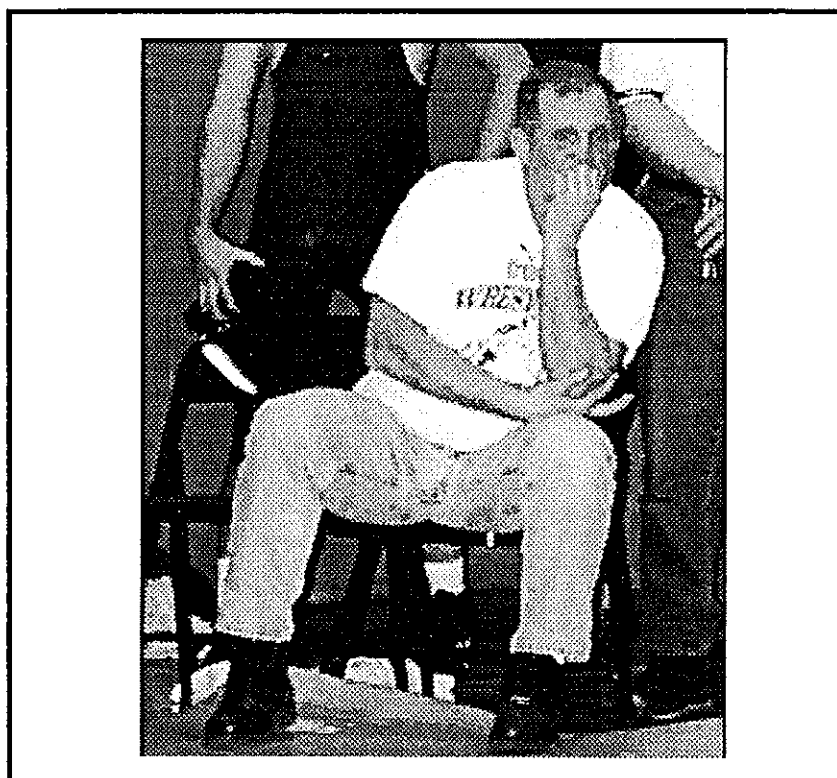


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Welcome:

On behalf of the City of Wheeling and Wheeling City Council, we welcome all the wrestlers of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference to the City of Wheeling and to the Wheeling Civic Center for this exciting and important event.

We congratulate all of you for your efforts and hard work which have advanced you this far and wish each and every one of you the very best luck.

We hope that you enjoy your visit to Wheeling and that you will find time to return and visit us again.

Again, congratulations. In our eyes, you are all

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Best regards,

**Jack Lipphardt, Mayor
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A Word of Welcome To All . . .

On behalf of the OVAC, I want to sincerely welcome each and everyone of you to the Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Our warmest expressions of good luck are extended to each team and its supporters entering the great event.

From its meager and uncertain start in 1954, the OVAC Wrestling Tournament has grown into one of the major sports attractions in the Ohio Valley.

We do not hesitate to say the tournament is actually a demonstration of high character, good conduct, under the rules of the game, and on ethical relationship with one's opponent.

As you cheer for your favorite team, may the highest standards of sportsmanship prevail throughout the tournament.

Mr. Warren Grace

2000 OVAC President



I am very proud to be the Director of the Forty-Seventh Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament. I began directing the event in 1979 when it was first conducted in the Wheeling Civic Center. Throughout the last 46 years, many memorable milestones have taken place. Allow me to share them with you.

During the spring of 1970, we lost a phenomenal wrestler, David Bierkotte, to an untimely accident. Because of his athletic prowess, the Wheeling Central Catholic High School Boosters Club initiated the "David Bierkotte Award" for the outstanding wrestler in 1971.

The Wheeling Civic Center Manager in 1979 was Frank Rodriguez. Frank had a great deal of respect for the dedicated efforts of those involved with OVAC wrestling, and was instrumental in purchasing the world-class time clocks you now see by matside during the competition. Presently, we are blessed with Dennis Magruder, who has given us the same positive support, along with the entire Civic Center staff.

In 1980, OVAC wrestling initiated the first "George Kovalick Scholarship." Two years later, Bob and Dolores Burke lost their son Danny, a Wheeling Park wrestler, to a tragic traffic accident. Out of their love for him, the "Daniel M. Burke Wrestling Scholarship" was instituted in 1983. Most recently, we lost a fantastic wrestling enthusiast in 1996 from Marshall County affectionately known as "Dead Eye" Morris. His devoted family established the "James H. Morris Sportsmanship Scholarship" in 1997 out of his love for the mat sport.

So, we now have three permanently installed scholarship funds that over the years have afforded 38 deserving OVAC wrestlers an amazing \$38,000.00 in college scholarships.

In 1999 there was a unique change in the tournament format which promotes OVAC wrestling even further throughout the Valley. The championship finals are not only seen "solo" by the spectators, but they are to be televised live by W70V-9 for all viewers in the entire area to enjoy. I want to thank everyone of the workers, coaches, officials, and wrestlers. They are the people who make the annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament a truly grand adventure for Ohio Valley athletics.

Ron Mauch

Tournament Director

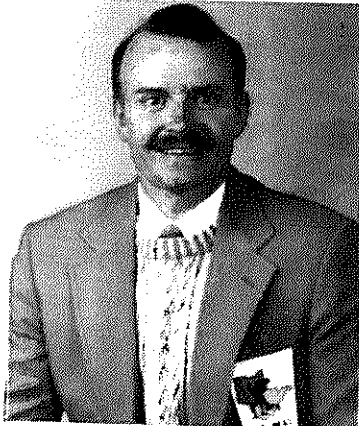
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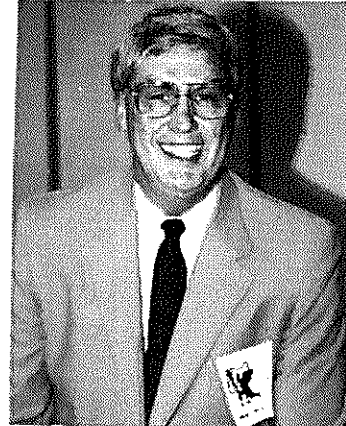
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1992: LARRY DEATON
Martins Ferry



1993: JOHN STEPHENSON
Cadiz High School



1994: JOE BATES
Woodsfield High School



1995: BOB BRUNEY
Martins Ferry High School



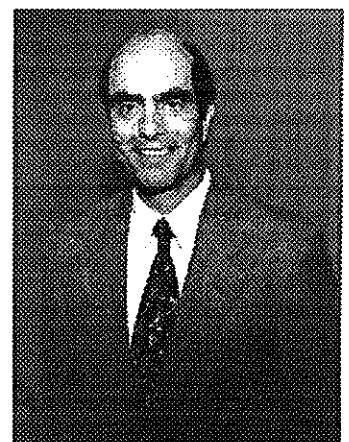
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1998: CAL POKAS
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1999: TOM LACKMAN
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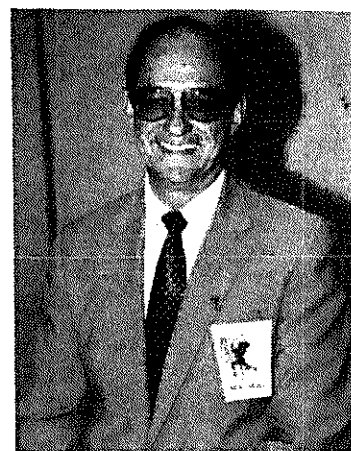
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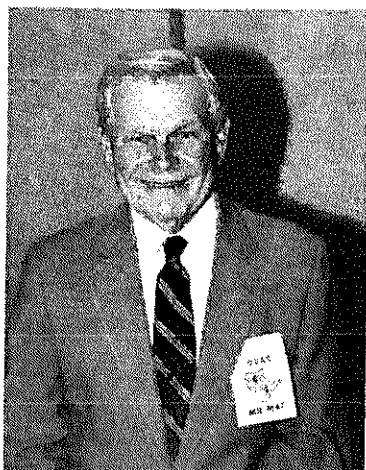
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1978: JOHN VROTSOS
Martins Ferry High School



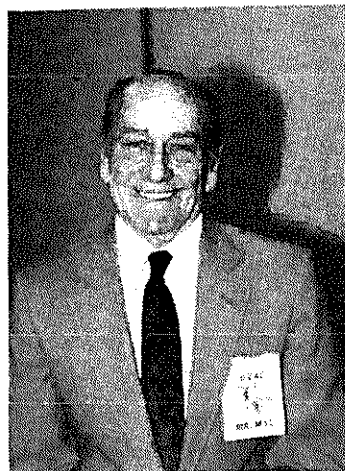
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John Marshall Athletic Director



1981: BOB HEDMOND
Steubenville Athletic Director



1982: PAUL CRAGO
Marshall County Schools



1983: DR. VINCENT MONSEAL
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1984: BILL HINEGARDNER
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1985: DENNIS BOWMAN
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1986: RONALD MAUCK
Brooke High School



1987: ERIC CARDER
Wheeling Park Athletic Director

1999 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

TEAM SCORING

OVERALL

1. Martins Ferry-----	232.5
2. Oak Glen -----	196
3. Cadiz -----	164
4. Steubenville-----	157.5
5. East Liverpool -----	149

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1. Steubenville-----	157.5
2. East Liverpool -----	149
3. Buckeye Local-----	136.5
4. Cambridge-----	108.5
5. Brooke-----	82
6. John Marshall-----	79.5
7. Wheeling Park-----	73.5
8. Weir-----	62
9. Edison -----	54

AA

1. Cadiz -----	164
2. Wellsville-----	115.5
3. Barnesville -----	106.5
4. Monroe Central-----	82
5. Steubenville Central-----	38
6. Caldwell -----	31
7. River-----	30
8. Shenandoah -----	20.5
9. Linsly-----	18

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4. Union Local-----	97
5. St. Clairsville -----	66.5
6. Meadowbrook -----	48
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8. Bellaire-----	20
9. Tyler Consolidated-----	19.5
10. Magnolia-----	16

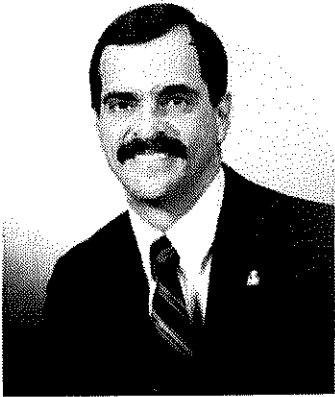
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1. Cameron -----	104.5
2. Shadyside-----	103.5
3. St. John's -----	86.5
4. Beallsville -----	36
5. Bishop Donahue-----	20.5
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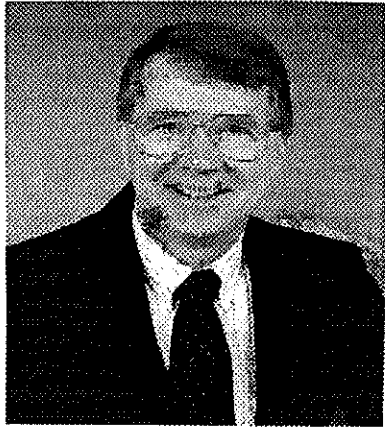


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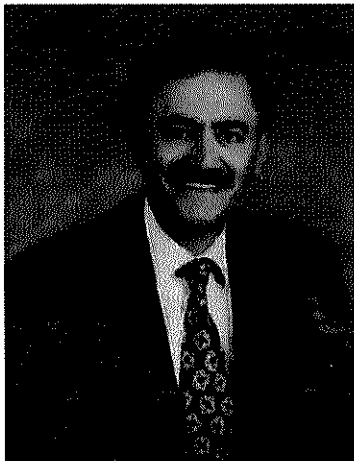


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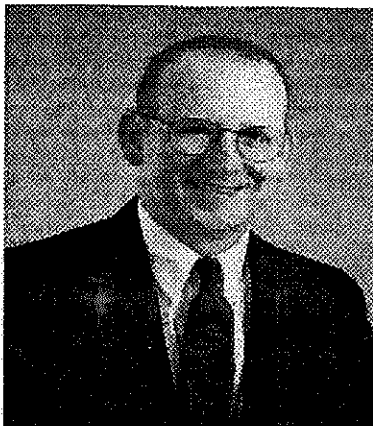


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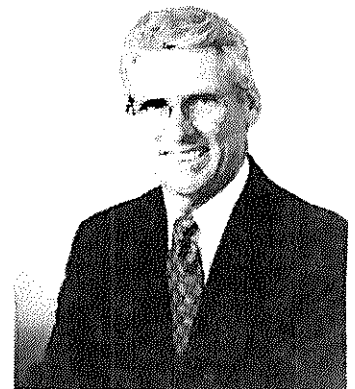
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47th Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament Schedule 2000 Meet Sessions

First Session - Thursday January 20 - 5:00 PM
8 MATS

Second Session - Friday January 21 - 11:00 AM
8 MATS

Third Session - Friday January 21 - 6:00 PM
8 MATS

Fourth Session - Saturday January 22 - 10:00 AM
4 MATS

Semi-Finals and 5th round semi-final Consolations

Fifth Session - Saturday January 22 - 4:00 PM
4 MATS

Consolation Finals - Wrestling for 3rd thru 8th Place

Saturday January 22 - 6:30 PM
1 MAT

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2000 OVAC WRESTLING OFFICIALS

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Lou Coffland	Cadiz, OH	Steve Kish, Jr.	Martins Ferry, OH
Paul Coffland	Cadiz, OH	Steve Long	Centerville, OH
Jim Crosier	Barnesville, OH	Bill Marling	Martins Ferry, OH
Rick Crosier	Steubenville, OH	Ray Marling	Martins Ferry, OH
Shawn Crosier	Steubenville, OH	Jack Regis	Martins Ferry
Larry Deaton	Martins Ferry, OH	Rick Spencer	Cambridge
Rick Hare	Williamsport, MD	Tom Woods	Mt. Lake Park, MD

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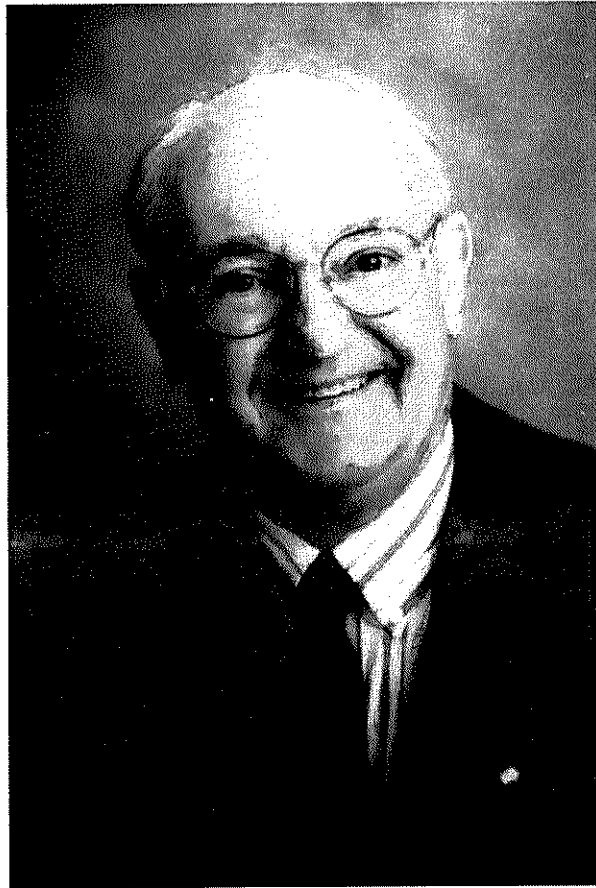
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ADMISSION

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Single Session (Finals)	\$7.00	\$4.00

DEDICATION

In Memory of Samuel A. Mumley...we humbly thank Sam, miss him and sincerely appreciate all he ever did for each of the student athletes of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

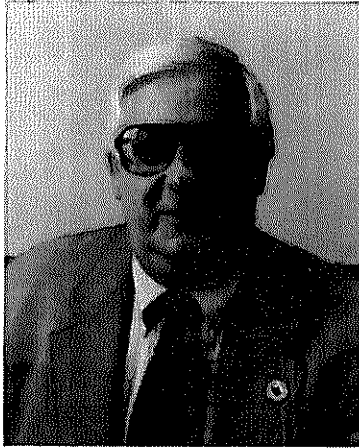


SAMUEL A. MUMLEY

**Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Executive Secretary
32 Years of Invaluable Service and Direction to the OVAC**

Loved and missed by all who knew him.

