Penner were placed on the first team at the quarterback, end and guard positions, respectively. The second team included Arlo Buller at a guard position and Myron Goering at one of the tackle positions. Loren Kuehny, Randall Schmidt and Kenneth Stucky received honorable mention.

Football Scores

Bethel	13	Northwestern St.	33	Bethel	0	*Baker	16
Bethel	16	*McPherson	18	Bethel	27	*C. of Emporia	3
Bethel	27	*Ottawa	13	Bethel	12	*K. Wesleyan	7
Bethel	28	*Bethany	0	Bethel	0	Wm. Jewell	45. ⁸²
Bethel	19	*Friends	7				

*KCAC games

Awards were presented to the following: fourth year--Arlo Buller, Myron Goering, Clayton Kaufman and Larry Penner; third year--Howard Bechtel, Larry Gilchrist, Delmar Kaufman and Loren Kuehny; second year--Eldon Becker, Royce Enns, Leonard Goering, Bruce Mueller, Sherwin Niehage, Virgil Penner, Eldon Schmidt, Randall Schmidt, Kenneth Stucky

⁸¹Ibid.

⁸²Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1958.

and Robert Voran (manager); and first year--Dale Gaeddert, Tom Schrag, Jim Stucky and Don Stucky.⁸³

Cross-Country added to fall intercollegiate program. Cross-country was added to the fall program because of its association with varsity track. Two quadrangular meets were on the schedule and Bethel placed third in each. Awards went to Roger Friesen and Joe Schrag.⁸⁴

Penner on All-Conference Five. Larry Penner was voted a berth on the All-KCAC first team in basketball. He was one of the leading Conference scorers with an average of 19.9 points per game. Dwayne Reusser received honorable mention.⁸⁵

The Threshers dropped to fifth place in the Conference standing with a seven and seven record. The over-all record was thirteen wins and twelve losses. The varsity went on a three-game road trip which included a game with Tabor at Henderson, Nebraska; a game with Bluffton College at Bluffton, Ohio; and a game with Goshen College at Goshen, Indiana. The above are sister Mennonite colleges and the trip was designed to promote good will between the four colleges and the constituency.

Basketball Scores

Bethel 63	Sterling 62	Bethel 68	*McPherson 65
Bethel 47	Bethany 61	Bethel 74	Tabor 60
Bethel 51	Tabor 42	Bethel 64	*Baker 71
Bethel 61	Southwestern 67	Bethel 60	*C. of Emporia 59

⁸³Bethel College Collegian, August 9, 1958, p. 1.

⁸⁴Ibid., September 20, 1957, p. 4.

⁸⁵Ibid., March 21, 1958, p. 1.

Basketball Scores, continued

Bethel	70	Tabor	64	Bethel	74	*Bethany	67
Bethel	70	Bluffton, O.	83	Bethel	70	*Friends	56
Bethel	72	Goshen, Ind.	69	Bethel	51	*Ottawa	73
Bethel	63	McPherson	72	Bethel	82	*K. Wesleyan	58
Bethel	71	C. of Emporia	73	Bethel	53	*McPherson	71
Bethel	74	Sterling	62	Bethel	45	*Baker	50
Bethel	95	*Friends	66	Bethel	60	*C. of Emporia	77
Bethel	52	*Ottawa	88	Bethel	69	*Bethany	82. ⁸⁶
Bethel	75	*K. Wesleyan	57				

*KCAC games

Athletic awards were granted to: third year--Larry Gilchrist, Larry Penner and Dwayne Reusser; second year--Bruce Mueller and Robert Siemens; and first year--Clyde Goering, Jerry Nickel and Robert Rupp.⁸⁷

The golf team, in its second year of intercollegiate competition, lost all of its seven dual matches. The team placed seventh in the Conference tournament.

Golf Scores

Bethel	0	McPherson	12	Bethel	$\frac{1}{2}$	K. Wesleyan	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Friends	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bethel	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bethany	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	0	Bethany	12	Bethel	0	McPherson	12
Bethel	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Friends	6 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Awards were presented to Robert Ediger, Orlando Goertzen, John Knaak and John Unruh.⁸⁸

The tennis team lacked the depth to win its matches. Penner and Toews were consistent winners in dual matches. All seven dual matches were lost. Bethel placed second in the Tabor tournament. Penner was

⁸⁶ Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1958.

⁸⁷ Bethel College Collegian, March 21, 1958, p. 4.

