

## Pitt Coach To Be Speaker At Conference Spring Fete

Johnny Majors, Pitt football's "man of impact", has agreed to be the guest speaker at the spring awards dinner of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, scheduled for Tuesday night, May 15, at 7 p.m. at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium.

The appearance of the Panthers' new head football coach will serve as a highlight for the annual spring affair, which this year also marks the thirtieth anniversary of the OVAC.

Majors came to Pitt this past winter from Iowa State where he resurrected a Big Eight format, taking the Cyclones to bowl games the last two years.

He's already created renewed interest in Pitt football as the result of an extensive and apparently fruitful recruiting program.

"I'm a strong believer in people, that's why I'm here," Majors said at his first press conference after accepting the five-year contract offered by Pitt athletic director Cas Myslinski, a Steubenville native. "The people here have a strong commitment to football, within the framework of the university. They want to win," Majors added.

The Pitt situation appears hopeless to many people, especially after last season's 1-10 record which brought about the dismissal of Carl DePasqua as head coach. But five years ago Majors found himself in a similar situation at Iowa State.

The Cyclones were hardly recognized as a football power. Never in their long history had they been invited to a Bowl game and they were generally regarded as pushovers in the

rugged Big Eight Conference. Majors first two years there produced back-to-back 3-7 records but success appeared to be just around the corner. The following season the Cyclones were 5-6, with one of their wins coming over strong Missouri while a heart-breaking loss occurred at the



JOHNNY MAJORS

...banquet speaker

hands of Oklahoma in a 29-28 thriller.

In 1971, the biggest crowds in Iowa State history flocked to Ames to watch Majors' team roll to an 8-3 record and a Sun Bowl invitation. Both the AP and UPI selected Majors as the Big Eight coach of the year, as did *Gardner Magazine*. He also served as head coach of the North team in the annual Shrine Game played on Christmas night in Miami.

Last year the Cyclones made it to the Liberty Bowl despite a losing regular season record.

They were 5-2-1 at one stage, including a 23-23 tie with powerhouse Nebraska. However, injuries took their toll and the Cyclones wound up with a 5-5-1 mark.

Majors comes from the most famous football family in the state of Tennessee. His father was a highly successful coach at the University of the South. Two of his younger brothers, Bill and Bobby, were stars at the University of Tennessee.

The new Pitt mentor earned All-American honors at tailback for the Volunteers and playing on the 1956 squad which was 10-0 during the regular season and went to the Sugar Bowl. He finished second to Paul Hornung in Heisman Trophy balloting. Majors was twice named the MVP in the Southeastern Conference and still holds a number of school records. He is a charter honoree in the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Following graduation from Tennessee, Majors began his coaching career as an assistant at his alma mater. He moved to Mississippi State and in 1963 joined Frank Broyles' staff at the University of Arkansas as defensive backfield coach. In 1968 he accepted his first head coaching job at Iowa State.

Majors is married to the former Mary Lynn Barnwell, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The couple has two children, a son, John Ireland, 8, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, 6.

Tickets for the OVAC dinner, priced at \$5 each, are available at Kelly Mike's Sports Shop in Martins Ferry; Bernhardt Clothiers in Wheeling and Target Sporting Goods in Steubenville.

# Majors to Speak At OVAC Dinner

With the University of Pittsburgh's new head football coach, Johnny Majors, as principal speaker, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference spring dinner meeting will attract a near-capacity crowd to Glessner Auditorium at Oglebay Park's Wilson Lodge tonight.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the News-Register "coach of the year" trophy. The winner has been determined by vote of media representatives.

John Sorrenti, Weirton sportscaster, will be toastmaster at the dinner, during which basketball trophies will be presented to Steubenville Catholic Central (Class AAA), River (Class AA) and Linsly Institute (Class A); track trophies to John Marshall (Class AAA), Shadyside (Class AA) and Warwood (Class A); the swimming trophy to Linsly; and wrestling trophies to John Marshall (Class AAA dual meets and OVAC tournament) and Warwood (Class AA dual meets).

The Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award will go to the outstanding wrestler in the OVAC tourney, Dan Claugus, of Barnesville, and a special OVAC award to Warwood's two-time state champion, John Vdovjak, to recognize his feat of winning 50 straight matches.

Also featured will be the presentation of the Picoma and Morris Plan Bank scholarships.



JOHN SORRENTI  
... toastmaster

## Sorrenti To Emcee OVAC Fete

John Sorrenti, Weirton sportscaster, will be toastmaster for the thirtieth annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference spring dinner meeting, scheduled for Glessner Auditorium at Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park, on Tuesday, May 15.