In Memoriam



Cal Pokas
(1933 - 2000)

Cal Pokas was sports editor of the Martins Ferry Times Leader for 29 years, having previously served there for 11 years as a sports writer under the legendary Bill Van Horne.

His love of football and devotion to Ohio State continued even after his retirement, when he and his wife, Betty, could be seen transcribing quotes and editing copy after Buckeye games at Ohio Stadium.

Pokas was a past president of the Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association and was honored by that organization as its Writer-of-the-Year in 1976 and is enshrined in their Hall of Fame. He also was an inductee into the UPI Sports Editors Association - Hall of Fame.

An honor which he deeply appreciated and cherished was his selection as "Mr. Mat of 1998", when he joined the elite of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling fraternity, for this is a tribute to those who have "demonstrated a life-time of dedication to the sport of wrestling".

No greater complement can there be than that he had the admiration and respect of all those who knew him and those who read him.

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FRED'S FRUSTRATIONS

by Fred Miller

Hello wrestling fans. Today's lesson will be on How to Run a Bad Youth Wrestling Tournament.

I am an expert on this subject because I've been to so many. As the song goes, nobody knooooows the troubles I've seeeeeen . . .

First there is the matter of philosophy. One must step back and ask, what do we hope to achieve by hosting a youth wrestling tournament? Most teams have three objectives: money, money and more money. Let's see, 300 wrestlers times 12 bucks a head equals, ooh, a big sweet pile of money, and that doesn't even count what you'll make on concessions, program sales, T-shirt sales, 50-50 drawings, and so forth.

But surely there are other good and noble reasons for hosting a tournament, aren't there? For example, there's . . . uh, well, we must consider . . . um, I guess we'll have to stick with the money angle for now.

This brings us to strategy. I can boil strategy down to three things: bad planning, bad personnel and bad execution. It takes all three to craft a truly bad wrestling tournament, so don't foul things up by, say, inadvertently recruiting good people to help. Good people will try to fix the problems caused by bad planning, and won't be able to lower themselves to the required levels of incompetence, rudeness and inflexibility necessary to take a simply poor tournament to gawd-awful depths of never-ending misery.

But you're asking, what does it all mean, teacher? Well, grasshopper, the foolish sparrow who flies too far into the open meadow will be eaten by the hawk. In other words, I don't think you're getting this. I will have to dumb it down for you.

DO THE FOLLOWING TO HAVE A BAD TOURNAMENT.

1. Seed the tournament yourself. Why let the participant's coaches help? They will only muddle the situation with facts, such as the fact your number one seed was pinned by the number three seed last week. Who wants to hear it?
2. Give your own team's wrestlers the best seeds. Of course you can't be blatant and give them the first or second seeds if they don't deserve it. But you can keep them away from the first and second seeds for as long as possible. Snuggle them down in the bottom half of the bracket against kids they can beat.
3. Take walk-ins, and plenty of 'em. The start time will be delayed and bracketing will be a hopeless mess, but why disappoint people who are at your door with money in their hands?
4. Don't employ split starting times, numbering of matches or any other so-called "family friendly" methods that would tend to shorten the day for at least some wrestlers and their families. You have to be there all day - why shouldn't everyone else?
5. If you do number matches, don't follow the numbers. Jump around. After match 8, call match 437. This will keep everyone close if not actually inside the gym. You have their entry money. What are the going to do, leave?
6. Don't split brackets. The more 32-man brackets, the fewer trophies you'll have to buy.
7. Make round robins and four-man brackets wait to the semi's to wrestle off. Weigh in by 8, wrestle after 1 is a good rule for these whiners.

"Fred's Frustrations . . . Continued"

8. Don't abide by your own rules. Did your entry form say wrestlers must make the weight at which they registered? Aw, give 'em a couple of pounds. Your people are running the scales. Who's to know?

9. Don't post wall brackets. Why give people information? They will just use it against you.

10. If you do post wall brackets, don't update them, or, better yet, post incorrect results.

11. Bracketing: I cannot stress enough the importance of screwing up the brackets. Assign your least competent, rudest, least flexible people the task of bracketing. These should be right-brained people who use their creativity and intuition in transferring results from the bout sheets to the brackets. Hide them in a back room and allow communication only through a four inch crack in the door. When people complain because their kid wrestled the wrong opponent, tell them it's too late to change now.

12. Don't keep the area around the mats clear. Parents have paid their admission fee, and have a right to stand around, or even on, the mats if they wish. People in the bleachers can just stand up if they can't see.

13. Put kids on the scoring tables. When inaccurate scoring costs a wrestler a match, nobody's gong to slug a kid.

14. Hire bad referees. They aren't many, so you'll have to look hard. I recall one who called pins from his feet because he was too fat to get down on the mat. When things go bad, people will focus their anger on the referee instead of on you.

15. Give incredibly huge trophies; bigger than the wrestlers themselves, if possible. This will condition wrestlers to understand that trophy size is in direct correlation to tournament quality. If the trophies are big enough, they'll be back next year.

Gosh, I could go on and on, but I think I will mention just one more item: computers. Whereas in the past it has taken considerable manpower, planning and effort to foul up a tournament. Today you can do it instantly and beyond repair with the click of a keyboard. Best of all, whatever goes wrong, you can blame it on the computer.

If you were to, God forbid, do the opposite of any of the above items, you would run the risk of having a fun, quick, exciting, meaningful tournament that doesn't punish wrestlers and their families. Wrestlers are supposed to suffer. It makes us who we are.

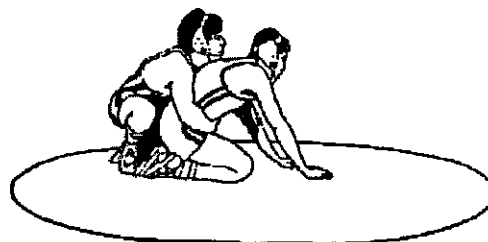
As for the whiners who don't understand why their kid had to wait five hours between matches, only to get beaten because of a bad call and then bypassed in the consolation bracket, let 'em take up a sissy sport like basketball.

Above all, never think of wrestlers, their families and their coaches as your "customers." It's your tournament. They are at your mercy. Take their money and screw 'em.

Miller is a freelance writer, Director of Community Relations at East Liverpool City Hospital and a 1968 OVAC wrestling champion from Oak Glen.

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Since he was such a dynamic individual, who as a Wheeling Park wrestler, had yet to reach his full potential in this sport that he loved, how fitting and appropriate that they decided to help a gifted student/athlete attain his full potential in the career of his choice.

Therefore, in 1983 the first Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship was presented.

The qualifying criteria require the recipient to be a senior with outstanding records in both wrestling and academic performance.

The award, in the amount of \$1,000, is to be applied to college expenses.

1999 marks the 17th Annual presentation of this prestigious award. As each recipient is added to the list, it reads like a veritable "Who's Who Among Outstanding Young Men in the Upper Ohio Valley".

It is our fond hope that the accomplishments of each successive recipient has helped to honor and perpetuate Danny's memory in a manner fulfilling the wishes of his parents.

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL	COLLEGE
1983	John Witzberger	Wheeling Central	West Virginia Univ. West Liberty
1984	Todd Rowe	Wheeling Park	Mount Union West Liberty
1985	Todd Hibbs	Jefferson Union	Mount Union Michigan State
1986	Paul Ice	East Liverpool	Muskingum
1987	Jeff Sobel	Oak Glen	Syracuse Univ. of Texas (San Antonio)
1988	Steve Woods	Wellsville	Univ. of Maryland Baltimore Med. School
1989	David Woods	Cameron	Capital University
1990	David Heath	St. Clairsville	Washington & Jefferson
1991	Larry Sams	Wellsville	Ohio State
1992	Rick Mokros	Shadyside	Ohio Northern
1993	Dwayne Patterson	Oak Glen	W. Virginia Northern Wheeling Jesuit
1994	Ryan Slack	Shadyside	University of Pennsylvania
1995	Luke Underwood	Weirton	Fairmont State
1996	David Cornish	Buckeye Local	Waynesburg
1997	Chris Ward	John Marshall	West Liberty
1998	Dan Jones	Martins Ferry	Ohio State
1999	Jose Smith	Cambridge	

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January 20, 21, 22, 2000

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Richard Keith Wolf, Program Coordinator

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Name: Mike Gregg
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School: Union Local High School
Wife:
Children:
Occupation: Disability Retirement

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Name: Keith Owens
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Children: Amos
Occupation: Coal Miner

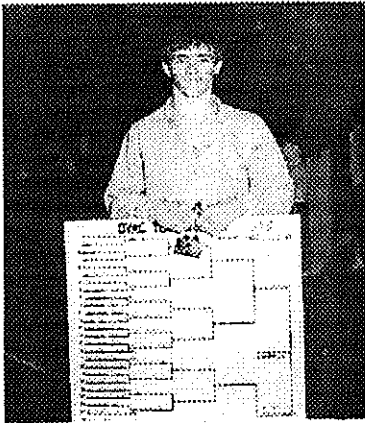
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Name: Mike Caruso
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School: Linsly High School
Wife: Cheryl
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Occupation: Wheeling Hospital
Health Care Administrator

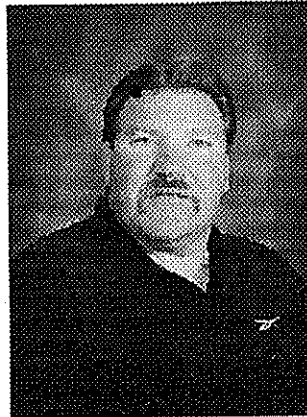
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Name: Carl Wilkinson
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Allison Park, PA 15101
School: Weirton High School
Wife: Virginia
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Carl IV
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School: Oak Glen H.S.
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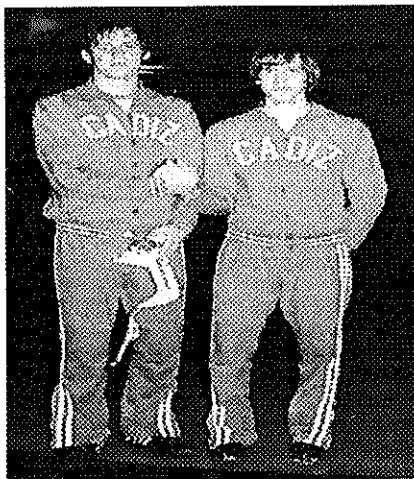
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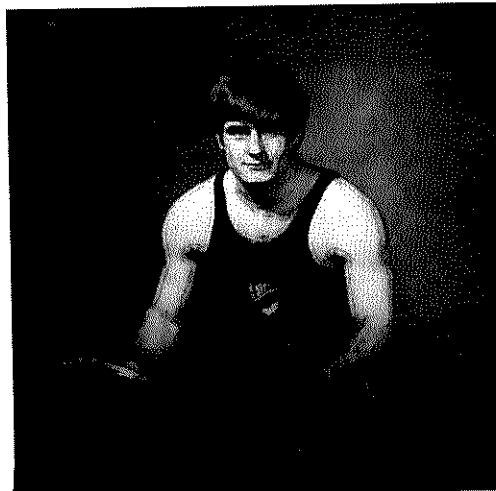
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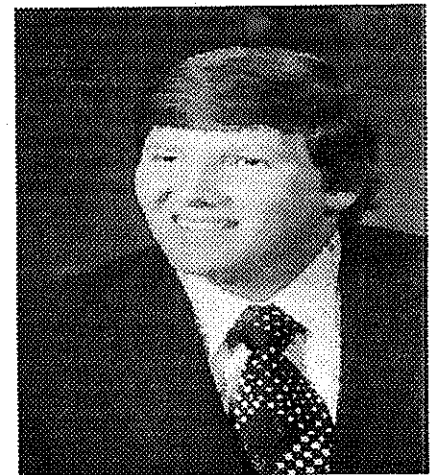
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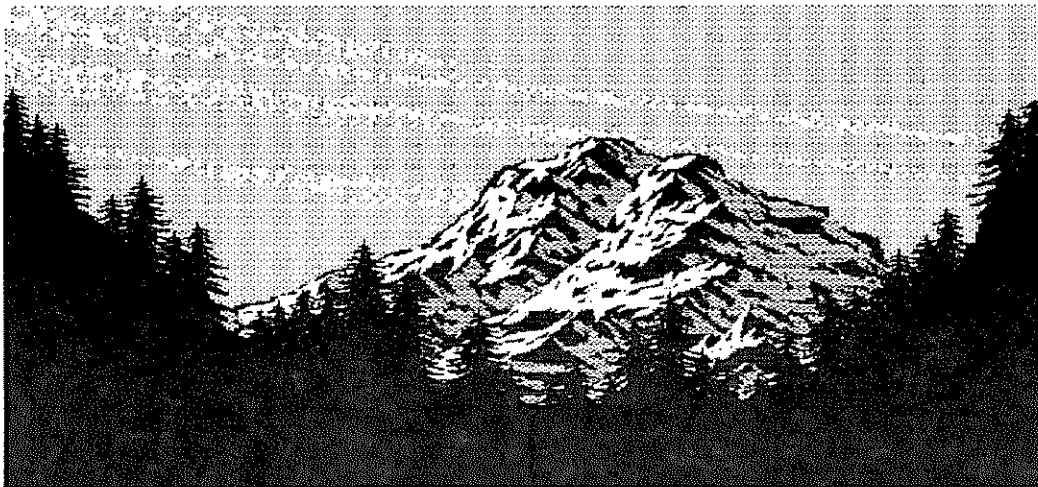
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1968	Martins Ferry High School	Art Hehr
1969	St. John Central High School	Joseph G. Bates
1970	Wheeling Central High School	John Hibbert
1971	St. John Central High School	Dennis Bowman
1972	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1973	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1974	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1975	Warwood High School	Eric Carder
1976	Weirton High School	Charles "Skip" Murray
1977	John Marshall High School	Bill Hinegardner
1978	Wheeling Park High School	Eric Carder
1979	Wheeling Park High School	Eric Carder
1980	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1981	Cadiz High School	John Stephenson
1982	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1983	John Marshall High School	Ed Dugas
1984	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1985	Barnesville High School	Darrell Davis
1986	East Liverpool High School	Nick Trombetta
1987	Steubenville High School	John Craig
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1989	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1990	Wheeling Park High School	Buzz Evans
1991	Oak Glen High School	Larry Shaw
1992	Steubenville High School	John Craig
1993	Martins Ferry High School	Jeff Oberdick
1994	Wheeling Park High School	Buzz Evans
1995	Steubenville High School	Rick Camellitti
1996	Buckeye Local High School	Dan Doyle
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While evolving, man has perpetuated this innate desire to demonstrate such superiority. However, in a more enlightened society, it has progressed from battles to the death, by creating and refining games and sports, which may determine a winner by scoring systems, thereby eliminating the ultimate barbarism.