⁸⁸ Athletic Department Files.

runner-up in the singles. In the singles of the Conference tournament Toews lost in the quarter-finals and Penner lost in the semi-finals. In the doubles Glick and Preheim lost in the quarter-finals.

Tennis Scores

Bethel 0	Bethany 7	Bethel 3	C. of Emporia 4
Bethel 3	Tabor 5	Bethel 2	K. Wesleyan 5
Bethel 3	K. Wesleyan 4	Bethel 4	McPherson 5
Bethel 0	Bethany 7		

Larry Penner received his fourth year award, Paul Toews his second, and first year awards went to Oren Glick and James Preheim.⁸⁹

Goering and Schrag set new track marks. The Thresher thinclads under Coach Ratzlaff ranked second to Ottawa in the Conference meet. Melvin Goering, a freshman, broke the twenty-four year-old mark set by Don Kennison in the high jump with a leap of 6' 2 3/8". Joe Schrag, also a freshman, took another old mark from the books. The mile record was set by Waldo Leisy in 1937. The new mark was 4:36.4. Bruce Mueller tied the high hurdles record of :15.5 as he did a year earlier.

Track Season Record

Quadrangular	Southwestern 78 1/2, C. of Emporia 64
Emporia Relays	Bethel 59 1/2, Friends 23
	Mueller placed 3rd in high hurdles
	The distance medley team placed 4th
Quadrangular	Bethel 81 1/2, Kansas Wesleyan 56
	C. of Emporia 50, McPherson 32 1/2
Dual meet	Ottawa 96, Bethel 35
Quadrangular	Southwestern 68, Bethel 62
	K. Wesleyan 49, Tabor 40
Dual meet	Bethel 72, C. of Emporia 54

⁸⁹Ibid.

Track Season Record, continued

Doane Relays	Mueller placed 3rd in high hurdles M. Goering tied for 5th in high jump Penner placed 3rd in shot put Distance medley team placed 2nd	
Quadrangular	Bethel 71 3/4, McPherson 54 1/2 Sterling 50 3/4, Bethany 38	
Quadrangular	Bethel 69 3/4, McPherson 56 3/4 K. Wesleyan 45, Sterling 43 1/2	
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 2nd	90

Track awards went to: third year--Clyde Goering and Myron Schrag; second year--Bruce Mueller, Virgil Penner and Robert Shaak; and first year--Melvin Goering, Max Graber, Joe Schrag, Tom Schrag and David Wiebe.⁹¹

1958-1959

Goering returns after year's absence. Milton Goering returned to head the varsity football and golf program. Marlan Ratzlaff continued on as assistant athletic and head track coach. Gerhard Buhr was head basketball coach and tennis coach.

The Thresher football team won three, lost four and tied one game. In the non-Conference games a game was won and one lost. Virgil Penner gained a berth on the All-Conference second team at a guard position. Eldon Becker, Dale Gaeddert, Eldon Schmidt, Randall Schmidt, Don Stucky and Kenneth Stucky received honorable mention.

⁹⁰Ibid.

⁹¹Bethel College Collegian. August 9, 1958, p. 1.

Football Scores

Bethel	14	Southwestern	0	Bethel	21	*Friends	7
Bethel	0	Northwestern St.	52	Bethel	20	*Baker	41
Bethel	0	*McPherson	34	Bethel	26	*C. of Emporia	35
Bethel	6	*Ottawa	6	Bethel	39	*K. Wesleyan	14. ⁹²
Bethel	0	*Bethany	26				

*KCAC games

Awards were approved for the following: fourth year--Delmar Kaufman; third year--Eldon Becker, Virgil Penner, Eldon Schmidt, Randall Schmidt and Robert Voran (manager); second year--Dale Gaeddert, Tom Schrag, Den Stucky and Jim Stucky; and first year--John Bevan, Beryl Brown and Richard Buterbaugh.⁹³

The cross-country team participated in four meets. In a dual Tabor defeated Bethel and in a triangular Pittsburg finished ahead of Southwestern and Bethel. Hutchinson Junior College defeated Southwestern, Bethel and the Wichita University freshmen in a quadrangular meet. In a triangular, Southwestern defeated Bethel and Tabor.

Awards were presented as follows: second year--Joe Schrag; first year--Kenneth Franz and Alfred Habegger.⁹⁴

Wedel on All-KCAC first five. The Thresher basketball team was led in scoring by Donald Wedel, a sophomore. He scored 389 points with an average of 16.6 points per game. Jerry Nickel was close behind him with an average of 12.8 points. Wedel was named on the All-Conference first five and Nickel received honorable mention. The team finished

⁹²Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1959.

