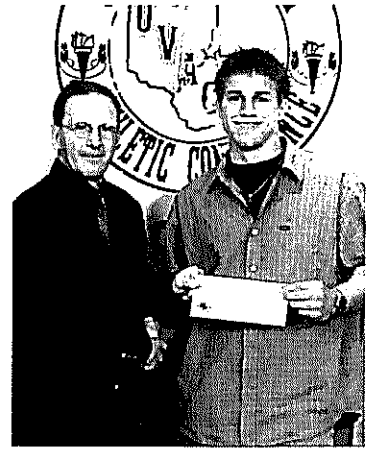


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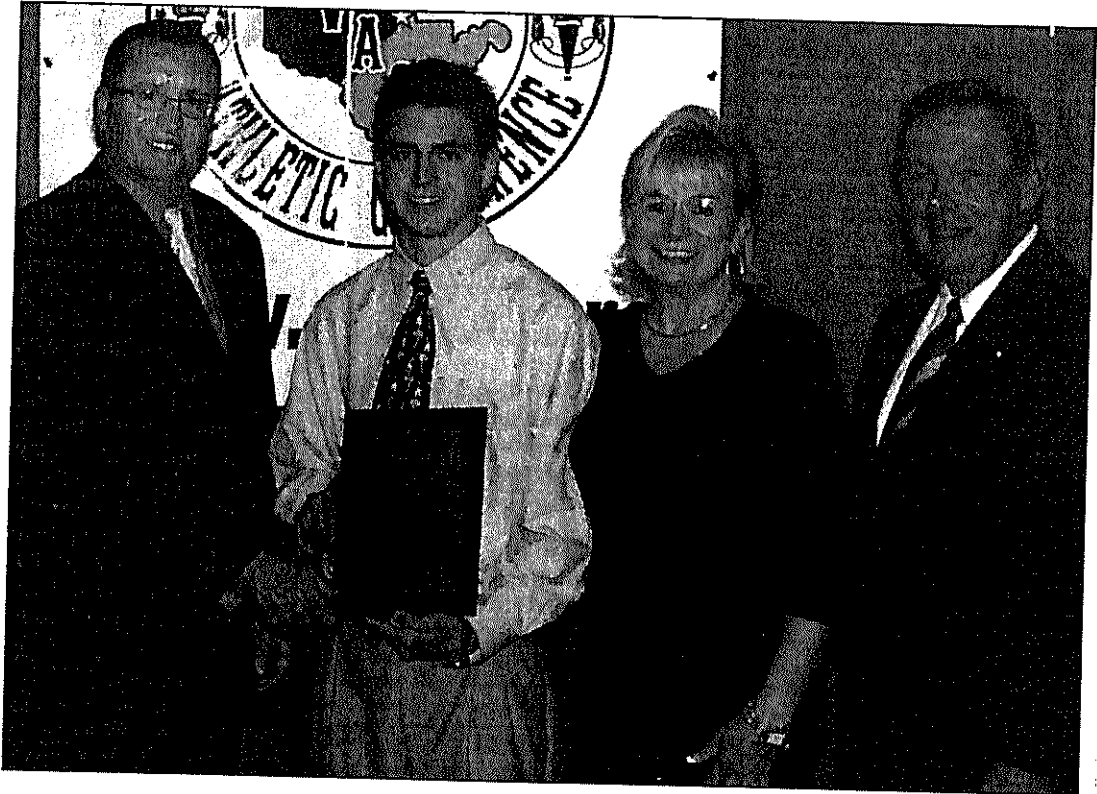


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## *Pilney Scholarship*



**RECEIVING THE** Douglas Pilney Memorial Golf Scholarship at the recent OVAC Banquet of Champions was Jerome Panacci, second from left, from Weirton Madonna. Presenting the award to Panacci is Jon Jones, PGA professional at Youngstown Country Club. At right are Mr. & Mrs. Milan Pilney, parents of Doug Pilney, a former Buckeye Local golfer killed in an accident several years ago.