It is believed that wrestling and running are the earliest known competitive sports practiced by man, and continue today. Perhaps the single most compelling argument that such is the case, is the fact that all that is required are two competitors with a desire to determine individual superiority.

Today, wrestling has become, if not a science, at the very least, an art form. Strength, speed, and agility are all desirable attributes for any aspiring wrestler, but absent the knowledge and skills, which are constantly being honed and refined, seldom will the untrained and undisciplined ever be victorious.

No athletic endeavor requires as deep a commitment or as much dedication and self-sacrifice as does wrestling. No one who enters the sport of wrestling and labors seriously, to become the best that they can be, will ever be the same person again. The impact of that experience will forever alter perspectives, values, and personal dignity.

To a committed wrestler, a complete metamorphosis transpires, - - for as a caterpillar, having wrapped itself in a cocoon, ultimately emerges as a butterfly, - - so a boy immerses himself in a wrestling program and emerges as a man!

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- 3:00-4:00 p.m.** Weigh-ins (Scales donated by Ohio Valley Scales)
4:05 p.m. Coach's meeting and scratch schedule
4:30-4:55 p.m. Warm up on mats

4:30-4:45

1. Barnesville
2. Beallsville
3. Beaver Local
4. Bellaire
5. Bridgeport
6. Brooke
7. Buckeye Local

4:35-4:40

8. Caldwell
9. Cambridge
10. Cameron
11. East Liverpool
12. Edison
13. Harrison Central

4:40-4:45

14. Indian Creek
15. John Marshall
16. Linsly
17. Magnolia
18. Martins Ferry
19. Meadowbrook
20. Monroe Central

4:45-4:50

21. Oak Glen
22. River
23. Shadyside
24. Shenandoah
25. St. Clairsville
26. St. John's
27. Steubenville

4:50-4:55

28. Steubenville Central
29. Tyler Consolidated
30. Union Local
31. Weirton
32. Weirton Madonna
33. Wellsville
34. Wheeling Park

- 5:00-5:15 p.m.** Team procession
5:15 p.m. Prayer - Steve Kish, Jr., Superintendent Martins Ferry Schools
5:17 p.m. National Anthem performed by Ron Dilorenzo, WPHS
5:20 p.m. Team Recession exit to Olympic theme
5:25 p.m. Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year Award
5:27 p.m. Junior High School Coach of the Year Award
5:30 p.m. Sidney A. "Sid" Stoltz memorial Award
5:32 p.m. James H. "Dead Eye" Morris Sportsmanship Award
5:35 p.m. Announce on deck wrestlers

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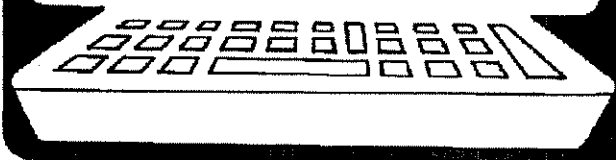
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He was fatally injured in an auto accident that Spring, during his Junior year in high school.

The Wheeling Central Catholic Booster Club decided that the best way to pay tribute and honor the memory of their fallen hero was to create, in his name, a perpetual memorial, thus was established **The David Bierkortte Award**.

The recipient of this award is to be announced during the awards ceremony following the conclusion of the Tournament. The honoree, as selected by a panel of judges, is deemed to be the **Most Valuable Wrestler** in the tournament. Formal presentation of the award will take place at The OVAC Annual Spring Awards Banquet.

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1971	Don Blum	Martins Ferry High School
1972	Art Jones	Bellaire High School
1973	Dan Claugus	Barnesville High School
1974	Shelden Grace	Weirton High School
1975	Mike Kovalick	Bellaire High School
1976	Randy Davia	Cadiz High School
	Ed Covey	Bridgeport High School
1977	Rich Davis	Jefferson Union High School
1978	Carl Stanley	Wheeling Park High School
1979	Randy Pryor	Weirton High School
1980	Trent Iachini	Steubenville High School
1981	Mike Tluchowski	Steubenville High School
1982	Larry Isleman	Toronto High School
1983	Brian Miller	Barnesville High School
1984	Heath Beadmore	Cambridge High School
1985	Tim Moxley	Barnesville High School
1986	Sean Murray	Oak Glen High School
1987	Mark Mlynek	Bellaire High School
1988	Rick Burlenski	Bridgeport High School
1989	Mark Emmerling	East Liverpool High School
1990	Babe Sidon	Martins Ferry High School
1991	Douglas Knight	Steubenville High School
1992	R.C. Anderson	Cameron High School
1993	Kelly Shields	Edison South High School
1994	Dustin Harris	Beaver Local High School
1995	Justin Ewing	St. Clairsville High School
1996	Eric Anderson	St. John's High School
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1998	Chad Pratz	The Linsly School
1999	Josie Smith	Cambridge High School

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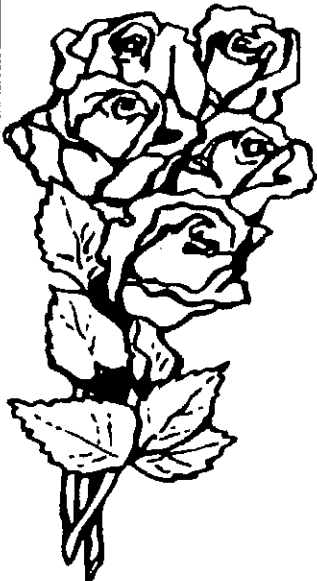
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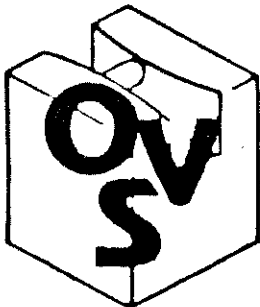
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2000

SESSION IV

- 9:30 AM Wrestlers Warm-up
- 9:55 AM Wrestlers leave mat area
- 10:00 AM National Anthem

SESSION V

- 3:30 PM Open warm-up For All Place Winner Participants
- 3:45 PM Parade of OVAC place winners
- 3:50 PM Bob Sadler Sportsmanship Award
- 3:55 PM Parade of OVAC place winners exit
- 4:00 PM Consolation Matches for 3rd, 5th and 7th places

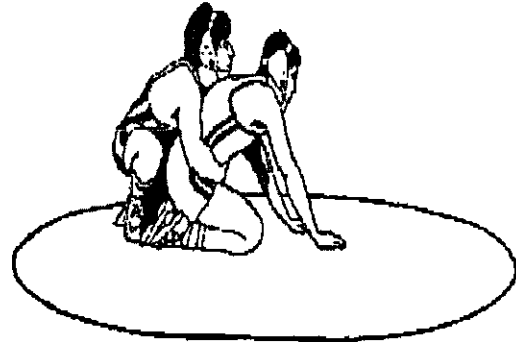
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- 6:05 PM Introduction of Past Champions 1975
Steve Kish, Supt. Martins Ferry Schools
- 6:15 PM Parade of Champions
- 6:20 PM Singing of our National Anthem,
Miss Susan Suriano
Senior from Martins Ferry High School
- 6:25 PM Announcement of Mr. Mat "00"
by Tournament Director, Ron Mauck
- 6:30 PM Parade of Champions Exit
- 6:35 PM Championship Matches

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- "AAA" CHAMPION**
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OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2000

SESSION II

- 10:30 AM Wrestlers Warm-up
- 10:55 AM Wrestlers leave mat area
- 11:00 AM National Anthem
- 11:03 AM Announce on deck wrestlers

SESSION III

- 5:30 PM Wrestlers Warm-up
- 5:55 PM Wrestlers leave mat area
- 6:00 PM National Anthem
- 6:05 PM Special Award Presenters: Dick Edge and Dave Kovalick
- 6:10 PM Announce on deck wrestlers

THE OVAC

Wrestling Tournament

Its birth . . . growth . . . and tradition

By Richard Keith Wolf



It began as all ideas . . . the dream of one man . . . the late George Kovalick.

In March of 1954, Wheeling, Bridgeport, Barnesville, and Linsley Institute competed in the inaugural OVAC Wrestling Tournament at Bridgeport.

The following year Weirton was added as the Tournament moved to Barnesville.

The tournament returned to Bridgeport in 1956, where it remained through 1958, while growing to 7 participating schools.

After 5 years as Tournament Director, Coach Kovalick relinquished the reins to John "Corky" Vrotsos when the tournament moved to Martins Ferry.

Over the next 9 years, the tournament grew to 18 teams, as schools, sometimes reluctantly, added wrestling to their inter-scholastic programs as fan interest blossomed.

There was a concern expressed by participating coaches that the OVAC had never been held in West Virginia.

A decision was made to move the tournament to Moundsville and thereafter to alternate between Ohio and West Virginia.

And so it was, that in 1968, under Co-Directors, George Walley and George Kovalick, the tournament opened with 20 participating schools.

Ironically, no significant mention of alternating tournament sites occurred for the next 8 years, as the tournament grew in both participant and fan numbers.

Several landmark events occurred during the Moundsville Era . . . With 23 schools competing in 1970, the OVAC crowned its first West Virginia team Champion, Wheeling Central Catholic . . . In 1971, following the tragic death of Dave Beirkorette, former OVAC Tournament Champion, the Wheeling Central Catholic Boosters Club established the Dave Beirkorette Wrestling Award to be presented annually to the Most Valuable Wrestler in the Tournament. The first recipient was Don Blum of Martins ferry . . . In 1974, with 32 schools competing, the OVAC became a 3 day event and 6 mats were used for the preliminary rounds . . . In 1975 with 34 schools competing, and as

a result of recent large school district consolidations, it was decided that the smaller schools should be competing for team championships against schools of equal or near equal enrollment. Therefore, classifications were established and in addition to the Overall Team Champion, three (3) Division Champions were also crowned . . . Finally, little Warwood became the first school to win the Overall Team Title without an individual champion.

In 1976, the tournament moved to the Steubenville Diocesan Arena with Bob Hedmond as Director.

It was during this year that the most prestigious honor in OVAC wrestling, "MR. MAT" was established and bestowed. How fitting and appropriate that George Kovalick, affectionately known as, Coach "K", should be the initial recipient of an award earned for "a lifetime of dedication to the sport of wrestling". For this was his idea . . . his dream . . . his energy . . . and his enthusiasm that had made it a reality.

In 1977, school classifications were expanded to four (4) divisions, as paid attendance to the three day event soared to 9,465.

The OVAC Wrestling Tournament and foul weather seem to arrive as distinct, yet inseparable, entities. And so it was, that in 1978, when faced with treacherous highway conditions, resulting from an accumulation of ice and snow, it was deemed necessary to postpone the Friday session until Saturday.

In 1979, the Tournament moved to the Wheeling Civic Center with Ron Mauck as Director. Two (2) major improvements took place that year, (1) the massive floor area of the Civic Center now made it possible to wrestle on eight (8) mats, and (2) eight (8) individual and independent electronic match scoreboard/clocks were purchased.

In 1980, recognition of individual weight-class competitors was expanded to include the top eight (8) places.

That same year, the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association created, to honor Coach "K", the George E. Kovalick Scholarship, to be presented annually to assist a college-bound scholar/wrestler.

Following the tragic 1982 death of Wheeling Park High School wrestler, Danny Burke, his parents established a living tribute to his memory. In 1983, the first annual Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship was awarded to John Witzberger of Wheeling Central.

The threatening flood was more a probability than a possibility when the 43rd Annual Tournament opened on Thursday, January 19, 1996. When it became evident that we had to deal with the certainty, a prudent, yet difficult and unpopular, decision was made to discontinue wrestling at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 19, 1996 and to resume at that point on Sat. January 27, 1996.

To accomplish this monumental task would require the complete cooperation of everyone involved, including, but not limited to, wrestlers, coaches, athletic directors, tournament workers, referees, and the re-scheduling or dropping of other meets and/or tournaments, and a host of individual problems faced by each and everyone associated with an undertaking of this magnitude.

An indication of the level of cooperation and commitment to the OVAC was never more evident than when the Tournament reconvened one week later, just as though it were a part of the original plan.

However, none of this could have taken place without the cooperation, understanding, and participation of the Civic Center Staff, under the supervision of its congenial and tireless Director, Dennis Magruder.

In the spring of 1999, the dynamic force behind the growth & expansion of the OVAC, Sam Mumley, Executive Sec'y. for 32 years, succumbed to his battle with cancer. Steve Kish, Superintendent of Martins Ferry schools, willingly stepped in to fill the void and served as Interim Exec. Sec'y. until Tom Rataiczak assumed the permanent position in the fall of '99.

It is our fond wish that this tournament will continue to grow . . . if not in size, hopefully in stature . . . as a symbol of all that is good and decent. For there is no greater satisfaction than that which one receives from the investment of time and energy devoted to youth.

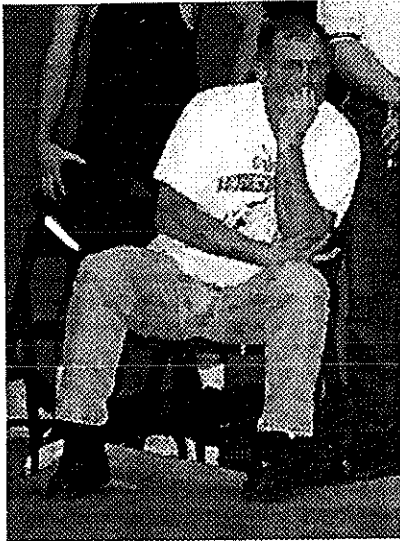
As you witness the pomp and pageantry, from the opening ceremonies on Thursday, through to the Parade of Champions on Saturday night, only then will you realize that this is true a labor of love and a living tribute to all those, both past and present, who have striven to make it possible and memorable.