⁹³Athletic Department Files.

⁹⁴Ibid.

in sixth place with a five won and nine loss record. In the non-conference games the Threshers won five and lost four for a season total of ten and thirteen. This year Bethel and Tabor played a game at Cordell, Oklahoma, where both colleges have a large constituency.^{95.96}

Basketball Scores

Bethel 45	Sterling	46	Bethel 80	Tabor	78
Bethel 58	McPherson	56	Bethel 73	*Baker	77
Bethel 54	Bethany	56	Bethel 64	*C. of Emporia	70
Bethel 56	Southwestern	69	Bethel 77	*Bethany	66
Bethel 61	Tabor	49	Bethel 67	*Friends	68
Bethel 53	C. of Emporia	54	Bethel 41	*Ottawa	50
Bethel 92	Sterling	78	Bethel 58	*K. Wesleyan	53
Bethel 74	Friends	69	Bethel 77	*McPherson	81
Bethel 88	*Friends	78	Bethel 67	*Baker	64
Bethel 75	*Ottawa	76	Bethel 74	*C. of Emporia	57
Bethel 58	*K. Wesleyan	60	Bethel 61	*Bethany	75. ⁹⁷
Bethel 60	*McPherson	72			

*KCAC games

Awards were given to: third year--Eldon Becker and Clyde Goering; second year--Jerry Nickel; first year--Franz Loepp, Stanley Regehr, LeRoy Schmidt, Tom Schrag, Donald Wedel, Robert Wedel and Beryl Brown (manager).⁹⁸

The golf team participated in four dual matches. Bethel was defeated in all four. In the Conference tournament Bethel finished in seventh place. John Unruh led the Bethel team and placed fifteenth among the Conference golfers.

⁹⁵Bethel College Collegian, February 27, 1959, p. 4.

⁹⁶Ibid., March 20, 1959, p. 4.

⁹⁷Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1959.

⁹⁸Athletic Department Files.

Golf Scores

Bethel	5	Friends	10	Bethel	$6\frac{1}{2}$	McPherson	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	6	Friends	9	Bethel	$\frac{1}{2}$	K. Wesleyan	$14\frac{1}{2}$

Two year awards were presented to Robert Regier and to John Unruh.⁹⁹

The young tennis team lost its six dual matches. In the Tabor four-team tournament Bethel placed fourth. Bethel scored three points to finish sixth in the Conference tournament.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	0	Bethany	7	Bethel	3	Tabor	4
Bethel	2	Friends	5	Bethel	1	K. Wesleyan	6
Bethel	3	Tabor	4	Bethel	3	Friends	4

First year awards went to Charles Claassen, Emil Kreider, Kenneth Preheim, Lewis Schmidt and George Wiedemann.¹⁰⁰

The 1959 track team had a successful season. Four new Thresher records were established. Bethel won its five dual meets and three of the four triangular meets. In the Conference meet the team placed second.

Track Season Record

Dual meet	Bethel 77, Friends 54
Triangular	Bethel 77, Southwestern 52, Tabor 35
Dual meet	Bethel 80 1/2, C. of Emporia 50 1/2
Emporia Relays	Joe Schrag placed 3rd in the mile run
	Virgil Penner placed 3rd in discus
Dual meet	Bethel 70 1/2, Friends 60 1/2
Triangular	Baker 70 1/2, Bethel 55
	K. Wesleyan 36 1/2

⁹⁹Athletic Department Files.

¹⁰⁰Ibid.

Track Season Record, continued

Ottawa Relays	Bethel placed 2nd to Ottawa
Triangular	Bethel 68 1/2, McPherson 62 1/2
	Bethany 31
Triangular	Bethel 81, Friends 42 3/4
	Kansas Wesleyan 38 1/4
Dual meet	Bethel 75, Tabor 51
Dual meet	Bethel 80 1/2, K. Wesleyan 50 1/2
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 2nd behind Ottawa

Melvin Goering upped his own high jump mark to 6' 3 1/2" and Joe Schrag lowered his own mile mark to 4:34.6. Myron Schrag, Joe's brother, broke the high hurdles record set in 1939 by Eric Friesen and equaled several times since. His time was :15.4. Wendell Rempel equaled the 100 yard dash record of :10.1 set in 1951 by Clifford Rickman and lowered the 220 yard dash record to :22.3.¹⁰¹

