

OVAC to hold dinner tonight

The annual OVAC Winter Awards Dinner will be held as scheduled this evening at Linsly School, with the buffet-style event starting at 7.

Sam A. Mumley Sr. of St. Clairsville, the conference's executive secretary, this morning expressed hope the inclement weather would break enough this afternoon to make traveling conditions better.

"We simply couldn't find another date to reschedule the dinner," Mumley said. "I've contacted all dinner principals and they assured me they'll be in attendance."

Guest speaker will be Jerry Sandusky, long-time linebacker coach at Penn State University who has developed numerous top-notch professional players.

Several special honors will feature the program. Among those to be recognized is George Mullett, retired principal at Magnolia High who held several positions with the OVAC.

Gordon Hennebert of Mt. Pleasant who is president of the OVAC Foundation, will make special presentations to Paul (Bud) Billiard, head football coach at Brooke High and president of the Ohio Valley Football Coaches Association; Reno Saccoccia, coach of Steubenville's 13-0 record Big Red football team which captured the Ohio Division II championship; and Lou Nocida, coach of Sistersville's West Virginia Class A champion football club.

Awards for fall sport championships will be presented. They are:

Football — Brooke, 4-A; Steubenville Central, 3-A; Buckeye South, 2-A; St. John Central, 1-A.

Golf — Steubenville, 4-A; Steubenville Central, 3-A; Cadiz, 2-A; Springfield, 1-A.

Cross Country — John Marshall, 4-A; Magnolia, 2-A; Cadiz, 2-A—1-A; Wheeling Park, girls' overall champion.

Ohio-Side Volleyball — Steubenville Central, 3-A; Buckeye Trail, 2-A; Shenandoah, 1-A.

West Virginia-Side Girls' Basketball — John Marshall, 4-A—3-A; Bishop Donahue, 2-A—1-A.

Rudy Mumley, director of the annual OVAC Charity All-Star Football Game, will announce recipients of proceeds from last August's game. More than \$20,000 will be contributed to various Ohio Valley charities.