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Cameron's Champion Among Coaches

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What makes it difficult to believe are the number of students with whom he has achieved such success.

Cameron High School is the 10th smallest school in the OVAC (192 students) and the 5th smallest which offers an inter-scholastic wrestling program.

His former assistant, present Athletic Director and OVAC Executive Board Member, Bob Koch, has nothing but the highest praise for Jim, "Coaching with Jim were 3 of the most enjoyable years I've spent. There was never a dull moment. He has used wrestling to get kids involved and experience success that they might not have otherwise been able to do - - - often the kids no one else wanted. He is one of the main reasons we are able to have athletics in our school"

His present assistant, Jim Rogers, is also the highly successful head football coach at Cameron. He fervently believes and none can refute, "Jim has done an outstanding job creating and maintaining a small school power in both the OVAC and the State of West Virginia. He is one of the most recognizable personalities in the OVAC and West Virginia. He is a great person, a great friend and a great guy to coach with."

We need only to look at his record of accomplishments to give validity to the high esteem with which he is regarded.

He has a career dual meet record of 249-77-2 (.759), 11 OVAC Dual Meet titles, 10 OVAC Class A Tournament titles, 3 OVAC individual champions. His most outstanding OVAC accomplishment was his near miss for the 1993 Over-All Tournament Championship by a mere 1j-1/2 points.

He has coached 3 individual OVAC Champions, but is most proud of the OVAC scholarship winners he has coached; R.C. Anderson the '92 Dave Bierkortte MVP Scholarship, the George Kovalick Scholarship; '91 - Eric Potts, '93 - Dave Norris, and '94 - Chad Burge, the James H. Morris Scholarship - '98 - Garrett O'Neil, and the Daniel Burke Scholarship - '89 - Dave Wood.

Jim is extremely proud of his team's winning the inaugural Bob Sadler Sportsmanship Award in '96.

Even though West Virginia does not have a separate classification, but combines A and AA schools, he has won the team title 4 years in a row and has had 24 individual state champions crowned. He has been selected WV AA-A Coach-of-the-Year 5 times.

One cannot but believe that the crowning achievement of his long and illustrious career has to have been a father's joy in coaching his son, Eric, to a 40-0 senior season when he won both OVAC and West Virginia Championships.

Even though he enjoys the competition and camaraderie that wrestling provides, there is another side to Jim that few know or appreciate.

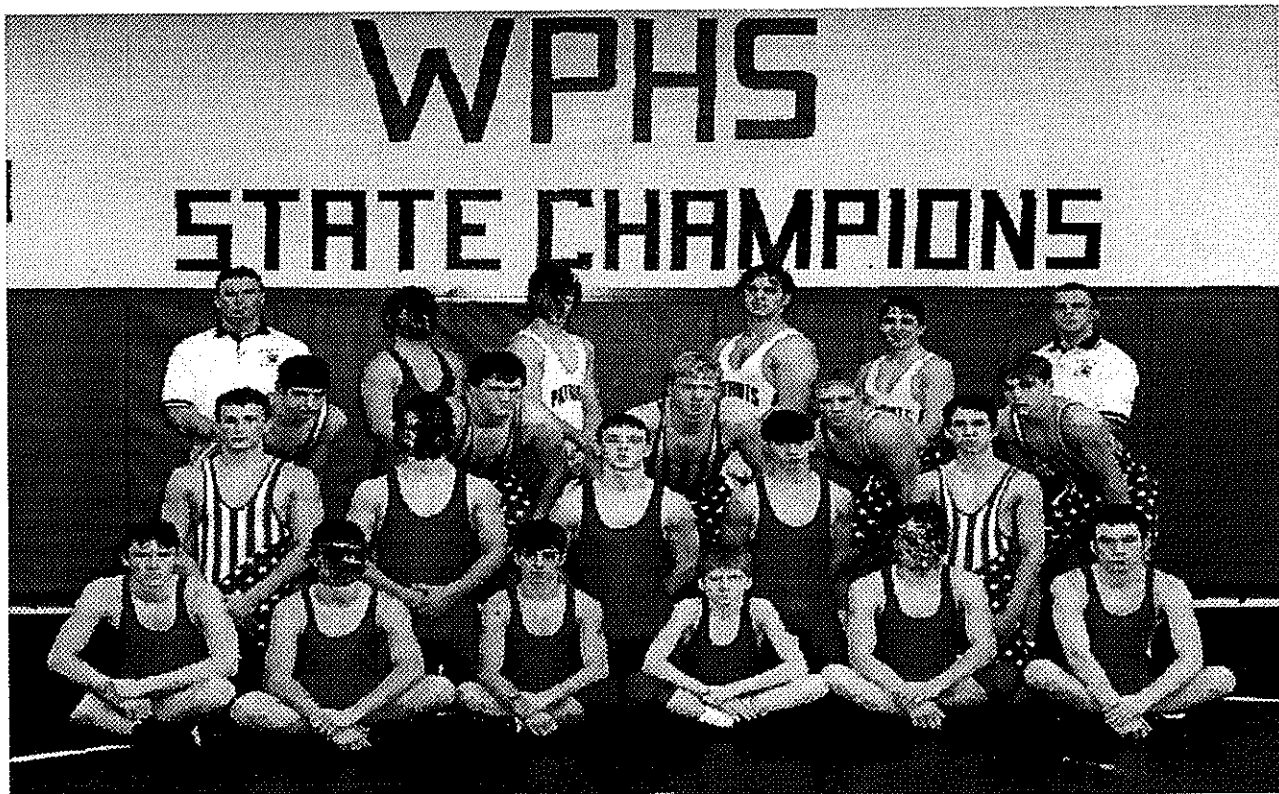
He farms 150 acres and savors the quiet moments of solitude he derives from horseback riding, fishing Lake Erie and elk hunting in Colorado.

He is properly proud of his son, Eric, a landscape architect and daughter, Jamie, an industrial engineer, both of whom are WVU graduates and reside in the Columbus, Ohio area.

His intangible contributions to the OVAC wrestling fraternity, the positive impact that he has had on the athletes he's coached and his commitment to excellence, which is his hallmark, will continue to influence the lives of all who have come to know and respect him.

Jim Potts is truly "Coach-of-the-Year", every year!

WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING 1999-2000



1st Row: James Collins, - - -, Josh Gorayeb, Scott Bomgardner, - - -, and A.J. Holderman

2nd Row: Luke White, - - -, Brandon Johnston, Jeremy Gorayeb, Adam Kennedy

3rd Row: Richard Bloomfield, B.J. Cook, Josh Boyd, Josh Moore, Derek Kennedy

4th Row: Asst. Coach Chad Frick, - - -, - - -, Capt. Steve Ochap, Capt. Mark Evans, and
Head Coach Anthony Zuchegno

Not Pictured - Asst Coach Cliff Ward

1999 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

103 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
9-0	Cole Bowersock	10	Beaver Local	AAA	1
	John Tierney	9	Martins Ferry	AAA	2
3-1	Nathan Kendjorsky	10	Buckeye Local	AAAA	3
	Tucker Brown		Cameron	A	4
4-0	Derek Kennedy		Wheeling Park	AAAA	5
	Zack Zubay	11	Oak Glen	AAA	6
13-2	Chad Snider		Tyler Consolidated	AAA	7
	Todd Casey		Meadowbrook	AAA	8

112 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
10-4	Marshall Brooks	12	Cadiz	AA	1
	Doug Curnes	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	2
4-0	Roger Kupfer	9	Cameron	A	3
	Josh Francis	11	Barnesville	AA	4
13-10	Mark Wheatley	10	Cambridge	AAAA	5
	Nic Rossiter	10	Buckeye Local	AAAA	6
5-3	Scott Conrath	10	St. Clairsville	AAA	7
	Kyle Glasser	9	Shadyside	A	8

119 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
4-2	Jose Smith	12	Cambridge	AAAA	1
	Dan Stanley	12	Brooke	AAAA	2
Fall 4:55	Eric Noel	10	Weir	AAAA	3
	Rick Dillon	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	4
7-0	David Tierney	9	Martins Ferry	AAA	5
	Jeff Saunders	12	Steubenville	AAAA	6
2-0	John Major	12	Union Local	AAA	7
	Josh Carnes	12	Beaver Local	AAA	8

125 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
Fall 2:18	Josh Hackney	12	Wellsville	AA	1
	Mark Evans	11	Wheeling Park	AAAA	2
4-2	Ryan Donahue	12	St. John	A	3
	Matt Kotson	12	John Marshall	AAAA	4
Default	Michael Pierro	12	Steubenville Central	AA	5
	Tyler Hughes	10	Cameron	A	6
7-0	John Bower	11	Beallsville	A	7
	Boe Barker	11	Weir	AAAA	8

1999 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

130 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
2-1	Stan Bittinger	12	Cadiz	AA	1
	Jeremy Founds	12	St. Clairsville	AAA	2
8-1	Logan Glass	11	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	Mike Pratt	12	Shadyside	A	4
14-3	Micah Jordan	11	East Liverpool	AAAA	5
	Justin Warner	12	Meadowbrook	AAA	6
Fall 3:43	Rob Long	12	Wellsville	AA	7
	David Proctor	11	Martins Ferry	AAA	8

135 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
4-3	Greg Ware	11	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Josh Woodby	12	Monroe Central	AA	2
10-8	Todd Dunlap	12	Cadiz	AA	3
	Andrew Monogioudis	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	4
4-3	Ed Weible	12	Oak Glen	AAA	5
	Aaron Westover	11	Beaver Local	AAA	6
4-3	Trevor Marsh	10	Indian Creek	AAA	7
	Joel Sansone	11	St. Clairsville	AAA	8

140 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
2-1	Scott Roth	11	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Derek Koch	11	St. John	A	2
6-3	Andy Wharton	12	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	Jim Lucas	12	Barnesville	AA	4
4-0	Adam Hartley	12	Shadyside	A	5
	Jonathan Davia	11	Union Local	AAA	6
2-0	Jeb Banovsky	11	Edison	AAAA	7
	Brad Ebbert	12	John Marshall	AAAA	8

1999 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

145 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
5-2	Mitch Wheeler	12	Steubenville	AAAA	1
	Daniel Koch	11	St. John	A	2
3-0	Rob Lamb	12	Oak Glen	AAA	3
	B.J. Hedger	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	4
7-5	Dave Green	12	Bishop Donahue	A	5
	Jason Bogart	11	East Liverpool	AAAA	6
7-2	James Parr	11	Shadyside	A	7
	Andy Baker	12	Union Local	AAA	8

152 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
4-3	Lucas Sedgmer	12	Cadiz	AA	1
	Ethan Birden	11	Steubenville	AAAA	2
4-2	Justin Jefferis	10	Barnesville	AA	3
	Jess Milhoan	12	Beaver Local	AAA	4
5-2	Trevor Cooper	10	Indian Creek	AAA	5
	Matt Holdsworth	11	Oak Glen	AAA	6
Fall 4:30	Dan Earich	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	7
	Jason Snider	11	Tyler Consolidated	AAA	8

160 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
8-7	Terry Smith	12	Buckeye Local	AAAA	1
	Jason Jones	12	Oak Glen	AAA	2
4-2 OT	Jake Sowers	10	Cambridge	AAAA	3
	Kelly Rapp	12	Cadiz	AA	4
2-0	Joe Tacosik	12	Union Local	AAA	5
	Robert Muntz	12	Monroe Central	AA	6
4-1	Chris VanDine	12	Steubenville	AAAA	7
	Rob Duncan	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	8

171 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
Fall 2:21	Joe Nichols	12	Brooke	AAAA	1
	Mike Davis	11	Union Local	AAA	2
Fall 1:40	Ryan Coffman	12	Cadiz	AA	3
	Travis Beckett	12	Shadyside	A	4
Fall 1:26	Brad Edwards	12	Steubenville	AAAA	5
	Steve Henry	12	Edison	AAAA	6
6-4 OT	Tim Jones	12	John Marshall	AAAA	7
	Fritz Crosier	12	Barnesville	AA	8

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189 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
8-3	Craig Bruney	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	1
	Josh Arnette	12	Wellsville	AA	2
12-2	Matt Coleman	12	Beaver Local	AAA	3
	Jason Newell	12	Meadowbrook	AAA	4
7-5 OT	Brandon Kupfer	12	Cameron	A	5
	Heath Wells	11	Monroe Central	AA	6
7-3	Don Alexander	12	Brooke	AAAA	7
	Derek Sebeck	12	Steubenville	AAAA	8

215 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
Fall 1:55	Matt Salsberry	12	East Liverpool	AAAA	1
	John Schumacher	12	Monroe Central	AA	2
3-1 OT	John Jones	11	Steubenville	AAAA	3
	George Shrieve	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	4
9-2	Robert Busick	11	Weir	AAAA	5
	Greg Six	10	Oak Glen	AAA	6
4-3	Steve Ochap	11	Wheeling Park	AAAA	7
	Issac Evans	12	Edison	AAAA	8

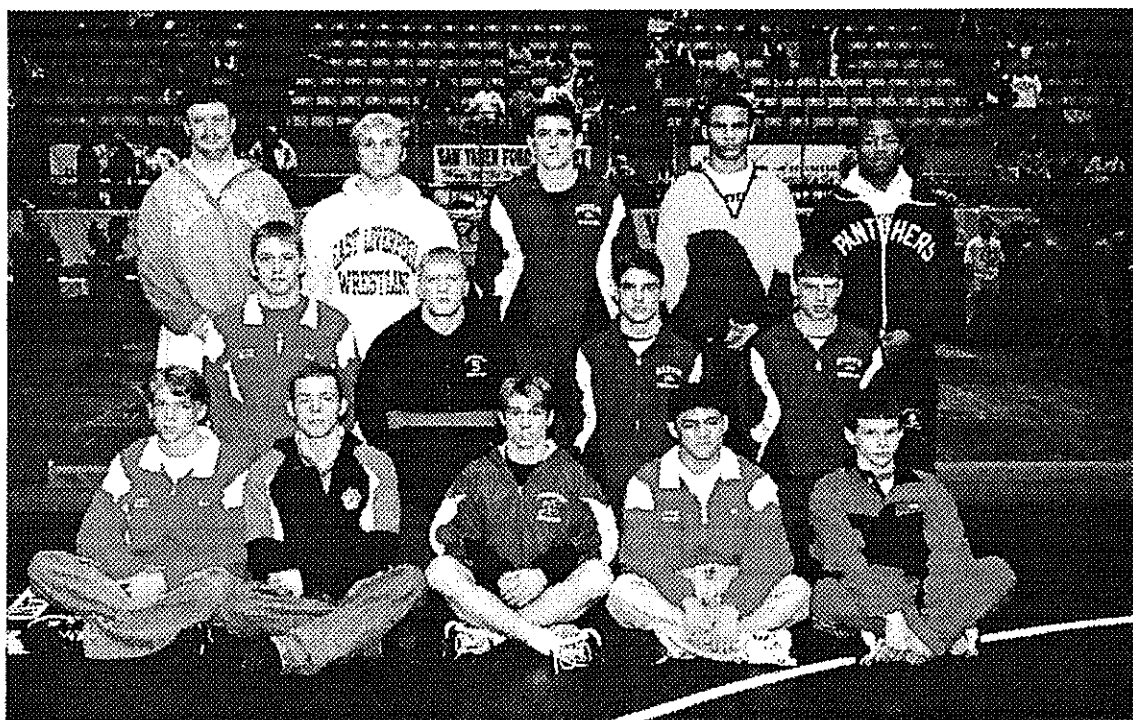
275 POUNDS

RESULTS	WRESTLER	GRADE	SCHOOL	DIV.	PLACE
3-2	Alex McClung	12	Oak Glen	AAA	1
	Jared angelica	11	Steubenville	AAAA	2
7-2	Justin Lucas	11	Barnesville	AA	3
	Tom Redman	10	East Liverpool	AAAA	4
Fall 1:30	James Rainer	12	Caldwell	AA	5
	Sam Cruise	12	Martins Ferry	AAA	6
Fall 1:30	Robert Williams	12	Bellaire	AAA	7
	Charles Fisher	11	Wellsville	AA	8

