Intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University had its inception on March 20, 1909. On that day, the Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team wrestled in a home meet against the team from Washington State College. The Beavers, under the tutelage of their first coach Eddie O'Connell, won their first intercollegiate meet, five to one. Since that day, wrestling in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest has shown tremendous growth and development. In the 66 year history, Oregon State University wrestling teams have had a total of 13 coaches, compiled a 384-68-14 win/loss/tie record, produced six national champions and several Amateur Athletic Union and United States Wrestling Federation champions, had one Olympic champion and six other Olympic team members, and placed second in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships. Coach Dale Thomas, 1957-, has had great influence on the sport in the state of...
Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Olympic competition and refereeing, national wrestling titles, initiating the international Cultural Exchange Program and the Kid Wrestling Program, international coaching, and consistent showing in the NCAA championships are just a few of the highlights of Thomas' career as competitor and coach.

The wrestling program at Oregon State University provides the individual wrestler with an opportunity to develop himself not only physically, but educationally as well.
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A HISTORY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE WRESTLING
AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
(1909-1974)

I. INTRODUCTION

The history of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University (OSU) is a narration of progress—and one of contrast. From the days of the "full Nelson" and "head scissors" to the "suplay" and "whizzer". . . from the horse and buggy days to the supersonic age. . . from the period of the Physical Culture Department instructor/coach to paid coaches. . . from less than one meet a season to more than 25 dual meets a season . . . from the Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) "Aggies" to the Oregon State University "Beavers". . . from no organized conference meets to sanctioned NCAA championships—intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University has provided a unique opportunity for the individual wrestlers to develop themselves physically and educationally.

Upon completion of a review of the literature in the Oregon State University library, the author found that no previous detailed history of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University has been written. Such a narrative will be a further contribution to the historical records at Oregon State University, the Department of Physical Education and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.
A brief history of wrestling, from antiquity to date, is included to familiarize the reader with this combative activity. After gaining a knowledge of the historical background of wrestling as it was practiced around the world in ancient times, the reader can more fully appreciate its history at Oregon State University.

Wrestling has a long and honorable history that can be traced through the centuries. It was probably first utilized by man for self-defense purposes against his enemies and wild beasts. Hunt (1965) states in his book:

Archaeological investigations have turned up supporting evidence dating back over 5000 years. One of the more revealing searches centered around the tombs carved into the mountains near Beni Hasan on the banks of the Nile in Upper Egypt. Here, the life of ancient Egypt is depicted in paintings, wall carvings, and hieroglyphics. Several hundred of these illustrations show wrestlers demonstrating very nearly all the holds and positions currently in use. Since these tombs date back to at least 2500 B.C., it is evident that wrestling had been systematically and scientifically developed to a high degree by that time.

Although it appears that Egyptians were among the first to introduce wrestling, the Greeks were among the first to stress it in athletic competition (Umbach, 1953).

They regarded the wrestler as the best type of athlete, surpassed only by the discus thrower. The Greeks rated wrestling with running and jumping as the most natural form of athletics; it required no paraphernalia, and it provided an excellent method of building muscles and improving health (Umbach, 1953).
Pinder and other Greek poets say that the wrestling match between Zeus and Krones brought about the first Olympic Games (Umbach, 1953).

After the Greeks were conquered by the Romans in approximately 150 B.C., the emphasis upon wrestling as an athletic event in Greece declined. However, the Romans employed much of the technical knowledge and skill of the Greeks and combined it with their own method of wrestling. Hence, we have what is known as the Greco-Roman style of wrestling that is still very popular in many parts of Europe (Umbach, 1953).

Wrestling was extensively practiced during the Middle Ages in England. The freestyle method of wrestling as known today could be the result of a trend established during that period (Hunt, 1964). To illustrate the popularity of this sport, many international tournaments were held during this time. The most famous of these contests was the one between England and France, at which time the English were defeating the French with no trouble. King Henry VII of England began gloating and, as a result, the French king, Francis I, jumped to his feet and precipitated a wrestling contest with the English king (Umbach, 1953).

Although China was the first of the Oriental countries to introduce wrestling as a sport, wrestling became Japan's national sport before the Christian era. In Japan today, wrestling matches
attract larger audiences than in any other country (Meyers, 1931).

Sumo wrestlers, weighing sometimes as much as 300 to 400 pounds, are still featured at many public events.

In North America, the Indians were the first to practice wrestling (Stone, 1950). Although the sport was popular with the pioneers and farmers, both as a social attraction and a means of defense, it was advocated by people in other walks of life. As early as 1749, Benjamin Franklin suggested establishing an academy to prepare the youth of the nation for an active life. Wrestling, along with swimming and other sports, was to be taught at this institution (Stone, 1950). Abraham Lincoln was also an advocate of wrestling and a local champion in the style of wrestling similar to Greek wrestling in which the opponent is cleanly thrown to the ground (VanDalen, 1971). Following the Civil War a major change occurred.

... some wrestlers became such spectacular performers that there was a demand for them outside their own communities. At first they were paid only their expenses, but as interest increased, they demanded full receipts of the gate. This was the beginning of the artistic but brutal modern professional wrestling (Umbach, 1953).

From the latter part of the nineteenth century until the present time, wrestling has been practiced at both the amateur and professional levels.

Wrestling received its impetus as an amateur sport in the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century. Two Ivy League
schools, the University of Pennsylvania and Yale, staged the first intercollegiate wrestling meet in 1900 (Keen, 1964). The popularity of this combative activity spread along the Eastern coast. In 1904 the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Conference was established with the intention of formulating a "code of ethics" to govern competition. This Conference held the first intercollegiate wrestling tournament the following year and has continued to have significant influence in the development of wrestling as an intercollegiate sport throughout the entire nation (Keen, 1964).

Although wrestling was practiced in the Midwest during the first decade of the twentieth century, intercollegiate competition had not received the same popularity as in the Eastern colleges. The first colleges in the Midwest to engage in the sport on a small scale were Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, in 1899, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, in 1901 (Sapora, 1940).

Resulting from these occasional dual meets was one of the first annual major wrestling tournaments in the Midwest staged by the Western Intercollegiate Gymnastics, Fencing, and Wrestling Association, in 1912 (Case, 1964). The sport continued to increase in importance in the Midwest as the charter members of the Big Ten Conference officially wrestled on an intercollegiate basis. The charter schools comprising the Big Ten Conference were: Minnesota, Illinois, Chicago, Iowa, Michigan State, Nebraska, and Iowa State
College (Case, 1964).

Wrestling was well-established in most of the major Eastern and Midwestern colleges and universities by 1924 (Sapora, 1940). In addition to the Eastern and Western Intercollegiate Conferences, college championships were also being determined in the Northwest Intercollegiate Conference, the Southern Conference, and the Missouri Valley District (Sapora, 1940). The schools comprising the Northwest Intercollegiate Conference were: Oregon Agricultural College (OAC), Washington State College (WSC), University of Oregon (U of O), University of Washington (U of W), the College of Idaho, Linfield College, Whitman College and Willamette (Interview, Swan, 1974).

Although these various conferences followed many of the same rules, a few major differences still remained among the various sections of the country. Two of these discrepancies were the method of awarding a decision when there was no fall, and secondly, the method of awarding points for time advantage. In an attempt to standardize the rules governing competition among the colleges, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) established a Rules Committee in 1927 (Case, 1964). Since that year, the rules governing collegiate wrestling have been under the control of the NCAA. Mainly for safety purposes, the NCAA limits the style of college wrestling to that known as folk style. Dr. Thomas (1974g) describes this type of wrestling:
To be defeated by a fall, the folk wrestler must have his shoulders held on the mat for one second. If neither contestant scores a fall when the nine minute time limit is reached, a decision is awarded the wrestler who has demonstrated superior ability by scoring more points than his opponent. In the case of a tie, the winner is determined by which wrestler has the most riding time. Riding time is the time each wrestler is in the position of advantage during the match. In common with the other styles of amateur wrestling, the rules protect the contestants by forbidding the use of all holds considered to be dangerous to life or limb. The rules also provide for the infliction of certain penalties for inactivity which are calculated to spur the competitors to greater effort. This makes for active, aggressive wrestling contests.

The influence of the NCAA rules spread rapidly throughout all sections of the nation, and by the 1930's were used almost exclusively by all the major colleges and universities (Sapora, 1940). The point system started in 1940 and probably did more for spectator interest than any other single thing (Thomas, 1974f).

The popularity and importance of wrestling as an amateur sport in the schools and colleges has continued to increase until the present time. Stone (1950) sums up amateur wrestling by saying:

Intercollegiate wrestling, being an American development, is an expression of what Americans expect of a sport. At no time have Americans permitted tradition to interfere with their actions when they have thought that a change would result in an improved situation. This attitude has kept all our sports in a state of flux. The rules of wrestling are subjected to constant revision. Our present intercollegiate code does not bear a great resemblance to the one of even fifteen years ago. Many changes have been made, and new ideas have been tried out and have been adopted or discarded as deemed desirable. The Rules Committee has endeavored to regulate the sport so that it will be enjoyable for both the spectator
and the participant and still retain all the desirable features of the wrestling of former years. The phenomenal growth of high school and college wrestling in recent years is a monument to its success.

Statement of the Problem

The aim of this study is to compile a historical study of the origin and development of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. It will provide a clear narrative description not presently available to professional students in physical education and other interested individuals.

Hypotheses

1. Intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University has risen from a place of obscurity to one of national recognition.
2. Intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University has had a direct influence on the growth and development of the sport in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Need for the Study

There is a definite need for a historical study of this type. It is important for all institutions to have a description of athletic events from which certain facts and information may be gathered by those seeking such data. A partial history of intercollegiate basketball at
Oregon State University has been completed. However, no other historical studies of intercollegiate sports at Oregon State University have been completed. Therefore, the history of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University is needed to help contribute to the historical records of the University, the Department of Physical Education, and the Oregon State University Athletic Department records.

Scope of the Study

This study is concerned with the history and development of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University from its inception in 1909 through the season of 1974, a period of 66 years. It will be limited to the factors that influenced its founding and development as an intercollegiate sport at the University. The main emphasis will show the growth of wrestling at Oregon State University from its beginning, when wrestling matches were held between academic classes, to its present status as a major sport, as well as the progress from the period of an instructor/coach to the present day tutelage under paid, systematic coaches. In addition, this study will discuss outstanding meets, wrestlers, coaches, and events that helped establish intercollegiate wrestling as it is known on the University campus today.
Limitations of the Study

The early years of this historical study are not as complete as the later years. There are two primary reasons for this. First, intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University did not always receive the adequate press coverage that it presently does. Consequently, the written reports are not as complete as they are in the more recent years. Secondly, it was not possible to conduct personal interviews with all of the former athletic directors, coaches, and wrestlers. A third limitation in the study is the difficulty in summarizing the abundance of information available in more recent years.

Sources of Data

The primary sources of data were past copies of the Oregon State University campus newspaper (Barometer). Other sources from which information was collected include: historical files of the Oregon State University Athletic Publicity office; the Oregon State University archives; local city newspapers; the Oregon Stater; The Beaver yearbook; and interviews with the present and some of the past coaches and wrestlers from Oregon State University.
Methods of Research/Procedure

The historical method of research was used in the presentation of this study. The author, using the library research technique to begin his study, searched the Oregon State University library to obtain all available information concerning the history of intercollegiate wrestling. He then searched the Archives and the Oregon State University athletic publicity office and the daily school newspaper to compile information for the earlier years. Later, he expanded his methods to include personal interviews, local newspapers, and related books. The personal interviews were utilized not only for data and information but also to highlight the study with human interest stories.

After the data was collected from the primary and secondary sources, it was analyzed externally and internally and then synthesized and presented in a historical review, tracing the history of wrestling at Oregon State University. Most of the information is presented chronologically throughout the study so that a more meaningful and a better understanding of the Oregon State University wrestling teams may be gained.
II. THE SEASONS OF 1909 THROUGH 1920

In the period from 1909 to 1920, Oregon Agricultural College wrestling teams were under the direction of four coaches, Eddie O'Connell, James Arbuthnot, H.C. MacDonald, and J.W. Hargess. Although Oregon Agricultural College did not participate in any intercollegiate wrestling matches prior to the 1909 season, exhibitions and interclass matches were held on campus.

In these first 12 years, primarily under the direction of Coach James Arbuthnot, Oregon Agricultural College compiled a record of fifteen wins, five losses, and three ties, including nine Northwest Intercollegiate Conference Championships. The first conference championship for the Beavers was won in 1909 under Coach Eddie O'Connell, while James Arbuthnot was the first coach to successfully defend the Northwest Conference title in 1913.

