

# OVAC Presents Awards At Banquet Thursday

Awards will be presented to team champions in five sports during the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 38th annual winter banquet, which is scheduled for tomorrow night at the Linsly Institute cafeteria.

Several special awards are to be distributed at the buffet dinner affair, which starts at 7 p.m.

Football trophies and pennants will be presented to the following divisional champions: Class AAAA--Brooke; Class AAA--Steubenville Catholic Central; Class AA--Cadiz; Class A--Woodfield.

It's the fourth straight year for the Bruins to receive the "big school" trophy. Brooke capped a 10-2-1 season this year with a runner-up finish in the West Virginia Class AAA play-offs, bowing by 10-3 in the state finals to undefeated North Marion.

Ohio-side golf winners were St. Clairsville (Class AAAA), Buckeye South (Class AAA), Cadiz (Class AA) and Springfield (Class A). The Red Devil fairway betters emerged as the winner of the overall crown.

In cross-country, trophy recipients include Wheeling Park in four-A, Meadowbrook in triple-A and Buckeye Trail in the combined single-A and double-A divisions.

Wheeling Park also gained the girls' W. Va. side Large Schools Division crown for the fourth time in five years, while Weirton Madonna was a repeat winner in the Small Schools Division.

Ohio-side girls' volleyball champions were East Liverpool (Class AAA), Wellsville (Class AA) and Buckeye Trail (Class A).

Special awards will go to the recent retirees who also have spent years of service with the OVAC. They include

John Queses, former principal at Buckeye West; Paul Kalivoda, former teacher, coach and athletic director at Toronto High School; and Francis Sebring, who coached at Dillonvale and Steubenville Catholic Central.

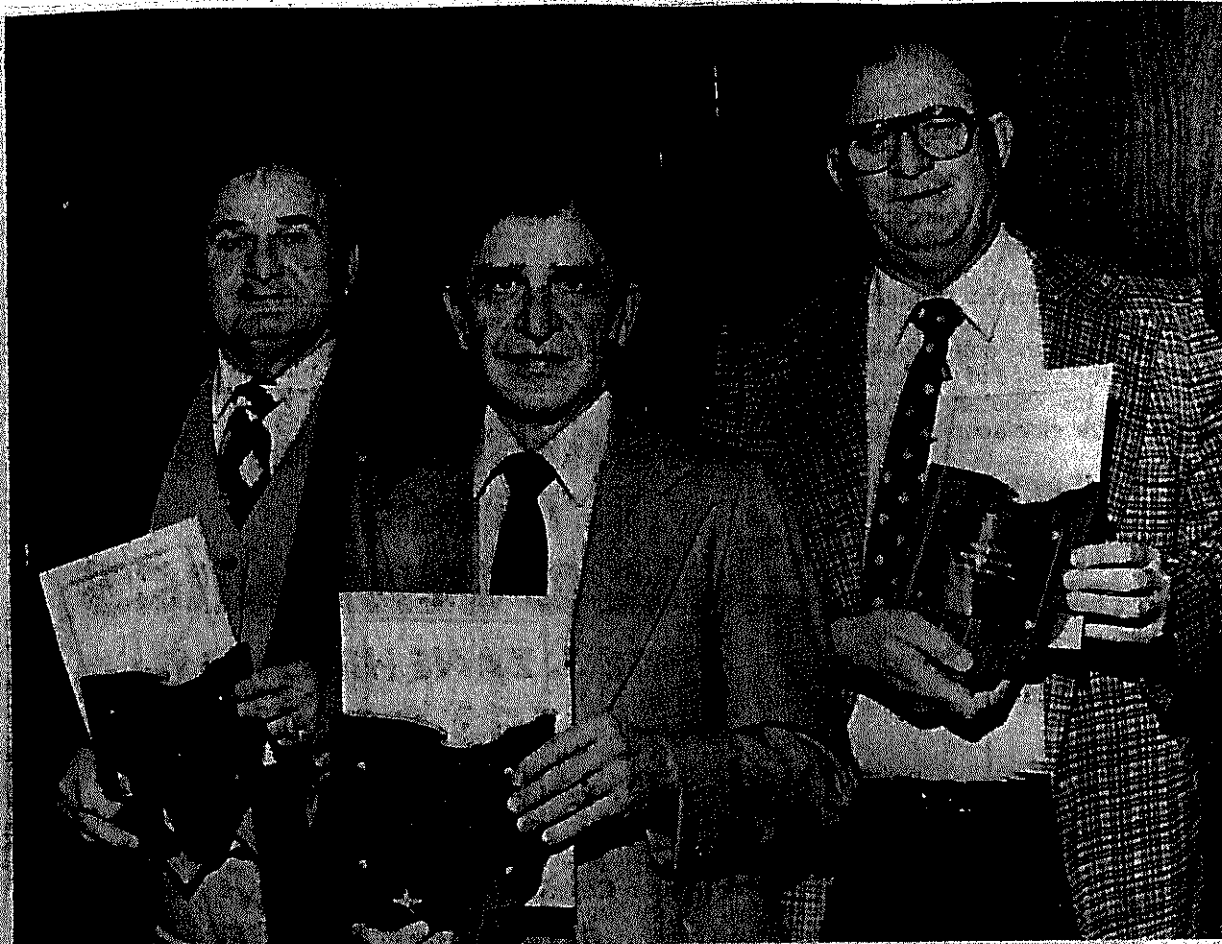
Rudolph Mumley, director of the Ohio-West Virginia Charity All-Star Football Game, will present monetary contributions from that contest to various Ohio Valley organizations. This list includes: Osiris Shrine Temple of Wheeling; Ed Stanko Memorial Award; Ohio Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Eastern Ohio Lung Association; Bellaire Relays; Northern Panhandle Mental Health; Brooke Hills Park; Russell Nesbitt School; Ohio County Special Olympics; American Hellenic Association.

