

Sports

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Cleaning out the files

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CLIPBOARD NOTES: Dallas football coach Ron Rybak has realigned his staff. Chuck Suppon will act as his top aid and will run the overall defense.

"I'm fortunate to have two outstanding people the caliber of Suppon and Bill Silvi," Rybak pointed out. "Chuck and I will work together on the defense, but once we get things established he'll handle things during the games."

"Offensively, Bill and I will work together and we'll attempt to coordinate things in a more precise way during the games this season. Bill and Chuck put some spark in our team last season. I believe they're both excellent coaches and know what it takes to put a winning program on the field."

Coach Rybak is still seeking another coach to help with the varsity program. I know Chuck and Bill are two gems and I'm delighted they're coming back to help the Mountaineers. Both are hard-nosed and aren't bashful about getting after players to make them give their best at all times.

Received Athlon's Eastern Football Magazines last week and I was somewhat surprised at pal Jerry McCain's top 10. Here's how he ranked the teams: 1-Auburn, 2-Texas, 3-Pitt, 4-Oklahoma, 5-Clemson, 6-UCLA, 7-Iowa, 8-Penn State, 9-Nebraska and 10-Miami. Several of these teams could be a mite overrated. Pitt, Penn State and Miami. All three teams have some serious problems which could be ironed out early. Miami, with a new coaching staff, will be lucky to win seven games. I've got a bunch Penn State will beat Texas, too. The Horns lost too much on defense.

Hazleton wrestling coach Norm Palovsick is still working on getting a Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame. He told me last week that it's only a matter of time before it becomes a reality. Where will it be located? Norm says there's a good chance it will be in State College. I've already got some items set aside for the Hall when it's ready.

Bob Mason, Chairman of the upcoming Potentate's Golf Tourney which is set for the first weekend

in August, has announced the field is complete with 88 teams. Mason even has the starting times assigned to the various teams. He's organized.

Dallas postal chief Ray Ceconci carded an even par 72 recently in the Pro-Am Tournament at Water Gap Country Club. When Ray is on his game he's something.

Lake-Lehman coach Rodger Bearde is busy this summer with a well rounded recreation program for the school district.

There is around 40 girls participating which is a splendid turnout.

This week Coach Ed Ladamus is conducting an elementary wrestling clinic at Harveys Lake (Lake Noxen School).

The students and adults have the use of all of the facilities from 9 to noon each morning.

"We're quite pleased with the overall turnout. We've got everything from weight lifting to volleyball," says Rodger Bearde, athletic director at Lake-Lehman.

I'd like to extend my sympathy to the Slocum family. The recent passing of Tracey stunned the Lake-Lehman community.

Lake-Lehman principal Jay Zaleskas said, "Tracey was a super young man. He was a real gentleman and a great athlete. It was a tragedy. He'll be remembered for a long time around our school district."

Tracey was a very physical youngster and really played with a lot of heart. That's what I'll remember most about him.

Calvin Peete will be defending his Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic this weekend at the Kingsmill Golf Club, Williamsburg, Virginia. I'm looking forward to following the action for a couple of days.

Host pro Curtis Strange is always in the hunt and perhaps this will be the year he comes through for his many followers.

I've got a hunch Lanny Wadkins will make a run at the title, too.

Peete has captured the title the last two years. He was nine shots back at the half way point last year and won it on the final day. He's so straight and that's the key to scoring at Kingsmill.

How about the playoff games between the USFL's Express and Panthers? I was watching some of it when ABC cut away. It lasted 93 minutes and 33 seconds which is the longest football game in the history of pro football.

After 18 years

Gerry Wall stepping down as College Misericordia AD

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After 18 years as athletic director at College Misericordia, Gerry Wall is relinquishing that position to assume full time responsibilities in counseling. She will, however, continue to serve as a consultant to the new athletic director when one is selected.