1999 OVAC FINAL TEAM SCORES

AAAA		AAA		AA		A	
ST. EUGENIE	157 1/2	M. FERRY	232 1/2	CADIZ	116 1/4	CAMERON	104 1/2
E. LIVERPOOL	149	OAK GLEN	196	WELLSVILLE	115 1/2	SHADYSIDE	103 1/2
BUCKEYE LOCAL	136 1/2	BEAVER LOCAL	127	BARNESVILLE	106 1/2	ST. JOHN	86 1/2
CAMBRIDGE	108 1/2	UNION LOCAL	97	W. CENTRAL	82	BEALLSVILLE	86
BROOKE	82	ST. CLAIR	66 1/2	ST. EUGENIE	80	BISHOP DUNN	120 1/2

1999 OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS



1st Row - R to L: 103 - Cole Bowersock, Beaver Local; 112 - Marshall Brooks, Cadiz; 119 - Jose Smith, Cambridge; 125 - Josh Hackney, Wellsville; and 130 - Dan Bittinger, Cadiz
2nd Row - R to L: 135 - Greg Ware, Martins Ferry; 140 - Scott Roth, Martins Ferry; 145 - Mitch Wheeler, Steubenville; and 152 - Lucas Sedgmer, Cadiz
3rd Row - R to L: 160 - Terry Smith, Buckeye Local; 171 - Joe Nichols, Brooke; 189 - Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry; 215 - Matt Salsberry, East Liverpool; and 275 - Alex McClung, Oak Glen.

BUCKEYE LOCAL

Wrestling Team

1999-2000



Row One L To R Setting: Nate Nendjorsky, John Petrozzi, David Bertolino, Neil Rager, Greg Nestor

Row Two L To R Kneeling: Noah Straus, Derek Vargo, Guy Nestor, Jack Otto, Scott Schaal, Adam Beranek, Head Coach Jay Michael

Row Three Standing L To R: Assnt. Coach Gus Hanson, Brian Sabota, Shane Vernon, D.J. Eddy, Bryan Harubin, Nathan Folda, Assnt. Coach Rich McCardle

Row Four L To R On Chairs: Shawn Steenburg, Dan Nagueira, Ryan Turnbull, Mike Dominguez, Albert Phillips, Bobby Beall

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O V A C Wrestling Prayer



Dear Heavenly Father,

Bless our wrestlers that they may perform to their fullest potential;

Bless our coaches that they may stress the highest standards of good sportsmanship;

Bless our officials that they may keep wrestler-safety foremost in their thoughts;

Bless our parents that they may understand--win or lose, their sons are learning much about life through wrestling;

And finally, bless the late George Kovalick--the man who made this great event a reality for our wrestlers.

In Jesus' name--we pray,

Amen

BRIDGEPORT BULLDOGS

Wrestling Team

1999-2000



1st Row: Marcus Jones, Justin Stan, Justin Myers, and Joey Fisher Co-Captains

2nd Row: Ass't Coach - Mike Lamotte, Chase Stemjowski, Larry Lawson, Ryan Robinson, and Head Coach Art Jones

3rd Row: Douglas Irvin, Ryan Leach, Roger Jones, Kenny Irvin, and William Dunn

Absent: Eric Wright and Brandon Janiszewski



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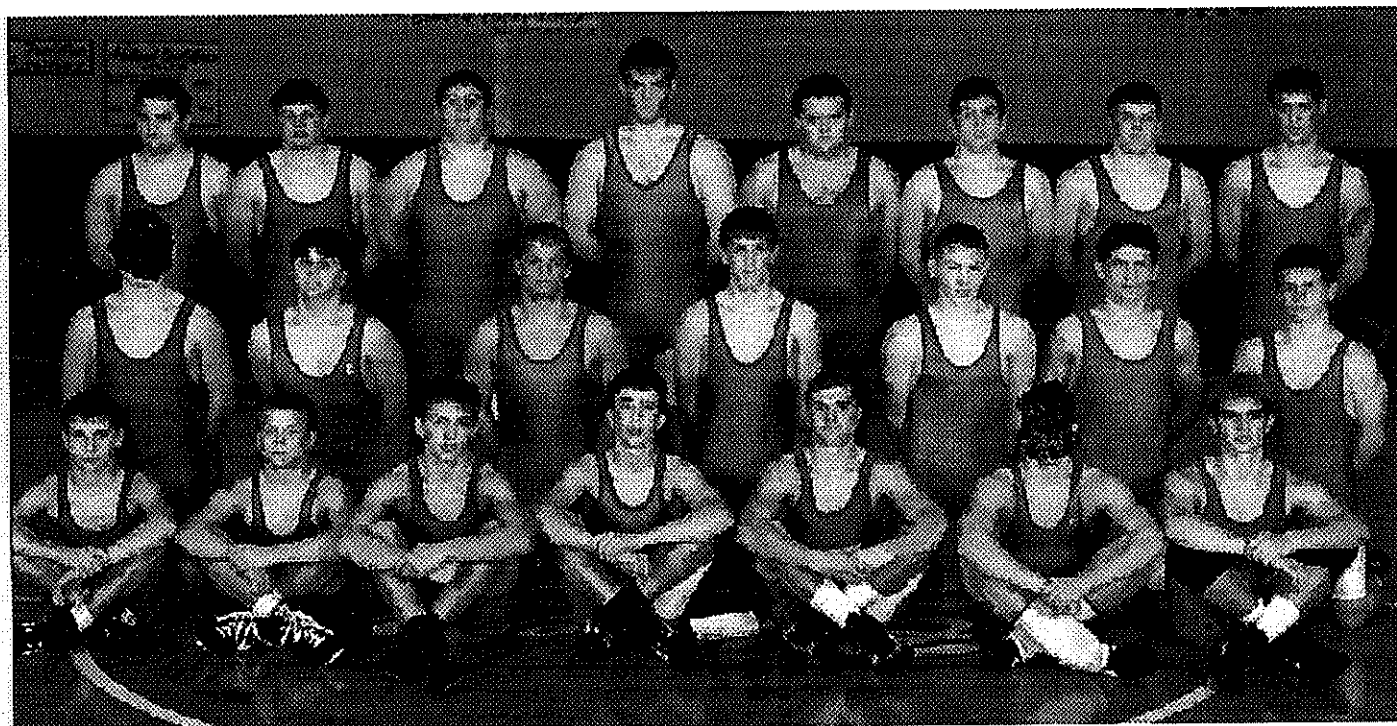
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105 - Mike Gregg----- Union Local
112 - Keith Owens----- Steubenville
119 - Gary Dobbs----- John Marshall
126 - Mike Caruso----- Linsly
132 - Carl Wilkinson----- Weirton
138 - Bob Walker----- Oak Glen
145 - Bob Waters ----- East Liverpool
155 - Lou Geary ----- Brooke
167 - Doug Lehasky----- John Marshall
175 - Randy Davia ----- Cadiz
187 - Dr. Mike Kovalick ----- Bellaire
HWT - Steve Mabbott----- East Liverpool

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BEAVER LOCAL

“Fighting Beavers”

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Front Row: Josh Hoover, Travis Butler, Jared Hoppel, Nick Emmerling, John Bellanca, Rich Feezle

Middle Row: Curtis Hartley, Aaron Westover, Nate Smith, Brett Maurer, Eric Witley, Cole Bowersock

Back Row: Nick Zirillo, Jared Williams, Rick Prescott, Nate Brown, Wiley Bates, Ryan Holden, Jordan Williams, Dan Moore

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He's the one loved by his peers,
Though on the bench — he always cheers,
He keeps the first man on his toes,
And never quits — why, no one knows.

He puts the champion where he's at,
By making him work to earn his plaque
His name's not found in big headlines,
But he's always there come practice time.

I often wonder — were the champion second team,
Would he keep on trying or lose his gleam,
Would he give his all if there was no fame,
And not give up for the good of the game.

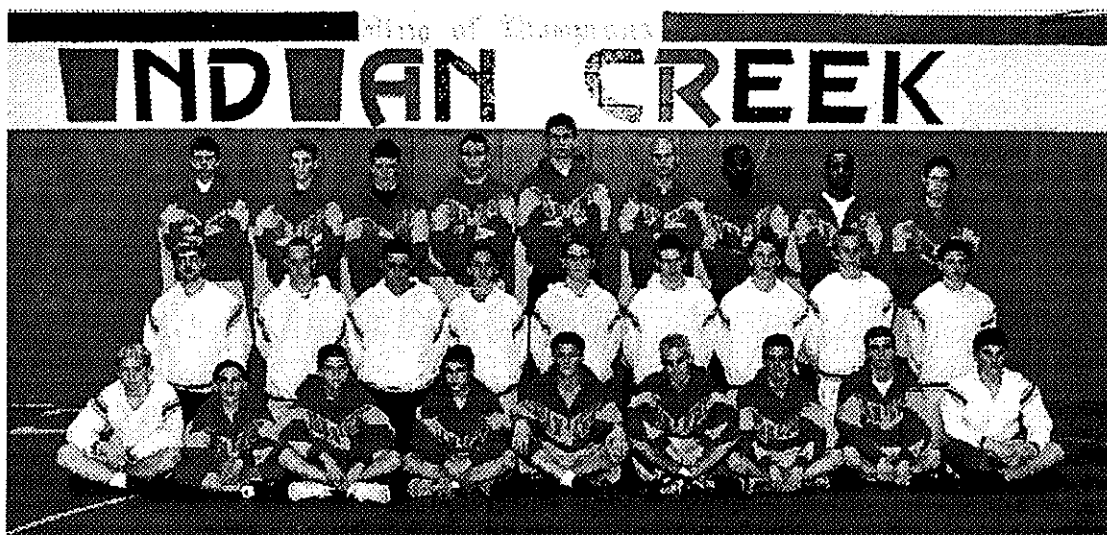
There are no questions in this man's mind,
The Champion's Champion — in life — will do just fine.

by Bill Welker

INDIAN CREEK

Wrestling Team

1999-2000



Front Row (L-R): ***, Tony Mayle, ***, John Good, Jared Koos, Justin Cowser, Josh Johnston, John Leas, Pat Medley

Second Row (L-R): Ryan Keener, Jonathan Lyng, ***, Chris Floto, ***, Ryan Gross, ***, R.P. King, Trent Starkey

Back Row (L-R): Jamie Bush, Pat branagan, ***, Patrick Hickman, Chris King, Anthony Gump, Trevor Cooper, Rashad Terry, Jason Calabrese

Not Pictured: Rashad Dixon, Cody Larue, Nate Yeager

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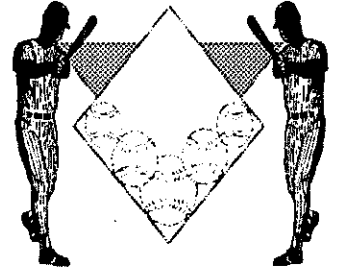
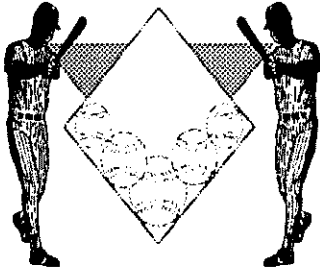
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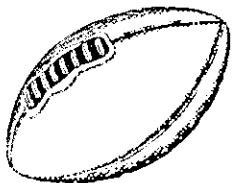
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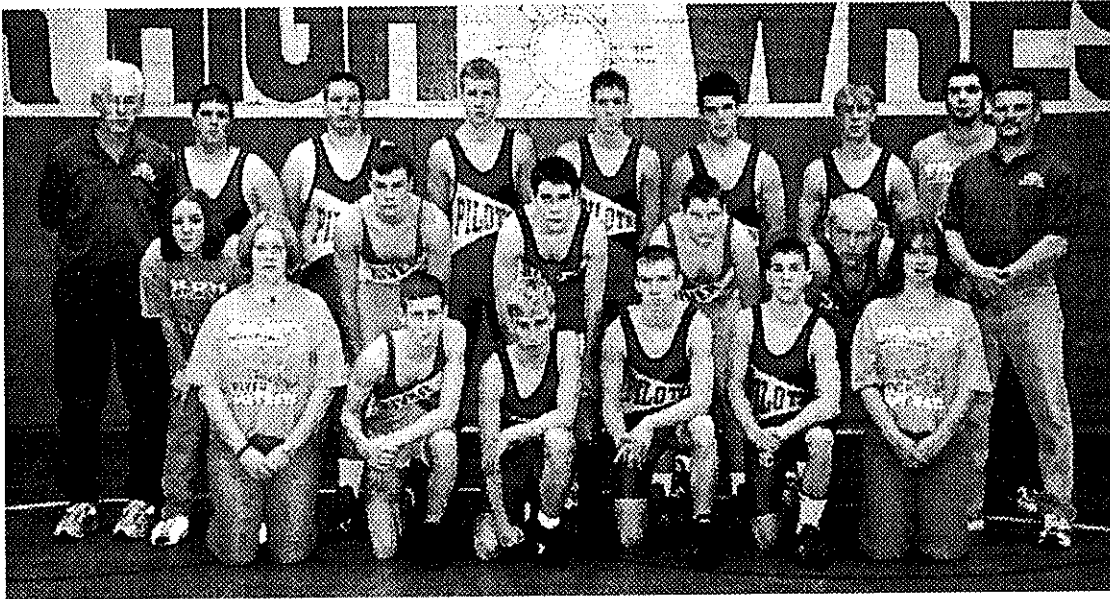
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**Athletics Are The Complement
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Wrestling Team 1999-2000

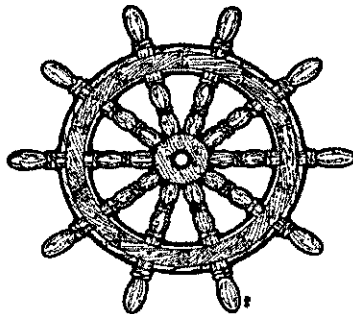



1st Row: Stat. Cassie Kocher, Dave Rice, Josh Rydosz, Aaron Lee, Lucas Huffman, and Stat. Breezie Heslep

2nd Row: Stat. Jamie Tucker, Robert Oldfield, Russell Kocher, Scott Walters, Jeremy Bowen, and Head Coach - Chuck Baker

3rd Row: Asst. Coach - Jim Luikart, Eric Rosen, Matt Walters, Beau Martin, Tony Ensinger, Allan Swegard, Jon Whittington, and Coach - Bill Moser

Not picture: Jim Long; Coaches - Casey Rose, Kyle Rose, Gary Brandon, and Shannon Schultheis, and Mgr. Toby Willis





GEORGE E. KOVALICK
(4/8/23 - 4/8/84)

“Founding father of OVAC wrestling”

Teacher exceptional . . . competitive coach . . . gracious mentor. . . visionary, endowed with boundless energy and enthusiasm.

