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2001 HALL OF FAME BANQUET

November 29, 2001

7 p.m.

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He was the head cross country and track coach at Bellarmine College from 1983 to 1992. During this time, his cross country teams compiled a record of 353-281-1. In addition, his track teams established twenty-one school records. More importantly, 100 percent of his four-year lettermen earned their degrees.

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Bellarmine University Hall of Fame

As part of the celebration of 25 years of growth in Bellarmine athletics, the athletic department initiated the Bellarmine University Athletic Hall of Fame to honor its outstanding performers. The idea originated when three 1976-77 athletes were elevated to the status of All-Americans (Floyd Smith in basketball, Dewey Minton in baseball, and Chris Clark in track and field). It was decided at that time to honor not only these three athletes, but also those in the past who had earned distinction in competition representing Bellarmine. A total of eighteen athletes and one coach were inducted on December 17, 1977. Through 2000 a total of 123 athletes and coaches have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Bellarmine University Varsity Club

The Varsity Club was established in 1998 under the direction of David O'Toole, athletic director. The purpose of the Varsity Club is to provide financial support for athletics and to give testimonial support for the role of athletics as part of the university's educational mission.

The Varsity Club Board of Directors is responsible for the Hall of Fame nomination and selection process. The Varsity Club has 19 voting members representing the 18 sports and cheerleading plus three ex-officio members, the athletic director, faculty athletics representative, and senior woman administrator.

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Basketball – Don Kalmey, Martha Todd
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RICHARD T. BEALMEAR

Cross Country and Track Coach 1983-1992

Louisville, Kentucky

Richard "Dick" Bealmear, a two-year letterman in cross country and track, graduated from Bellarmine in 1964 with a degree in secondary education. He taught and coached at the high school level for eleven years and was voted State AAA Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1967, 1971 and 1972. Dick was also a middle school guidance counselor from 1975 to 1996. He returned to Bellarmine in 1983 as head cross country and track coach. Some of the cross country highlights during his coaching tenure include: the 1984 team's surprise win of the Louisville/Metro Championship Meet (over University of Louisville, Vanderbilt University, Victory Athletic Club and several other teams); a nine-year record of 353-281-1; and winning three invitational meets (Bellarmine Classic, Centre Invitational and Hanover Invitational) during the 1991 season. During his tenure, teams won seventeen trophies. His track teams also established twenty-one school records -- many of which are still standing. More importantly, all of his four-year lettermen earned their degrees.

In January 1999, Dick Bealmear was inducted into the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. This past November, he was also inducted into the Trinity High School Hall of fame. Dick and his wife Judy have two children, Craig '88 who lives with his wife Susan in London, England, and Julie '92 who lives with her husband Dana Parker in Lexington, Kentucky.

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PETER A. BIFONE

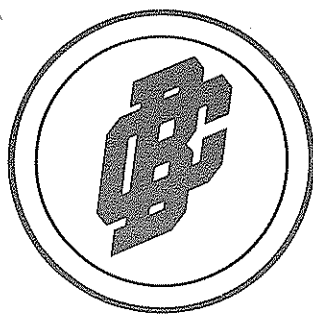
Baseball 1989-1993

San Dismas, California

Pete Bifone was a four-year starter and letterman for the Bellarmine baseball team. He led the team in home runs with a total of 55 all four years. He led the team in RBIs. Slugging Percentage, and Doubles three out of four years. He had an errorless senior season and led the conference in home runs and RBIs. Pete was a Great Lakes Valley All-Conference player all four seasons and was a two-time baseball All-American in 1992 and 1993. He won the Gold Glove Award in 1992 and 1993 and was the Most Valuable Player in 1991, 1992 and 1993. In 1992 he was Baseball Weekly Division II Player of the Week with 4 home runs and 13 RBIs in a doubleheader with Kentucky State University.

Pete signed as a free agent in January 1994 and led Class A Spokane Indiana (San Diego Padres) in batting average and doubles. He played four years of professional baseball and coached a Class AA Coop organization out of Glen Falls, New York (1997) and the Adirondack Lumberjacks of the Northeast League for one year.

Pete received a business administration degree in 1993. He is Director of Marketing for Calabec's and Mellies, Inc. He is a board member of the Los Angeles Carsillo community. Pete resides in San Dismas, California with his wife Amanda and son Peter, Jr.



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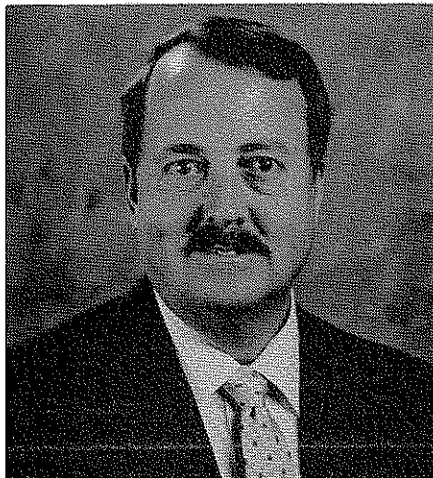
TBA
Soccer (M)

Jim Gleason
Soccer (W)

Dick Ewing
Softball (W)

Greg Stephenson
Tennis (M & W)

Kevin Payne
Volleyball (W)



COACH DICK BEALMEAR

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Bealmear is currently in his ninth year as men's cross country and track coach. A 1964 Bellarmine graduate, Bealmear holds a master's degree and certification in guidance and counseling. In addition to being a coach, Bealmear is a counselor for the Jefferson County Public Schools.

Prior to arriving at Bellarmine, he coached for eleven years at the high school level. On three occasions, Bealmear was selected as "Coach of the Year" and remains as one of the few coaches in Kentucky history to have won State Cross Country Championships at more than one high school (Trinity in 1967 and Ballard in 1972 and 1975). The two Ballard teams are considered to be among the best high school groups ever to run in the Kentucky State Cross Country Meet. Coach Bealmear also served as President of the Kentucky High School Track and Cross Country Coaches Association and Meet Director for both the Mason-Dixon Games and the Kentucky State Track and Field Meet.

During his tenure at Bellarmine, 100% of the three and four year lettermen have earned their degrees. Five members of the 1991 cross country team have earned academic scholarships as well as their athletic grants. Over 95% of Bellarmine's runners have achieved personal record times at 5 miles and/or 10,000 meters.

Coaching Records:

Bellarmine vs. All NCAA Divisions	(309-240-1)
Bellarmine vs. Non-Division I Schools	(272-169-1)
Bellarmine vs. Kentucky Non-Division I Schools	(69-11-0)

Ballard High School	(783-117-3)
Trinity High School	(252-62-1)

Coach Bealmear and his wife Judy have two children (Julie, who is a senior at Bellarmine, and Craig, a 1988 Bellarmine graduate who is working on his MBA at the Wharton School in Philadelphia).