

OVAC Meeting Tonight

With Larry Barnett, American League umpire from Marion, O., as the guest speaker, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will have its annual winter dinner meeting tonight at the dining hall at Linsly Military Institute.

The smorgasbord will be spread before conference coaches, athletic directors and school administrators at 7 p.m.

There will be no business meeting prior to the dinner, as has been the custom in recent years. In addition to Barnett's talk, the program will feature the presentation of OVAC championship football trophies to Weirton (triple-A), Magnolia (double-A) and perfect-record Woodsfield (single-A). Coaches George Kovalick, Lou Nocida and Jay Circosta will accept in behalf of their respective teams.

John Marshall High will receive the conference cross-country award, with Coach Ron Canestra accepting.

Recognition will be paid to two veteran school officials who are now retired—Floyd Wright, long principal at Shadyside High School, and R. A. "Bob" Fox, former athletic director at Wheeling High. Wright is an OVAC past president.

The gathering will also be presented a report on the recent OVAC business gathering at which a number of issues of import to the league were considered.

Barnett will be introduced to the crowd by Emil Rubcich, assistant principal and athletic director at Marion Elgin High School. Rubcich was Barnett's high school coach. Rubcich was a basketball star at Union High School and West Liberty State College and coached at Dillonvale High.

Youngest AL Umpire Set To Speak at OVAC Fete

Larry Barnett, youngest umpire in the American League and an entertaining after-dinner speaker, will appear as the principal speaker at Thursday night's 31st annual winter meeting of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

A capacity turnout is expected for the highly-popular buffet affair which begins at 7 p.m.

Barnett umpired his first pro baseball game at the age of 18 when he broke into the Midwest League in 1964. Soon to be 29 years of age, the Nitro, W.Va., native joined the American League in 1964 and he's been there ever since. Barnett was selected to work the American League championship series between Detroit and Oakland in 1972 and he also worked this past season's five-game playoff involving Baltimore and Oakland.



LARRY BARNETT
... OVAC speaker

Appearing on the program with the 6 ft. 3 in., 225-pound

umpire will be Emil Rubich, Barnett's long-time friend who is now assistant principal at Elgin High School in Marion, O. A former Ohio Valley athlete and coach, Rubich will introduce the main speaker.

A report on the 1973 OVAC-Sponsored Ohio-West Virginia Charity all-State Football Game will be given by Game Director Rudolph Mumley, principal at Buckeye South High School.

Also highlighting the program will be the presentation of awards to this fall's divisional football champions and the cross country titlist in the OVAC. The football winners were Weirton (Class AAA), Magnolia (Class AA) and Woodsfield (Class A). John Marshall was the conference cross country champion.



Trophies Presented to OVAC Champions

Trophies were presented to Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions in football and cross-country Thursday night at the OVAC dinner meeting at Linsly Institute. From left to right are coach Jay Circosta, of perfect-record Woodsfield, with the Class A football award; coach George Kovalick, of Weirton, with the triple-A football trophy; coach Lou Nocida, who accepted the double-A grid award for Magnolia High for the second straight

year; and coach Ron Canestraro, of John Marshall, with the cross-country trophy. Trophy donors were WSTV-TV, Class A; Tri-State Asphalt, Class AA; Kelly Mike's Sports Center, Class AAA; and Dan-Dee Potato Chips, cross-country. Pennants were presented by the Wintersville Citizen newspaper.

(N-R Photo by Jim Cochran)



OVAC Plays Santa with Checks

Checks for \$1,700 each were presented by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference to two area colleges, three other schools, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Thursday night at the OVAC dinner meeting at Linsly Institute. The money came from profits from the second annual OVAC-sponsored all-star football game, played last August at Wheeling Stadium. From left to right are Dr. Louis A. Mazzoli, representing the Russell Nesbitt

School; Kara Bright, from the Ohio Valley Chapter of the FCA; Camden Michael, from the Belmont County School of Hope; Leonard Ingles, of the Jefferson County School of Bright Promise; athletic director Paul Baker of Wheeling College; athletic director Bob Goin of Bethany College, and the man who presented the checks, Rudy Mumley, all-star game director.

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IN THE limelight at Thursday night's dinner meeting of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference were, from left, Calvin Giffin, principal of St. Clairsville High

School and incumbent OVAC president; Emil Rubcich, ex-Benwood High and West Liberty State athlete now assistant principal at Marion Elgin High School who introduced the principal speaker; guest speaker Larry Barnett, youngest umpire in the American League; R. A. (Bob)

Fox, former athletic director at Wheeling High; Floyd V. Wright, recently-retired principal of Shadyside High School and a past president of the OVAC; and Rudy Mumley, principal of Buckeye South High School.

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Ump Gives Humorous Talk

Awards Given at OVAC Fete

Award presentations, a humorous address by the American League's youngest umpire, and a financial report on this year's Ohio-West Virginia All-Star football game were highlights of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference winter dinner meeting held Thursday night at Linsly Military Institute.

Floyd V. Wright, former Shadyside High School principal who was OVAC president in 1952-53, and R. A. Fox, former Wheeling High athletic director and scoreboard operator at the Island Stadium, were the individual honorees. Both veteran school officials are now retired.

OVAC football championship trophies and pennants were presented to Weirton (AAA), Magnolia (AA), and Woodsfield (A). John Marshall received a

cross-country award.

Guest speaker was Larry Barnett, at 28 the youngest umpire in the American League. The Marion (O.) native kept a capacity crowd chuckling during his humorous recounting of personal experiences on the baseball front.

Barnett was introduced by Emil Rubcich, ex-Benwood Union and West Liberty State athlete and currently assistant principal at Marion Elgin High School.

Rudy Mumley, principal of Buckeye South High School at Tiltonsville who served as director of the All-Star football game, reported a profit of \$12,457 which is shared by Wheeling and Bethany Colleges, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Russell Nesbit School, the School of Hope, and School of Bright Promise.