Some \$21,660 was raised for the above organizations, increasing the total of money donated by the OVAC since taking over the All-Star Game in 1972 to over \$116,000.

Coaches to be recognized for their efforts during the recent football campaign include Lou Nocida, who took Sistersville to the West Virginia Class A championship; Bill McHugh of Buckeye South; Steve Deem of Paden City and Paul Billiard of Brooke. McHugh, Deem and Billiard also had their teams participate in post-season playoffs.

Nocida will offer a few remarks concerning the 12-1 title-winning campaign by the Tigers.

Also scheduled to speak is OVAC president Vince Paoletti, who is also principal at John Marshall High School.



**RECEIVING SPECIAL** awards from the OVAC upon their retirement were three former Eastern Ohio teachers, coaches and sports administrators. From left, are Paul Kalivoda of Toronto, and John Queses and Francis Sebring of

Buckeye West. All told, the trio combined for more than a century of service in the field of education and athletics. They were honored at the conference's 38th Winter Dinner Meeting held at Linsly Institute Thursday night.

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**OHIO-SIDE OVAC** golf awards were presented at the conference's winter dinner meeting Thursday night at Linsly. From left, are Steve Fusco of Springfield, Class 1-A; Shawn Bizzarri,

champion Cadiz; Bill Keller of Buckeye South, Class 3-A; and Richard (Lefty) Hall, veteran St. Clairsville coach whose Red Devils were Class 4-A and overall titlists.

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**EASTERN OHIO captured three of the four OVAC crowns in football this fall and head coaches accepted their awards at the winter dinner meeting Thursday night. From left, are Jay**

**Circosta of Woodsfield, Class 1-A; Rich Willinski of Steubenville Central, Class 3-A; Paul Billard of Brooke, Class 4-A; and Sam Fornasglio of Cadiz, Class 2-A.**

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**Pennants were presented Thursday night to the three schools which won Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cross-country championships. Seen at the OVAC dinner meeting at Linsly Institute are, left to right, Rusty Roberts, of Meadowbrook, the**

**three-A and overall titlist; Carl Bowman, of Wheeling Park, the four-A champion; and Keith Miracle, of Buckeye Trail, winner in the combined Class AA and Class A division.**

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