1909

The first Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team was tutored by Eddie O'Connell who would travel from the Multnomah Athletic Club (Multnomah Club) in Portland, Oregon to assist the wrestling team. The following article was published in the January 19th campus newspaper, The OAC Barometer (1909a):
Inter-class wrestling contests will be held in the Armory, Saturday, Jan 30 for the double purpose of stimulating interest in the sport and to pick men to represent the college. Intercollegiate wrestling will undoubtedly soon become a firmly established winter sport at Oregon Agricultural College.

It was decided that six weight classes would be established for the interclass wrestling match; bantam weight at 115, featherweight at 125 pounds, lightweight at 135 pounds, welterweight at 145 pounds, middleweight at 158 pounds, light heavyweight at 167 pounds, and heavyweight at any weight above 167 pounds. Medals were to be given to the final winners in each weight.

On the evening of January 30, 1909, the interclass wrestling match was held and The OAC Barometer (1909b) described the match as follows:

Every one of the twenty-one matches was worth seeing, and the big crowd that came out to witness them was very pleased with the exhibition. As this was the first event of its kind ever held at OAC, the great interest and enthusiasm shown was most gratifying and bid fair toward the development of some mat artists of championship calibre.

Results in the final matches were: The freshmen won the bantam weight by default since there were no other class entries; Cady, a sophomore, won the featherweight class; McHenry, a senior, won the lightweight class; Thompson, a junior, won the welterweight class; Leedy, a freshman, won the middleweight class; Hawley, a junior, won the light heavyweight class; and Smith, a senior, won the heavyweight division. At the completion of the class matches,
Instructor O'Connell and Edgar Frank, from the Multnomah Athletic Club, gave an exhibition in wrestling (OAC Barometer, 1909b).

As a result of the interclass matches held at Oregon Agricultural College, a team was selected by Coach O'Connell to meet the Multnomah Club, Portland, Oregon, on Saturday night, February 13. The Multnomah meet was held in the Oregon Agricultural College Armory and Multnomah Club won four of the seven matches and was declared the winner.

On March 20, 1909, Instructor/Coach O'Connell's Oregon Agricultural College team wrestled its first intercollegiate match with Washington State College. The OAC Barometer (1909c) published the following article concerning the match:

To the state colleges of Oregon and Washington belong the honor of having taken the initiative in the establishment of wrestling as an Northwest intercollegiate sport. The first meet to be held in the Northwest took place Saturday night, and resulted in a decisive victory for the Oregon College. The match was one of the cleanest and most enjoyable contests on the list of college sports; the best of feeling prevailed at all stages between contestants, and even clever tricks were impartially and cordially applauded.

The first controversy involving intercollegiate wrestling occurred when the University of Washington accused Oregon Agricultural College of breaking a contract. The controversy started in January 1909 when Professor Angell, Athletic Director at Oregon Agricultural College, opened negotiations with Dean Roberts, of the
University of Washington, for a wrestling meet between the two schools. Several weeks passed during which time the dates previously discussed by the two Athletic Directors were being taken by other Oregon Agricultural College school and athletic functions. Assuming that a date had been scheduled for the match, the University of Washington officials were "surprised" when Professor Angell wrote and expressed his regrets that a match could not have been arranged during the regular season but offered to wrestle them on April 9, 1909.

Then the WAVE, the University of Washington's daily school publication, came out containing the accusation that Oregon Agricultural College had broken its contract. The matter came up before an Oregon Agricultural College studentbody meeting and although actually no signed contract had been made or broken the Oregon Agricultural College studentbody delegates understood the feelings of the University of Washington and unanimously decided to invite their wrestlers to OAC. Professor Angell immediately wired the University of Washington and told them to come down on April 9, 1909. On March 27, Washington's acceptance was received by long distance (OAC Barometer, 1909d).

On April 9, 1909, under the tutelage of Coach O'Connell, Oregon Agricultural College won its first intercollegiate Northwest Wrestling Championship by soundly defeating the University of Washington. The Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team won every match. The
meet was excellently supported by the students which, combined with
the winning of the championship, promised well for the continuance of
wrestling as an intercollegiate sport (Barometer, 1909e).

1910

The 1910 wrestling team was coached by two men, Eddie
O'Connell and James Arbuthnot. Instructor O'Connell started the
wrestlers but was replaced by Arbuthnot. Coach Arbuthnot graduated
from Kansas State Agricultural College. After finishing his under-
graduate studies he took a position with the YMCA at Roselyn,
Washington. He later took a position as Athletic Director at the
Aberdeen Athletic Club and then he came to Oregon Agricultural
College where he was the first regular coach to "take the helm" of the
wrestling team (Barometer, 1910a).

On March 12, 1910, the Oregon Agricultural College varsity
wrestling team wrestled the winners of the all-school interclass
match. The experience of the varsity team proved to be too much for
the interclass champions resulting in a sweep of all matches by the
varsity team. The OAC Barometer (1910b) gave an adequate account
of the match:

The fireworks opened up when "Shorty" Vincent of the
Senior class, clashed with DuMoulin of last year's champion-
ship team. "Shorty" gave DuMoulin the tussle of his life,
but after a long struggle he was finally downed.
Pearcy proved himself a good man, but not Gibson's equal, for not at any stage was Gibson in a dangerous position. Gibson, after winning one decision went after his man and after three minutes of hard work, placed Pearcy's shoulders to the mat.

Ben Cooper and "Cyclone" Thompson in the 145-pound class, sailed at each other hammer and tongs and after six minutes of hard wrestling Thompson was rendered the decision. In the next act Thompson landed his opponent by a scissors and head hold.

The best bout of the day was furnished by Shadduck and McKenzie. Shadduck was the aggressor throughout the first two bouts and was therefore awarded the decision. McKenzie proved himself a clever man by his excellent work on the defensive. In the third bout Shadduck secured a hold on McKenzie that proved to be "Mac's" undoing.

On April 2, 1910, the Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team was proclaimed intercollegiate champion of the Northwest for the second straight year. It accomplished this by defeating the University of Washington in the Oregon Agricultural College Armory. The Oregon Agricultural College varsity team won five of the six matches wrestled. The Orange (1911), the Oregon Agricultural College yearbook, describes the match as "hard fought, and the Washington varsity men were a crowd of game losers and good fighters, but our men, through their knowledge of the finer science of the mat game, easily won from them." Charles Sitton was elected captain for the next year's varsity wrestling team.
The 1911 wrestling team was again coached by Arbuthnot from the Oregon Agricultural College Physical Culture Department. Inter-class match winners were pitted against the 1910 varsity champions to determine which six men would represent Oregon Agricultural College against the University of Washington. Five of the 1910 wrestlers were successful in defending their weights; however, the 115 pound division was won by Fredig, the winner of his weight division in the interclass matches. Fredig defeated DeMoulin who for two straight years was a winner in Northwest Conference competition. This was the first time in the history of wrestling at Oregon Agricultural College that an interclass winner had defeated a varsity member.

Only one Northwest Conference meet was scheduled in 1911 and that was with the University of Washington. Coach Arbuthnot took six men to meet the grabblers at Seattle. The Oregon Agricultural College varsity wrestling team met defeat for the first time in three years. Captain Sitton and Pearcy were the only Beavers to gain wins (Daily Gazette Times, 1911).

The OAC Barometer (1911a) described the meet as being very partisan:

Much dissatisfaction is expressed by local grabblers over the decisions rendered under which they suffered defeat. The Washington management had engaged a capable official, but he failed to show. The unfortunate selection of
Figure 1. Oregon State University Wrestling Team of 1911. Coach, Jim Arbuthnot. Team members names not available.
a Seattle lawyer was made from the crowd. His partisan work was particularly noticeable in Hawley's match; without consulting the time keepers he called time a minute early when Hawley had his opponent nearly floored.

By defeating Washington State University after the Oregon Agricultural College meet, the University of Washington clinched the Northwest championship. Oregon Agricultural College had two men declared intercollegiate champions as a result of being undefeated--Sitton and Pearcy (Barometer, 1911b). Sitton was re-elected captain for the 1912 wrestling season.

1912

Coach Arbuthnot was greeted by a veteran squad as the 1912 season swung into action. The Orange and Black, led by Captain Charles Sitton, proved their worth as they brought the Northwest Conference championship back to Oregon Agricultural College.

WRESTLING BOOMING! The preceding headline appeared in The OAC Barometer (1912a) over this article:

During the past week wrestling activities have jumped into the limelight. Already about thirty men are out for the class teams and the prospects for some interesting bouts are good. The winners of the inter-class bouts will go against last year's varsity team and in this way the varsity team will be picked.

The first meet of the 1912 season was held in the Oregon Agricultural College gymnasium on March 23 and was against the University of Washington. The meet resulted in a draw, Oregon Agricultural
College won three of the matches as did the University of Washington. The second meet of the 1912 season was held at Pullman, Washington, against Washington State College and determined the winner of the Northwest championship. Oregon Agricultural College won four of the six bouts and thus was declared the Conference champion by conference officials.

An article pertaining to the winning of wrestling monograms by team members appeared in the Barometer (1912b). It stated:

According to the Oregon Agricultural College Student Body Constitution but two members of the 1912 championship team are entitled to the wrestling monogram. They are, Captain Sitton and Kelly. The other men who have gone through the hardships of two hard matches do not receive recognition. Every man on the team has taken indescribable punishment but still a man must be a Northwest champion to secure a wrestling monogram.

1913

The 1913 wrestling season opened as usual with the mats overcrowded with aspirants. Only four of the 1912 wrestlers were in college, Captain Kelley, Fredig, Amort, and McBride. Some of the hardest fought wrestling matches of the season were between the old team members and those newcomers trying to make the varsity (The Orange, 1914).

The 1913 season was again under the successful leadership of Coach James Arbuthnot, who by the end of the 1913 season brought yet
another championship to Oregon Agricultural College. The first intercollegiate meet of the season was held on March 15, 1913, in Seattle against the University of Washington. The two teams broke even, Oregon Agricultural College winning the 115, 125, and 158 pound divisions, while the University of Washington took the 135, 175, and heavyweight sections (Weekly Gazette Times, 1913).

The second meet was held at Oregon Agricultural College on March 31 against Washington State College. It was this contest that brought the Northwest Conference championship to Corvallis. In this meet with Washington State College, the first obvious case of stalling in wrestling occurred. The OAC Barometer (1913) gave the following account of the incident:

The most noteworthy thing about last night's contest was the despicable way in which Savage [Washington State College] got his decision over Kelley [Oregon Agricultural College]. The lad Savage, however, was not responsible for this, as Coach Bohler of W.S.C. craftily secured a concession to the effect that any bout should be called a draw as long as neither man lost his feet while on the mat. Kelley outclassed Savage so far that referee O'Neal stated for publication that Kelley was much the better man. O'Neal even stated during the match that Savage would have to stay on the mat or he would be obliged to give Kelley the decision. Savage never showed a semblance of wrestling except once when Kelley, in trying to draw him into a grapple, slipped and Savage managed to stay on top for a few seconds. This gave him the decision. The remainder of the time it was merely a matter of backing off the mat. This kept him out of Kelley's grasp so that he never once lost his feet while on the mat. Kelley managed to get a fall out of his man once, but it happened off the mat. There was a loud, continuous clamor for a decision
in Kelley's favor, but to no avail. Referee O'Neal plainly showed his disgust when he remarked to Coach Bohler that he did not consider that wrestling.

1914

The Beaver wrestling team, under the guidance of Coach Arbuthnot, opened the 1914 season with two non-conference meets—one against St. James Athletic Club from Vancouver, Washington, and one with the Multnomah Club from Portland, Oregon. The Beavers won the first, winning four of six matches, and lost the encounter with the Multnomah Club by a score of 2 to 4.

The Northwest Conference championship was to be decided by the results of one two-day conference meet held at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon. Oregon Agricultural College sent representatives in every class of the eight. Those sent to defend the Conference title were: King, Hardman, Captain Amort, Bolin, Mosby, Allworth, Sitton and Day in the following weights respectively: 108, 115, 135, 125, 145, 158, 175, and heavyweight. Other conference schools sending representatives to the March 20 and 21 meet were: University of Washington; University of Oregon; University of Idaho; and Washington State College (OAC Barometer, 1914a).

The University of Washington and Washington State College tied for first place in the conference meet with three wins each. Oregon Agricultural College won two of the weight divisions and placed second.
King, Oregon Agricultural College featherweight, won handily from a Japanese representative from the University of Washington in the preliminaries and Bloomberg from Washington State College shared the same fate in the finals. Bolin kept up his good reputation by decisioning Gale of the University of Washington and Gridley of Washington State College in the finals (OAC Barometer, 1914b).

