

An Idea - Fall 1964

Touchdown Club To Host Knights With Dinner

There's no organized alumni at Nanuet High School as yet but there is now a Touchdown Club and it will be this club that will host the school's varsity football team at a dinner on Veteran's Day night.

Nanuet, now in its fourth year of football, will have this first seasonal dinner organized by the fathers of the members of the team and friends. It will be held at the Nanuet Restaurant starting at 8 p.m.

The decision to go through with the dinner was made yesterday afternoon at the home of Patsy Veltidi, Englewood Ave. by a steering committee made of Veltidi, Ralph Smith, Chester Stopyra, Tom Fay, Arthur Bosley, Ted Kenny, and Ken Harniman.

All fathers of the boys on the varsity squad are to be contacted this week. Any other male Nanuet fans who are interested in attending the dinner should contact one of the above steering committee.

The Beginning

Fine Response For TD Club Dining Plans

The steering committee for Nanuet High School's newly-organized Touchdown Club reported last night that practically a 100 per cent response has been received from the fathers of the school's football players for the roast beef dinner scheduled next Wednesday at the Nanuet Restaurant.

Not only have the fathers responded but other team supporters have also asked to be allowed to attend the dinner. Marco Ruggiero, one of the initial and past president founder of Nyack High's Quarterback Club has also asked for tickets.

"I like the sportsmanship and fight that this team has displayed during its few short years," said Ruggiero, "and would like to be there to pay homage to a team that more than deserves it."

Spring 1965

'Black And Gold' Sport Club Formed At Nanuet

By ROBERT KNIGHT
Journal-News Staff Writer

Formation of a "Black and Gold Club" in Nanuet was announced at a meeting of the Nanuet Board of Education last night. The club is sponsored by a group of adults in the community.

Similar to a booster club, the group is open to all adults in Nanuet.

Board member Jess Kaplan, chairman of the public relations and personnel committees, and School Superintendent MacArthur Barr

complimented the group and wished it well. They also joined, along with other members of the School Board.

As explained by several spokesmen at the meeting, the organization plans:

TO ENCOURAGE community interest in the Nanuet athletic programs;

TO HOLD seasonal recognition dinners for all teams and provide an opportunity for them to be addressed by representatives of prominent area colleges and universities;

TO PROVIDE additional financial support for the Jerry Leo scholarship fund; and

TO AID and assist in the securing of athletic scholarships for Nanuet students.

Dues in the club are one dollar each, or \$1.50 for a joint parent membership.

The next step, spokesmen said, will be to obtain mailing lists of Nanuet residents to send them information on the group. Barr offered the use of school facilities for this purpose.

Applications Ready For 'Black and Gold' Club

Nanuet's newly - organized "Black and Gold" club, took another step forward during its organization meeting last week, reporting that applications for the club are now available and membership cards will soon be printed.

Similar to a booster club, the Black and Gold Club has been organized by a group of interested fathers and citizens of Nanuet with the express intent of rendering a substantial contribution to the school, the student athlete, and the community.

Nanuet, a school that has been in varsity competition in Rockland County for only a short time, has no real alumni that can be counted upon because the majority of the school's first graduates are still in college. This has left the task of forming the club up to the group that is now taking hold of the organization.

Ralph Smith is chairman of the organization committee and is being assisted by Patsy Veltidi, treasurer and Ken Harman, secretary.

The goals of the Black and Gold Club, are: 1 To encourage community interest in the Nanuet athletic program; 2.

To hold seasonal recognition dinners for all teams and to provide an opportunity for them to be addressed by representatives of prominent area colleges and universities; 3. To provide additional financial support for the Jerry Leo Scholarship Fund; 4. To aid and assist in the securing of athletic scholarships for Nanuet students.

A post office box, Box 31, Nanuet, has been secured and a membership campaign is expected shortly.

Fall 1965

Black and Gold Club Dinner Set Thursday

Col. William J. Ray, director of military instruction at West Point, and faculty representative of the Academy's football team, will be the speaker this Thursday at the first fall athletic dinner sponsored by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club. The dinner is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Chairman Lou Pezzella said that Col. Ray is bringing film of this year's Army football games with him to show after the dinner in the auditorium.

Guests of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club will be Nanuet High's football, soccer, and championship fall tennis teams.

Tickets for the dinner may be secured from members of the central committee which includes Chairman Ralph Smith, Art Bosley, Ray Pardillo, Fraser Paterson, Edward Berich, Raymond Vaccaro, Harvey Melion, Ted Thorne, Ken Harniman, Tom Kenny or Athletic Director Chester Stopyra.

Black and Gold Club Honors Nanuet Athletes

By SAM BASSON

Journal-News Sports Writer

Nanuet's newly organized Black and Gold Club made its dinner debut last night by honoring the Golden Knights' fall sport teams at the Nanuet High School cafeteria.

Jeff Kaplan, undefeated single tennis player of Nanuet's championship team, Jose Cortez, soccer player, and Brad Kenney, captain of the football team, were named by their re-

spective coaches as the most valuable players. Each received a trophy from the Black and Gold Club.

Following the dinner, Ken Harniman one of the new club's organizers and the evening's toastmaster, introduced the athletic coaches.

MIKE ACHILLE, who resigned as football coach, distributed the football awards to his former players and, in turn, received a plaque from the team. The guests gave Achille a

standing ovation as the retiring coach accepted the memento.

Colonel William J. Ray, West Point director of military instruction, was the guest speaker and gave an impressive account of getting into the Point and what it takes to stay there. Cadets Tom Dusel center, and Pete Braum, guard, football players, accompanied Col. Ray.

Colonel Ray said that 30 per cent (about 300 in a 1,000 cadets) failed to graduate after getting

into West Point. "A cadet's life is a life of pressure and competition. He develops a high sense of duty, he develops integrity and is burdened by a heavy academic program.

"WEST POINT is expanding from an enrollment of 3,000 cadets today to 4,410 by 1970. About \$130 million is being spent on construction," said Col. Ray.

"Athletics plays a major part in the life of a cadet. He must undertake some form of sport,

intercollegiate or intra-mural, each year at the academy.

"Why athletics? Because it develops the body, but more important," added Col. Ray, "it develops something in the heart and in the mind."

Ralph Smith, president of the Black and Gold Club, presented the MVP awards to the Nanuet players. Rabbi Hyman J. Routtenberg gave the invocation. Chester Stopyra, Nanuet Athletic Director, introduced the coaching staffs.

Sets Meeting

Ralph Smith, president of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, announced today that a meeting of the club would be held this Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Nanuet High School.

Subjects to be discussed will be the winter athletic dinner for the basketball and wrestling teams to be held March 14 at the Nanuet Restaurant, and the Olympic Gymnastic exhibition to be held in the high school gymnasium on March 26.



NET TROPHY — Jeff Kalpan, center, captain of the Nantux High School tennis team, holds the trophy awarded his team last night for its championship efforts this fall. The award was made by Ralph Smith, second from right, president of the

Black and Gold Club. Looking on are, from right, Ramon Perez of the varsity soccer team, Brad Kenney, varsity football, and Jose Cortez, soccer. The awards were made at an athletic banquet at the school. (Staff photo.)