Sorrenti has been affiliated with radio station WEIR in Weirton for the last 18 years and has been sports director for nine years. He is in great demand in the valley area as a toastmaster.

Also currently employed as purchasing agent for the Hancock County school system, Sorrenti is a 1956 graduate of Weir High and received his higher education at West Virginia University, Tulane University and The College of Steubenville. He is active in civic and professional organizations. He is a past president of the Weirton Rotary Club and has been an officer in the Knights of Columbus and Weirton Community Chest.

Married and the father of three children, Sorrenti will emcee a lively OVAC banquet program, which will be highlighted by the appearance of Pitt's new football coach, Johnny Majors, in the role of guest speaker.



## 'Major' OVAC Figures

'Major' dignitaries at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's spring sports fete at Oglebay Park Tuesday night were OVAC President Dan Finnell (left) of Brooke High, featured speaker Johnny Majors of Pitt (center), and Executive

Secretary Sam Mumtley of St. Clairsville High (right). Lou Nocida of Magnolia High was named as the Conference's 'coach of the year' at the dinner.

(Photo by Toxie)

# 6 Veteran Educators To Be Honored at OVAC's Banquet

Six veteran educators, all with backgrounds in coaching, will receive special awards at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference dinner meeting Tuesday night at Glessner Auditorium, Wilson Lodge, in Ogley Park.

Cited for their contributions to sports and for their service in the education of youth will be the following men:

Arthur E. "Butch" Jones, former head coach in three sports at Union High School and also a former basketball coach at Triadelphia High, where he also served as director of athletics. Retiring this spring, Jones has 35 years of service in the educational field.

Howard E. "Tiger" Flowers, former coach and athletic director at St. Clairsville High

Flowers, who revived football at St. C. in 1935, is retiring after 43 years in the St. Clairsville-Richland school system.

Warren Pugh, of Wheeling, who has spent 40 years in officiating in working football, basketball and track. He has labored at Madison Junior High, Warwood and Clay and has won 27 successive OVAC championships at Linsly Military Institute.

Ang Vaccaro, principal at Steubenville High for the last seven years and a veteran of 29 years in coaching, with a brilliant record in both basketball and football. He has been serving as vice-president of the OVAC during the current school year and has also been manager for Eastern Ohio basketball tournaments at St. John Arena in Steubenville. He is a member of the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame and the Ohio Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Harold G. "Abe" Martin, coach and teacher at McKinley Vocational and now principal at Warwood High. In 42 years of experience, he has never missed a day of school due to illness. President of the OVAC during the 1957-58 school year, he is retiring this spring.

Calvin J. Griffin, principal at St. Clairsville High School and former commissioner of football officials for the OVAC. One of the outstanding track meet referees in the state of Ohio and a former vice-president of the Ohio Track Coaches Association. A highly-successful track coach at Bellaire High before turning to the administration field, he is a member of the Ohio Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

Each of these honored educators will be recognized in special ceremonies. Dan Finell, principal at Brooke High and OVAC president, will present the awards to Jones and Martin; A. Wilson Murray, OVAC commissioner of officials, will make the

presentation to Pugh; William Thomas, Barnesville High football coach and a former athlete under Giffin at Bellaire, will present the award to the St. C. principal; Sam Mumley, OVAC executive secretary, will make the presentation to Flowers; and Donald Miller, OVAC immediate past president and the principal at Buckeye North High, will make the presentation to Vaccaro.

The dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, with John Sorrenti, sports director of radio station WEIR, as toastmaster and Johnny Majors, new head football coach at Pitt, as principal speaker.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Picoma and Morris Plan Bank Scholarships. Recipients will not be announced until the night of the dinner.

Steve Wojcik, president of the Wheeling Central Booster Club, will present the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award to Dan Claugus, of Barnesville, who was picked as the outstanding wrestler in the OVAC tournament.

A special award from the OVAC will go to John Vdovjak, two-time West Virginia state champion wrestler from Warwood who established an all-time Ohio Valley record with 50 straight victories.

Bill Hinegardner, coach of John Marshall's state wrestling champions, will receive the OVAC tourney trophy from Ben Rodriguez and the Class AAA dual meet trophy from Bill Davis, of Josten Co. Davis will also present the double-A dual meet trophy to Dick Edge, coach at Warwood. Isalys, of Bellaire, is providing pennants for the champion wrestling teams.

Jennings Martin, WTRF-TV sportscaster, will present the OVAC swimming championship trophy to Pugh while Bob Parrish, representing

Imperial Glass Corp., will present trophies to the basketball champions—Linsly (Class A), River (Class AA), and Steubenville Catholic Central (Class AAA) — with Coaches Don Woodward, Dick Potts and John Nese accepting. Pennants for the basketball champs will be provided by Tom Shelton, of Shelton Advertising Co.