1915

The 1915 wrestling season was a success under the firm hand of Coach Jim Arbuthnot. The Beavers won two of their three meets by defeating the University of Oregon and the University of Washington in Corvallis, and then lost a meet at Pullman, Washington, to Washington State College. The OAC Barometer (1915) described the loss as follows:

Poor officiating was directly responsible for the loss of Saturday night's contest. The work of Referee Bullivan, of the Spokane Athletic Club, characterized by Coach Arbuthnot as the poorest bit of officiating that he had ever seen. 'I've seen some raw decisions,' says Jim, 'but this one was the worst yet and it wasn't necessary that one be an expert at the game to see it, as it was apparent to every spectator. Coach Bender, from WSC, told me after the meet that it was the same sort of deal they got at Seattle, and the Evergreen Paper called that plain highway robbery!'

Even with a defeat to Washington State College, Oregon Agricultural College was proclaimed the Northwest Conference Champion since they had won two of their three wrestling meets.
Coach Arbuthnot's team started the 1916 season with a meet in Eugene, Oregon, against the University of Oregon. The varsity wrestlers had an easy time in the meet, winning five of the six matches (OAC Barometer, 1916d).

The second meet of the season was held at the University of Washington and was what Seattle critics termed, "the best wrestling meet ever held in the Sound City" (OAC Barometer, 1916a). The method of determining the winners was different than that used in previous meets, as only one match, 15 minutes in duration, was held. The "Purple and Gold" from the University of Washington took the matches in the 125, 135, 158, and 175 pound division, while Oregon Agricultural College won decisions in the 108, 115 and 145 pound classes.

The last conference wrestling meet of the season took place in Corvallis on the evening of March 18, 1916, pitting Oregon Agricultural College against Washington State College. Both teams had already suffered defeats to the University of Washington. It was the privilege of the visiting team to pick the majority of the divisions to be contested, so Coach Bohler of Washington State College chose to enter men at 135, 145, and 175 pounds. Coach James Arbuthnot's two selections were in the lighter weights, 108 and 115 pounds (OAC Barometer, 1916b).
OAC won three of the five matches and by doing so placed first in the Northwest Conference. The wrestling bouts were evenly contested and only two falls were recorded in the five events, one of them was obtained by Hardman of OAC over Clark in the 115 pound event, and the other was a fall over Hawkins of OAC by Taylor of WSC (OAC Barometer, 1916c).

1917

The talent of the Orange and Black wrestling team displayed itself in the 1917 wrestling season. Coach Arbuthnot's wrestlers won all three of their meets and clinched another Northwest Conference Wrestling Championship.

The conference season opened in Eugene on Friday, February 26, 1917, with the University of Oregon. The Corvallis Gazette Times (1917) gave the following account of that meet:

By winning four matches and drawing for the fifth, the Beaver wrestling team decisively defeated the mat aggregation of the University of Oregon last Friday night, thus bettering the record of last year when the locals lost one match out of seven to the University grapplers.

Arbuthnot's boys took the offensive from the start and with the exception of the 148 pound division, made a clean sweep of the first round of six minute bouts. In the second round, the Aggie wrestlers won the first two, lost the third and drew for the fourth. When the 165 pound bout was called, the situation was two matches for the Beavers and two undecided.

With a third victory needed to clinch the meet, Allworth went on the mat and pinned Taylor of Oregon to the floor in record time. This win assured local success,
but Watson capped the climax by taking the third bout and the match from Wilson, of Oregon, thus making it four out of five and finally Hawkins, after outscrapping the Oregon captain, let the Eugene leader escape with a draw.

It is interesting to note that about one year later Allworth was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action during World War I (Thomas, 1974f).

The next wrestling team to oppose OAC was the University of Washington, March 4, 1917, in Seattle, Washington. OAC defeated the U of W mat men by a score of 25 to 22. A new scoring system was set up for this match. Scoring was based on five points for a fall and four points for a decision. OAC won three of the five matches wrestled (OAC Barometer, 1917a).

The final meet of the year was held in Pullman, Washington, March 18, 1917, against Washington State College. OAC won four out of the five matches and clinched the championship. Six of the seven OAC wrestlers won their Orange "O" for the 1917 season.

1918

The 1917 school year ended James Arbuthnot's tenure as head wrestling coach. Coach Arbuthnot left OAC to coach the U of W wrestling team. H.C. MacDonald took over the coaching responsibility in the fall of 1917. Coach MacDonald wrestled in Seattle and in the all-Northwest meets for three years as an amateur. Prior to coming
to OAC he coached and instructed wrestling for three years in Boise, Idaho (OAC Barometer, 1917b).

When the first call came for varsity tryouts, Captain Strome was the only returning letterman to show. Many of the members of the 1917 wrestling team had enlisted in the Armed Services thereby hurting OAC chances of winning another championship (OAC Barometer, 1917c).

The first meet was held against the University of Washington on February 23, 1918, in the OAC gymnasium. OAC won four matches out of five and the final result was OAC 33, Washington 11. The showing that the OAC team made against the U of W, coached by Jim Arbuthnot, was a surprise to local wrestling followers. By winning against the U of W Coach MacDonald's chances of winning a championship seemed certain (OAC Barometer, 1918a).

Two weeks later the annual dual meet with the University of Oregon was held in Eugene. The OAC Barometer (1918b) described this defeat as follows:

The University of Oregon wrestling team was given a decision over the varsity mat men at Eugene Saturday night in the annual match. The final results gave Oregon three matches and OAC two. Although the varsity far outclassed Oregon, throughout the evening, by getting five clean falls to their doubtful one, Referee Burden decided it was Oregon's year to be returned the victor and he therefore made many decisions that could be openly questioned according to reliable men who saw the match.
1919

The 1919 season opened without the services of a full time coach. V. F. Buttervich, the only letterman back from the 1917 team, was acting as captain and coach under the supervision of J. W. Hargess, the football coach and Professor of Athletics (OAC Barometer, 1919a).

The season opened in Seattle with a meet against the U of W; and according to reports, the U of W was to have won the meet before OAC arrived. Results of the meet proved prematch predictions quite the contrary. The OAC team came out on top of the highly favored U of W team by a score of 26 to 13 (The Beaver, 1920).

The meet with the U of O was called off by U of O officials because their wrestlers were too busy with school work to be able to devote the necessary time to training (The Beaver, 1920).

Two days before the date of the WSC meet a telegram was received to the effect that WSC would be unable to meet OAC as previously scheduled. No reason for the cancellation was given. As there were no other meets scheduled in 1919, OAC claimed the right to another championship. OAC had three men on the all-championship team: South, 115; Patshen, 135; and Captain Buttervich, 148 pounds (OAC Barometer, 1919b).
With Coach Jim Arbuthnot back on the job as wrestling coach at OAC, the wrestlers again won the Northwest Championship (The Beaver, 1921). A preliminary match was held against OAC Alumni mat stars on Saturday, February 28, 1920. Frank Bolin, Paul Amort, D.C. Mosby, Glenn Strome and Charles Sitton returned to the OAC campus to challenge the 1920 varsity team. The OAC alumni scored a decisive victory over the varsity in the meet. Of the four matches, three were won by alumni (OAC Barometer, 1920a).

The first meet of the season was held in the OAC men's gym behind closed doors because of a flu quarantine (OAC Barometer, 1920b). No spectators were allowed to view the meet with the University of Washington. The meet was characterized by a number of closely contested bouts, but the OAC team came out on top by a score of 8 to 3. The Beavers won by two falls and two decisions over one fall for the U of W. The meet was held under the new rules of the Northwest Conference under which a fall counted three points and a decision one point.

The last meet of the season was held in Pullman, Washington on March 20, 1920. According to Coach Arbuthnot, the meet was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that had ever attended a wrestling meet, with the presence of a large number of co-eds (OAC
Barometer, 1920c). The Beavers won the meet handily by a score of 7 to 0. Palmer, at 125 pounds, was the only varsity man to gain a fall.

By defeating the Washington State Cougars on March 20, 1920, OAC gained the right to meet the champions in California providing a date and place could be arranged. The Bruins, wrestlers from the University of California, were invited to meet the OAC grapplers to decide the Pacific Coast Conference championship. The California people agreed to pay half the expenses, and the OAC Board of Control agreed to pay the other half. Neither school could agree to a suitable date and subsequently the meet was not held as hoped (OAC Barometer, 1920d).
III. THE SEASONS OF 1921 THROUGH 1926

Chapter III follows the illustrious coaching and wrestling career of Robin Reed and two other coaches, G.L. Rathbun and D.O. Ferrell. The wrestling teams under the guidance of these three coaches were very successful. During the six year period these three coaches established an impressive record of 22 wins and no losses. They won the Northwest Conference six times in as many years, the Pacific Coast Conference three times and the National Amateur Athletic Union team championship once.

Robin Reed graduated from Franklin High School in Portland, Oregon, where as a student, he won the National Amateur title in two weight classes. It was during this time while he was in high school and wrestling for the Multnomah Club that Robin met Eddie O'Connell, 1909 OAC wrestling instructor, whom he considers the "father of wrestling in the Northwest" (Reed, Interview, 1974).

Virgil Cavagnaro (1974) stated:

When I started wrestling in 1932, Robin Reed was considered to be the greatest wrestler this country had ever had but he was a very controversial person because of some of the things that he had pulled in his wrestling. He was a phenomenal wrestler at Franklin High School in Portland. I grew up in that neighborhood and even though he was quite a few years ahead of me the reputation he had as an athlete was more than phenomenal. The history books show where he went to the Olympics and the officials changed the rules because he was beating everyone, up through heavyweight; he could have cleaned anybody's clock!
The Beavers completed the 1921 season undefeated, finishing first in the Northwest Conference. Coach Arbuthnot returned to the U of W and the Orange and Black had a new coach, G. L. Rathbun. Guy L. Rathbun came to OAC from Indiana University. In addition to coaching wrestling, he also handled the baseball coaching duties with the Beavers (The Beaver, 1924a). With only 11 men working out with the varsity team Coach Rathbun's prospects of turning out a championship wrestling team looked quite dim (OAC Barometer, 1921a).

The opening meet of the season was a preliminary with the Multnomah Athletic Club on Saturday, January 29, 1921. The OAC team lost all four matches to the "Winged M" matmen from Portland, Oregon. In the 125 pound class, Captain Palmer lost a fall to Robin Reed of the Multnomah Club (OAC Barometer, 1921b).

Coach Rathbun's first intercollegiate meet was scheduled for February 5, 1921, but was postponed due to Oregon legislators being on campus that day (OAC Barometer, 1921b). The U of O meet was held the next Saturday and the Beavers came out on top by a score of 16 to 5, winning five of the six matches (Daily Gazette Times, 1921). By defeating the U of W in Seattle in their second meet, the OAC wrestlers boosted themselves to the top of the Northwest Conference standings with a record of two wins and no losses (OAC Barometer, 1921c).
The last meet of the 1921 season was held in Corvallis against WSC and clinched the championship for the "Aggie" wrestlers. Final score in the WSC meet was OAC 8 and WSC 1.

1922

After defeating WSC in the last meet of the 1922 season, Coach Rathbun clinched yet another Northwest Conference title (The Beaver, 1923). OAC met with the U of O twice during the year, once in Eugene and once in Corvallis. Results of these meets showed the Northwest Conference that the Beavers would once again be tough on the mats. Final scores against the U of O were quite lopsided, 38 to 6 and 48 to 0 in favor of OAC.

The third meet was held in the OAC men's gym against the U of W. The OAC school newspaper, The Barometer (1922), carried the following article concerning the meet:

Before the largest crowd ever assembled at a wrestling meet at OAC, the Beavers won from the University of Washington by a score of 26 to 8. Outside of the 158 pound class, the Beavers practically swept through every match in two bouts. They showed all the initiative in most every weight, while Washington worked on the defensive at all times. The meet was decidedly one-sided, and at no time was an OAC man in danger.
Coach Guy L. Rathbun's OAC wrestlers lived up to all previous expectations during the 1923 season. After defeating the U of O 38 to 0 and 40 to 0, the Beavers visited the U of W campus and won a hard fought contest 24 to 12 (The Beaver, 1924b). The OAC Barometer (1923a) described the meet as follows:

"REED IS STAR OF MATCH"
The "Aggie" wrestling squad defeated the "Huskie" matmen Thursday in one of the hardest fought matches of the season 24 to 12. With a squad, half of which were sick or suffering from injuries, Coach G.L. Rathbun feels particularly proud of his men, for the men won from one of the strongest teams that has ever been put out at the U of W. Robin Reed was easily the star of the meet, wrestling in two weights and winning both of them.

A Seattle paper later said,

Seattle fans fail to figure out why the OAC coach does not use Reed in all weights except the 125 pound class for which he is too heavy. He would be sure to win them all and this would save the coach the trouble of having to train a whole team. Reed is calm, cool, and collected, and is entitled to be called the 'champion of amateur champions' (OAC Barometer, 1923b).

The Aggie wrestlers clinched the Northwest Conference title in the last meet of the season against WSC by a score of 38 to 0. Reed again had no difficulty in winning his bout by two straight falls (OAC Barometer, 1923c).

