

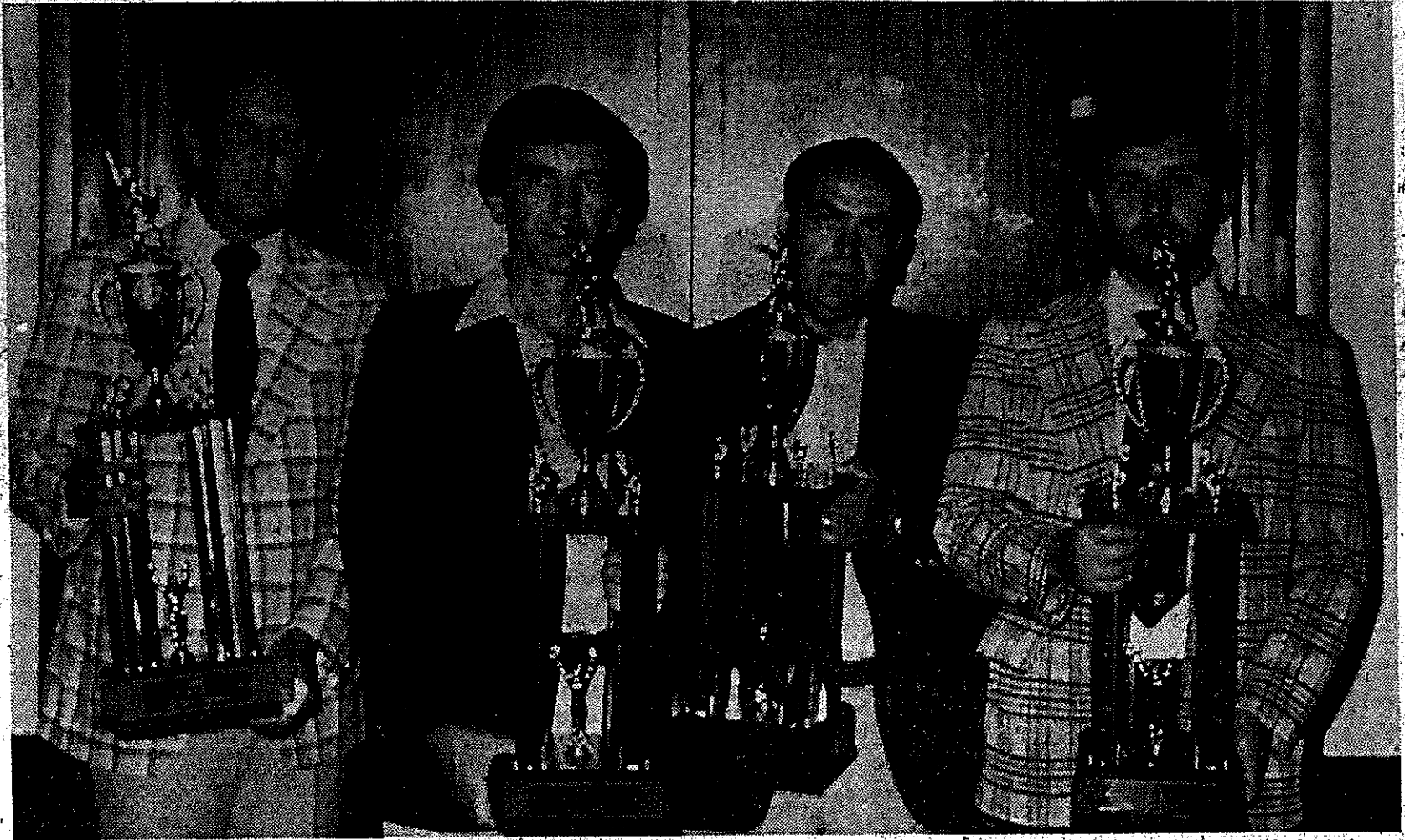
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Coaches of the 1980 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's divisional softball champions accepted awards for their respective schools at Tuesday's dinner held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Weirton. From left are John Kuczykowski of Class AAA champion Jefferson Union;

Tom Tribett, of Class A titlist Bishop Donahue; Susan Hall, head coach of Class AA titlist Barnesville and her husband, Larry Hall, who is the assistant coach of the Shamrock girls' team.