Winter 1966

Mounkhal, Resnick Voted MVP Awards

Nanuet Honors Top Athletes

Tribute was paid last night to the forgotten and unsung athlete, the second stringer, at the first annual Black and Gold Club dinner held at the Nanuet Restaurant. The dinner feted the varsity basketball and wrestling teams of the Nanuet High School.

Varsity basketball coach Chris Kelly initiated the tribute to the non-lettermen and the jay-vee coaches and it was taken up by both wrestling coach Ray Sedge and Columbia University wrestling coach Stan Thornton, speaker for the evening.

Thornton, however, did the Nanuet coaches one better by suggesting that the second stringers should have been served two steaks to replace

the hardware and varsity letters they didn't get and there was an immediate chorus of "ayes" from the bench to that remark.

LETTERS AND trophies abounded at the dinner in spite of a poor season and the Nanuet parents also attended in full strength with the restaurant dining room jammed to the doors. Frank DeLucia added to the festive occasion by playing for the "sing along" with Matt Vaccaro, chairman of the dinner keeping things moving as toastmaster.

Thornton praised the mothers who were in attendance, said he was impressed with the lack of what he called "long

haired" boys on the teams, and traced the sport of wrestling back to the caveman, whom, he said, "had to wrestle with the wild animals in his area for food and to protect his family.

He also traced wrestling back to the temples on the Nile River, stating that the drawings depicted the same holds and techniques in use today. He quoted the Bible on wrestling and traced its growth through the Olympic games and its start in the U.S. in the 20th century when wrestling really took a good hold.

"**WRESTLING,**" said Thornton, "gives the little fellow a chance to win a varsity letter. The great part about wrest-

ling," he added, "is that one man is out there all alone and must handle every situation and make every decision himself."

The Columbia University Coach decried the recent NCAA 1.6 - average ruling stating that, in his opinion, the athletic association had no right to control the academic standings or regulations of a college or university, that it was strictly an athletic association.

He ended his remarks by stressing to the athletes that grades were most important. "Try and get the best grades possible," he said. "It doesn't seem important now, but you'll find that grades are the most important thing you can get out of high school." He then emphasized that good grades go with athletic scholarships to worthwhile colleges.

Basketball Coach Chris Kelly praised his assistant coaches Robert West and John Laughlin. He noted that only Henry Mounkhill was left from last year's varsity and that the rest of the team had been new.

THOSE RECEIVING varsity letters included Jose Cortez, Clifford Harvout, Jeffrey Kaplan, Gregory Little, Elliott Milford, Henry Mounkhill and Gene Murray. The rebounding trophy went to Harvout, the foul - shooting percentage trophy to Little, the best defensive to Gene Murray, and the most valuable to Mounkhill.

An insight into a boy and his determination to improve was the story Coach Stedge related for practically every boy that came before him for a letter or trophy. He noted the dual meet losses and how these same boys had later pinned these same opponents in tournament meets as the season progressed.

Stedge noted that his team that had practically started from scratch had ended up placing third in the Calhoun Christmas Tournament, third in the Orange County High School Invitational, and third in Rockland County. He also noted that six of his squad were graduating and all six were going to college and had already been accepted.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE was paid to Barry Resnick, 183 pounder and recipient of the Jerry Leo Memorial Award as the most valuable wrestler on the squad. Stedje noted that Resnick had always readily agreed to any shifting in weight class, had taken his lumps when first starting out and had more "intestinal fortitude than any athlete I have ever known." He quoted Jerry Leo's famed "No one is beat until he quits" line taken from a poem by Edward A. Guest.

Varsity lettermen included Gary Ault, Leroy Ault, Mark Child, David Frey, William Hassler, John Hassler, Richard Krieger, Bruce Mankowicz, Bernard Rosario, Resnick, Howard Shaffer, Kenneth Thorn, Matthew Vaccaro, and Thomas Wade.



— Staff photo by Al Wilt

A PRESENTATION FROM THE BLACK AND GOLD CLUB
... Stedge, center, gives Frey desk pen set, Thornton on right

Black and Gold Club to Meet

The Nanuet Black and Gold Club will meet at 8 tomorrow evening at Nanuet High School to elect officers.

The Club, in its first year, has sponsored fall and winter sports dinners, presented two \$500 scholarships; and awarded championship trophies to the fall tennis team, to the outstanding girl athlete and cheerleader, and to Bob Anderson, who ran the quarter-mile in 50 and two-tenths seconds.



Staff photo by Andy Dickerman

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS. Barry Resnick and Dan Baker, right, smile after being awarded \$500 scholarships by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club. Looking on are Edward Berich, chairman of the scholarship committee and Ralph Smith, president of the club.



Shooting Stars . . .

The nationally known girls pro basketball team, the Shooting Stars, will play Friday night at 8 p.m. against a Nanuet men's faculty team at the Nanuet High gym. From the left are Linda Yearby, Linda Fancette, and Elvera Neuman. Miss Neuman of Eden Valley, Minn., is acknowledged as the world's greatest girl dribbler. Tickets are available at the Nanuet High Athletic office and at the door. The game is sponsored by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club for the benefit of the Jerry Leo Memorial Scholarship.



— Photo by Andy Dickerman

KNIGHTS THANK YOU
Nanuet High School's athletic coach, Chris Kelly, is shown conveying the thanks of the Knights athletic teams for the support of the newly-organized Black and Gold Club during

the past year. The club put out a year-round sport program, fall and winter sports dinners, an Olympic team member gymnastic exhibition and is awarding two \$500 schol-

arship grants for graduating Nanuet athletes this June. From left are Kelly, Ed Berich, treasurer; Ken Harniman, secretary and Ralph Smith, president.

Spring 1966

Gymnastic Champion To Perform

Miss Brause Set
For Nanuet H.S.

Ralph Smith, president of the said that Daris Fuchs Brause, winner of the North American Gymnastics Championship, seen yesterday on television, will be among the Olympic gymnasts coming to Nanuet on March 2.

"Miss Brause," noted Smith "competing for the first time on the fibre glass uneven parallel bars, instead of the usual wooden ones, successfully defended her championship against Canadian, Mexican and U.S. woman gymnasts.

"Mrs. Muriel Grossfeldt, wife of Abie Grossfeldt, who will be among the gymnasts coming to Nanuet," reported Smith, "did the commentary for the television program. We are hoping to have Mrs. Grossfeldt, now turned professional, with the group coming to Nanuet, but this is not a surety at this time."

Mrs. Grossfeldt is the world champion on the 4-inch balance beam and gave demonstrations on each of the apparatus prior to the women's events. She reported that Miss Brause, noted for her constant flow of motion, change of direction and fly-around cutoff, is rated an excellent chance of winning the world championships to be held in Germany in September.

Miss Brause is the 1965 national all-around champion and will be defending her title this May in Oklahoma City. She has been on three Olympic gymnastic teams.

Others coming to Nanuet on March 26 include Abie Grossfeldt, assistant Olympic coach in 1964 for the U. S. and two-time Olympic gymnast; Barbara Gallehr, 9-time national tumbling champion and present titleholder as well as 3-time tumbling champion; and Don Tenry, a member of the 1960 Olympic team, former national AAU and NCAA champion and finalist in the rings and horizontal bar in last year's world championships.