This was Reed's first season with the Beavers and he won all of his matches by falls. Prior to coming to OAC, Robin had won the
National Amateur Championships in the 125 pound and the 135 pound weight classes while still a student at Franklin High School in Portland, Oregon, and wrestling for the Multnomah Athletic Club (Reed, Interview, 1974).

1924

Coach D.O. Ferrell took over the helm of the OAC wrestling team for the 1924 season. Before coming to OAC, Coach Ferrell was with the Physical Education staff at Harvard, teaching wrestling and swimming, and then with the Spokane, Washington, YMCA. Coach Ferrell also coached swimming at OAC. The Beavers again captured the Northwest Conference title with an undefeated season. The first meet was with the U of O in Eugene and resulted in a 44 to 0 victory for OAC. The second victims to fall were the U of W wrestlers, in Corvallis, by a score of 33 to 3. After the U of W meet the Aggies made a trip to Pullman and defeated WSC by a score of 66 to 6 (The Beaver, 1925).

In the return meet with the U of O the Beavers again swept every match, for a score of 38 to 0. Robin Reed and Heston won their matches by two straight falls. The OAC Barometer (1924a) recap of the Reed match stated: "'Robin' kept the crowd gasping by an exhibition of wrestling seldom seen by an amateur. He tossed his man about the mat like a farm boy with a bag of oats."
Figure 2. Robin Reed, 1924 Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Oregon State coach 1925-26.
During the season, Reed went out of his weight class several times to meet men in the 175 pound class. By doing so Robin was giving up 35 to 40 pounds to his opponent, yet he was undefeated for the season. He also coached the Corvallis High School wrestling team to the State Championship the same season.

Robin Reed's reputation as a coach came to light during the author's interview with him:

I used to coach and work with the Corvallis High School students for two reasons; first, to help the boys in high school, and secondly, to help me analyze myself and the moves and holds that I would use during intercollegiate matches. An interesting thing occurred when I was traveling on a business trip in the Midwest in 1933. I had stopped to talk to a friend of mine, Claude Swindel, the wrestling coach at the University of Nebraska. Somehow we got on the subject of my coaching days at Corvallis High School, and that brought up quite a humorous story, in Claude's mind anyway. One day Claude was working with his team and in walked a young boyish "kid" and said he would like to work out with the heavyweight and captain of the University of Nebraska wrestling team. Coach Swindel didn't think too much of it and said, 'OK, you can work with my heavyweight in the top position,' and in those days to put someone in the top position was unheard of. The next thing to happen, after only thirty seconds had passed, was the young "kid" had his champion heavyweight in a figure-four with a head scissors and he was yelling for help! Well anyway, the "kid" was Irwin Forbes, a sophomore high school student from Corvallis, who incidentally I had coached (Reed, 1974).

In the spring of 1924, Robin Reed represented OAC in the divisional Olympic tryouts held in Spokane, Washington. It was here that he again went out of his weight and won the 145, 158, 174, and the 191 pound championships (Reed, 1974). After winning in Spokane,
Reed went on to New York's Madison Square Garden and won the Olympic finals, and won the right to represent the United States in the 132\(\frac{1}{2}\) pound wrestling division. During the 1924 Olympics, held in Paris, France, Reed went on to win his weight division and then become world amateur champion. A point of interest was that to win the championship he had to beat Chester Newton, also an OAC wrestler (Reed, 1974). Percy Locey, a one time OSC athletic director and classmate of Reed's, called Robin Reed the greatest amateur wrestler of his time and style of wrestling (Locey, 1974, Interview).

1925

Robin Reed took over the coaching duties in the fall of the 1925 season. Coaching was not new to him since he had gained plenty of wrestling and coaching experience both at Corvallis High School and at the 1924 Olympics. In his first year of intercollegiate coaching, he tutored the OAC wrestlers to another Northwest Conference title (The Beaver, 1926).

In Reed's first intercollegiate meet against the U of O, the Beaver grapplers lived up to their old tradition and soundly defeated the Webfoots by a score of 32 to 8, winning four of the five matches (OAC Barometer, 1925a). In the second meet the Beaver matmen added another victory to their long list by defeating the University of Washington in three out of five matches (OAC Barometer, 1925b). In
the University of Oregon return meet held March 2, 1925, the Orangemen trounced the University of Oregon by a score of 70 to 8 (Corvallis Gazette Times, 1925). The last meet of the 1925 season was considered the hardest with most of the bouts closely contested. Results of the meet were Oregon Agricultural College 65 and Washington State College 9 and this victory again brought the Northwest Conference championship to Corvallis (OAC Barometer, 1925c).

Individual Northwest Conference titles went to Bryan, Selfridge and Captain Dick Nixon. In addition to winning the Conference title, the Beavers won the Pacific Northwest Amateur Wrestling Tournament held in Portland, Oregon. Of the 16 medals offered, Oregon Agricultural College won 13 (OAC Barometer, 1925).

1926

In 1926, under the coaching of Robin Reed, the Beavers took the Coast title for the third time in three years, placing four of their men as Northwest and Pacific Coast intercollegiate champions, and one man claimed the amateur wrestling title in the heavyweight division (The Beaver, 1927a).

The Beavers mixed with the University of Oregon in the opening meet of the season in Corvallis, winning by a score of 73 to 3. The best the Webfoots could do was take one draw during the meet (The Beaver, 1927a).
Two weeks later the Orange and Black went north to Pullman, Washington, and met the Cougars defeating them 66 to 12 (OAC Barometer, 1926a). A return wrestling meet was scheduled with the U of O the following week, but the Webfoots cancelled the meet giving the OAC team three weeks to prepare for the U of W (The Beaver, 1927a).

The meet with the U of W was held March 8, 1926. In this final meet, held in Corvallis, the Aggies decisively won the Northwest Conference title by defeating the U of W 62 to 6 and clinched the Pacific Coast title, since the U of W had already defeated California (The Beaver, 1927a).

On April 15, 16 and 17, OAC hosted the National Amateur Athletic Union wrestling tournament. Robin Reed was put in charge of setting up the entire tournament in addition to coaching and entering a full team himself (OAC Barometer, 1926b).

During the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) meet the Beavers won 7 of the 24 medals, amassing 15 points and thereby winning the National Amateur team championship. Individual placers were: Frank Bryan, third place 160 and first place 175 pounds; Walter Powell, second in the heavyweight and third in the 175 pound class; Ben Pubols, third place in the heavyweight class; Otis Beckman, third place, 135-pound; and Reggie Russell, second place, 147-pound. Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Multnomah
Amateur Athletic Club of Portland tied for second with 11 points each (The Beaver, 1927b).

The 1926 season marked the end of a winning era in OSU wrestling history that was not to be equalled until Coach Dale Thomas arrived at OSU in 1957 (Interview, Grant Swan, 1974).
IV. THE SEASONS OF 1927 THROUGH 1942

From 1927 to 1933, no officially scheduled intercollegiate meets were held. Much controversy and question still remains as to why intercollegiate wrestling was discontinued during this period (Thomas, 1974a). Reed (1974) stated in an interview: "I didn't coach in 1927 because I didn't want to see the continued dominance at any one school continue." He even went as far as to say that he tried to give Chester Newton (Olympic runner-up to Robin in 1924) to the University of Oregon along with other wrestlers from Oregon Agricultural College but they would not leave (Reed, 1974).

Grant "Doc" Swan (1974) stated,

The caliber and style of wrestling at OAC was just too much for the other schools to match. Further, the physical cultural department and the athletic department didn't have enough money to support all the major sports at OAC.

Additional controversy involves the unproved allegation that Coach Robin Reed greased his wrestlers for the final matches held during the Amateur Athletic Championships in 1926 and this led to intercollegiate wrestling being discontinued at OAC (Swan, 1974).

Coach Dale Thomas (1974) said:

It was reported to me from several different sources that the President discontinued wrestling because of the complaints he received from officials and coaches on the conduct of the National AAU meet in 1926.

Virgil Cavagnaro (1974) stated:
I don't know how you will ever find out unless Robin comes out and tells the real story. It wasn't until Dale Thomas came to Oregon State that Robin returned to campus. Dale really became interested in this historical figure, Robin Reed, and made it a point to meet and encourage him to come back to Oregon State and make a contribution to wrestling. I believe there was some bitterness involved. Since then, Robin has attended some of Dale Thomas' coaching clinics in Florence, Oregon, and has been back to Oregon State on several occasions visiting Dale.

However, during the period 1927 to 1933, interclass meets and "smokers" were held at OAC. In 1931, six men were selected to represent OSC at the Pacific Northwest Amateur Athletic Association Championships held at the Multnomah Athletic Club on March 18 and 19. This was the first year that OSC had ever sent representatives to the meet. Those making the trip were Vic Palmrose, Locke Reeder, Woodsen Clark, Al Petellin, Jim Kimmey and John Goodman (OSC Barometer, 1931).

During the seasons 1934 to 1942, Oregon State College wrestling teams compiled a fine win-loss record, 23 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties, under the guidance of two coaches, Jim Dixon and Del Allman. Jim Dixon received both his undergraduate degree and his graduate degree in Education from OSC. Upon graduation he became football line coach for OSC and in addition coached wrestling and boxing along with his teaching in the Physical Education Department. He later became president of the Oregon Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (Dixon, 1974, Interview).
Del "Doc" Allman attended Michigan State Normal College where he received his baccalaureate degree. Later he attended the University of Michigan and eventually received his doctoral degree in Public Health (Allman, 1974, Interview).

1934

In 1934 Coach Jim Dixon took the interclass wrestling winners to the U of O to wrestle the Duck interclass winners. Those making the trip, sponsored by the Oregon State Varsity "O" Club, were: Amo DeBenardis, Bill Kenna, Bob and Bill Patrick, Omar Stein and Stan McClurg. The meet ended in a draw with each school winning three matches. McClurg, DeBenardis and Kenna were individual winners (OSC Barometer, 1934).

1935

The 1935 wrestling season consisted of interclass meets, smokers, a meet with Linfield College and a meet with the U of O. Coached by Jim Dixon, the Beavers held a meet with the Linfield "Wildcats" coached by Wayne Horn on Friday, February 15. OSC won the meet by a score of four to one. As an added feature at the meet, Jim Dixon put on an exhibition of professional wrestling (OSC Barometer, 1935). On March 1, 1935, the "Webfoot" all-school winners traveled to Corvallis to meet the Beaver all-school
champions. The wrestlers of the two schools broke even, each team winning three and drawing one (OSC Barometer, 1935b).

1936

The wrestling team for the 1936 season was again under the direction of Coach Jim Dixon. The first meet of the season was with Linfield and ended in a draw, each school winning five matches. As a result of the Linfield meet, five members of the OSC wrestling team were selected to represent the school at the Olympic tryouts in Seattle March 6 and 7. The men picked were: Rod Schultes and Elbert Stidd, 135 pounds; Chuck Bennett, 155 pounds; Ed Cornwell, 165 pounds; and Ernie Bearss, unlimited (OSC Barometer, 1936).

1937

In the first intercollegiate meet of the 1937 season, the OSC wrestling team coached by Jim Dixon defeated Linfield by a score of 8 to 1 (OSC Barometer, 1937a). In the second meet against the U of O the Beavers came out on top again, winning seven matches and losing only one. The Barometer (1937b) described the meet as follows:

Once again the state's traditional athletic rivals faced each other last night--this time for mat supremacy--and once again Oregon State's brilliant Orange and Black colors topped the Emerald Green of the University of Oregon when the final results were tabulated. Only one event, the curtain raiser of Coach Dixon's grappling card of seven events, did the 'Webfoots' capture.
After completing a successful season, Jim Dixon, coach of the OSC wrestling team, stated that the mat interest had hit a new high on the campus (The Beaver, 1938). The 1938 season was climaxed with two consecutive wins over the Webfoots from Eugene. Results of the last meet with the U of O were: 118-pound class--Gene Scott, OSC, won by default; 126-pound class--Lester Weaver, OSC, won by a decision over Clarence Francis; 135-pound class--Robert McRobert, OSC, won by a decision over Bill Lauderback; 145-pound class--Hersel Peyree, OSC, won by a fall over Jim Mountain; 155-pound class--Darel Dudley, OSC, won by a decision over Roberts; 165-pound class--Arnold Peterson won by a fall over Morton Meyers (OSC Barometer, 1938).

On February 22, 1938, the Beaver wrestling team wrestled the last meet of the season against Linfield College winning five, losing two and drawing one of the eight matches wrestled. For the first time since 1925, wrestlers received recognition from the Athletic Administration in the form of minor "O" monograms to the award winners (The Beaver, 1938).
In 1939, Del Allman took over coaching the OSC varsity wrestling team. During the season, "Doc" Allman's squad moved through six intercollegiate meets without meeting defeat. Coach Allman's wrestlers defeated Linfield College twice, the U of W twice and the U of O twice (The Beaver, 1939). In addition to the intercollegiate meets the varsity squad met the Multnomah Athletic Club twice during the year, drawing once with them and defeating the "Winged M" wrestlers once.