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Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball championship trophies were presented to the divisional winners during Tuesday night's fall meeting of the bi-state conference held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Weirton. From left, are Dave Cisar, coach of Magnolia High's Class AAA titlists; John Marshall principal and

OVAC president Vince Paoletti, who accepted for the Class AAAA champs and coach Bob Montgomery; Lenny Vinci, who piloted Buckeye South to the Class AA title; and Paul West, who coached Bishop Donahue to the single-A crown.

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*CHAMPIONS of Ohio-side girls' basketball for the 1980-81 season were honored at the OVAC's 39th annual Spring Awards Dinner at Oglebay Park. From left, are Joanne Hess of 3-A cham-*

*Champion St. Clairsville; Frank Wilson of 2-A titlist Toronto; and Bob Wilson of Class 1-A Kingpin Bridgeport.*

# OVAC Honors Team Champs



*OHIO SCHOOLS swept Ohio Valley Athletic Conference honors in boys' basketball last season. With their awards presented at the conference's spring awards fete at Oglebay Park Thursday night are, from left, Chuck Watt of 4-A*

*champion Steubenville, Henry Lazasz of 3-A titlist Buckeye South, Hank Morus of 2-A Kingpin Frontier and Terry Leggett of 1-A winner Buckeye Trail.*





## Basketball Sportsmanship Honorees

**THE OHIO Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials, through its executive secretary, Evan Reese, presented sportsmanship awards to four schools for the 1980-81 boys' season. From left, are Fred Tweedie, representing John Mar-**

**shall coach Tom Ackerman, Class 4-A; Rich Saffield of Union Local, 3-A; Endie Joseph representing Linsly coach Dan Petri, 2-A; and Terry Leggett of Buckeye Trail, 1-A.**

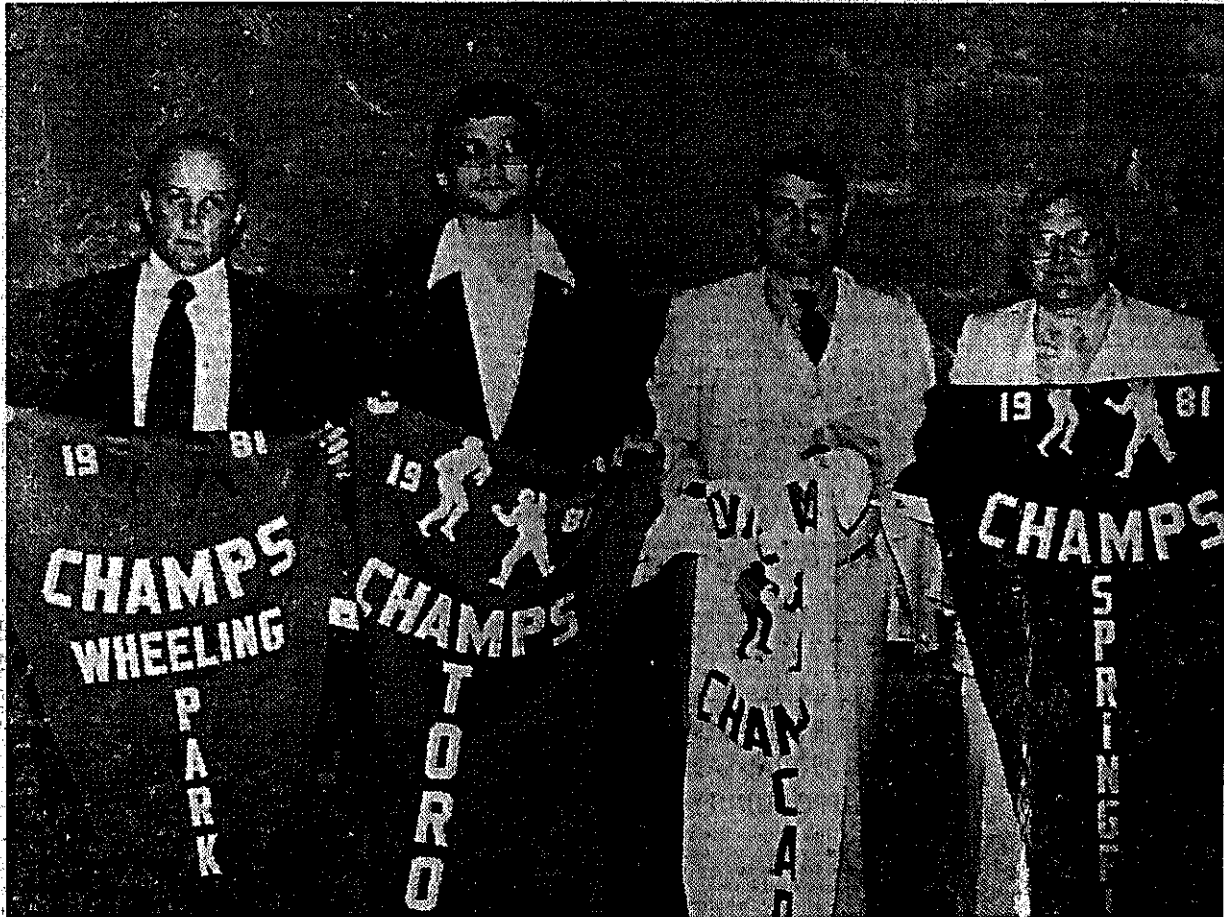
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**and a member of the Patriots' cross-country, swimming and track teams, and Bob Furr, Ohio Class A wrestling champion from Beallsville and fourth-ranking member of his graduating class receiving the wrestling mentors' award from Ron Mauck, OVAC wrestling chairman.**