Urge Buying Gym Show Tickets Soon

The Nanuet Black and Gold Club last night stressed the importance of getting tickets early for the club's coming Olympic team members gymnastic exhibition to be held at the Nanuet High School gymnasium on March 26.

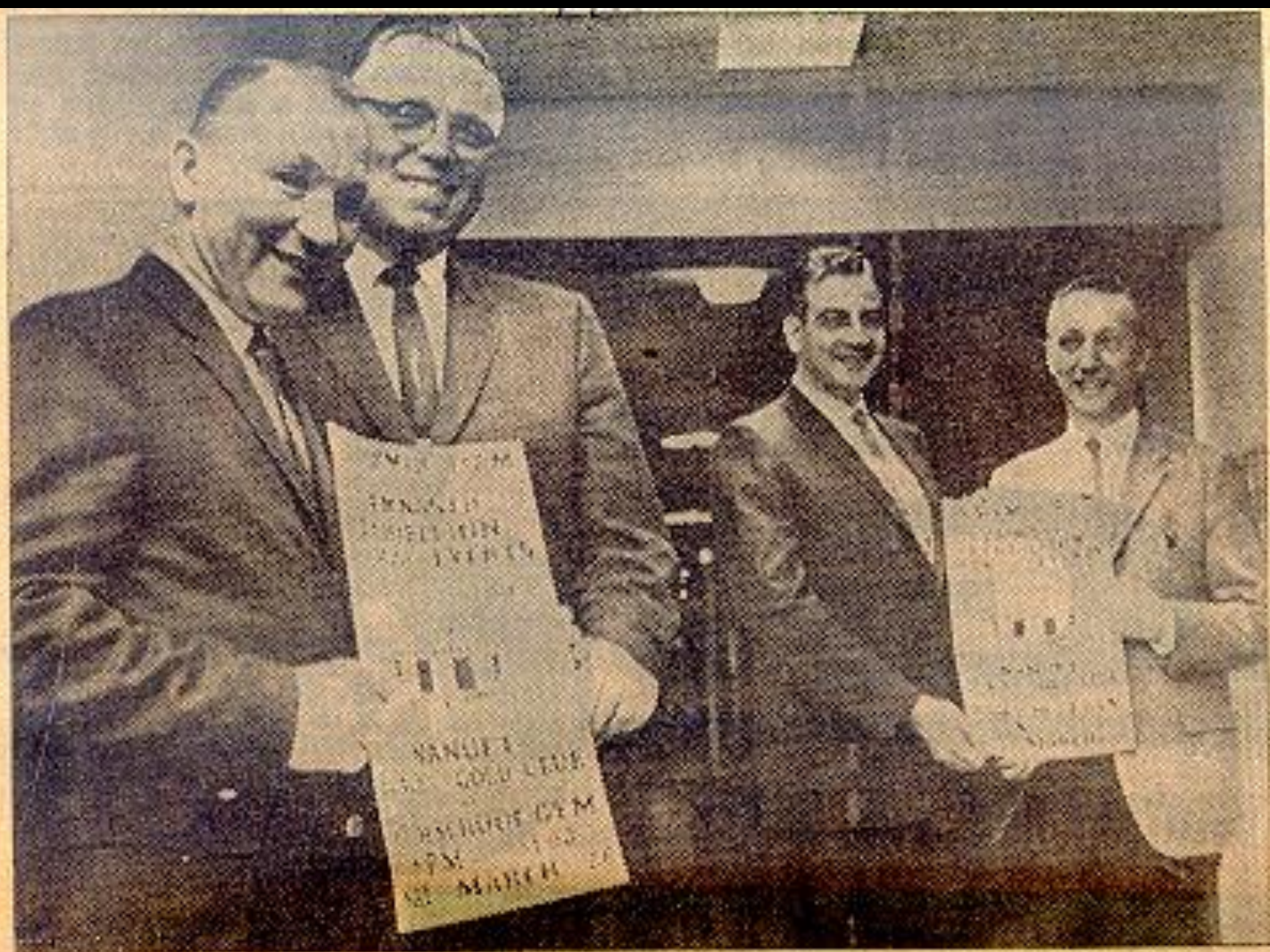
Speaking at the club's dinner for the local high school's winter sports athletes, Chairman Ken Harniman noted that "we're bringing the best gymnasts in the country to Nanuet," and then explained who was coming.

"Coach Able Grossfeldt," he noted, "has been on two Olympic teams and was the assistant Olympic coach in 1964. He was named five times to the All American gym team and was the only undergraduate minor sport athlete to win the University of Illinois 'Athlete of the Year' award.

"Doris Fuchs Brause," said Harniman, "was on the T.V. coverage of the North American Gymnastic Championships held three weeks ago. She won the uneven parallel bar event. Miss Brause," Harniman noted, "is the 1965 national all-around champion, is considered the number one gymnast of the United States, and has been a member of three Olympic teams.

"Barbara Galleher," reported the chairman, "is the defending and nine times national tumbling champion as well as the defending and three-times national trampoline champion.

"Rounding out the group," concluded Harniman, "is Don Toucy, who was seen last spring on T.V. in the world championships when he was a finalist in the rings and horizontal bar events. Toucy," he noted "was on the 1960 Olympic team and is a former national AAU and NCAA all-events champion.



BLACK AND GOLD PROMOTION — The signs speak for themselves that members of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club are holding up. The big Olympic team event is scheduled for March 26 with the na-

tion's best displaying the routines they'll do in the U. S. National Championships to be held at Oklahoma City in May. This coming Monday the club will fete the Nanuet High School basketball and wrestl-

ing teams with a dinner at the Nanuet Restaurant at 6:45 p.m. Left to right are Athletic Director Chester Stopyra, Treasurer Edward Berich, Dinner Chairman Matt Vaccaro, and Administrator Frank Rizzuto.

Nanuet High to Host Olympic Gymnasts

The Nanuet Black and Gold Club unanimously approved last night the bringing of Olympic gymnastic team members to Nanuet High School for an exhibition on March 26, a Saturday. The team will be headed by Abie Grossfeld, assistant US Olympic team gymnastic coach of the 1964 Olympic Games.

With Grossfeld will be Deris Fuchs Brause, 1965 national all-around gymnastic champion and the number one gymnast in the United States today. Miss Brause has been a member of three U.S. Olympic teams.

Another member of the combine will be Don Tonry, a member of the 1960 Olympic team and former national AAU and NCAA champion in the gymnastic all events. Don a finalist in the national events last year is currently an instructor in science at Yale.

The fourth member of the team is Barbara Galleher, who

has won the national tumbling title nine times and is the current defending champion. She is a three-time national trampoline champion. Miss Galleher currently teaches in the Gifford, Conn., school system.

Grossfeld, who is the gymnastic coach at Southern Conn. State Teacher's College, is a native of New York City and started his gymnastic career at the West Side YMCA there. While an undergraduate of the University of Illinois he won four NCAA and seven Big Ten gymnastic championships and was the only minor sport athlete in the history of the university to be selected "Athlete of the Year." He has been on two Olympic teams and held five National AAU championships.

The above group is currently in training at Southern in preparation for the National AAU championships to be held at Oklahoma City in early May.