In 1940, Allman received some coaching assistance from Virgil Cavagnaro who was an experienced competitor. Cavagnaro graduated from Benson High School, Portland, Oregon, in 1937 where he wrestled for Coach Gibson (OAC, 1909-1911). Cavagnaro (1974) called Gibson, "... one of the great coaches of his time, one that knew the theory and sound principles used in modern day wrestling." Cavagnaro had wanted to attend OSC in the fall of 1937 but there was not enough money in the family to support him. He had tried out for the football team in 1937 hoping to get some type of aid but he was unable to make the team. After winning a National AAU wrestling title in 1939 while wrestling for Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland,
Oregon, Percy Locey, Athletic Director, finally gave him some aid and he started school in the fall of 1939.

Since 1939, Cavagnaro's contribution to the sport of wrestling at OSU, as a competitor, coach, official, and supporter, has been invaluable (Thomas, 1974f). He wrestled in 1940 and 1941 and then returned after the war to wrestle again in 1948. His desire was to wrestle on an Olympic team, but that ended in 1948 when he sustained a serious injury to his knee that halted his wrestling career. As an official, Cavagnaro has officiated everything from high school meets to NCAA meets. In 1961, he was the head official at the NCAA championships held in Corvallis, Oregon. As a supporter, he has worked with all of the coaches and alumni at OSU in recruiting prospective athletes and has worked on the Alumni Association board. As Cavagnaro (1974) stated, "Anything they wanted me to work on, I would do it."

Oregon State's varsity wrestling squad got its first taste of Northern Division competition for the 1940 season against the U of W at Seattle. After a win over the Huskies in Seattle the next meet was a home meet against the U of O that ended in a clean sweep of all matches for a score of 30 to 0 (OSC Barometer, 1940b).

A new scoring system was used at Northern Division meets in which each match was scheduled for nine minutes; if at the end of three minutes neither man had an advantage, the remaining time was
divided into two three minute periods. A fall netted five points and a
decision gave three. In the case of a draw, each man got one and
one-half points for his team (OSC Barometer, 1940b).

The next three meets were held against Linfield, WSC and the
U of O, with the only dual meet defeat at the hands of WSC by a score
of 10 to 24.

The Northern Division meet was held at Seattle on March 2,
1940, with five institutions participating. They included: U of W;
WSC; U of O; Idaho and OSC. Those making the trip north from OSC
were: Ted Webb, 121; Leo Miller, 128; Bob McRoberts, 136; Merle
Hutchinson, 145; Jim Smart, 155; Bob Nelson, 165; Phil Gray, 175;
Ray Fugate, heavyweight (OSC Barometer, 1940d). The Beavers
completed the 1940 season at the Northern Division meet, placing
third in Seattle. Results of the meet were: U of W - 30; WSC - 30;
OSC - 19; Idaho - 8; and U of O - 0. The only Orange and Black
matman to win an individual championship was Bob Nelson, 165 pound
weight class (Corvallis Gazette Times, 1940).

During the season, Doc Allman spoke to the sports apprecia-
tion class:

A better understanding of amateur wrestling is
necessary before people will really give it their full sup-
port. Professional wrestling is partly responsible for the
lack of enthusiasm in the "unadulterated bone bending". The public as a whole does not appreciate the scientific,
best-man-win-attitude of the amateurs (OSC Barometer,
1940a).
In a similar open house discussion the year before, Jim Dixon, previous OSC wrestling coach, spoke to the February 20 meeting of the sports appreciation class. In his comments about professional wrestling he stated:

Professional wrestling is merely a show, as the hold, pains and decision are fixed before the bout has begun. I believe that the greater enjoyment derived from a wrestling show is not from the contestants but from the spectators themselves. The throwing of pop bottles, chairs, wrenches, and almost anything available is common at wrestling matches (OSC Barometer, 1939).

1941

Coach Del Allman's varsity squad experienced one of the most successful seasons in "Beaver mat history during the 1941 season" (The Beaver, 1941). The Orange and Black lost only one meet during the season, that being the opener against the U of W by a score of 13 to 17 (OSC Barometer, 1941a). After the initial loss to the U of W, OSC went on to score victories over the U of O twice, 26-6 and 36-0, over WSC 19-11 and over the U of Idaho, 24-8 (The Beaver, 1941).

Coach Doc Allman was one of the first OSC coaches to believe in the weekly challenge matches. Each week before the scheduled weekend meet, winners of interclass matches, fraternity winners and varsity participants held tryouts and challenge matches in different weight classes. As a result of the weekly tryouts a team was selected to represent OSC (The OSC Barometer, 1941b).
In the Northern Division meet at the U of Idaho the Beavers placed first with a total of 40 points, winning four individual championships and four runner-up places. By placing a man in every one of the final matches held, OSC set a new record (OSC Barometer, 1941c). OSC winners were Jim Merritt, 155; Pat Kelly, 175; Dick Wilson, 128; and Darrell Irvin, 136 (The Beaver, 1941). Oregon State's Jim Merritt was the outstanding wrestler of the meet, and was described by Coach Allman (1974) as being "one of the greatest wrestlers that he had coached or ever seen."

1942

The Beavers climaxed the 1942 season in Seattle in the Northern Division meet, tying for first place with Washington State and the University of Washington. Each team had a total of 31 points. Three Orange and Black varsity wrestlers captured Northern Division crowns. Jim Merritt and Darrell Irvin successfully defended their weight divisions and Bob Nielson won the 145 pound class (Corvallis Gazette Times, 1942).

Prior to the Northern Division meet, OSC gained a victory over the University of Idaho in Moscow and lost to WSC in Pullman. In the last meet of the season OSC posted an easy victory over the U of W by a score of 20 to 6 (The Beaver, 1942).
Due to the hardships of World War II and the lack of money in the OSC Athletic Department, varsity wrestling was suspended after the 1942 season (Swan, 1974, Interview). Varsity wrestling at OSC did not appear again as an intercollegiate sport until the winter of 1948 (OSC Barometer, 1948b).

In the interim, Doc Allman gave up the wrestling coach duty and a new coach, Bob Antonacci took over the head coaching job. Before coming to OSC, Bob Antonacci was a Big Nine and NCAA 121-pound champion under Coach Billy Tom. Coach Wilkinson, who assumed the wrestling coach duties in 1951, also wrestled for Tom. Coach Tom was a successful coach and wrestler from the State University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, and had coached the 1936 Olympic Team in Berlin, Germany (Thomas, 1974f). Antonacci and Wilkinson were the first coaches at Oregon State with sound, fundamental concepts of wrestling. Their's was the first systematic coaching of any kind since Robin Reed coached in 1926, a period of 22 years. In 1952, Coach Wilkinson left for health reasons and Jim Dixon and Hal Peterson filled in until Dr. Thomas arrived in 1957 (Thomas, 1974f).
Prior to the start of the 1948 season, the Barometer (1948a) the school newspaper, carried this article:

Varsity wrestling is slated to appear at Oregon State for the first time since 1942 with the initial turnout of 25 prospective grapplers last Thursday, states Bob Antonacci, varsity wrestling coach. Outlining the plans concerning the coming wrestling schedule, Coach Antonacci reported that plans are now underway to arrange scheduled meets with certain independent and college wrestling squads with the first meet tentatively arranged with Multnomah sometime around the end of January.

The 1947 intramural and all-school tournament wrestlers provided the bulk of Coach Antonacci's varsity squad. During the season the Beavers put into shape a team that won the Northern Division Championship, winning all four of the intercollegiate meets wrestled.

On April 9 and 10, OSC wrestled in the Coast championships held in Berkeley, California. Making the trip were: Al Gray, Glen Miller, Norm Southwell, Norm Martinson, Lou Pika, Ray Zielinski and Paul Buhler. Placing first in the tournament were: Lou Pika in the 125 pound class and Norm Martinson in the heavyweight class. OSC placed second in the meet finishing behind the University of California (Martinson, 1974, Interview).
The Beavers failed in their bid to defend the Northern Division title during the 1949 season as they lost three of the five conference meets wrestled. The 1949 team developed good material from a relatively inexperienced group of wrestlers but were unable to win the Northern Division title meet against WSC. The Beavers lost the title meet by a close score of 13 to 17 (The Beaver, 1949).

The worst defeat of the season for the Orange and Black was at the hands of the California wrestling team which won every match except the heavyweight class. Herb Haberlack went undefeated in the heavyweight class during the 1949 season (The Beaver, 1949).

The Pacific Coast Championships were held in Berkeley, California, March 11 and 12. Coach Antonacci's wrestlers finished tied for second, winning two individual crowns. They were Lou Pika at 135 and Herb Haberlack at heavyweight. Ray Southwell placed second at 165 while Paul Buhler and Tom Cutshall placed third in the 175 and 136 pound weight classes (OSC Barometer, 1949b).

During the 1949 wrestling season, Coach Antonacci hosted a high school wrestling clinic on the OSC campus with the idea of promoting high school wrestling in Oregon and eventually hosting a high school tournament at OSC. Doc Allman, a former OSC wrestling coach, led a discussion on training and preseason conditioning, while Jim Dixon,
another past OSC wrestling coach, addressed the participants in the clinic on methods of officiating and gave interpretations of wrestling rules (OSC Barometer, 1949a).

1950

Coach Antonacci's varsity team proved to be the best in the Conference in 1950. After winning four consecutive dual meets against Vanport (twice), Eastern Washington and WSC, OSC won the Pacific Coast Conference championship beating California by a score of 17 to 13 (The Beaver, 1950).

OSC claimed the Northern Division title in a contest held against WSC where individual winners were: Tom Cutshall; Don Whitbeck; Bill Mosby; Paul Buhler; and Herb Haberlack. The Barometer (1950a) gave the following humorous account about the pre-meet conditioning that the wrestlers went through:

Antonacci was especially pleased by the sacrifices made by the team in order that they would be fully prepared to take on the Cougars. He added that it was mighty discouraging for the team to sit and eat three lettuce leaves and a glass of water while the two swimming teams from Oregon State and Oregon were getting steaks and other full meals.

OSC sent representatives to the first official Pacific Coast Conference wrestling tournament. It was called the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (PCIWA) tournament. Henry Stone from California and Hugh Mumby from San Jose were the
leaders in organizing and drawing up the constitution and by-laws for this Association. Prior to 1950, most of the tournaments and conference meets were invitational. The PCIWA was open to all schools on the Pacific Coast. This conference remained intact until OSU and U of O left in 1964 to take part in the Athletic Association of Western Universities (AAWU). In 1969, OSU became a member of the Pacific Athletic Conference (PAC-8) (Thomas, 1974d). The OSU representatives, Bill Mosby, 165 pounds; Paul Buhler, 175 pounds; and Herb Haberlack, heavyweight; each won individual titles. OSC won the meet by scoring 28 points with the closest contender, WSC, scoring 20 (The Beaver, 1950).

After the regular scheduled intercollegiate season had been completed, OSC sent Mosby, Buhler, and Haberlack to the NCAA wrestling finals held in Cedar Falls, Iowa. This was the first time Oregon State had sent representatives to a NCAA meet. None of the three gained the finals or scored any points for the team, but the three did put the name of Oregon State on the national wrestling scene (OSC Barometer, 1950b).

1951

Jim Wilkinson took over the varsity coaching job after Bob Antonacci departed for another position at the University of Michigan. Coach Wilkinson faced an inexperienced team after graduation losses
from the Pacific Coast champion team of 1950. Bill Mosby, in the 165 pound class, was the only Pacific Coast Conference champion to return for the 1951 season (OSC Barometer, 1951a).

For being such an inexperienced squad, the Beavers got off to a good start by defeating Lewis and Clark College by a score of 27 to 6 and tying the Multnomah Athletic Club in a non-conference meet in Portland, Oregon (The Beaver, 1951). The third meet of the season decided the Northern Division title, with the Beavers losing to WSC by a close score of 14 to 11. In the last two meets, prior to the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet, the Orange and Black whipped Eastern Washington and Lewis and Clark by scores of 38 to 0 and 27 to 3 (The Beaver, 1951).

The Washington State Cougars hosted a Northwest AAU tournament on Saturday, February 24, in which the Beavers placed second scoring 42 points to first place finisher WSC with 53. Ten teams were entered in the tournament and OSC took four firsts and three seconds. Bill Mosby, John Mosby, Yosh Kujokawa and Rod Zielinski won individual weight titles for the Beavers (OSC Barometer, 1951b).

In the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet held in Pullman, Washington, the Oregon State varsity wrestling team relinquished its Coast title in a heart-breaking, one-point loss to both WSC and California. The only individual title winner for the Beavers was
Jim Clark in the heavyweight division (OSC Barometer, 1951c).