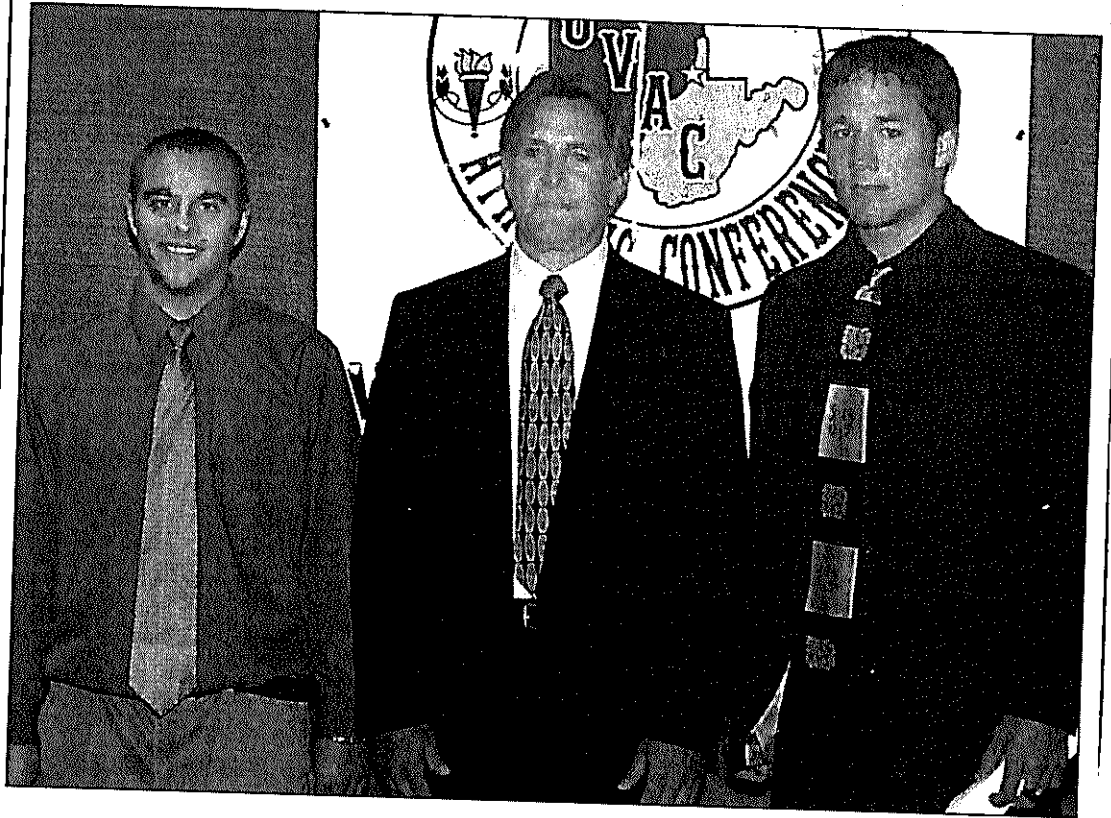
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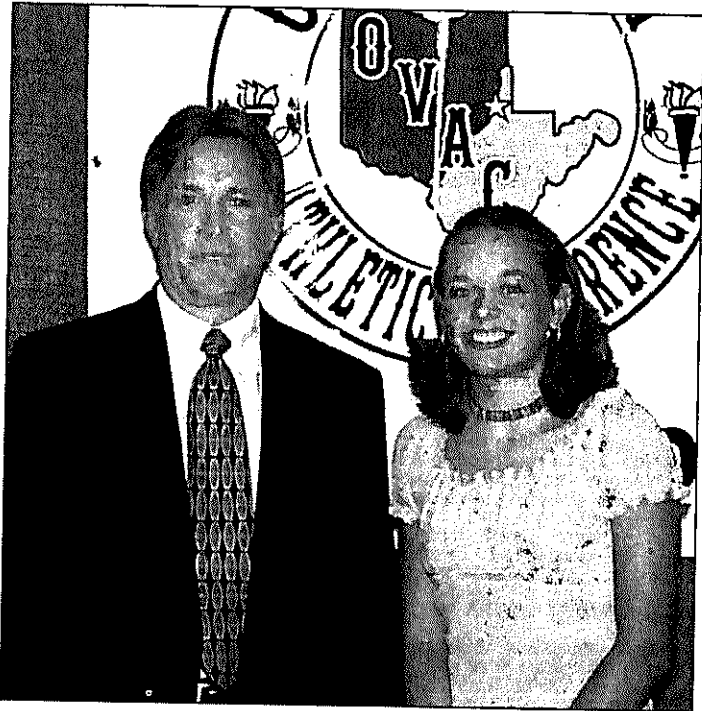
**RECEIVING** The Daniel M. Burke Award from Pete Cuffaro is Buckeye Local's David Bertolino during Monday's OVAC Banquet of Champions. T-L Photo/MIKE HARVILLA