Olympians to Perform at Nanuet High

"We're adding extra bleachers and preparing for 1,300 people and when those seats are gone, that's going to have to be it," was Ken Harniman's last word this morning relative to the Olympic team gym exhibit scheduled for the Nanuet High School gymnasium tomorrow night at 8.

"Tickets will go on sale at the door from 7:15 p.m. on and when we've sold out our capacity, that's it," added the chairman for the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, sponsors of the event.

Advance sales indicate that there will be little trouble in filling the gymnasium. "Those tickets are going like hotcakes," he said, "and it's going to be a tossup whether or not we

can accommodate everybody the last minute. "My advice," he added, "is to come early if you want a good seat." Tickets will be sold at the door until gone.

HEADING THE list of the top gymnasts of the United States is Abie Grossfeld, assistant Olympic coach of the 1964 U.S. team. Grossfeld, a member of two Olympic teams, has been named to the All American gymnast team five times and was holder of the national all events title five times. He was the only undergraduate at the University of Illinois participating in a minor sport to be named "athlete of the year."

Barbara Galleher, one of the two female team members, is

nine times national and defending tumbling champion and is also a three-time national and defending champion on the trampoline.

Don Tonry is a former member of the 1960 Olympic team and, now teaching at Yale, has found time to get back in shape for this year's national championships at Oklahoma City in May in which all members will participate.

Tonry is a former titleholder in the all events in both the AAU and NCAA championships. He was a finalist in the world championships in the rings and horizontal bar last year.

DORIS FUCHS BRAUSE, the fourth member of the troupe coming to Nanuet, is rated today as the number one woman gymnast in the United States. She has been a member of three former Olympic teams and was recently rated as the U.S. gymnastic hopeful having the best chance to win a gold medal in the 1968 Olympics.

Miss Brause was recently seen on t.v. on the uneven parallel bars in the North American Championships held in Canada where she took first place in the event.

Apparatus to be used in the exhibition Saturday night will include the four-inch balance beam, the horizontal bar, parallel bars, uneven parallel bars, sidehorse, rings and trampoline. In addition there will be the tumbling.

The routines to be used will either be Olympic requirements or routines being polished for the national championships in May.

RALPH SMITH, president of the Black and Gold Club has noted that the price for the exhibition has been kept at a bare minimum in order to allow families and school children to at-

tend. Funds derived from the event will go toward athletic scholarship grants to be given by the club to the graduating class this June at Nanuet High School.

The club, composed of fathers of athletes and former athletes, was formed last March to help stimulate and support athletics at Nanuet High School. Smith in commentating on the purpose of the club noted that the first senior class of Nanuet will be graduating from college this coming June.

"We're helping to fill the gap until the school's alumni can establish themselves," he noted.



FORM IS EVERYTHING

... As evidenced by Abie Grossfeld Olympic gymnast

Olympians Thrill Crowd

Gymnast Show—Just Amazing

By DAVID CORCORAN
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Abie Grossfeld and his troupe of Olympic gymnasts, two men and two women from New Haven, Conn., will be back at Nanuet High School next year. In the meantime the capacity crowd that saw them Saturday night will be wondering how they did it.

What they did was gymnastic exercises, many of them required of the United States Olympic Team (all have been members), and acrobatic stunts. How they managed is another story.

CERTAINLY THE spectators didn't know. "Now, just how in the heck—?" said one man after a particularly complex and spectacular forward roll. s'Amazing. Just amazing," said another.

"If those guys are amateurs" said a third, shaking his head.

Ken Harniman, of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, which sponsored the affair, introduced Grossfeld, who is gymnastic coach at Southern Connecticut State College. Grossfeld has twice been on the United States Olympic Team; he won 11 major collegiate awards at the University of Illinois.

His colleagues' credentials are no less impressive. Doris Fuchs Brause, a 5'4" brunette, is recognized as the best all-around female gymnast in the country; blonde Barbara Galleher—doubtless the most talented physical education teacher in the Guilford, Conn., school system—has won the national tumbling championship nine times and the national trampoline championship three times.

the more difficult routines went by so quickly and smoothly as to be hard to follow. More than anything else the gymnasts resembled a troupe of magicians.

Mrs. Brause, whose specialty is diving on and over parallel bars set at uneven levels, had probably the most incredible routine of the evening. From a standing position below the bars, she jumped from the lower to the upper, somersaulted over the upper and back to the lower, twirled from lower to upper and back again in the

same motion, dismounted with a double flip, and returned to the mat in a standing position.

The gymnasts also performed on horizontal bars, rings and a trampoline. In one of the interludes Tonry was asked how he thought the American team would do in the 1956 Olympics.

"GENERALLY speaking," he said, "we're progressing rapidly, but we lack qualified coaches. The men may finish third, and the women maybe sixth, but this kind of thing takes an awful long time."

Later he explained that the group practices two to four hours a day, six or seven days a week.

"Many of these exercises look simple," he added, "but we're just putting on an act."

The four Olympians were later presented with honorary lifetime membership in the Nanuet Black and Gold Club.

DON TONRY, who teaches science at Yale University, has been national collegiate all-events champion and a finalist in international competition.

The four gymnasts started with simple forward rolls; anybody could have done these. But soon enough they were adding headsprings, handsprings, cartwheels, twists and loops. The audience became progressively more incredulous.

"Now we're going to make it a little more difficult," said Grossfeld. Laughter mixed with groans.

And Miss Galleher proceeded to execute a backward somersault with two complete twists in the air, and land on her feet, amid awed applause.

THAT WAS only the beginning. The group moved on to the sideboard, a structure the size of a horse's torso, over which and upon which they performed extraordinarily. On an "intermediate - level routine," Tonry appeared to be flying;

OLYMPIC STAR IN ACTION — Nine times national tumbling champion Barbara Galleher holds a delicate pose on the four inch balance beam, a new event in Olympic competition. Barbara, who is also the national women's trampoline champion will be in the Olympic team member troupe coming to Nanuet this Saturday. The event, scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Nanuet High School gymnasium, is sponsored by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club.



DAVID HANSON, the track inmentor, named Jim Mellon as the squad's most improved athlete, and Ed Faust, a sprinter, as the team's highest scorer and most valuable athlete. Bob Anderson, winner of the County Meet and Class B Section 9 Meet in the 440, received recognition. Faust scored 107 points and Anderson 105.

Toastmaster Jess Kaplan, a school board member and former president, introduced the honored guests.

Paul Moggan, head track and field coach of Princeton, was the featured guest speaker.

"Were the three or four years of blood and sweat in athletics worthwhile?" asked Moggan.

MOGGAN told the athletes that "they" gained a lot of intangibles while participating in athletics . . . What you have acquired is difficult to grade. . . You have gained physical well-being; a vital physical capacity to sustain a normal working day.



— Staff photo by Andy Dickerman

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS. Gene Murray, Jeff Kaplan and Ed Faust were selected as the most valuable players in baseball, tennis and track respectively at Nanuet High School. Peter Moggan, Princeton coach, congratulates boys.

Shaffer Wins Leo Scholarship

By SAM BASSON
Journal-News Sports Writer

Howard Shaffer was named winner of the second Jerry Leo Memorial Scholarship last night at Nanuet High School's seventh annual sports banquet.

Shaffer, who lettered in track, football and wrestling, receives a \$500 grant. He has been accepted at Lehigh University. Shaffer's father, Leland, gained fame as a New York Giant football lineman.