1952

Jim Dixon again took over the wrestling coaching duties at OSC for the 1952 season (The Beaver, 1952). The early meets with Vanport and exhibition meets with Multnomah proved to be a lead up to the meet with WSC where the Northern Division championship was decided. The defending champion Washington State Cougars won the championship by a score of 24 to 12 (OSC Barometer, 1952).

With the regularly scheduled intercollegiate meets over, the Beaver wrestling team then moved on to the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet held at California Poly Technical Institute (Cal Poly) on March 7 and 8. Six colleges and universities entered the meet with Oregon State finishing third behind WSC and California.

Individual weight winners at the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet were John Witte, Captain Bill Mosby, and Ray Zielinski. Oregon State sent the three aforementioned wrestlers to the NCAA meet where Zielinski and Mosby went to the quarter-finals and John Witte, a freshman, finished second in the nation at heavyweight (The Beaver, 1952). This marked the first time since the NCAA tournament was started in 1928, that an Oregon Stater or anyone from the Northwest had placed in the NCAA (Thomas, 1974f).
During the 1953 varsity season, Jim Dixon's squad surprised everyone by taking second place in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet held at San Luis Obispo (Oregon Stater, 1953). The first two meets of the season were away meets with Stanford University and the U of California. The Beavers traveled by train and defeated both the southern universities on a four day road trip (OSC Barometer, 1953a). The next two intercollegiate meets proved to be lead ups to the crucial Northern Division Conference meet with undefeated WSC. The above mentioned meets with Portland State were won by OSC by scores of 17 to 11 and 14 to 13.

The Northern Division wrestling crown was at stake when the Beavers took on the WSC Cougars in Corvallis. Jim Dixon reported, "Rumors from the Palouse hills say that the Cougars are once again a powerhouse" (OSC Barometer, 1953b).

The Oregon State Barometer (1953c) gave the following account of the meet with WSC:

The powerful Cougars of Washington State college, defending wrestling co-champions of the Pacific Coast, started slowly against Oregon State here Saturday afternoon, but rallied in the closing matches to ring up an 18-11 victory over the Beavers.

Oregon State's first collegiate defeat of the season was posted before an estimated capacity crowd of 1200 Dad's Day spectators in the men's gymnasium.

Coach Jim Dixon's men won three of the first four bouts by decisions to build up a 9-3 lead, but a draw in the
177-pound class was the best the Beavers could do in the last four matches.

The win clinched the unofficial Northern Division title for the Cougars, who remain undefeated this year and are now leading contenders for the Pacific Coast championship.

In the final intercollegiate meet prior to the intercollegiate championships the San Jose State wrestling team spoiled the last home showing for the Beavers by defeating the OSC matmen by a score of 17 to 11 (OSC Barometer, 1953d).

The Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Championships proved to be the high point of the season. The Beavers were runners-up behind WSC and individual title winners for the Beavers were Gary McClain, Lou Williams, and Bill Giester (Oregon Stater, 1954).

For the first time since 1949, the Oregon State College wrestling team finished the season below the .500 mark as the Orange and Black ended with a record of three wins and four defeats in the regular season competition. However, four OSC wrestlers carried the Beaver name to the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet held for the third straight year in San Luis Obispo, California. Art Keith, a 147-pound sophomore, was the only individual title winner—three other OSC matmen, Gary McClain, John Enger, and Lou Williams placed third in their respective weight classes (The Beaver, 1954). In addition, Keith was named the most outstanding wrestler of the Pacific
Coast Conference tournament. Keith qualified for the NCAA wrestling finals held in Norman, Oklahoma, but lost his first match to Phil Frey, Pennsylvania State College, by the close score of 5 to 4 (The Beaver, 1954).

1955

The 1955 wrestling team furnished Coach Jim Dixon with one of his most successful seasons as an Oregon State mentor. The Beavers, led by Gary McClain, Mel Lehman and Art Keith, ended the 1955 regular intercollegiate season with nine wins and no losses (The Beaver, 1955).

One of several bright spots of the season was a dual meet win over defending Northern Division champion WSC. The OSC Barometer (1955a) gave the following account:

A surprise switch in Art Keith's weight class provided the key victory that gave Oregon State's grapplers a 17 to 15 victory over WSC in the Coliseum Saturday. Keith, last year's 147-pound Pacific Coast champ wrestled in the 157-pound division and outpointed defending 157-pound title holder Byron Nelson in a match that was closer than a mountaineer's longies in a Minnesota winter. The match ended at 6 to 6, but Keith won on riding time.

After defeating the Cougars, the Beavers went on to an undefeated season by crushing San Jose State, U of California, and Portland State. With the regular season completed, Oregon State sent a powerful team to San Luis Obispo, California, to wrestle for the Pacific Coast title. The Beavers finished first in the meet scoring
66 points, with the second place team, WSC, scoring 48 points. Individual winners were: Gary McClain, 115 pounds; Mel Lehman, 125 pounds; and Art Keith, 137 pounds. Second place finishers were: Orville Swinder, 130 pounds; Ron Hicks, 157 pounds; John Enger, 191 pounds; and George Meyers, heavyweight (Corvallis Gazette Times, 1955).

Art Keith, Gary McClain and Mel Lehman went on to the 1955 national finals held in Ithaca, New York. Art Keith was the lone Beavers to win his first match, pinning Phillip Burnaman of Harvard in 8 minutes and 38 seconds. Subsequently, Art lost his quarter-final match 8 to 5 to a Pennsylvania State man (OSC Barometer, 1955b).

1956

Jim Dixon stepped down as head wrestling coach in the spring of 1955 because of the pressure of other campus duties and just not enough time to coach (Oregon Stater, 1956a). Hal Peterson, the boxing coach at OSC took over the wrestling program because there were not any other Physical Education teachers who desired to coach the varsity wrestling team. Coach Peterson was not qualified, but the team needed supervision, and since the boxers and wrestlers worked out in the same room, Peterson volunteered his assistance (Cavagnaro, 1974). Peterson's team started the 1956 season with four consecutive wins before losing to the U of O 21 to 11. The remainder of the season
proved equal, as the Beavers lost only one of their final four matches thus ending the 1956 season with a fine dual meet record, eight wins and two losses (OSC Barometer, 1956b).

Coach Peterson started something new at Oregon State and Jack Rickard, sports writer for the Barometer (1956a) gave this account:

Hal Peterson, energetic Beaver wrestling coach, is trying something new this weekend in an attempt to give fans a better chance to become acquainted with the OSC wrestling program. Instead of the usual afternoon meet, the Orange matmen will take on California's grapplers immediately following the Saturday night OSC-Idaho varsity basketball game. And to give the post-game meet a little fanfare, Peterson is sending his ace, Art Keith, against Cal's 137 pounder at halftime. Keith is a real mat scientist and is certainly the man to show the crowd the finer points of collegiate wrestling. The only drawback might be that he will probably end the match within the first minute or two, as he has in most cases this year.

The talent of the Orange and Black was readily apparent at the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Association meet with the Beavers taking the championship at San Luis Obispo. The Ducks were favored to win but OSC came out on top with three individual title winners, Art Keith, George Meyers and Bob Kennedy (Oregon Stater, 1956b).

The three Pacific Coast winners represented OSC at the nationals but Keith was the only OSC wrestler to win his first match. Art then lost his second match in the quarterfinals (OSC Barometer, 1956b).
Figure 4. Oregon State University Wrestling Team of 1956. Left to right. Front Row: Lehrt Gienger, Bill Harsey, Jim Schuster, Ron Hicks. Second Row: Coach Hal Peterson, Art Kieth, Bob Kennedy, George Meyers, Lou Taucher, Orville Swindler, Manager Bumala.
Coach Hal Peterson left in the summer of 1956 for a position in the Department of Health and Recreation at Chico State College (Worrell, 1974).
VI. THE SEASONS OF 1957 THROUGH 1974

Chapter VI traces the coaching career of Dr. Dale Thomas.

Dr. Thomas is an alumnus of Cornell College of Iowa where he received his undergraduate degree in Physical Education in 1947. He received his Masters degree from Purdue University in 1948 and his Doctorate from State University of Iowa in 1956. Virgil Cavagnaro (1974) provides an account on the hiring of Dr. Dale Thomas:

All the time I would be going down to Oregon State because I've always maintained a close relationship with the Alumni Association and in particular, the wrestling program. As I recall, I had just played handball with Hal Moe in the old courts in the Mens Gym and Hal had just given me another lesson. We were down in the faculty shower room and I was just getting undressed when "Doc" Langton, head of the Physical Education Department, happened in and said, "Virg, I got a surprise for you." I said, "What's that, Doc?" Of course, I had been harping at them because the only way we could get a wrestling coach was through the Physical Education department and at that time the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics would only pay $1,000 for a coach and the rest had to come from Physical Education money. Anyway, he said, 'I got you a wrestling coach.' I said, 'Who?' And he said, 'Dale Thomas.' I had never met Dale but I had heard of his name and the first thing I said was, 'I want to write him a letter.' Doc went upstairs and got his address and I wrote him a letter and offered practically anything if I could help him get started. Heck, he hadn't been here a week and I drove down and met him over at his house. Since then we've been real close associates. Of course that guy to me has contributed more to wrestling, not only at Oregon State, but to the whole state of Oregon and, as far as that goes, to the nation. From the program that he initiated starting with the grass roots level with the kid's program, which took the country by storm, to his own team--I think he has done it completely unselfishly. Dale is so determined, honest, straight forward
Figure 5. Dale O. Thomas, Oregon State University Coach, 1957-.
and right—well, some people call him bull-headed—that his program had to go. Nobody could buck that type of attitude or approach.

Dr. Thomas was hired with 85% of his pay coming from the Physical Education Department and 15% from the Athletic Department. In 1966, this changed to 70% from Physical Education and 30% from the Athletic Department. Today he receives 50% from each.

When Dr. Thomas assumed the wrestling coach duty, his athletic budget was approximately $1,000. This gave him very little, if any, power in recruiting wrestlers. The small budget had not restricted prior OSU teams because they did not travel very much and very few of the wrestlers were on any type of financial aid. As the dual meet schedule grew larger and other colleges and universities began giving more financial aid to wrestlers, Dr. Thomas found that he needed a progressively larger budget to stay competitive. Presently he receives $47,136.00 from the Athletic Department. This money is for the coaches to budget in such areas as: salaries and wages, financial aid to wrestlers, equipment and supplies, training table, laundry, medical expenses, awards, etc.

Dr. Thomas gives financial aid, about $18,000, to wrestlers based on individual ability and not need. The Pacific-8 conference allowance for financial aid during the academic year provides only for tuition and fees and board and room. At Oregon State University, the maximum allowable financial aid is $1,681.00 for residents and
$2,941.00 for non-residents.

Wrestlers must include in this allowance all institutional grants, any employment during term time, work-study salary, any income from participation in an athletic event, EOG grants, rehabilitation grants, and similar aid.

The only sources of aid that do not need to be included are:
1. G.I. Bill benefits
2. ROTC or National Guard payments
3. Payments related to the War Orphans Educational Program, Social Security Insurance Program, or Non-Service-Connected Veteran's Death Pension Program
4. Honorary scholarships for outstanding academic achievement, if listed in the OSU catalog and awarded on a competitive basis to students of a particular class or school, or
5. Earnings from employment during the institution's vacation periods.

Any financial aid in excess of the allowable is considered "pay" for participation in intercollegiate athletics, and the recipient shall not be eligible for intercollegiate athletics.

The majority of the OSU recruiting is in the state of Oregon. However, as other Northwest teams have become more competitive and attractive, Dr. Thomas has found that some of the Oregon wrestlers are going to schools other than OSU. As a result he is presently having to go out of state to recruit some wrestlers (Thomas, 1974g).
Prior to the arrival of Dr. Thomas, Oregon State had excellent wrestling teams for the Pacific Coast but teams that were not competitive at the national level. Since his arrival, 18 seasons ago, Thomas-coached intercollegiate teams have compiled a 285-47-7 dual meet record and dominated wrestling on the West Coast with 14 Pacific Coast intercollegiate titles and one tie in 18 attempts. Dr. Thomas' 1973 wrestling team recorded a NCAA second place showing for OSU and the West Coast's best finish ever in the NCAA finals.

In achieving this record, Dr. Thomas has not had an easy time. Even before arriving on campus, Dr. Thomas asked for a leave of absence to participate in the 1956 Olympics. The fact that he was given approval for the leave did not enhance his relationship with his colleagues. The fact that he came from out of state with a doctorate degree seemed to arouse a bit of contention with some of his colleagues who were mostly Oregon State graduates with lesser degrees. In a Physical Education Department meeting, after Dr. Thomas made a suggestion to try an idea that had worked successfully at another school; he was told, "If you liked it so well, why didn't you stay there? We don't need any of your ideas" (Thomas, 1974f).