# OVAC Banquet



**RECEIVING THE** Henry Lazasz Basketball Scholarships at the recent OVAC Banquet of Champions were Beallsville Zac Burkhart, left, and Wheeling Central's Eric Stephens. The scholarships were presented by John Stanko, OVAC All-Star Game director. T-L Photo/MIKE HARVILLA

## Scholarship winner



**RECEIVING THE** Richard Potts Basketball Scholarship at the recent OVAC Banquet of Champions was Shadyside High's Tristin Miracle. She is pictured with OVAC Basketball Classic Game Director and Shadyside High guidance counselor John Stanko. T-L Photo/MIKE HARVILLA



## Banquet Of Champions Set May 19

Presentation of the Bill Van Horne/News-Register Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year Award will highlight the 18th annual OVAC Banquet of Champions scheduled for May 19 at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:30.

Last year's conference coach of the year was Craig Schneid, the boys' track coach at Magnolia High School.

Other special awards include the Dave Bierkorte Award, which goes to the athlete voted the outstanding wrestler of the 2003 OVAC Wrestling Tournament; and the Cal Giffen Memorial Track Service Award. The wrestling award winner was David Bertolino of Buckeye Local High School.

More than \$15,000 in scholarships will be presented during the evening, including a new award. WesBanco will be awarding two scholarships, having added the Steve Hanig Memorial Soccer Scholarship to its sponsorship program.

Others presenting scholarship include: Kroger's, the Henry Lazasz and Richard Potts Basketball Scholarships (4); Bodkin, Wilson & Kozicki Soccer; Ollie Olson/OVAC Track & Cross-Country Memorial; Ohio Valley Football Officials; Samuel A. Mumley Scholarship; OVAC Swimming Scholarship; George Kovalick Memorial Scholarship; Douglas Pilney Memorial Scholarship; OVAC Cheerleading (2); Daniel M. Burke Memorial, and the Richard "Dead-Eye" Morris Memorial

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All teams which have won OVAC titles this school year will be honored. The OVAC Coach of the Year will be announced that night.

In addition, some \$15,000 in scholarships will be presented. The following scholarships will be presented at the banquet:

Kroger, Henry Lazasz Basketball (2), Pepsi-Cola, Bodkin Wilson & Kozicki Co. Soccer, Ollie Olson/OVAC Track & Cross Country Memorial, Ohio Valley Football Officials, Samuel A. Mumley, OVAC Swimming Scholarship, George Kovalick Memorial, Richard Potts Basketball (2), Douglas Pilney Memorial Golf, OVAC Cheerleader (2), Daniel M. Burke, Dead Eye Morris, Wesbanco (2) as well as the Dave Bierkorte Award and the Cal Giffen Memorial Track Service Award.

Pepsi, Wendy's and Kroger are the major sponsors for the event which begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Pre-dinner music is being provided by the Buckeye Local High School Jazz Band.

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Also highlighting the evening will be the presentation of 58 banners to schools winning division championships in 10 boys sports and nine girls sports.

Invited back to attend the Banquet of Champions are the surviving former OVAC presidents. So far, a total of 11 have responded to invitations extended by the conference. They include Harry Chorpenning, Ray Cook, Don Donatelli, Dick Edge, Dan Finell, Warren Grace, Don Haskins, Steve Kish, Don Miller, Eugene Remenar and Steve Skocik.

Tickets are priced at \$13 and must be purchased in advance. None will be sold at the door the night of the dinner. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets must call Banquet Chairman Ron White at (304) 277-3599.

Pre-dinner music will be provided by the Buckeye Local High School Jazz band. Scott Nolte, sports director of WTRF-TV again is the master of ceremonies for the evening.

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