Awards were made to baseball, track and tennis players and introductions also included the basketball, football and wrestling performers by their respective coaches.

SPECIAL recognition went to Richard Conklin, third baseman who leads the Golden Knights' baseball team in batting. Gene Murray, the team's shortstop, was named the most valuable player.

For a third time, Jeff Kaplan received the most valuable player award in tennis. He was last year's undefeated singles player and county champion, indoors and outdoors. Kaplan, a senior, has been accepted at Brown. He has a younger brother, Jamie, who is a freshman, and also a member of Nanuet's varsity tennis team.

Two other tennis players, Daniel Baker and Barry Resnick, were named by the Black and Gold Club for athletic scholarships. Both were members of last year's title winners; the team placed second in spring tennis.

pared to deal with competition . . . You have gained a desire to better yourself," said Moggan.

In his travels to foreign countries, dignitaries have told him they considered athletic superiority a barometer of a nation's ability, continued the Princeton coach.

"Why have track records improved?" asked Moggan. "Desire and the year-round improvement by the athletes."

His final advice to the Nantuxet athletes was "hold to the talent you have developed, whether it be in varsity play or intramurally. This feeling of good health — hold onto it!"

Rev. Emanuel A. Peters pronounced the invocation and Msgr. John A. Rigo the benediction.

Those who were introduced and spoke briefly included Richard Jarvis, high school principal; MacArthur Barr, superintendent of schools; Robert W. Ambrose, president of the Board of Education; Chet Stopyra, director of athletics; and the following coaches: Mike Achille, Lester Naegle, Chris Kelly, Robert West, Ray Stedje, David Hanson and cheerleader coach, Catherine Mocaferri.

About 200 guests were present for the dinner. The Black and Gold Club sponsored the affair, and the Hostess Club served.



— Photo by Andy Dickerman

JERRY LEO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

... Senior Howard Shaffer receives award from
Chester Stopyra, athletic director and Mrs. John Forni

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NEW OFFICERS—Matthew Vaccarro, right, will head the 1966-67 version of the Neshamiet Black and Gold Club, booster organization of the Neshamiet Knight's athletic teams. Shown lining up their coming athletic journal drive with Vaccarro are, left, Henry Wade, vice president and Jerry Krause, secretary.



Four Nanuet Athletes Receive MVP Awards

By DICK YERG
Journal-News Sports Writer

Bob Matern, Brian Fay, Jose Cortez, and Ed Merritt were awarded most valuable player trophies in their respective sports last night to highlight the Black and Gold Club dinner honoring Nanuet High athletes.

Matern and Fay were co-recipients of the award for football, Cortez for soccer, and Merritt, a freshman, for tennis.

Football coach Chuck Holland presented varsity letters to 40

boys, saying that the coaching staff felt all the players who worked hard all season were deserving. He noted the underclassmen will have to continue to work to earn letters again next year. The most valuable player awards were presented by assistant line coach Frank Fitzpatrick.

Backfield coach Dave Hanson presented the outstanding back trophy to junior fullback Dick Berich who was voted second-team All-County honors and set eight Nanuet records. The outstanding lineman award was presented to guard Bob Matern by line coach Ray Stedge.

Holland initiated an award of trophies to the team captains which will be known as the MacArthur Barr Captain's Trophy, in honor of the Nanuet superintendent of schools. Barr presented the trophies to Bob Graindo and Rich Conklin.

Other awards presented by soccer coach Bob West, to members of his PSAL second-place team went to Henry Van Utrecht, outstanding defensive player; Ramon Perez, outstanding offensive player; and Aldo Fillipponi, best halfback. Varsity letters in soccer were given to 17 boys.

Seven boys, including six freshmen, earned varsity tennis letters. In the absence of tennis coach Les Naegle, Athletic Director Chet Stopyra presented the tennis letters. Miss Gail Farfalla presented letters to 10 varsity cheerleaders.

Conklin and Grando, the football captains, gave plaques of appreciation to the football coaches on behalf of the team. In accepting his plaque first-year Golden Knight coach Holland, who speaks with a tone of determination, said in tribute to the spirit of his team: "I have never received an award from a

losing ball club and I haven't gotten one yet."

Richard Lyon, head football coach at upstate Ithaca College since 1958, and Holland's former coach, addressed the parents and athletes on the value of athletics.

"Athletics help a boy become a man," he said. He noted that the bruises and disappointments of contact sport, which are gone in time, are the start of becoming a man.

He cited training, which lead to self-denial and self-discipline, teamwork, the spirit of playing by the rules, and respect as several of the lessons learned in athletics.

Matthew Vaccaro, chairman of the Black and Gold Club, awarded special plaques to Cortez, Vega, and Perez for earning All-Rockland Westchester Soccer League honors.

Varsity letters were won by:

FOOTBALL

Bob Arrigo, Dick Berich, Pete Bonomo, Tom Beahy, Bob Carroll, Rich Conklin, Bob Dannelly, Al Drake, Ed Faust, Brian Fay, Tom Fay, Aldo Fillippone, Skip Harlow, Bob Granda, John Hassler, John Landis, Carl Linderman, Don Matern, Jim Mellan, Jim MacRobbie, Tom McGrath, John O'Brien, John Keefe, Ken Otto, Ray Pardillo, Norm Peters, Steve Riegert, Mike Rogers, Bob Shields, Tom Sorrentino, Leo Spahr, Tom Stopyra, Bob Stumpf, Ken Thom, Tim Tully, Matt Vaccaro, George Wagner, Ken Wegman, Thad Wilson, and manager Mike Vittola.

SOCCER

Gary Ault, Samuel Cabrera, Jose Cortez, Ismael Cruz, Edward Duffy, Aldo Fillippone, Willis Garcia, Robert Martin, Ralph Mercado, Roman Perez, Henry VonUtrecht, King VonDoo, Jose Vega, Tom Wade, Edward Walkley, and managers Patrick Duffy and Herbert Reik.

TENNIS

Robert Baker, Andy Daniger, Bill Durnell, Bob Filipp, John Levine, Ed Merritt, and Bob Resnick.

CHEERLEADERS

Pam Burns, Jack Eckerson, Cathy Egan, Linda Grosch, Susan Hooper, Susan Larsen, Frances Maldonado, Sandy McFadden, Joyce Newell, and Chris Wysocki.

Spring 1967

Nanuet B&G Club To Host U.S. Olympic Gymnasts

"We're bringing the best gymnasts in the United States back to Nanuet again," announced Matthew Baccaro, president of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, this morning. He was referring to the Olympic star-studded team of the Southern Connecticut Gym Club, which will put on a gymnastic exhibition in Nanuet on April 10.

The same group, Abie Grossfeld, Don Tonry, Barbara Gallaher and Doris Fuchs Brause, previously put on an exhibition in Nanuet last spring. At that time the Black and Gold Club packed the high school gymnasium and even "standing room only" soon disappeared.

HEADING the group is Coach Abie Grossfeld, coach of the Southern Connecticut State College gym team and also coach of the U.S. gymnastic team that participated in the world championships at Dortmund, Germany, this past summer.