After his arrival at OSC, Dr. Thomas was reminded by his directors that wrestling was not emphasized here (Oregon) like it was back East (Thomas, 1974f). The impression was that wrestling was a minor sport and that this lack of emphasis was a good thing. As Dr. 
Thomas (1974f) said:

A fellow coach once said to me, 'I know the position of my sport, Dale, don't worry about that. That's one thing—I know where it belongs'. He was inferring that I did not and that I was pushing mine up a little bit too much so that I was up with the real people instead of the second-class citizens.

More than once, a basketball coach referred to the OSU Beaver Club luncheon, a meeting where in-season coaches speak, as a basketball discussion and even became disturbed when the wrestlers were given too much recognition. As Dr. Thomas (1974f) said, "The amount of interest stimulated in wrestling was distracting to the important sports. However, this attitude has really changed today." Jim Barrett (1974), current Oregon State University Athletic Director, stated:

Varsity wrestling would have to rank number three in reference to spectator interest, topped only by football and basketball. The intercollegiate wrestling program is now recognized as a major sport and it supports roughly 25% of its budget. The other 75% is paid for from the gate receipts from football, television contracts, PAC-8 receipts and other means.

In spite of this contention and rivalry and constant obstacles, Dr. Thomas has been able to promote the growth and development of wrestling in Oregon, and the Northwest, and has raised the status of the wrestling program at Oregon State University.

Some of the high points of Dr. Thomas' own wrestling career include: captain of Cornell of Iowa's 1947 NCAA and national AAU
championship team; winner of nine national championships in collegiate freestyle and Greco-Roman competition; and membership on the 1952 and 1956 United States Olympic teams. Some of his greatest accomplishments as a coach include: officiating in the 1960 and 1964 Olympic games; coach of the United States Greco-Roman teams in international competition in 1961 and 1966; coach of the 1970 United States Wrestling Federation team; teaching and studying wrestling in Yugoslavia and Poland in 1963; in Mexico in 1965, in South Africa in 1968, and in New Zealand in 1973; serving on NCAA clinic staff several times; teaching wrestling and touring New Zealand and Southeast Asia while on sabbatical during the fall of 1973; organizing and directing the Oregon high school wrestling Cultural Exchange that started in 1963; initiating Oregon high school freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments; conducting numerous clinics in collegiate, freestyle and Greco-Roman, including high school and college camps and Olympic development programs; directing one of the largest wrestling tournaments in the world in the annual Oregon high school championships with over 400 contestants using 8 mats at 52 matches per hour; starting and developing the Kid Wrestling Program in Oregon that was accepted as a national program in 1962; bringing the NCAA championships to the West Coast for the first time in 1961 with Oregon State serving as the host school; being selected by his wrestling colleagues as NCAA Coach of the Year twice (Thomas, 1974b).
In respect to goals, Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated:

Upon taking over the team, my goal was to develop a wrestling program that would provide an opportunity for the young men of Oregon State College to be competitive at the national level. The scope of such a program had to include the very young to the very old of both sexes. The training of teachers and coaches, educating the public, the media, administrators at all levels of education, and outside of education, training of officials, proper interpretation of rules were all prerequisites to establishing such a well-rounded program at OSU.

The program had to be international as well as national to encompass the qualities of education that are necessary for better world understanding.

A top wrestling program at OSU has always meant more to me than recruiting the top prospects and winning. A winning record was never one of my goals.

The status of wrestling had to be raised. In turn, the status of the people who participate, no matter in what capacity, had to be raised. People involved in wrestling programs were not and still are not as important to administrators in the school athletic program as are those in some of the other sports. I am satisfied, however, that we have made tremendous progress in this area during my years at OSU.

To conduct a highly competitive program at the national and the international level without being detrimental to the student athlete is indeed difficult. On the other hand, properly handled, it can be an asset to the development of the total person regardless of his academic or professional goals.

A varsity program without efforts toward maximum preparation and opportunity to perform are not varsity sports. Sometimes the knowledge and effort are so minimal that the varsity program is a folly. The pathetic thing is that often the student athlete, the coaches and others involved do not realize the folly of such a program.

Dr. Thomas feels that one of the biggest retardants to the growth and development of amateur wrestling in the Northwest and in the nation has been the stigma placed on it by professional wrestling (Thomas, 1974f).
Thomas (1974f) stated:

In order to gain the respect and recognition that amateur wrestling should receive, the news media, education administrators, and the public in all walks of life are going to have to be educated. The attitudes of unsportsmanlike conduct, disrespect for officials, kicking and hitting are watched weekly by millions of people via television. Until this hoax is discontinued we are going to no doubt continue to experience the detrimental effects on the growth of amateur wrestling in the United States.

Dr. Dale Thomas equates the sport of wrestling to the game of life: Success in one provides the drive needed to make it in the other.

Dr. Thomas stated:

If I make a good wrestler out of a boy, I like to think it'll make a good person out of him. My big goal is to get absolutely the most out of every guy we've got. If he realizes his full potential at no detriment to his personality or his personal achievement, then his wrestling experience becomes an asset to him.

I don't think that's true very much in college sports today. We tend to make prima donnas out of a kid. We may have a national champion, but when he graduates he's just another guy. I would hope that in some way we can make his wrestling experience an asset to him (OSU Barometer, 1974b).

Thomas further stated:

If the boy is naturally a good competitor that's half the battle. Then if he faces the reality of his weak points, which means that he works diligently and doesn't take criticism too personally or winning too personally, he can make it.

Some kids don't take my instruction. Maybe a kid's not used to working with someone. He thinks I'm just like his folks, or his old teacher or coach, just shooting off my mouth. He has to get used to me and get confidence in me.

If a kid believes in me and knows that I love him, I'm interested in him and I'm really trying to get something done, then we can communicate. And he can learn.
I achieve my greatest personal satisfaction from the fact that we've done so much here with so little. Like the 1970 team—that was the last of the great amateur teams. We scored 80 points in the NCAA meet that year with only a few scholarships, and it doesn't mean much to anybody but me. Because I know what we did—we wrestled against teams with full rides and recruits from all over the United States (OSU Barometer, 1974b).

1957

Dr. Thomas did not officially start coaching the Oregon State College wrestling team until after he had finished competing in the 1956 Olympics. Prior to his arrival, and after being hired in April 1956 by OSC, he called Dr. Clair Langton, Director of the Physical Education Department, and asked him to check with Spec Keene, Director of OSC Athletics, to see if it would be permissible for him to compete for the 1956 Olympic team. Keene gave his approval and subsequently, Dr. Thomas made the 1956 Olympic wrestling team.

Dr. Thomas trained at Oregon State College for approximately one month prior to departing for the Olympic training camp and it was during this time that he met the team and left the responsibility of coaching and supervising the fall practice sessions with the seniors on the team.

Upon his return from the Olympics, one of Dr. Thomas' first problems with the 1957 team was to instill in them the fact that if the members wanted to be successful in wrestling they would have to give
up the in-season, out-of-season concept in training. Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated:

There was a lot of drinking and smoking on the team the year before and the wrestlers just didn't understand the fundamentals of proper weight cutting, and just what it took to develop themselves physiologically. The season wasn't as long then as it is today with practice starting in the middle of fall term. I always start official practice the first day of school and encourage all of my wrestlers to stay in shape the year round. The first day of school we run our wrestlers in a two mile and you would be surprised at some of the times they turn in. Another concept I started was to have my wrestlers work out twice a day prior to the NCAA tournaments and also to have them return early from Christmas vacation to progressively build their endurance and wrestling capabilities for the conference and NCAA meets.

In his first season with the Beavers, Dr. Thomas won ten dual meets and only lost one. The Orange and Black started the 1957 season with a group of returning lettermen headed by Lou Taucher, George Meyers, Jim Schuster, Mel Lehman, Ron Hicks and all-American football tackle John Witte (OSC Barometer, 1975a). Coach Thomas lost the services of John Witte early in the season when he signed a pro-football contract with a Canadian football team (Thomas, 1974b, Interview). With the loss of Witte and a severe injury to heavyweight George Meyers, Coach Thomas had to move some of the lighter wrestlers into heavier weight classes to balance the team. John Dustin, who Coach Thomas feels to be one of the better wrestlers he has coached, wrestled in the 177, 191 and heavyweight classes
regularly throughout the remainder of the 1957 season (Thomas, 1974b, Interview).

The only dual meet loss came at the hand of the U of O by a score of 14 to 13. The meet was witnessed by a crowd of 3,000 fans in Gill Coliseum. With the meet score at OSC 10, U of O 14, and one match remaining, the Beavers needed a pin by sophomore John Dustin to win. Dustin fell short of the pin, although he came close on several occasions, and won by a 7 to 1 decision over his heavier opponent (OSC Barometer, 1957b). The Beavers squared accounts with the "Ducks" in a return dual meet by a score of 21 to 8 (OSC Barometer, 1957c).

Following the dual meet season the Beavers then put their PCIWA title on the line at the U of O during the weekend of March 8 and 9. Those making the trip to Eugene were: Zumwalt, Neuschwander, Lehman, Owings, Wright, Taucher, Hicks, Gienger, Dustin and Noteboom. Oregon State successfully defended the title by scoring a total of 78 points to second place finisher, U of O, with 65 points. The Beavers had outstanding performances from their sophomores with three of them winning individual weight classes. First place finishers were: Joel Neuschwander, 123 pounds; Lou Taucher, 157 pounds and John Dustin, 191 pounds (Sunday Oregonian, 1957).
Figure 6. Oregon State University Wrestling Team of 1957. Left to right. Front Row: Clyde Zumwalt, Joel Neushwander, Larry Wright, Lou Taucher. Second Row: Coach Dale Thomas, Lehart Gienger, Ken Noteboom, John Dustin, Ron Hicks, Bill Worrell, manager.
After winning the PCIWA title the Beavers sent a five man team to the University of Pittsburg to compete in the NCAA wrestling championships. The Beavers did not place high in the NCAA tournament but John Dustin scored six of the Beaver's eight points by winning three matches and taking fourth place in the 177 pound division. In the national AAU championships held in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, Joel Neuschwander and John Owings placed fourth in the Greco-Roman championships (OSC Barometer, 1957d).

Bill Worrell, team manager in 1957 and now assistant director of the Oregon Cultural Exchange Program, saw a big change in coaching technique when Dr. Thomas took over the team. He had the wrestlers take a good look at themselves and the competition on the West Coast and challenged them to become better wrestlers. Worrell saw a big change in practice sessions and in the wrestling technique that Dr. Thomas stressed. Dr. Thomas immediately changed the style from one of waiting to one of an aggressive form—putting the pressure on the opponent at all times. Thomas emphasized good position while in the top position as well as a sound mechanical position on the bottom. He stressed training the year round and not just during the wrestling season. Above all, Worrell feels that Dr. Thomas saw wrestling as a learning experience for the young men on his team (Worrell, 1974).
Figure 7. John Dustin, 177, 191 and heavyweight classes; fourth in the NCAA in 1957 and 1958 at 177 lbs; conference champion 1957, 1958 and 1959. First person to place twice in NCAA from Northwest.
Coach Thomas also started the Kid Wrestling Program in the fall of 1957. The program actually started when a Cub Scout den mother approached Dale and asked him if he might be interested in teaching wrestling to the youngsters. He was a den father himself and thought it would be a good idea. After a few sessions, the group had grown so large that more indoor space was needed to conduct the instruction. Coach Thomas approached the Physical Education Department, but was at first refused the right to use the OSU Men's Gym. He therefore labeled the program a research project to see how well wrestling could be adapted to boys of various age groups, and thus he had the right to use the Men's Gym (Thomas, 1974c, Interview).

By the end of the 1957 season, the Kid program in the local Corvallis area had grown to well over 100 participants. Dr. Thomas' goals for the program were to show that wrestling is a background to all sports and not just an end in itself, to provide equal participation for every youngster, and to afford the realization of fun, success and failure for each boy in the program. Because of the nature of wrestling, it has proved to be one of the best all-around developmental programs for pre-school and elementary age youngsters (Thomas, 1974f).

In 1959 the local Elks chapter backed the program and sponsored Dr. Thomas and some of the youngsters in a presentation of the Kid program to the State Physical Education convention in
Gearhart, Oregon. The same year a presentation was also made in Portland, Oregon, to the National Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

In 1962, Dr. Thomas presented the program to the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce national convention held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Since that time, the "Jaycees" have developed a national fitness program through wrestling for boys ages four through twelve—a program that has been and is still being adopted nationwide.