**(News-Register Photo—Jim Cochran)**

## OVAC Honors Its Champions At Banquet



Coaches whose wrestling teams won dual meet championships in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference during the past winter received pennants in behalf of their respective schools at the OVAC spring dinner meeting Thursday night at Glessner Auditorium, Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park. From left to right are Eric Carder, retiring coach at Wheeling Park whose Patriot teams have won three state titles and

whose squad was the four-A champion of the conference; Dave DeFeice, Toronto, three-A; John Stephenson, Cadiz, double-A; and Rich Gregor, Springfield, single-A. All conference pennants were donated by John Tonkovich. Stephenson also received the OVAC wrestling coaches award as his team was over-all team titlist in the conference tournament.

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SEVEN DVAC champions in track and field were crowned this month and coaches of the winning teams received their pennants at the conference's spring fete at Oglebay Park Thursday night. Front row, from left, are coaches of the winning boys' teams, Dick Del of Wheeling Park, 4-A; Gordon Downie of Martins Ferry, 3-A;

Eudie Joseph of Linsly, 2-A; and Bob Burton of Faden City, 1-A. In back, are coaches of the champion girls' teams, Monte Miller of St. Clairsville, Class 4-A; Rusty Roberts of Meadowbrook, 3-A; and Tony Kovalesky of Springfield, Classes 2-A, 1-A.

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VETERAN official Joe Gill of Bellaire, left, was recipient of the Calvin Giffin Memorial Award at the 39th annual DVAC Spring Awards Dinner at Oglebay Park Thursday night. Gill was recognized for his nearly three decades of contributions to track and field. Award donor Tony Sperandio of Cambridge made the presentation.



*TWO SPECIAL presentations were made during the 39th annual OVAC Spring Awards Dinner at Oglebay Park Thursday night. Guest speaker Brig. General Richard F. Abel displays the "Spirit of Freedom" scroll he received from Joseph Funk of Wellsburg, third from left, while former St. Clairsville*

*resident John Stanko, a product of old Seton Central High in Lafferty, second from right, displays the OVAC "coach of the year" award in recognition of his leading Bishop Donahue High to the West Virginia Class A basketball title. Other dignitaries at the fete included*

*Sam A. Mumley Sr., left, executive secretary of the OVAC; Ed Chlebak, second from left, the new head football coach at Kent State University who was a special guest; and Rudolph Mumley, right, dinner chairman.*

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**RECIPIENTS** of special awards from the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference during its 39th Spring Awards Dinner were, from left, Boyd Nelson, chief photographer of *The Times Leader* in recognition of his more than 30 years of service

to high school athletics; Wilson Murray, retiring after serving as conference commissioner of officials; and Fr. John Lester, principal of Bishop Donahue High and former OVAC president who is being transferred to another assignment.

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Named as winner of the News-Register Award as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference "Coach of the Year" at the OVAC spring banquet Thursday night at Glessner Auditorium, John Stanko receives a congratulatory award from his wife, Sue, look-

ing on is Barbara Stanko, mother of the Bishop Donahue coach who piloted his basketball team to the West Virginia state Class A championship.

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