Grossfeld, a product of the Westside YMCA and the University of Illinois, was a member of the U.S. Olympic teams of 1956, 60 and the World Championship teams of 1958, 62. He is a former National AAU and NCAA gymnastic titleholder.

Doris Fuchs Brause, a member of the U.S. Olympic teams of 1956, 60, 64 is rated the top woman gymnast in the United States and expected to have the best chance of being a

gold medal winner in the 1968 Olympics. She was also a member of the U.S. World Championship team this past summer.

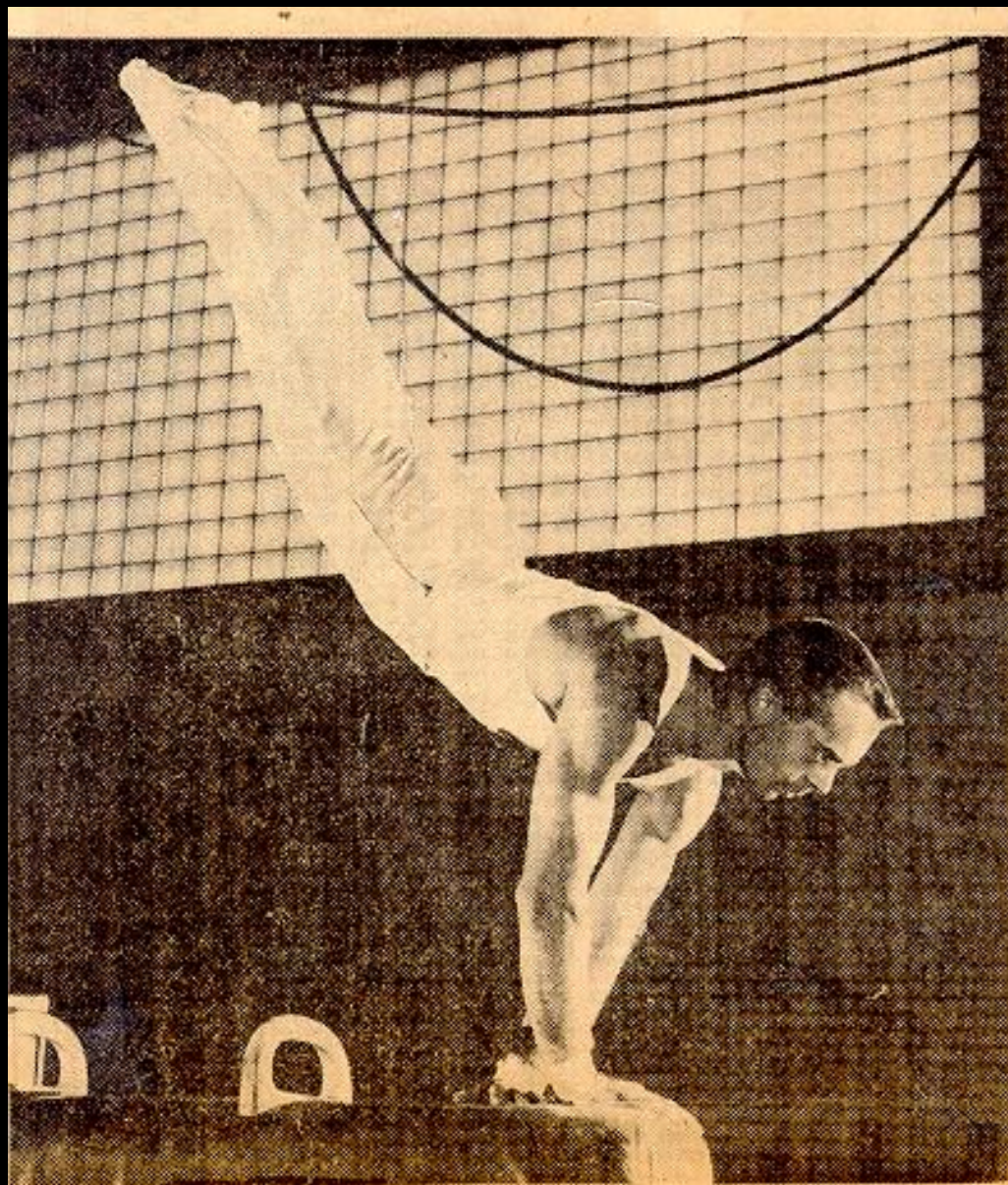
Barbara Galleher, currently a physical education teacher at Whalen Junior High School in Hamden, Conn., is a nine-time national tumbling champion and a three-time trampoline champion.

DON TONRY, a classmate of Grossfeld's at the University of Illinois, is currently a physical education teacher at Yale University. Tonry, a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1960, has been a member of the U.S. World Cham-

pionship teams of 1958, 1962 and 1966. He is a former National AAU and NCAA champion.

Other gymnastic specialists are also expected to accompany the team to Nanuet. Events in which they will participate include tumbling, rings, side horse, long horse, parallel bars, balance beam, and horizontal bar.

A special feature of the team is that the gymnasts first go through the simple rudiments of each event, explain them, and then gradually work into the unbelievable routines required for tournament competition.



EVER TRY THIS ONE?
... Don Tonry, 1960 Olympian, performs tonight
in Nanuet High at 8:00 p.m.

Four Olympic Gymnasts Enthrall Nanuet Throng

By SAM BASSON
Journal-News Sports Writer

Four Olympic gymnasts held an audience of more than 500 spellbound with a diversified program last night at the Nanuet High School gym.

The exhibition marked the second appearance of the Southern Connecticut Gym Club which was presented last season by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, a service organization aiding students.

Led by Abe Grossfeld, the performers gave demonstrations on the various pieces of gym apparatus explaining the techniques and climaxing each event with dazzling skills.

BESIDES GROSSFELD, an Olympic gymnast and later assistant coach, the troupe included Doris Fuchs Brause, 1965 national all-around gymnastic champion; Barbara Galleher, national tumbling and trampoline winner; and Don Tony, AAU and NCAA all-events champion.

The quartet exhibited the proper form on the mats as the evening began. Miss Galleher then reeled off eight continuous tumbles and later finished her stint with aerial cartwheels.

Grossfeld won acclaim from the crowd with his tumbling and twisting in midair.

Tony and Grossfeld demonstrated the art of working on the side horse. Both were expert in circular side movements and double leg circles.

THE YOUNG ladies danced upon the 16 foot balance beam like talented ballerinas. Their poise and balance thrilled the audience. Doris Brause did a front mount, a feat only one or two gymnasts in the world can successfully undertake. Mrs. Brause, recently on a telecast from Germany, acquired a 9.6 rating for her work on the balance beam.

Tonry and Grossfeld worked on the rings and the latter climaxed his stint with a hand stand and iron cross, a difficult maneuver.

Performing on the uneven parallel bars, Miss Gelleher drew applause by completing the Olympic compulsory exercise. Doris Brause gave a stirring display on the bars to conclude the first half of the show.

AFTER SOME terrific vaulting by the four gymnasts, Miss Gelleher astounded onlookers

with a triple twist while working on the trampoline. Grossfeld demonstrated the beginner's dis and dis's on the trampoline and concluded with some high somersaulting. It was an excellent show before an appreciative audience.

Grossfeld is currently coaching the Southern Connecticut State College gymnastic team. Tonry is a physical instructor at Yale.