His accomplishments are legend, his influence unparalleled.

A man whose profound influence on coaches and athletes is a legacy which will continue to have impact on generations yet to come.

Standing as tangible proof of all that he epitomized are his enshrinements in four (4) separate and distinct Athletic Halls of Fame; Kent State University, West Liberty State College, Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association, and Ohio High School Athletic Director’s Association.

In 1980 a scholarship was established in Coach Kovalick’s honor, by the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Association, to recognize a college-bound scholar/wrestler, in the amount of \$1,000 to be awarded annually.

During opening ceremonies of the 1985 Tournament a bronze plaque was unveiled, and now hangs in the lobby of the Wheeling Civic Center, inscribed in fitting tribute:

“THE OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING COACHES ASSOCIATION HONORS THE MEMORY OF GEORGE KOVALICK . . . A MAN MARVELOUSLY COMPETITIVE, METICULOUS IN ORGANIZATION AND ENDOWED WITH AN ENORMOUS CAPACITY FOR WORK.

HE PRODUCED AN UNPARALLELED RECORD, WITH MORE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS IN MORE SPORTS THAN ANY OTHER MAN WHO EVER COACHED IN THIS VALLEY.

HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF OUR WRESTLING PROGRAM.

TEACHER, STRATEGIST AND FUNDAMENTALIST, HE WAS AN INSPIRATION AND A FRIEND.”

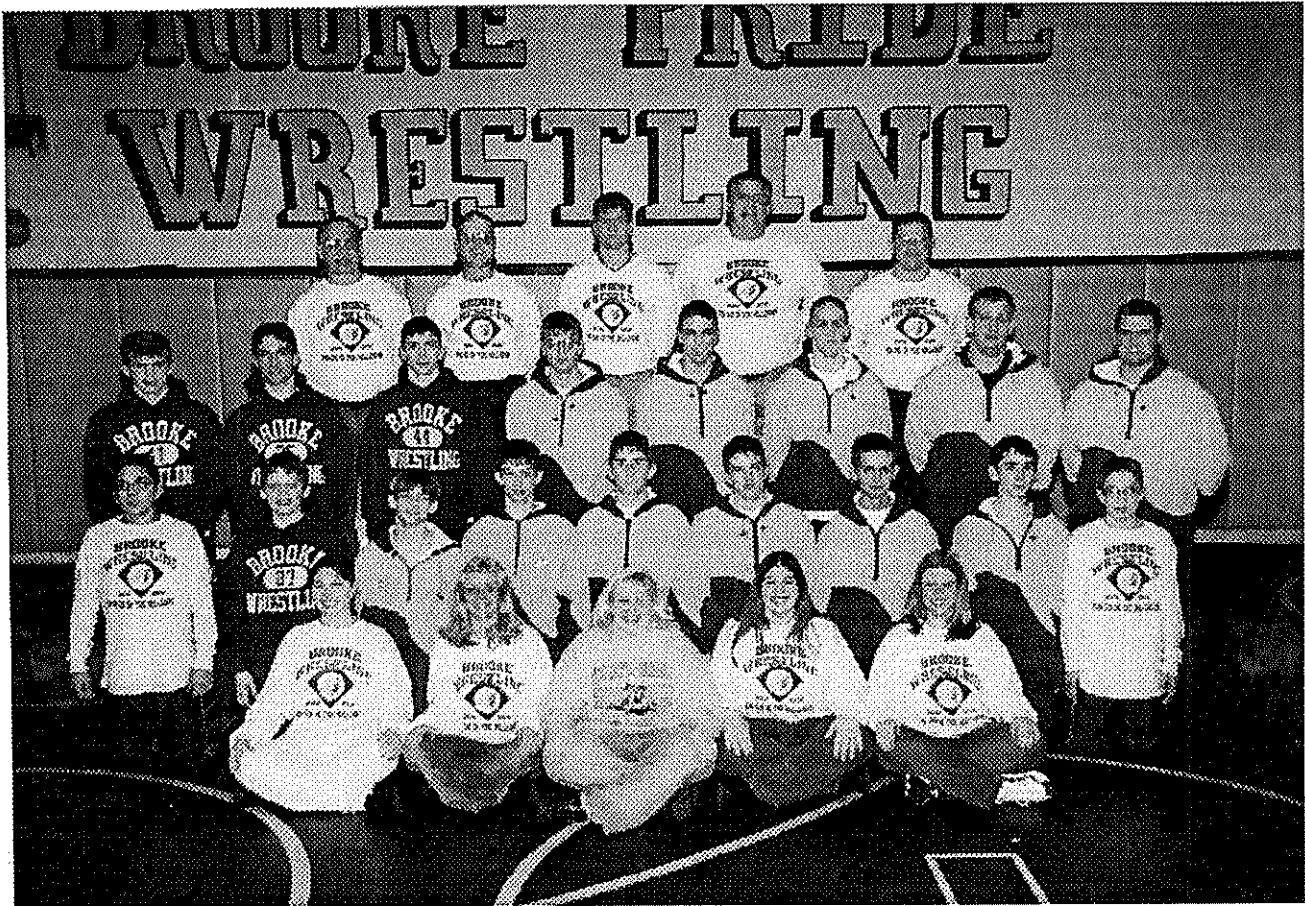
The George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling Scholarship
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1980 Mike Patone, Magnolia	1990 Ed Neely, Weirton
1981 Bob Furr, Beallsville	1991 Eric Potts, Cameron
1982 Dave Delande, St Clairsville	1992 John Gibeaut, Union Local
1983 Scott Mills, Steubenville	1993 Dave Norris, Cameron
1984 Tim Ward, Beallsville	1994 Chad Burge, Cameron
1985 Charlie Keenan, Steubenville	1995 Brian Roskovich, Bridgeport
Darrin Heavilin, Cadiz	1996 Eric Anderson, St. John’s
1986 Mike Imbroscio, Bellaire	1997 Sean Doyle, Buckeye Local
1987 Vinnie Monseau, Wheeling Park	1998 Aaron Monseau, Wheeling Park
1988 Dan Keenan, Steubenville	1999 Craig Bruney, Martins Ferry
1989 Reed Case, Cadiz	

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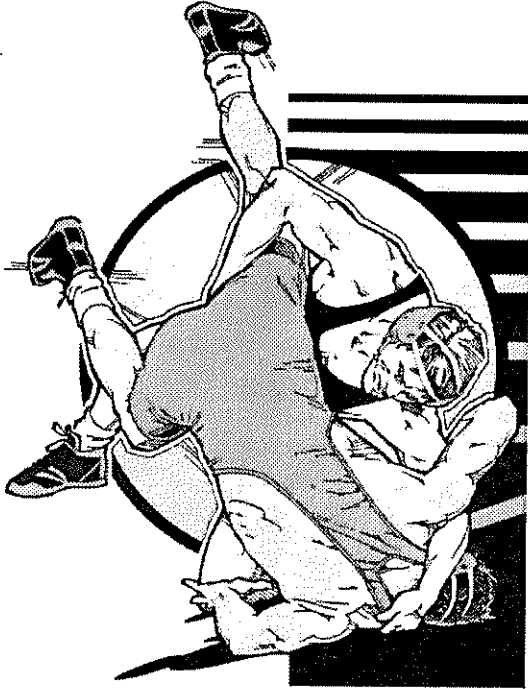
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The Wrestling Parent

Parents in wrestling are courageous - - it's true,
They feel all the pain that their boy must go through,
At home, when he diets, they wish it could stop,
Yet know he must do it to stay at the top.

Excuses for losing they will never endure,
"Don't blame the ref, son, because of the score,
The coach, he will show you the best way to move,
Keep working in practice if you want to improve."

At dual meets, you'll see them whispering a prayer,
As their boy must compete with no one else there,
Whatever the outcome - mom cheers with deep pride,
While dad - you will notice - stands right by his side.

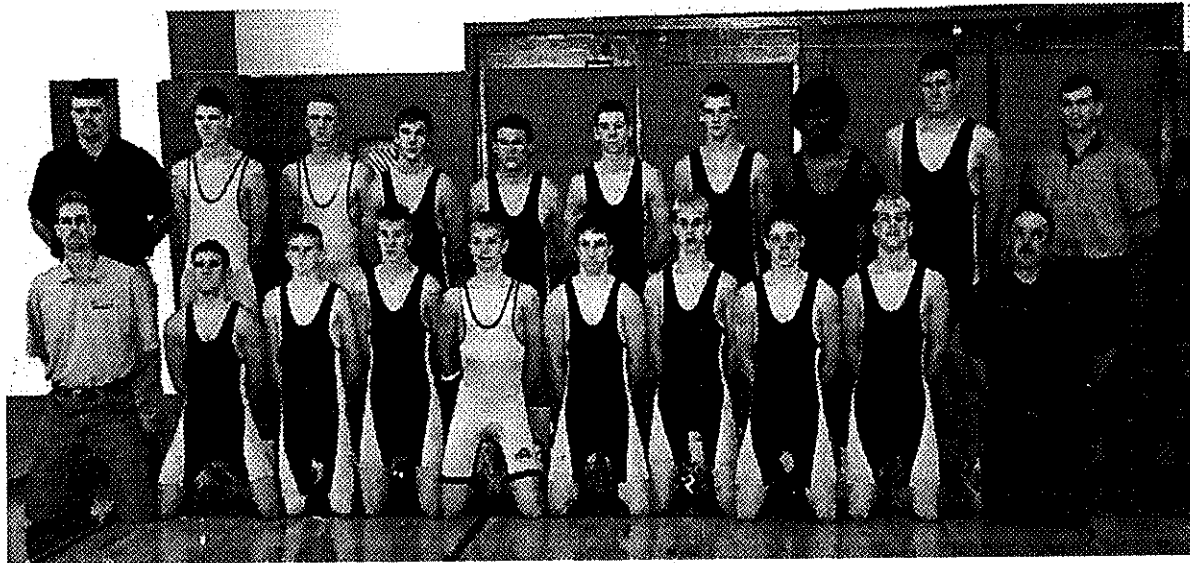
They'll drive to a tournament many miles away,
To witness a son who's prepared for this day,
Their boy, he has trained, with all of his might,
Having hopes of becoming a champion tonight.

But should he fall short, at his corner you'll find,
A mother and father - supportive and kind,
They teach that through wrestling he'll learn about life,
Yes, living is filled with both triumph and strife.

Now if you are searching for people who care,
Just look by a mat, they'll always be there,
Such love for a sport is truly inherent,
That's why we salute THE WRESTLING PARENT.

By Bill Welker, Ed. D.

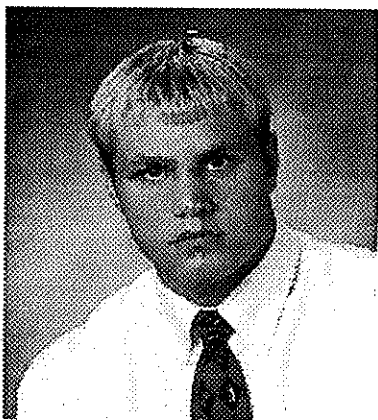
HARRISON CENTRAL WRESTLING 1999-2000



Row 1 (Front L to R): Asst. Coach Jeff Ray, Nic Rossiter, Scot Campbell, Cory Rose, Derek Stromski, Matt Barcus, Bryan Rose, Craig Rogers, Ryan Rose, Asst. Coach Jim Ridgeway

Row 2 (Back L to R): Asst. Coach Josh Hendricks, Derek Sefsick, Ken Baker, Taite Ferrell, Keith Hirschbach, Glenn Mellott, Eric Spitznogle, Roger Mcleod, Joe Thomas, Head Coach Jim Rocchi

In Memoriam



Matthew Salsberry
(1980 - 1999)

Within minutes after leaving for home from Ohio Northern University, where they had just undergone freshmen orientation; Matt Salsberry; his girlfriend, Emily Bickerton; and his best friend, Dan Aldrich, fell victims to tragedy. An inattentive and irresponsible teenage driver, in a moment of senseless exhilaration took the lives of all three and brought emotional devastation to the families and the school community of a magnitude which can only be described as traumatizing, and from which we are all still laboring to recover.

Matt Salsberry had a lust for life that dictated success. The commitment and enthusiasm which he brought to the wrestling mat, the playing field, the stage and the classroom, motivated and inspired teammates, classmates and fans. He was a humble winner and a gracious loser, who gained the respect of all who came to know him.

If any single incident defined his commitment and enthusiasm for whatever the project might be, surely it had to be his humorous show stealing portrayal of "Earthquake McGoon" in the performance of the school musical, "Lil Abner". It would be difficult, if not impossible to recall anyone bringing life to a character as realistically and dramatically as did he.

The East Liverpool wrestling team has dedicated this season to the memories of Emily, Matt and Dan. A visible sign of that dedication is the black stripe sewn on the shoulder of each singlet.

The area wrestling coaches: Rich Wright of Beaver Local, Sean Smith of Wellsville, Larry Shaw of Oak Glen and Scott Hiemstra of East Liverpool have established a \$1,000 Scholarship to be awarded in memory of Matt Salsberry. This scholarship is to be awarded to an outstanding wrestler from one of these participating schools who has earned a varsity letter in one additional sport and has maintained a minimum 3.5 GPA.

There is no better way to honor him than by using his own accomplishments as the yardstick with which to measure all applicants.

Matt was a two-time OVAC Champion and winner of the Mr. Hercules award in 1999 by pinning his way to the 215# championship in a cumulative time of less than a single match. He was 4th in the State of Ohio and compiled 124 career wins. He was All-State in football for 3 years and played in 32 consecutive games. He won 11 varsity letters, was River Valley League discus champion, served as Junior Class President and Senior Class Vice-President, while maintaining a 3.5 GPA as a member of the NHS.