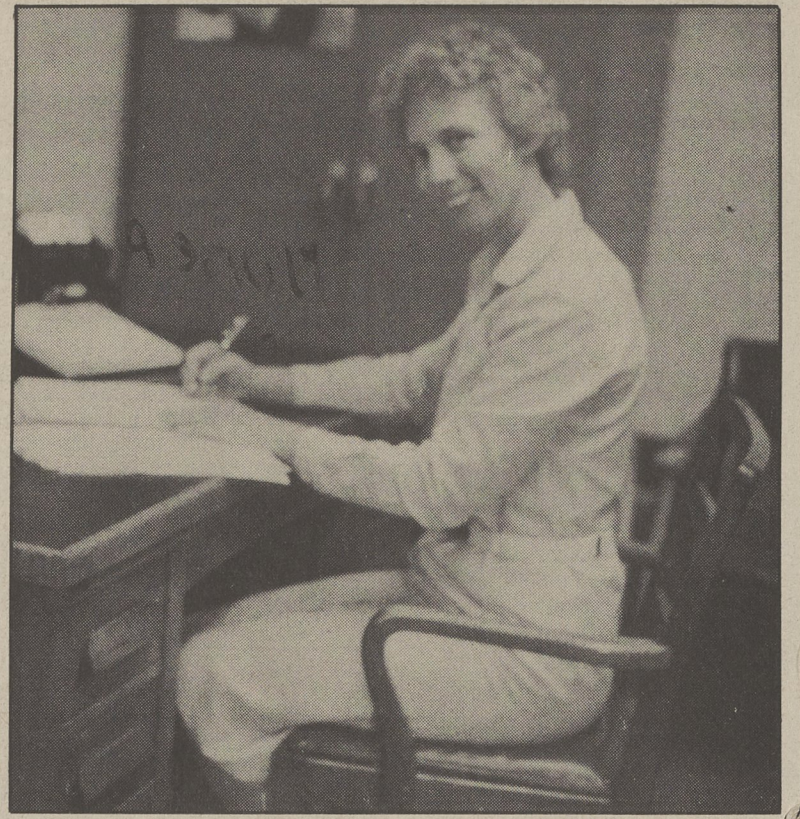
"We received stacks of applications," said Gerry. "And they are interviewing, but there is no final decision to date. Much as I love the athletics, I am overwhelmed with work. I counsel an Act 101 group, teach health and physical education courses and I am also a college counselor. When I started 18 years ago, it was on a part-time basis but both counseling and the athletics are full-time programs now."

Wall said she believes employing a full-time athletic director will be a big step forward for the college. She believes a new director may have some ideas on expanding the sports program, specially the men's since there are only two men's programs at present.

The college has a full roster of coaches for their present programs with the exception of field hockey. The present coach, Cheryl Pezon, is going into cardiac rehabilitation.

"It's a wonderful opportunity," said Mrs. Wall. "Since not too many persons are selected for the program, Cheryl's leaving will be a terrible loss for the college."

Charlotte Slocum is well known throughout the area as the girls' softball coach at College Misericordia. She is assisted by her



Moving on

Gerry Wall, shown here in her office at College Misericordia, is stepping down as the athletic director of that institution, to devote more time to counselling.

son, Ernest, Jr. Coaches returning for the other sports are in volleyball, basketball, cross country and baseball.

Wall graduated from East Stroudsburg with a degree in health and physical education and received her degree in counseling from the University of Scranton. She has a son enrolled at Bloomsburg where he is majoring in history and political

science and two younger children in the Dallas School District.

"I am looking forward to working full-time in counseling and am happy that I am remaining as a consultant in the athletics program," Walls said. "We need more sports programs for the male students and I believe that a full time A.D. will be able to work some of these into the schedule in the near future."

Putski meets Crazy George July 17

Powerful Ivan "Polish Power" Putski is anxiously awaiting his opportunity to meet crazy George "The Animal" Steele at Pittston Area High School on Tuesday evening, July 17.

Putski says he is going to do a number on the animal because he is tired of seeing him with his green tongue, and his eating the padding from the ring post, and his hiding under the ring, and his throwing chairs in the ring. Putski, the muscle man from Krakow, Poland, will get his chance here on July 17, to back up his talking.

Also on this card will be Inter-Continental Champion, Tito Santana, the fiery talented 246 pound Champion from Mexico teaming up with Jose Luis Rivera in a four man tag team match against the controversial Moondogs, Rex and King. The Moondogs will use their dog bones to help win a match or keep

an opponent away from them.

Handsome Tony Garea tangles with Big Ron Shaw in a singles match. Garea always gives a crowd pleasing performance in all his matches.

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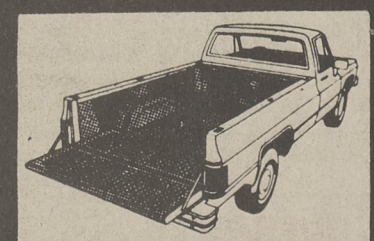
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