The Black and Gold Club in Nantuet has sponsored a number of projects for the Nantuet High School teams, giving dinners to various teams, awarding college athletic grants to students. Matthew Vaccaro is the club's president.

Conklin, Mellion, Matern Awarded Scholarships

By SAM BASSON

Journal-News Sports Writer

Rich Conklin and Jim Mellion were awarded the Nanuet Black and Gold Club scholarships last night at the spring athletic banquet sponsored by the Black and Gold Club at the Middle School cafeteria.

The Jerry Leo Scholarship went to Bob Matern, who played baseball, basketball and football.

Army's head baseball coach, Eric Tipton, was the guest speaker and was given a standing ovation for his interesting advice and comments for athletics, parents and non-athletes.

Tipton stressed the athlete's "better than average" scholastic standing which is required by most colleges. "Glamor in sports doesn't last long," remarked the Army mentor.

He noted that sports required a burning desire to win. "The athlete must play rough and tough but not dirty. . ."

"Athletics is democracy at work," said Tipton. He stressed that "character is what you stand for, reputation is what you fall for." He then mentioned some of the do's and don'ts for athletics and the value of sports in life after scholastic and college activity.

Jim Mellion was the county shot put champion and is a prize for any college football team. The other Black and Gold scholarship recipient, Rich Conklin, was outstanding in football and captained the baseball team.

Coach Chuck Holland made the baseball awards. Dick Berich, Nanuet's catcher, and Robert (Chuck) Schmidt, the slugging outfielder, won the most valuable player trophies.

Holland presented Marty

Walker, Pete Bonomolo, Brian Fay and Berich plaques for completing the PSAL's only triple play. Schmidt received a plaque for his inspirational qualities.

The players of the varsity and jayvee baseball teams presented the coaches with tokens of appreciation.

Dave Hanson, track coach, distributed the varsity track team letters. High point honors went to Ed Faust who scored 145, a new school 1-season record, and 333 in his career. Faust was the school's first four letter-man in track. Gene Milford was selected as the most improved athlete and Faust as MVP.

Athletic director Chet Stopyra made the tennis awards and Ed Merritt received the MVP.

The coaches honored Superintendent of Schools MacArthur Barr with a plaque for completing 25 years of service.

The following athletes received awards:

BASEBALL

Richard Berich, Peter Bonomolo, Richard Cerkoglin, Brian Fay, Tom Fay, Alon Flaum, Greg Little, Bob Matern, Tom McGrath, Steve Riepert, George Schmidt, Bob Shields, Joe Vitiello, Martin Walker, Ken Wegman, Tim Tully, mgr., Steve Coney, Bob Cavanaugh, Mike Connolly, Pete Euler, Bob Harlow, Dan Higgins, Ken Krieger, Mike Jewell, John Madhane, Norm Rath, Lou Sagula, Garry Tobin, Kirby Varsosola, Alan Vellidi, Ed Wolkeley.

TENNIS

Larry Altman, Bob Baker, David Brown, Andrew Daniger, Bill Dunnett, Bill Dwyer, Bob Filipp, Henry Geller, Bob Goetz, Howard Leiken, John Levine, Ed Malach, Alan Mendelson, Ed Merritt, Carl Tulevich, John O'Brien, Herbert Reis, Bob Resnick, Richard Shubart, Howard Smith, Steve Spiegel, Tom Stopyra.

TRACK

Julio Agosta, Frank Brig, James Berich, Chris Biski, John Bosley, Bob Carroll, Gregory Chou, John DeEntremont, Edwin Faust, Capt., 831 Feyen, Michael Harris, Ed Hodges, Fred Hodges, Ramon Perez, Larry Jaronello, Kevin Jones, Michael Kerber, Michael Kushner, Bob Martin, James MacRobbie, Gene Millford, Kenneth Mellin, James Mellon, Jeff Matzner, Bob Nelson, Joe Nowicki, Paul Nowicki, Bruce Palmenberg, Michael Quishis, Ron Schreyer, Mike Scully, King VanDoo, Ed Shapiro, Mike Vitiello, Tom Wetzke, Thad Wilson, Kevin Hart, Tony Jasinski, Jerry Richardson, DICK Moran-Mgr., Bill Laurent.



— Staff Photo by Andy Dickerman

AWARD WINNERS—Matt Vacco, president of the Black and Gold Club, and Army baseball coach Eric Tip-

ton present scholarships to Richard Conklin, Jim Mellon and Bob Matern of Nanuet High School. Conklin and Mel-

lion received the Black and Gold Club scholarships while Matern received the Jerry Leo Memorial scholarship.

Fall 1967

Nanuet Athletes Honored

Football players Dick Berich and John Hassler, soccer player Ramon Perez, tennis player Bob Resnick, and cross country runner Greg Little were awarded most valuable player trophies last night to highlight the annual sports award dinner of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club.

Nanuet soccer coach Bob West predicted that his teams will always be near the top and that winning a championship is easily within range. In addition to the MVP award, Perez, who scored 21 goals to lead the PSAL in that department, was also cited as the outstanding offensive player. Other soccer awards went to goalie Ishmael

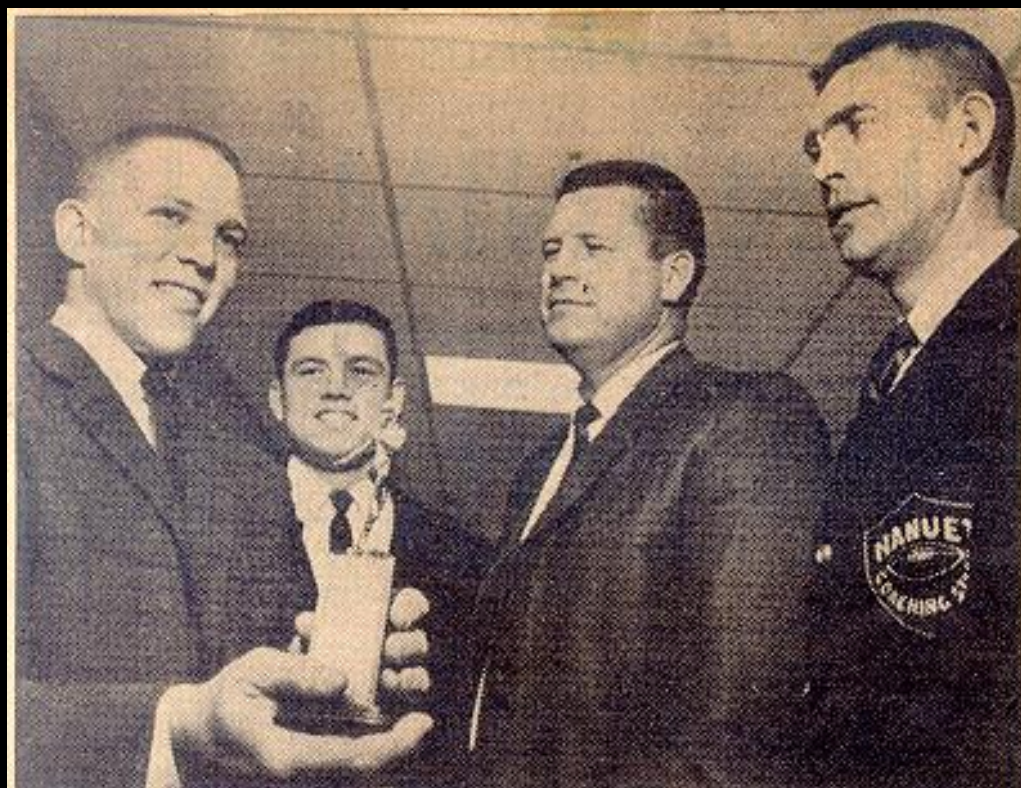
Cruz as the outstanding defensive player, and to Bill Dwyer as the outstanding halfback.