Awards were presented to the following: fourth year--Clyde Goering and Myron Schrag; third year--Delmar Kaufman, Virgil Penner and Robert Voran (manager); second year--Earl Dirks, Melvin Goering, Max Graber, Joe Schrag and Ton Schrag; and first year--Kenneth Franz, David Janzen, Jerry Nickel, Wendell Rempel, Terry Schrag and David Wiebe.¹⁰²

1959-1960

Penner receives All-Conference guard nomination. The 1959 Bethel football team was unsuccessful in its attempt to win a game. The Threshers placed eighth in the Conference standing with a record

¹⁰¹ Bethel College Collegian, April-May, 1959.

¹⁰² Athletic Department Files.

of zero and seven, and in the two non-conference games Bethel lost both. Virgil Penner was selected for a berth on the All-Conference first team by the Conference coaches. This marked the third consecutive year that he had received this recognition.

Football Scores

Bethel	6	Southwestern	33	Bethel	13	*Friends	21
Bethel	0	Northwestern St.	46	Bethel	0	*Baker	25
Bethel	6	*McPherson	28	Bethel	7	*C. of Emporia	46
Bethel	0	*Ottawa	31	Bethel	12	*K. Wesleyan	14. ¹⁰³
Bethel	0	*Bethany	27				

*KCAC games

Athletic awards were given to: fourth year--Virgil Penner, Randall Schmidt and Robert Voran (manager); third year--Dale Gaeddert, Tom Schrag, Don Stucky and Jim Stucky; second year--John Bevan, Bruce Day, Melvin Goering, Ronald Graber, Franzie Loepp, Ted Pankratz, Arlin Ratzlaff, LeRoy Schmidt and Terry Schrag; and first year--Myron Bullex, Kenneth Klufa, Jim Penner, Clifford Schmidt, Howard Schmidt and Nick Stucky.¹⁰⁴

KCAC becomes a ten-member conference. Southwestern and Sterling were officially accepted into the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with the beginning of the 1959-1960 basketball season. The Conference decided to retain the single round robin schedule for football and the double round robin for basketball.¹⁰⁵

¹⁰³Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1960.

¹⁰⁴Athletic Department Files.

¹⁰⁵KCAC Handbook, April, 1961.

The Threshers played a twenty-seven game schedule. This included a road trip with Tabor where games were played at Freeman, South Dakota, and Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Both communities have a large constituency of the two colleges involved. In KCAC play Bethel won ten and lost eight, placing fifth. Non-conference games produced seven wins and two defeats. This gave the Threshers seventeen wins and ten losses. Donald Wedel was given a berth on the All-Conference second team and Jerry Nickel received honorable mention.

Basketball Scores

Bethel	57	Northwestern	45	Bethel	68	*K. Wesleyan	43
Bethel	41	Tabor	32	Bethel	73	*Southwestern	57
Bethel	51	Bethany	56	Bethel	72	Tabor	57
Bethel	61	*Sterling	49	Bethel	65	*McPherson	67
Bethel	67	*Ottawa	81	Bethel	80	*Sterling	68
Bethel	50	*C. of Emporia	60	Bethel	64	*Ottawa	68
Bethel	53	*Bethany	62	Bethel	63	*C. of Emporia	77
Bethel	67	Tabor	49	Bethel	63	*Bethany	52
Bethel	42	Tabor	36	Bethel	73	*Friends	69
Bethel	67	Phillips	57	Bethel	78	*Baker	80
Bethel	69	Hastings, Neb.	77	Bethel	81	*K. Wesleyan	75
Bethel	64	Bethany	59	Bethel	60	*Southwestern	50
Bethel	61	*Friends	51	Bethel	55	*McPherson	66. ¹⁰⁶
Bethel	61	*Baker	60				

*KCAC games

Awards were approved for: third year--Jerry Nickel; second year--Melvin Goering, Francis Loepp, Stanley Regehr, LeRoy Schmidt, Tom Schrag, Donald Wedel and Robert Wedel; and first year--Kenneth Franz, David Janzen, Donald Klassen, George Wiedemann and Joe Wipf.¹⁰⁷

The Thresher golf team won one dual match and lost five. In

¹⁰⁶Bethel College, Graymaroon, 1960.

¹⁰⁷Athletic Department Files.

the Conference tournament Bethel placed eighth.

