Bluffton College head football coach Carlin Carpenter set for 24th season; is longest active coach in Ohio college football

As the 2002 college football season approaches, Carlin Carpenter prepares for another season at the helm of the Bluffton College football program—a routine he’s now repeating for the 24th time.

Carpenter, the dean of Ohio college football coaches (see attached list), has been guiding the Beavers since he arrived on the scenic campus located in Bluffton, Ohio, a small town of 3,500 residents located in northwest Ohio, in 1979. Since then, he’s won a school-record 100 games and is just one of four active collegiate football coaches to hit the century mark in victories.

Since his arrival, Carpenter has served as an assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation and is the Director of Athletics. He is one of just 38 men across the country that serve their college as both the head football coach and Director of Athletics.

Born in Athens, Ohio and raised in nearby Nelsonville, Carpenter graduated from Defiance College in 1964 and was inducted into the Defiance Hall of Fame in 1988. He held coaching positions at Defiance College (1970), Ohio University (1971-74) and Marshall University (1975-78) before arriving in Bluffton, where he lives with his wife Sharon.

A recent feature article on Carlin Carpenter is available at the Bluffton College football website (www.bluffton.edu/sports/football/). For more information contact Tim Stried, sports information director, at the contact information provided above.

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