Track and field trophies won last Saturday at Bellaire, will be provided for Warwood (Class A), Shadyside (Class AA), and John Marshall (Class AAA) with Coaches Don Minder, Jack Berger and Fred Tweedie Jr. accepting. Trophy donors are Mull Machine Shop, Fred Tweedie Sr., and the Times-Leader. Pennants will be furnished by Blue Ribbon Paint Co.

The News-Register award will go to the conference "coach of the year", as selected by the media.

The assemblage will hear second readings of proposed constitutional amendments, the first of which would require that a team need play only three games within the conference to be eligible for the football championship and the second of which would make the maximum enrollment rating for larger triple-A schools 60 points, instead of 50. Also to be heard will be the report of the nominating committee, which will recommend a slate of officers including Giffin, as president; Harry Chorpenning, Linsly Institute, vice-president; Mumley, executive secretary, and Steve Skocik, Bridgeport, and Bill Thomas, Barnesville, members of the executive board.

President Finell will also introduce representatives of the OVAC's new member schools — East Liverpool, Skyvue, Guernsey Catholic, Zane Trace, and Shenandoah.

Invocation and benediction will be by Rev. David Bovenizer.



Ohio Valley  
Athletic Conference

30th ANNUAL  
SPRING DINNER  
and  
AWARDS NIGHT

GLESSNER AUDITORIUM - OGLEBAY PARK

7:00 p.m. - Tuesday, May 15, 1973

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**SPRING DINNER and AWARDS NIGHT**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1973**

Glessner Auditorium - - - Oglebay Park

Featured Speaker: Mr. John Majors

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Mr. A. Wilson Murray ..... Football and Basketball

From the very beginning, Pitt Athletic Director Cas Myslinski wanted just one man--Johnny Majors. Myslinski and Pitt today have that man of "impact" who many knowledgeable football experts consider the finest young football coach in America.

Five years ago Majors took over an Iowa State job that seemed hopeless. The Cyclones had one of the worst football reputations in the country and had never in their long history been invited to a Bowl game. Majors changed all that; he put Iowa State on the football map.

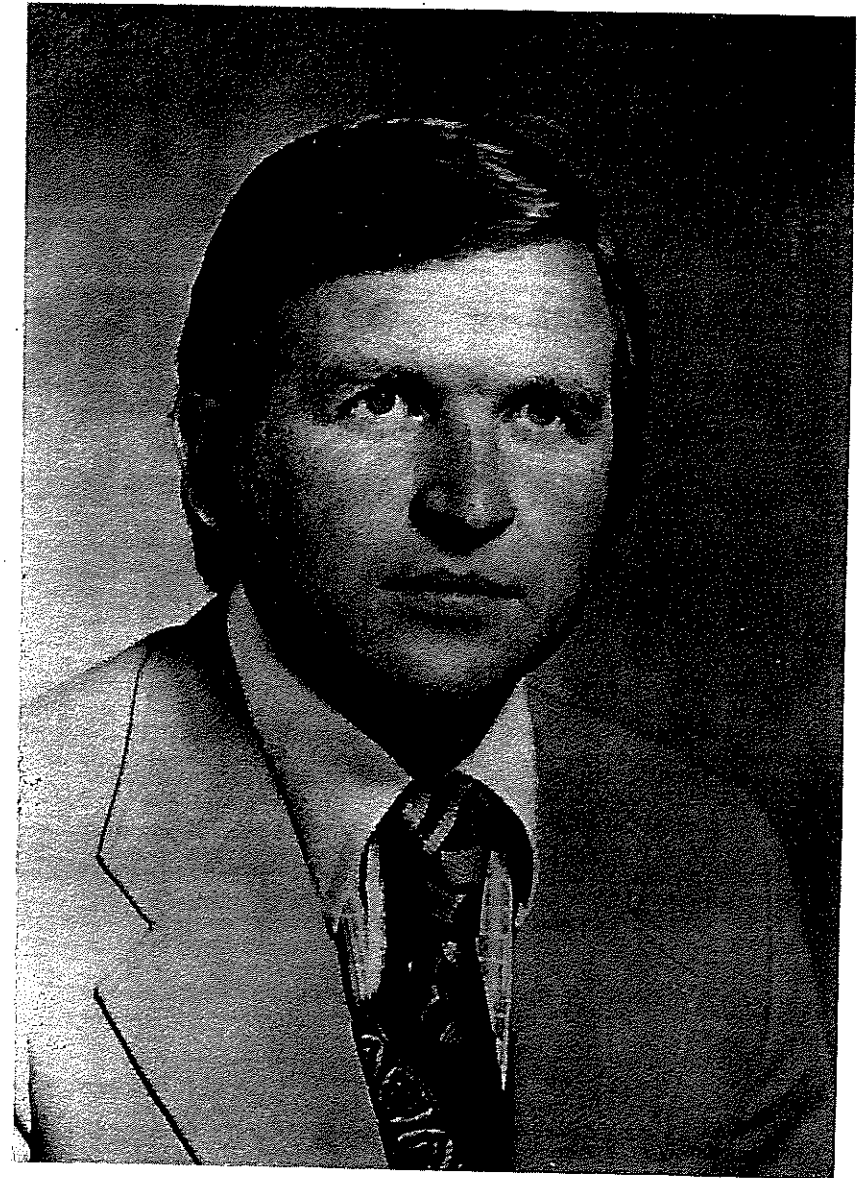
His first two squads were 3-7, but that was an improvement and the Cyclones were getting beat by respectable scores. The following year he was 5-6, with one of the victories coming over a strong Missouri team and one of the loses, a 29-28 heart-breaker to Oklahoma.