Golf Scores

Bethel	1	Friends	11	Bethel	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	McPherson	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	McPherson	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Bethel	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	K. Wesleyan	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Bethel	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	Friends	3 $\frac{1}{2}$				

First year awards were granted to Royal Fast, James Gaeddert, Clark Graber and Loel Loganbill.¹⁰⁸

Tennis team takes second in Conference. The tennis team had a successful season in winning five of seven dual matches and placing second in the Conference tournament. In the Tabor invitational four-team tournament Bethel placed third.

Tennis Scores

Bethel	0	Bethany	6	Bethel	6	McPherson	3
Bethel	5	Friends	2	Bethel	9	K. Wesleyan	9
Bethel	4	Friends	3	Bethel	6	McPherson	3
Bethel	4	Sterling	5				

The Conference tournament was set up in flights. There were five single flights and two double flights. In the singles first flight Franklin Nachtigal lost in the semi-finals. Charles Claassen lost in the finals of the singles fourth flight and Osamu Kawasaki won the singles fifth flight. In the doubles first flight Chester and Franklin Nachtigal lost in the semi-finals.

Second year awards were granted to Charles Claassen, Kenneth Preheim and Lewis Schmidt. First year awards went to Gary Buller, Osamu Kawasaki, Chester Nachtigal and Franklin Nachtigal.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰⁸Ibid.

¹⁰⁹Ibid.

Track team second in Conference meet. The track team won six of their eight triangular meets and placed second to Ottawa in the Conference meet. Two cindermen improved their records and an old record fell. Wendell Rempel broke the record in the 100 yard dash he tied a year earlier and established a new mark of :10.0. Joe Schrag lowered the mile record for the third consecutive year. It now stands at 4:32.3. The old javelin mark of 1941 fell victim to David Janzen's throw of 187' 10".¹¹⁰

Track Season Record

Triangular	Bethel 70 1/2, McPherson 46	
	Tabor 42 1/2	
Triangular	Bethel 75 1/2, Tabor 55 1/2, Friends 27	
Emporia Relays	Melvin Goering tied for 3rd in high jump	
	The 440-yard relay team placed 4th--:44.4	
	The 880-yard relay team placed 5th-1:32.5	
Triangular	Bethel 54, Baker 51, K. Wesleyan 50	
Triangular	Southwestern 78, Bethel 64, Friends 16	
Ottawa Relays	Bethel placed 3rd behind Ottawa and Southwestern	
Triangular	Bethel 58 1/2, Tabor 53 1/2, McPherson 50	
Triangular	Ottawa 83 5/6, Bethel 55 1/3	
	C. of Emporia 22 5/6	
Dual meet	Baker 66, Bethel 64	
Triangular	Bethel 102 1/2, Friends 38, Bethany 18 1/2	
Triangular	Bethel 74; K. Wesleyan and C. of Emporia tied with 44.	
KCAC meet	Bethel placed 2nd behind Ottawa	111

A fourth year award was presented to Virgil Penner. Other awards were presented to: third year--Melvin Goering, Max Graber, Joe Schrag and Tom Schrag; second year--Kenneth Franz, David Janzen, Wen-

¹¹⁰Bethel College Collegian, May 20, 1960, p. 4.

¹¹¹Athletic Department Files.

dell Rempel, Terry Schrag and David Wiebe; and first year--Larry Goertzen and Stanley Hinnergardt.¹¹²

Bethel College track and field records. The Bethel College track and field records at the end of the school year 1959-1960 were as listed below.

100-yard dash	:10.0	Wendell Rempel	1960
220-yard dash	:22.3	Wendell Rempel	1959
440-yard dash	:50.1	Gerald Schmidt	1951
880-yard run	2:00.9	Glen Goering	1957
Mile run	4:32.3	Joe Schrag	1960
Two-mile run	10:04.9	Waldo Leisy	1937
High hurdles	:15.4	Myron Schrag	1959
Low hurdles	:25.6	Ed Voth	1936
Mile relay	3:29.3	Flickinger, Dalke Kingery, Schmidt	1951
Broad jump	22' 3/4"	Eric Friesen	1937
High jump	6' 3 1/2"	Melvin Goering	1959
Pole vault	12' 2"	Marlin Roeder	1955
Discus	160' 1 1/4"	Don Penner	1955
Javelin	187' 10"	David Janzen	1960
Shot put	51' 1/2"	Don Penner	1956

¹¹²Ibid.