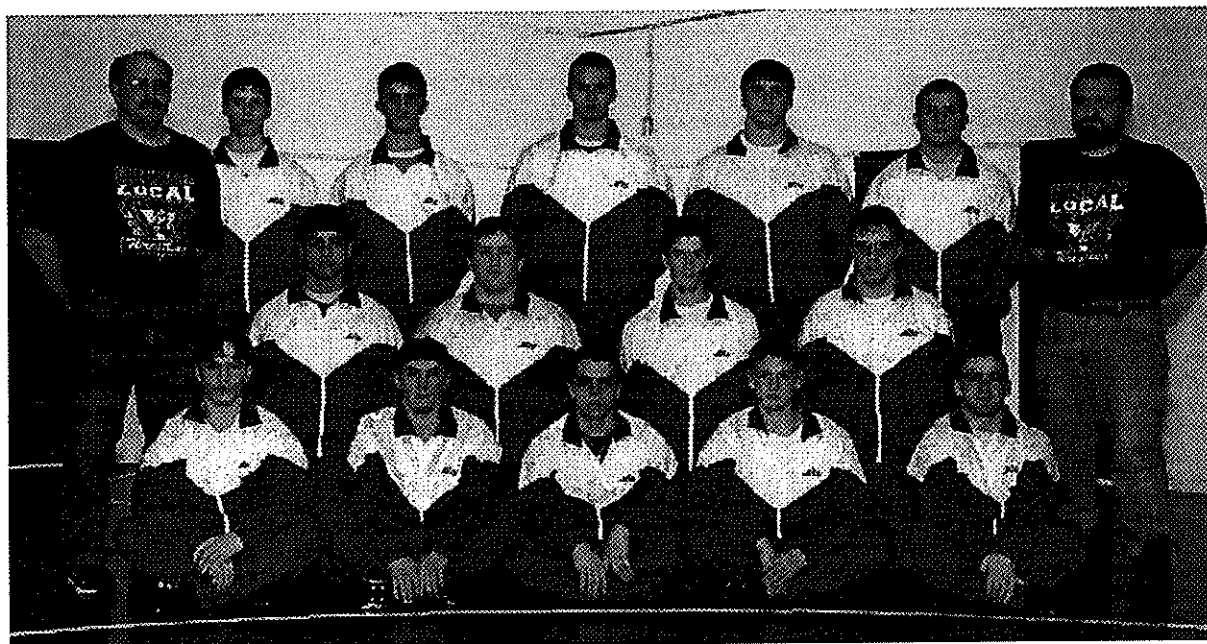
It is my personal belief, "that the true treasures of life are memories, those which we have and those which we have created". In subscribing to that belief, Matt died as a wealthy young man and each of us, who were fortunate enough to have known him, were richly endowed.

May he live long in the memory of those who loved him.

Richard Keith Wolf

UNION LOCAL

1999-2000



1st Row (Sitting): Craig Blevins, Nate Snyder, Josh Reitter, Tom Snyder, Jason Cattane

2nd Row (Kneeling): Ryan Tacosik, Micah Ellis, Jesse Schroeder, Jonathan Davia

3rd Row (Standing): Head Coach; Joel Davia, Mike Nagy, Dan Smolira, Troy Huml,
Mike Davis, Dennis Nardo, Asst. Coach; Wade Smolira

WRESTLING

The James H. Morris OVAC Wrestling Sportsmanship Award and Scholarship

A memorial tribute to James "Dead Eye" Morris was established by the Morris family and sons, Jeff and Gregg, (both former OVAC Wrestling Champions) in 1997 following his untimely passing.

In recognition of his long and abiding love for wrestling and his working commitment to the OVAC, the Morris family has determined that a perpetual tribute to his memory shall be in the form of an annual award and scholarship.

This is a unique award in that a plaque is presented to "a non-coach supporter of OVAC Wrestling" - "to say thank you for your support through the years." The recipient of this award will then have the privilege and distinction of "presenting a \$1,000 Scholarship to the wrestler recipient at the Annual OVAC Spring Awards Banquet."

To qualify for the scholarship, an OVAC wrestler must apply to be selected and recognized as the recipient of this Scholarship Award. The criteria used to determine the winner is structured to place great emphasis on Good Sportsmanship and a favorable evaluation of his academic and wrestling achievements.

A plaque, allowing for the listing of successive honorees, shall be prominently displayed, along with other OVAC awards.

It is obvious that much prayerful thought went into the decision to honor "Dead Eye" in this memorable fashion. It could only have been the product of individuals with an appreciation for and the experience of what this tournament is all about.



From the OVAC Wrestling Family to the Morris Family, "In sharing your loss, we further acknowledge and appreciate your generous contribution in a manner reflective of HIS compelling desire to give."

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS

- '97 - Tom Brannon & Ray McCool - Moundsville
- '98 - James & Bobbee Stepenon
- '99 - Dick Wolf - East Liverpool

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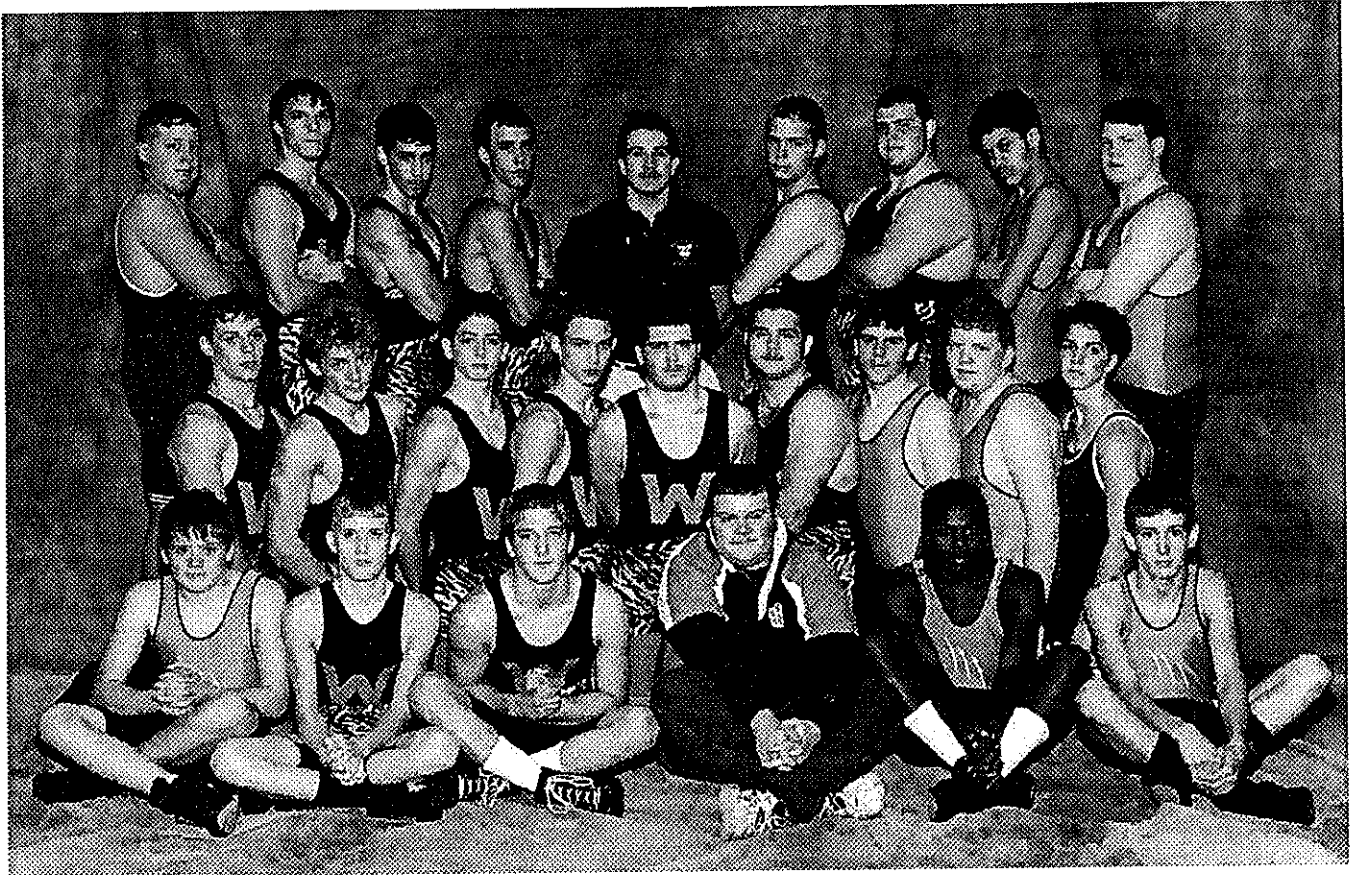
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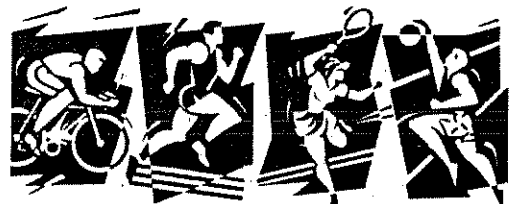
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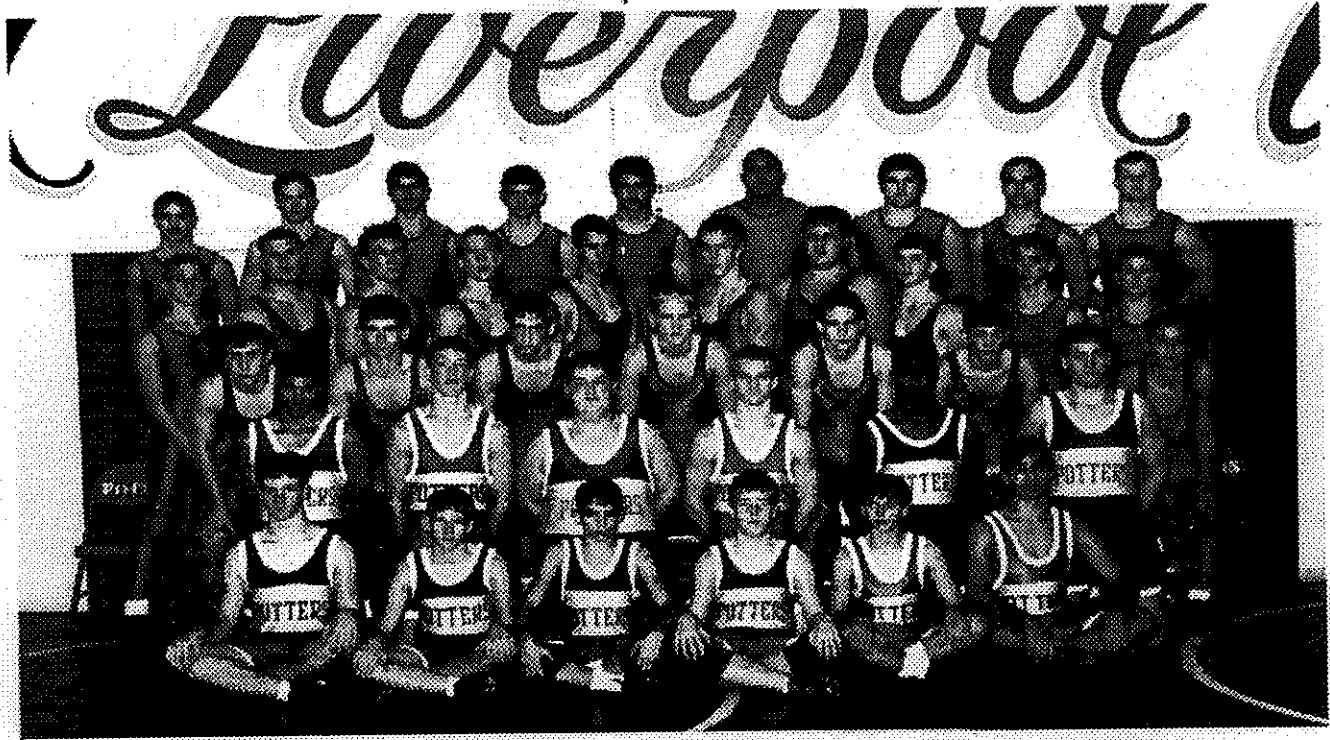
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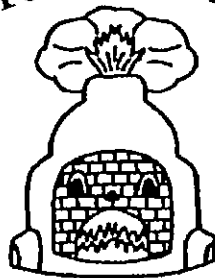
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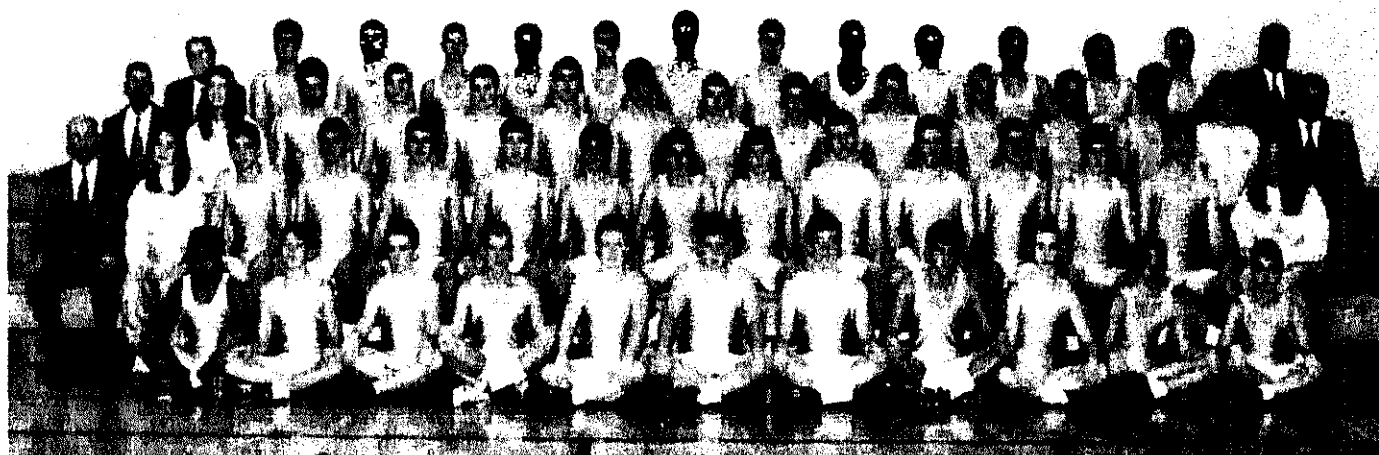
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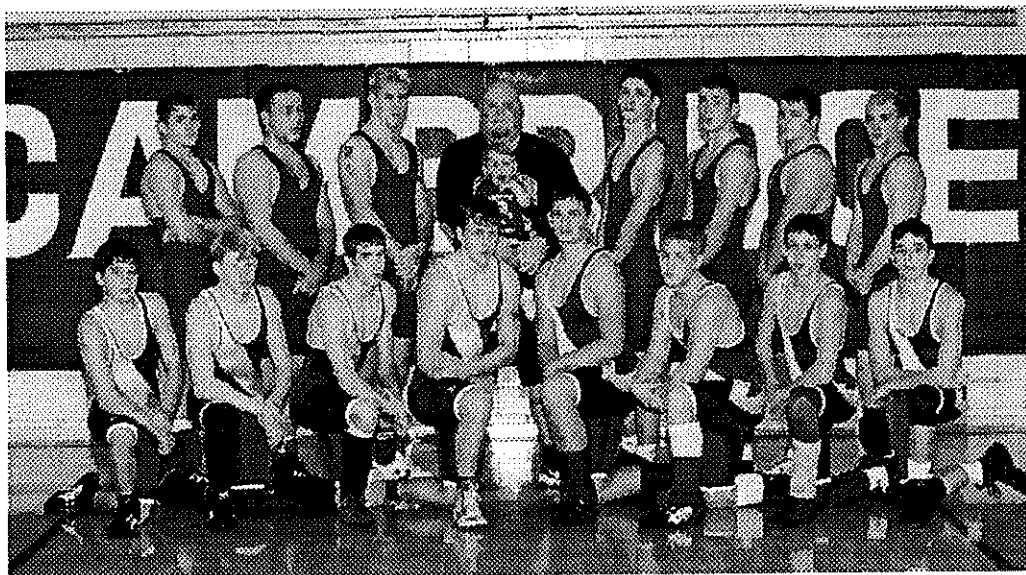