The following years Major's team rolled to an 8-3 record and an invitation to the school's first bowl in history. the Sun Bowl. For that he was named Big Eight Coach-of-the-Year by both wire services. Gridiron Magazine selected him Coach-of-the-Year and he was head coach of the north team in the Shrine North-South game.

This past season Majors made it two in a row by taking his squad to the Liberty Bowl. Iowa State jumped to a 5-2-1 record early in the year, including a 23-23 tie with mighty Nebraska. But injuries took their toll and the Cyclones finished with a 5-6-1 record. Still, Majors had directed Iowa State to its only two bowl appearances since the school began playing football in 1892.

John, though, was the biggest star. An All-American tailback at Tennessee, he led the Vols in 1956 to a 10-0 regular season record (Sugar Bowl) and finished second to Paul Hornung in the Heisman Trophy balloting. He was twice named MVP in the Southeast Conference, and still holds a number of Vol all-time records. For this he is a charter honoree in the Tennessee Hall of Fame.

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JOHN MAJORS

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

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*Program*

Welcome Address..... President Dan Finell

Invocation..... David A. Bovenizer  
Minister

Dinner .....

Introduction of Master of Ceremonies ..... Dan Finell

Master of Ceremonies ..... John Sorrenti  
Talented M.C. with WEIR Radio

Introductions .....

Main Speaker ..... Coach John Majors  
Head Football Coach - University of Pittsburgh

Presentation of Special Awards .....

Presentation of Conference Awards .....

Conference Second Readings and notes

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AND HALF TIME SHOW  
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# WHAT DOES A FATHER SAY TO HIS SON BEFORE HIS FIRST GAME

This is your first game, son.  
I hope you win.  
I hope you win for your sake  
not mine.  
Because winning's nice.  
It's a good feeling.  
Like the whole world  
is yours.  
But it passes, this feeling.  
And what lasts is what  
you've learned.

And what you learn about  
is life.  
That's what sports is all about.  
Life.  
The whole thing is played out  
in an afternoon.  
The happiness of life.  
The miseries.  
The joys.  
The heartbreaks.

There's no telling  
what'll turn up.  
There's no telling  
whether they'll toss you  
out in the first five minutes  
or whether you'll stay for  
the long haul.

There's no telling how  
you'll do.  
You might be a hero  
or you might be  
absolutely nothing.  
There's just no telling.  
Too much depends on chance.  
On how the ball bounces.

I'm not talking about the  
game, son.

I'm talking about life.  
But it's life that the game  
is all about.  
Just as I said.

Because every game is  
life.  
And life is a game.  
A serious one.  
Dead serious.

But that's what you do  
with serious things.  
You do your best.

You take what comes.  
You take what comes  
and you run with it.

Winning is fun.  
Sure.  
But winning is not  
the point.

Wanting to win is the  
point.  
Not giving up is the  
point.  
Never being satisfied  
with what you've done  
is the point.  
Never letting up  
is the point.  
Never letting anyone down  
is the point.

Play to win.  
Sure.  
But lose like  
a champion.  
Because it's not winning  
that counts.  
What counts is  
trying.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

COACH JOHN MAJORS

AND THE

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



FROM

BELLAIRE RELAYS

## THIS EVENING'S OVAC HONOREES

## AUTOGRAPHS

MR. CALVIN J. GIFFIN----- Past Commissioner of Football Officials for the OVAC. Presently the Principal, St. Clairsville High School.

