

OVAC to hold 42nd annual Winter Meeting Thursday

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 42nd annual Winter Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday at Linsly Institute.

Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker coach Jed Hughes will address the audience as well as the presentation of awards by the conference.

Conference champions will be presented in the following sports: Cross Country, (Skyvue, Magnolia, John Marshall and Shadyside); Golf, (Woodsfield, Linsly, Steubenville Central, St. Clairsville); Ohio-side volleyball (Skyvue, Buckeye Trail, East Liverpool); West Virginia-side girls' basketball (Weirton, John Marshall); Football (Mingo, Cadiz, Wheeling Central, John Marshall).

Special presentations will also be made to Mark Huffman of Skyvue High School, 1984 OVAC Baseball Coach of the Year; Karen Dash of Wellsville, 1985 Ohio-side Volleyball Coach of the Year; David Thomas, defensive back of the St. Clairsville Red Devils, recipient of a schol-

arship presented by the Ohio Valley Board of Approved Football Officials.

The following organizations will also be recognized by OVAC Charity Football Game Chairman Rudy Mumley: Osiris Shrine, Robert Kettlewell Memorial, Wheeling Hospital Dialysis Center, Wheeling Society for Crippled Children, Ohio Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and McDonald's-OVAC All-Star Band.

Schools are reminded to get their reservations in to Rudy Mumley no later than Tuesday. A large crowd is expected and there are quite a few schools who have not responded to making reservations.

Schools are also reminded that the date of the OVAC-IGA Car Raffle has been extended from Jan. 25 and they should so inform those in their school and community.

All tickets, stubs and money are to be returned to OVAC Executive Secretary, S.A. Mumley, Sr. by Jan. 15.

Array Of Awards To Be Presented At OVAC's Banquet

The presentation of fall sports awards and the appearance of Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker coach Jed Hughes will highlight the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 42nd annual Winter Dinner Meeting Thursday night at Linsly.

Festivities will get underway when the meal is served at 7 p.m. with the program to follow.

Although Hughes, a 37-year-old native of New York City, is in only his second year at the helm of the Steelers' linebacking corps, his arrival has coincided with the rise to prominence of such stalwart stoppers as Pro Bowler Mike Merriweather and Bryan Hinkle.

Pittsburgh is near the top of the heap in almost every defensive category this season and much of the credit is being given to the job Hughes has done since leaving his post with the Minnesota Vikings after the 1983 season.

The OVAC will present awards to the winning schools in the following sports — football, West Virginia-side girls' basketball, golf, cross-country and Ohio-side volleyball — and there will be several special presentations as well.

The conference will honor Skyvue baseball coach Mark Huffman for being selected as the OVAC's 1985 baseball coach of the year and Wellsville's Karen Dash for being named Ohio-side volleyball coach of the year. Both recipients were voted on by their fellow coaches.

Another high point of the evening will come when David Thomas, a senior defensive back for George Strager's undefeated St. Clairsville football team, is presented the Ohio Valley District Board of Approved Football Officials scholarship by Tom Bechtel.

Finally, OVAC Charity All-Star Football Game chairman Rudy Mumley will make special presentations to the following sponsors — Osiris Shrine, Robert Kettlewell Memorial, Wheeling Hospital Dialysis Center, Wheeling Society for Crippled Children, Ohio Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the McDonalds-OVAC All-Star Band.

Cross-country awards will be presented by the donor, Dr. Donald Hofreuter, with the boys' 4-A to be accepted by Coach Tim Davis of John Marshall, the 3-A by Coach Wayne Fetty of Magnolia, and the AA-A to Coach Phil Ackerman of Skyvue.

The OVAC Foundation will award the golf trophies, with Coach Dick Hall of St. Clairsville accepting the 4-A, Coach John Nese, of Steubenville Central; the 3-A, Coach Dan Petri, Linsly, the AA, and Coach Larry Koslik, Woodsfield, the Class A.

The foundation will also present the Ohio-side volleyball awards to Coach Bob Shansky of East Liverpool (AAA), Coach Rod Johnson of Buckeye Trail (AA), and Coach Adrienne Burkhart of Skyvue (A).

West Virginia-side girls' basketball awards, presented by the OVAC Basketball Coaches and the foundation will go to Coach Stan Blankenship for his John Marshall team (AAAA-AAA) and to Coach Paul Haught of Weirton Madonaj (AA-A).

The football trophies will be presented to Coaches Mike Linsky of John Marshall (4-A), Terry Edwards of Wheeling Central (3-A), Vince Suriano of Cadiz (2-A), and Mike Herrick of Mingo (A). Donors are the St. Clairsville Saints Club (AAAA), Carl Moreland (AAA), Dr. Crist Strovilas (AA), and Paul Kalivoda (A). The OVAC foundation will supply pennants.

In a brief business meeting, there will be a second reading for the OVAC constitution and by-laws.

Schools planning to have their personnel attend the dinner meeting are reminded to return their reservations to Mumley no later than Tuesday as a large crowd is anticipated.

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For the first time in four years, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will feature a guest speaker at its Winter Meeting which will be held at Linsly Institute on Thursday, December 5th, with the famous Linsly Buffet being served at 7:00 P.M.

Our guest speaker will be Assistant Coach, Jed Hughes of the Pittsburgh Steelers. This marks another first in that the OVAC has not had a professional coach in any capacity to address the Winter Dinner. We are very honored with Coach Hughes acceptance for this affair as he has great rapport with young people as well as coaches and players.



JED HUGHES
Outside Linebacker Coach

Jed Hughes, a former defensive coordinator at UCLA and Minnesota Vikings' assistant, is now in his second season as outside linebacker coach, a position which produced Pro Bowler Mike Merriweather, a major Steeler story last season. Hughes, 37, teams with inside linebacker coach Dennis Fitzgerald.

With Robin Cole's move inside, Hughes' outside linebacking corps included Merriweather, a second-year starter, and Bryan Hinkle, a starter for the first time as well as inexperienced young backups. Merriweather, a former No. 3 pick, exploded for a team record 15 sacks, led the team in tackles and was selected to his first Pro Bowl. It was the 15th consecutive season the Steelers had placed a linebacker in the prestigious game. Hinkle, the team's interception leader among linebackers, played standout football as a member of the league's No. 5 rated defense. Hughes also found time to get Craig Bingham and Todd Seabaugh some playing experience.

Hughes coached the Vikings defensive secondary (1982-83) before coming to the Steelers. His background also includes 11 years in the collegiate ranks at Stanford, Michigan and UCLA. His coaching career began at Biglerville (Pa.) High (1970). In 1971 and 1972, he coached first the offensive and then defensive lines at Stanford before going to Michigan as offensive line coach for a season and linebacker coach for three years (1973-75). At UCLA (1976-81), Hughes coached the inside linebackers and defensive line before being named defensive coordinator.

The New York City native holds a bachelor's degree in Biology and Physical Education (1970) from Gettysburg College. He has a master's in Education from Stanford (1972) and a Ph.D. in Education Administration (1975) from Michigan. Hughes was a two-year starter in both football and baseball in Gettysburg. He served in the U.S. Navy following high school, receiving an honorable discharge in 1970. He won 10 high school letters and was a three-time all-state baseball player.

PERSONAL: Full name: John Edward Hughes. Date of birth: November 14, 1947 in New York, N.Y. Married, wife Carol. The Hughes live in the North Hills.