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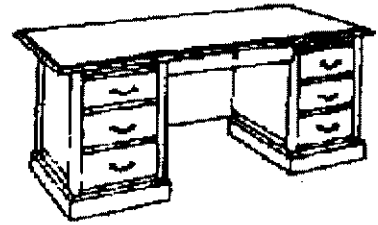
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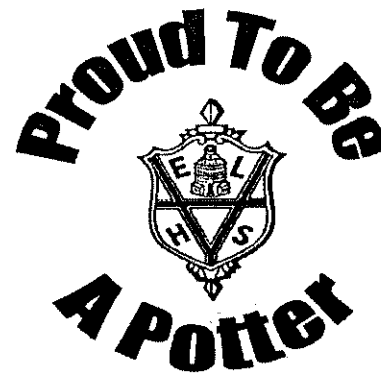
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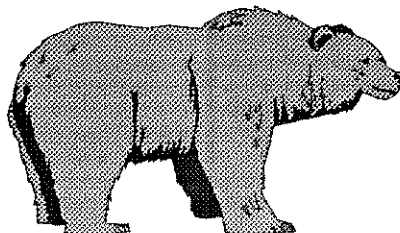
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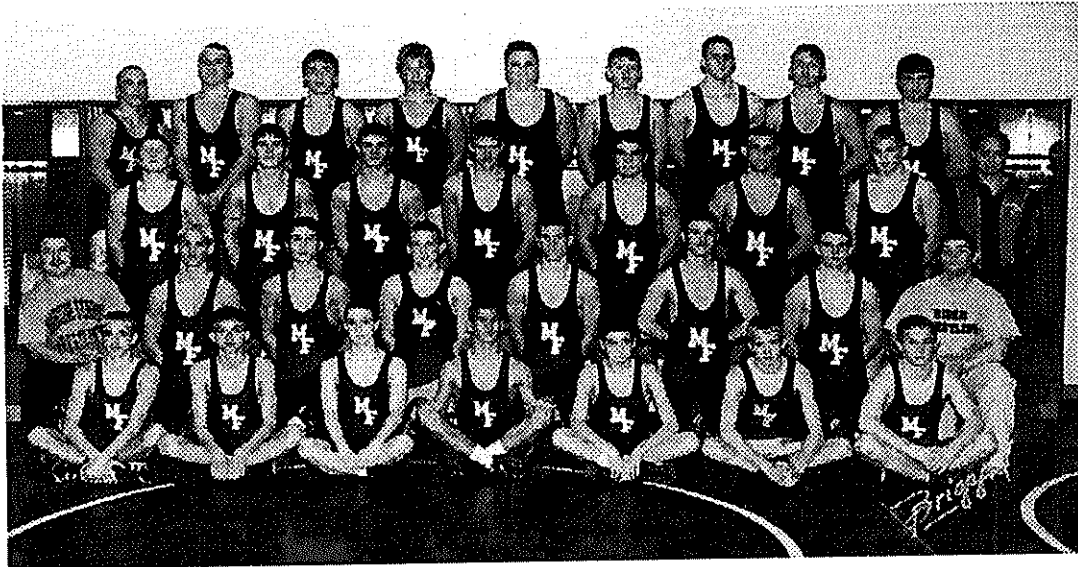
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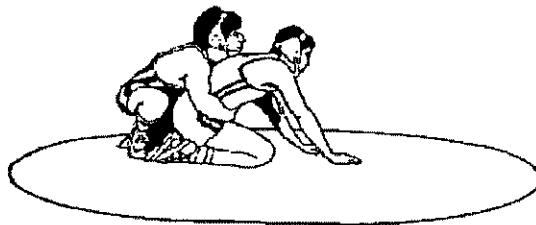
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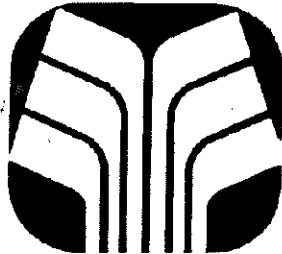
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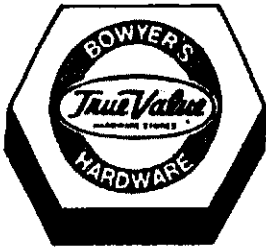
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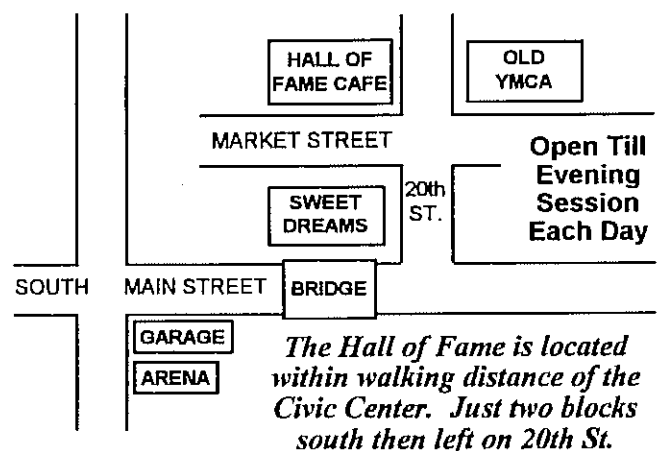
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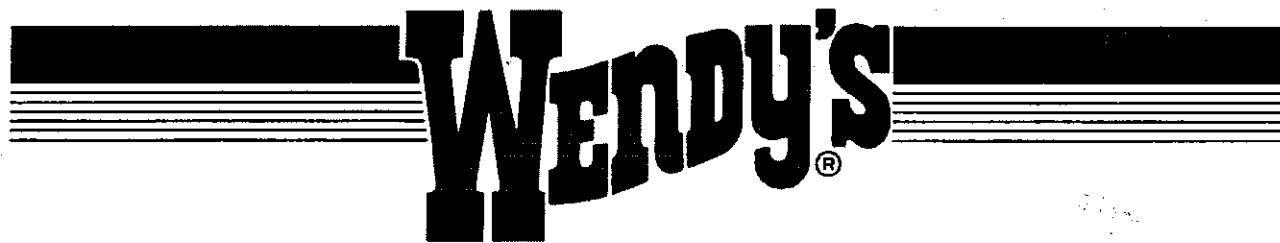
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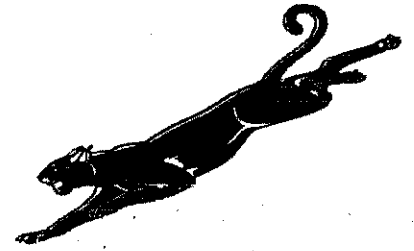
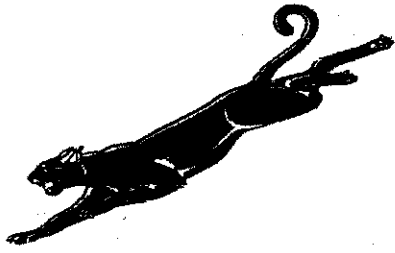


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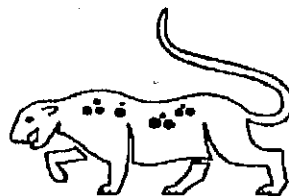
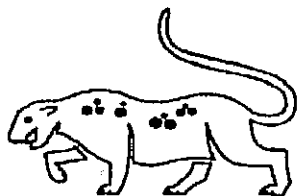
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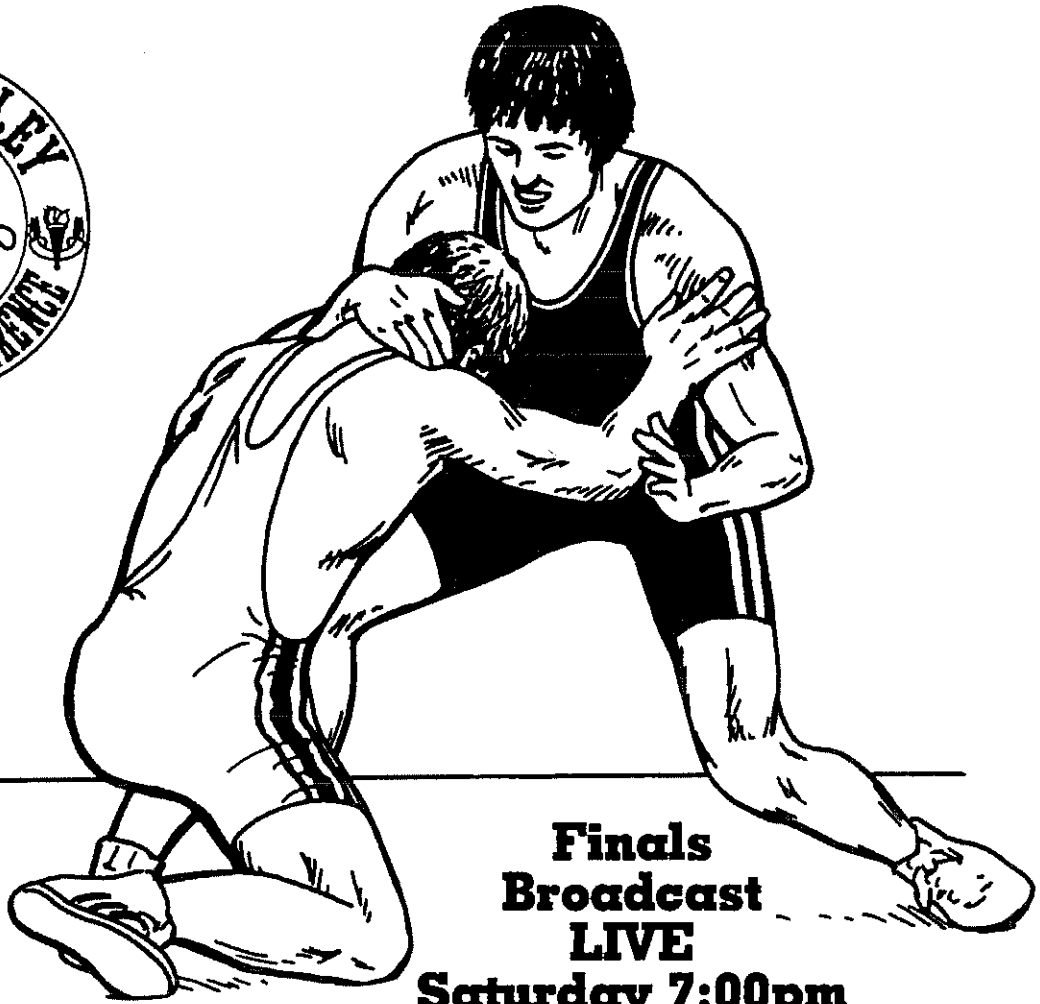
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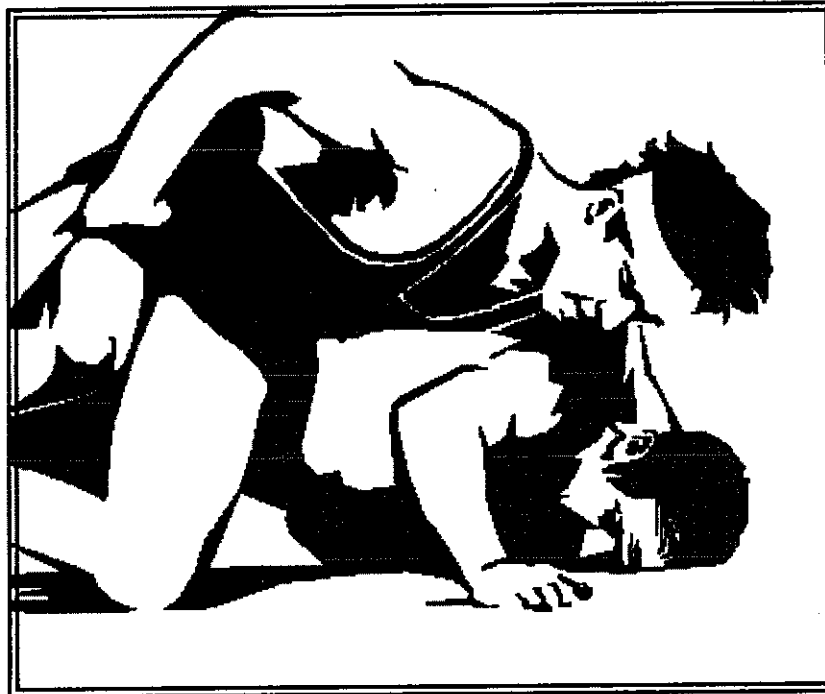
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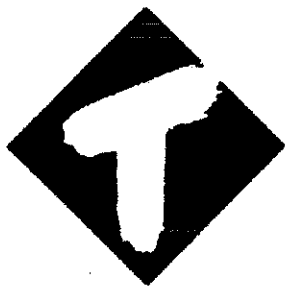
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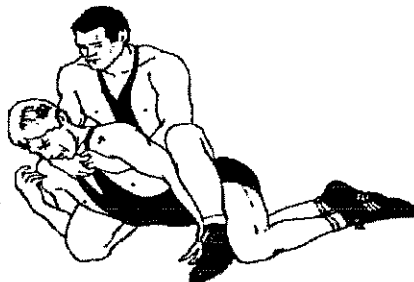
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