MR. HOWARD E. FLOWERS - Former Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, St. Clairsville High School. Has served 43 years in the St. Clairsville-Richland Schools. Retiring this Spring.

MR. ARTHUR E. JONES ---- Former Head Coach in three sports at Union High School and Head Basketball Coach at Triadelphia High School. He has served as the Director of Athletics at Triadelphia. His service spans 35 years in education. Retiring this Spring.

MR. HAROLD G. MARTIN --- Began teaching and coaching at McKinley High School. Presently the Principal at Warwood High School. Has 42 years of experience and has never missed a day of school due to illness. President of OVAC in 1957-58. Retiring this Spring.

MR. WARREN PUGH ----- 30 years of service. Has taught at Madison Jr. High, Warwood and Clay. Has worked 40 years of Football, Basketball, and Track. Recently retired as Physical Ed. Instructor at Linsly. His Swimming teams have captured 26 consecutive OVAC Championships at Linsly. Retired 1972.

MR. A. J. VACCARO ----- Since his graduation from college, Mr. Vaccaro has taught all of his 35 years in the Steubenville City Schools; 29 years as a football, basketball and baseball coach and 7 as Steubenville High School Principal. Mr. Vaccaro was Vice-President of OVAC 1972-73. Retiring this Spring.



### *Morris Plan Scholarship*

The annual Morris Plan Bank scholarship award was presented to John Cline, of Barnesville High, Tuesday night at the OVAC banquet at Oglebay Park by Paul Donahie, at left, vice-president at Morris Plan. No. 1 in his class scholastically, Cline plans to use the \$500 scholarship toward his education in accounting at Eastern Kentucky University. He is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and scholarship teams and has been active in dramatics. He has played basketball for three years, football for three, baseball for two, and golf for one.



### *Picoma Scholarship*

The annual Picoma Scholarship Award was presented to William Cooper, of Toronto High School, Tuesday night at the OVAC dinner meeting by James Collins, representing Pipe Coupling Manufacturers Inc. Cooper won the \$750 award as an outstanding student-athlete. He has been a four-year letterman in track and football and has an outstanding academic record. Son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cooper, he plans to attend the University of Cincinnati.

### *Receive Awards*

John Vdovjak, two-time Warwood state champion who received a special conference award for scoring 50 straight victories over a two-year period to set an all-time valley record; and Art Lehr, Skyvue coach who established the record for consecutive victories which Vdovjak broke. The Josten Co. provided the wrestling team trophies. (N-R Photo by Jim Cochran)



### OVAC's Track Champions Rewarded

Coaches of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's three divisional track and field championship teams were presented with trophies and pennants for their schools during last night's conference spring dinner at Glessner Auditorium. Front-left to right, are Fred Tweedie, of Class AAA, champ John

Marshall, Jack Berger, who directed Shadyside's forces to the Class AA crown, and Don Minder, who coached Warwood to the single-A crown. Trophy donors are Mull Machine Shop, Fred Tweedie Sr., and the Times-Leader.

(N-R Photo by Jim Cochran)



### Bierkorte Award

The third annual Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award was presented to Dan Claugus, of Barnesville High Tuesday night at the OVAC dinner. The presentation was made by Steve Wojcik, at right, president of the Wheeling Central Booster Club, which sponsors the award. The trophy, established in memory of the late Dave Bierkorte, former Central mat star, is awarded to the outstanding wrestler in the OVAC tourney. Claugus pinned his way through the eliminations in winning the 175-pound championship.



### *Conference Basketball Champions Cited*

Trophies emblematic of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference basketball championships were presented at the annual OVAC dinner meeting Tuesday night at Glessner Auditorium. From left to right are Dick Potts, of double-A champion River High; John Nese, of triple-A titlist Steubenville Catholic Central; and Don Woodward, of single-A champion Linsly Institute. The trophies were presented by Imperial Glass and pennants furnished by Shelton Advertising. (N.R. Photo by Jim Cochran).





### *Veteran Educators Honored at OVAC Dinner*

Six veteran educators, all with coaching backgrounds, received special recognition at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference dinner meeting Tuesday night at Glessner Auditorium. From left to right are Calvin Giffin, principal at St. Clairsville High School; Arthur "Butch" Jones, of Triadelphia High; Warren Pugh, of Linsly Military Institute; Howard "Tiger" Flowers, of St.

Clairville; H. E. "Abe" Martin, of Warwood High; and Ang J. Vaccaro, of Steubenville. All but Giffin are retiring this spring from their school duties. Giffin, who last December resigned as the OVAC commissioner of football officials, will serve the conference as president during the 1973-74 school year.

(N-R Photo by Jim Cochran)