Football coach Chuck Holland reported that he has a nucleus of 19 varsity letter winners returning next season. Special awards were given to Julio Agosto as the outstanding defensive player, to Dick Berich as the outstanding back, to Al Drake as the outstanding lineman, and to Jim Berich for kicking the first field goal in Nanuet football history.

Superintendent of schools MacArthur Barr presented the MacArthur Barr captain's awards, to football co-captains John Hassler and Steve Reigert.

Special awards to the football players and the cheerleaders were also presented by the Pearl River Elks Lodge. The Black and Gold gave special plaques to six fall sports participants who were voted to All-County honors in their respective sports.

Gene Haas, head football coach of Gettysburg College, addressed the group. He cited physical, mental, and moral courage as the keys to success not only in athletics but in all phases of life.



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NANUET FOOTBALL MVPs JOHN HASSLER, LEFT; DICK BERICH
... with Gettysburg coach Gene Haas and Nanuet coach Chuck Holland

The Astronauts Invade Nanuet

The clowning Harlem Astronauts will invade Nanuet High School tonight, clashing with the Nanuet athletic staff for the benefit of the Jerry Leo Scholarship fund.

The Astros are led by the clever ball handling of Jim "Shakey" Stanley, who is also the club's biggest laughmaker. Stanley is a graduate of Florida A&M.

The benefit game is being sponsored by the Black and Gold Club. Game time is 8 p.m.



HARVEY MELLION, left, president of the Nanuet Black and Gold Club, presents a check to Jerry Krause, president of the Jerry Leo Scholarship Fund, during halftime of a benefit game between the Harlem Astronauts and the Nanuet High School faculty Dec. 20. Proceeds of the game went to the Scholarship fund.

Harlem Team in Nanuet

The Harlem Wizards, a very talented exhibition basketball team, will oppose the Nanuet faculty in a game Friday at the Nanuet High School gym.

Tickets are now on sale for the game at the Nanuet High School Athletic Office. All proceeds will be used for the Jerry Leo Scholarship Fund.

The Wizards have a consecutive winning streak of 204 games, including 32 in September and October of this year while on tour in Japan, Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. They have been aided by the return of "Pickles" Murphy, a star showman, who has rejoined the team after a year's absence.

Murphy, one of the Wizards' finest performers in their six-year history, played at Shaw

University in North Carolina where he scored over 1,100 points in his senior year. "Pickles" is very fast and is an exceptional ball-handler, shooter and playmaker.

Other Wizard starters include Dave Hicks (6-5), a native of New Haven, Conn., and a star with the Harlem Globetrotters for four years; Bill Corley (6-9), an All-East selection at the University of Connecticut last year; Valentine Willis (6-2), a Jersey City resident, who starred at Lincoln High School and Norfolk State College in Virginia, and Wingo Hawthorne (6-8) from Friendship College, North Carolina.

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Tickets are now on sale for the game at the Nantuxet High School Athletic Office. All proceeds will be used for the Jerry Leo Scholarship Fund.

The Wizards have a consecutive winning streak of 20½ games, including 32 in September and October of this year while on tour in Japan, Korea, Okinawa and the Philippines. They have been aided by the return of "Pickles" Murphy, a star showman, who has rejoined the team after a year's absence.

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JIM STANLEY

The clowning Harlem Astronauts basketball team will play against the Nanuet High School athletic staff at Nanuet High December 20 at 8 p.m. for the benefit of the Jerry Leo Scholarship Fund.

Clever ball handling is the trademark of the Astros with Jim (Shakey) Stanley, former Florida A & M scoring great as the chief laughmaker. Other stars of the Harlem club are Bad Bill Brown, a former Tennessee Star ace, and Ted Allen, also an ex-Florida A & M star.

Advance tickets for the game are available at the Nanuet High athletic office. The game is being sponsored by the Nanuet Black and Gold Club.

Winter 1968

Black and Gold Fetes Athletes

By SAM BASSON
Journal-News Sports Writer

"Develop a good attitude," was the advice of Gray Simons, head wrestling coach of the unbeaten Lock Haven (Pa.) State College, at the Nantuxet High School's winter athletic award dinner last night.

The dinner was sponsored by the Black and Gold Club, a service organization, and held at the middle School in Nantuxet.

KEN THORN and Jon Hasler, County Meet champions, received the most valuable wrestler trophies while Greg Little was named the school's MVP in basketball.

Coach Simons has achieved a 30-1 record at Lock Haven and this season is unbeaten, 11-0, in wrestling. Simons, a former Norfolk, Va. high school and state champion, has been in the 1960 and '64 Olympics.

He recounted his collegiate and Olympic experiences in a manner which was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests and athletes. Simons won 91 of his 93 bouts in college. He was Small college champion for four years and MVW each year. Simons won the NCAA title at 114 pounds three years and was MVW twice. He coached at West Point for two years.

"Put forth a 100 per cent effort," advised the coach. "Work hard, prepare and do your best." Don Daniels, North Rockland wrestling coach, introduced the guest speaker.

Nanuet's wrestling coach, Ray Stedge, awarded a trophy to John Arrigo, 98 pounds, acclaimed the squad's most improved performer. Mark Vaccaro won a trophy for the fastest pin, decking an opponent in 43 seconds.

STEDGE loses six seniors including John Hassler, fourth in the States, Ken Thorn, County champ, Matt Vaccaro, who wrestled at three weights, Ray Perez, Al Dyake, and Robert Pratt. Drake was instrumental in the defeat of Clarkstown by wrestling in other than his normal weight.

Nanuet will have a strong nucleus for next season's team with freshman Joe Crua, Steve DeEntremont, Bob Walkley and Pete Wolters returning along with sophomores Ed Walkley and John Arrigo.

Basketball coach George Kelly distributed the awards to his team. This year, as last Steve DiGiovanni has won the trophy for the most rebounds, Greg Little took the MVP and best foul shooter trophies while Joe Faris was named the team's best defensive player.

Awards were made to the junior varsity wrestling and basketball teams. Miss Kathleen Michaels presented the cheerleaders with certificates. The Nanuet varsity cheerleaders recently won a multi-county competition.

JOHN POLETTO was the dinner's toastmaster and Matt Vaccaro, Black and Gold Club's president, presented Hassler and Thorn, All County wrestlers, with trophies. Rev. Edmund W. Netter of St. Anthony's Church gave the invocation and benediction. Principal Richard Jarvis spoke briefly and Athletic Director Chester Stopyra introduced the coaches.



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NANUET ATHLETES JOHN HASSLER, GREG LITTLE, KEN THORN AND COACH RAY STEDGE
... talk with Lock Haven State wrestling coach Elliott Simons