

Cubs Hold Athletic Awards Program

Before an estimated 650 students, faculty, and friends, Coach Jim Rice of the Berlin American High School, hosted the annual athletic awards assembly last Monday afternoon in the high school gym. The highlight of the program came with the announcement of the Athlete of the Year.

"Being chosen," said George Pepoy, football coach of the high school, "as the Athlete of the Year, a person must possess more than athletic ability alone; he must have an internal drive within himself."

These words indeed describe this year's recipient, Cleo Johnson.

Johnson also received the Mr. Football Award, leading the Cubs football team at halfback to the Silver Division high school crown with a perfect 7-0 record last fall. Johnson maxed an amazing 17 touchdowns for the season.

This spring Johnson paced the Cubs track team at the USDESEA finals in Stuttgart, competing against 23 other schools. He finished third in all-Europe in the 200-meter dash; fourth in the long jump; and a fifth in the 400-meter event.

Soccer coach Tom Hiller was also on hand to present the Mr. Soccer Award. It went to Cub Joe Pier-son, chosen for his "outstanding con-

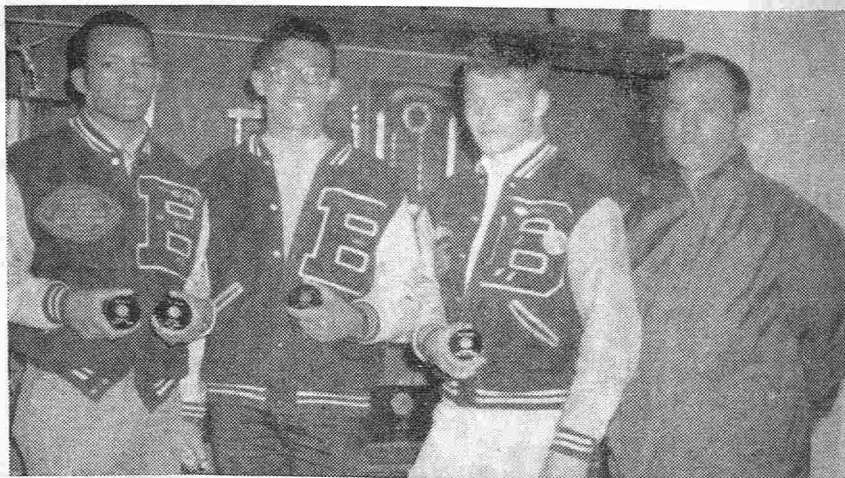
tribution to the 1969 Red Division champions," who completed a brilliant 6-0-1 record.

The Mr. Wrestling certificate went to Leo Short, for going through an undefeated season.

The best-basketball-player award

went to Bob O'Neil, who also received the Letterman's Book Fund Award.

Mr. Track for the Cubs in 1969 went to Todd Durress. Durress teamed with Johnson in the USDESEA finals to take track honors.



CUB TRACK STARS Cleo Johnson (second from left), Athlete of the Year for B.A.H.S., Calvin Fullwood (third from left), and Todd Durress (fourth from left), stand with coach George Pepoy, holding their puck-shaped trophies. The three runners starred for Berlin in the recent USDESEA track finals.