Dr. Thomas also moved the state high school wrestling tournament from the Men's Gym to Gill Coliseum where it has been held since 1957. Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated, "The high school meet is fantastic in that we wrestle on eight mats at fifty-two matches an hour and that we were the first tournament in the United States to work out a 'time table'." Other states have since copied the Oregon system. The time table is used to give the coaches, wrestlers and spectators an idea of when particular matches will be wrestled. It has been figured out statistically within seven minutes when and where a contestant will be wrestling. This is especially valuable to the spectators to enable them to locate a specific match. So much interest has been built up in the high school meet that it now more than pays for itself (Thomas, 1974).
1958

At the end of the 1958 intercollegiate dual meet season, the Beavers were undefeated. Before the season even started, Coach Thomas was busy promoting wrestling in the state by setting up a clinic for high school coaches and the public. The clinic was held in Gill Coliseum on December 7, 1957, and included a business meeting and wrestling demonstration where the high school coaches actually applied the holds and techniques shown by Coach Thomas. The clinic closed with an inter-squad meet featuring John Dustin, Fritz Fivian and Don Conway in matches. Ninety-three high school coaches attended the clinic and Coach Thomas referred to the clinic as a huge success. Dr. Thomas still conducts annual clinics in Florence, Oregon, for coaches, wrestlers and interested individuals in the state (Thomas, 1974f). Dr. Thomas (1974g) stated:

We could never have done what we have done in high school wrestling without the help and full cooperation of Mr. Oden Hanes, the Executive Director of the Oregon School Activities Association. His support of wrestling clinics, the state high school tournament and other meets has been instrumental in the growth and development of the sport in Oregon.

After downing San Diego State College 26-5 in the first meet, the Beavers entered the Naval Invitational Tournament in San Diego. In the tournament action the Orange and Black defeated the Camp Pendleton Marines and California Poly, OSC scoring fourteen points
and the Marines and Cal Poly scoring ten points each (OSC Barometer, 1958a).

With the regular season completed, the Beavers sent a strong team to San Jose to defend the PCIWA title. John Dustin repeated as the 191-pound champion and Joel Neuschwander won the 123-pound class. The best the Beavers could do as a team was fourth place, finishing behind California Poly, U of O and San Jose State College (OSC Barometer, 1958b). At the Pacific Coast finals Coach Dale Thomas was selected as the PCIWA president during conference coaches meetings. On the way home from the tournament, Dr. Thomas and one of his wrestlers, Ken Noteboom, worked out the preliminary details for the possibility of using wrestling "Queens" for promotion of the 1959 PCIWA tournament to be held at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis, Oregon.

John Dustin and Joel Neuschwander reached the semi-finals at the NCAA finals held in Laramie, Wyoming. Dustin competed in the 177-pound class and Neuschwander in the 123-pound class. Dustin placed fourth in the NCAA with an inside switch in the last few seconds against Russ Camilleri of San Jose State. Dustin later competed in the national AAU Greco-Roman wrestling championships held in San Francisco and placed second in the 191-pound class (Thomas, 1974f).
1959

Eight returning lettermen formed the nucleus of Oregon State's wrestling team in 1959, headed by what opposing grapplers called "Murderer's Row," John Dustin, Don Conway and Fritz Fivian (Oregon Stater, 1959a). The Barometer (1959) printed the following article concerning the 1959 dual meet season:

Stunning upsets, outstanding comebacks plus spectacular wrestling displays were all part of the wrestling Beaver's second consecutive undefeated dual meet season. Since Dale Thomas took over the wrestling reins in 1957 OSC's matmen have won 35 of 36 dual meets and are currently riding an unbreaking wave of 29 straight victories. The eye opening part of the season was the apparent ease with which the Beavers sailed to their unbeaten season, and over opposition that is growing increasingly stronger. The highlight of the season for the local was the 30-0 shellacking hung on the U of O, the first of three whitewashings the Orange crew accomplished this year.

In the last dual meet of the season, Larry Wright injured his shoulder and Tom Gienger also sustained an injury forcing both out of any further competition. Gienger was replaced by Ken Place who subsequently scored points and Wright was replaced by Chancy Ball who had not wrestled in a dual meet all season. The ironic thing about this was the fact that Dr. Thomas, in the seeding meeting for the PCIWA tournament, wanted Chancy Ball seeded second to Bill Berry of WSU. The other coaches all laughed at him for wanting a wrestler with a name like Chancy who had not wrestled all season seeded. Ball
pinned the third seeded wrestler and went on to place second giving Berry a great match in the finals (Thomas, 1974f). John Dustin finished his dual meet career unblemished and led the Beavers to another PCIWA championship.

For the first time, Oregon State hosted the meet in what visiting coaches and officials thought was one of the best ever organized (Oregon Stater, 1959b). Twenty-three colleges and universities from the West Coast participated in the tournament, with the first four places going to teams from the Pacific Northwest. OSC scored 75 points with the closest opponent, Portland State, scoring 48 points. Washington State and the University of Oregon placed third and fourth. The Beavers won four first, two second and one third place awards in winning its fifth title since the tournament's beginning in 1950. John Dustin, Don Conway, Fritz Fivian and Mitsy Tamura won individual titles.

It was at the 1959 PCIWA tournament that Dr. Thomas used the controversial wrestling queens to promote the event. Dr. Thomas stated (1974f):

The wrestling queens used for the promotion of the PCIWA tournament were considered by people in the news media to be perhaps the most widely publicized story ever written about intercollegiate wrestling. Ken Noteboom and I interviewed 26 girls as queen candidates. The queen and her six attendants were named after the seven objectives of wrestling. The queen was Miss Fall. The other six were Miss Takedown, Miss Reversal, Miss Escape, Miss Predicament, Miss Near Fall, and Miss Time Advantage.
The Dean of Women and President A.L. Strand objected to the idea but the girls did not. However, it was a huge success. The girls were photographed in bathing suits with satin banners from shoulder to hip displaying their titles. Each girl memorized word for word the NCAA definition of the objective she represented. The double meaning of the terms as applied to the girls made the promotion go. As a result, *Life*, *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, UP, AP and others were on campus observing the tournament and writing stories. The story and pictures were in *Stars and Stripes Overseas* and in newspapers and publications all over the nation and the world.

The girls were famous and most important, wrestling was more famous for it all.

Concerning the 1959 PCIWA tournament, Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated:

Bob Watson, an outstanding athlete from USC and later football coach at OSC told me, 'If it weren't for your boys in the tournament,' and he watched every OSC match, 'wrestling wouldn't be interesting. Your team was the only team that really went after people and tried to wrestle the whole match!' As a result of this concept, other schools had to develop that same kind of strategy to be competitive and we are no longer the only aggressive team in the conference.

Due to torn muscles in his shoulder suffered while wrestling with teammate Don Conway, John Dustin was unable to attend the NCAA championship held in Iowa City, Iowa (Thomas, 1974c). Dustin had previously finished in fourth place twice in the 177-pound division at the NCAA finals. Making the trip to the NCAA finals, however, were Mitsy Tamura, Fritz Fivian and Don Conway. Don Conway and Fritz Fivian were eliminated in the quarterfinals and Mitsy Tamura lost in the consolation finals. The Beavers scored a total of five
Figure 8. Oregon State University Wrestling Team of 1959. Left to right. Front Row: Mits Tumura, Ed Fletcher. Second Row: Chauncey Ball, Don Conway, John Dustin, Ken Noteboom, Fritz Fivian. Third Row: Bill Worrell, Manager, Coach Dale Thomas, Ken Place.
points in the tournament.

It was at the NCAA tournament in 1959 that Dr. Thomas introduced the one-piece wrestling suit that he had a company in Texas make for him. Dr. Thomas liked the one-piece suit because it gave the wrestlers more freedom of movement and it cost less than the conventional wrestling tights. Wrestling tights were becoming outdated and were not necessary on the new plastic type mats. Wearing of the one-piece suit became a matter of controversy for the NCAA rules committee in 1960 and 1961. Finally the problem was resolved and one-piece suits are worn now, both at the intercollegiate level in the nation and the interscholastic level in Oregon. As Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated. "Most of the things that Oregon State stuck with are now in the book."

After the season had ended, Fritz Fivian competed and won a place on the national AAU freestyle team that toured Russia and Europe. He was the first OSC wrestler to wrestle on a United States team (Thomas, 1974f).

John Platt was Dr. Thomas' assistant coach in 1959. Later, Platt assumed the wrestling coach duties at Corvallis High School from Lew Williams. Prior to Platt's arrival, the Corvallis High School wrestling team had not won a dual meet in three years. Under the direction of Platt, the team won the Oregon High School state championship in three years. Platt also coached the 1965 Cultural
Figure 9. Fritz Fivian, 167-pound; Mits Tamura, 115-pound; and Don Conway, 177-pound. Fivian was a three time conference champion at 167. All were conference champions and OSU representatives to NCAA championships in 1959.
Exchange team that toured Poland, Finland and Sweden—an exchange termed very successful by Dr. Thomas (1974f).

In addition to Platt, Dr. Thomas has been instrumental in the hiring of other highly successful Oregon interscholastic coaches. Dick Weisbrodt and Bob Majors were two coaches that he brought out West from Cornell of Iowa. In 1957, Dr. Thomas got Weisbrodt the head wrestling job at Lebanon High School and Majors the head job at Sweet Home High School (Thomas, 1974f). Both have produced highly successful wrestlers and teams. Other assistant coaches who have worked for Dr. Thomas and been helpful in promoting and developing the wrestling program at OSU have been Jim Pond, Ron Finley, Tobe Zweygardt, Bill Koll and John Dustin (Thomas, 1974f).

1960

In his fourth year "at the helm" of Oregon State's wrestling teams, Dr. Thomas guided his wrestlers to a 15-3-1 record. The varsity won the PCIWA meet for the sixth time in the eleven year history of the meet. It was also the third time that Dale Thomas had won the meet since 1957 (The Beaver, 1960).

The Beavers also kept intact the record of never having lost to a Coast school since 1957. Jerry Perez was probably the biggest surprise of the PCIWA tournament since he wasn't given much chance of winning his weight class. Perez, just a sophomore, came through
the action with the 123-pound title. Other winners besides Perez were Don Conway, 177 pound, and Fritz Fivian, 167 pound. Fritz also completed a great dual meet season winning eleven matches by pins (OSC Barometer, 1960a).

The Beavers finished seventeenth in the NCAA finals held in College Park, Maryland, with Mitzi Tamura finishing fourth in the 115-pound class. It was while in College Park, that Dr. Thomas laid the ground work for hosting the NCAA tournament and it was in 1960 that the NCAA wrestling Rules Committee gave the tournament to OSC. Dr. Thomas (1974f) said:

I was told by the Director of Athletics at OSC that we were not interested in hosting the national meet at Corvallis. I told the rules committee that OSC wanted it anyway, telling a lie, I guess; and further, I said that the OSC President, A.L. Strand, was interested in the meet and wrestling. I could have been fired but it all blew over and we were given the backing of the Athletic Department. The person who helped back me and write letters for me was Bill Neland who was going to resign from the Athletic Department anyhow. He did all the undercover work from the Athletic Department and even though he had resigned in the fall of 1960, I had him come back and be the announcer for the national collegiates in 1961.

With the regular intercollegiate season over, Coach Thomas sent a nine man team to San Francisco to compete in the national AAU wrestling tournament. Making the trip were Tamura, Perez, Finley, Neuschwander, Zweygardt, Ball, Fivian, Conway and Kauffman. OSC finished fifth in Greco-Roman and placed third
nationally in freestyle wrestling. Fritz Fivian placed second in both freestyle and Greco-Roman. Two other Beavers were place winners: Tamura was third at 114.5 in freestyle and Perez placed fourth at 125.5 pounds (OSC Barometer, 1960b).

1961

Dr. Dale Thomas was again busy prior to the start of the 1961 wrestling season promoting wrestling in the state and on the national scene. Oregon State was selected to host the NCAA championships in March of 1961 due to Dr. Thomas' booming OSC into national prominence. This was the first time the NCAA finals had been held west of the Rocky Mountains. Dale also had his hands full with the National Kid Wrestling Program and the problems associated with the Oregon high school wrestling championships to be held in March of the same year (Oregon Stater, 1961).

Oregon State started the season with a fine group of wrestlers headed by Don Conway, Fritz Fivian, Jerry Perez, Ron Finley, Tobe Zweygardt, Chancey Ball and Darrel Kauffman. Fritz Fivian had competed for the Olympics the previous summer and won a spot on the 1960 U.S. Olympic team, but failed to place (Oregon Stater, 1961). During the regular season, OSC compiled a great dual meet record of 14 wins and 2 losses. One loss was a non-collegiate meet with the California Olympic Club of San Francisco (The Beaver, 1961).
Tobe Zweygardt, who had compiled a dual meet record of 15-0, and Don Conway, 10-0 for the season, led the Beavers to Seattle to defend the PCIWA trophy in 1961. The Beavers were heavily favored to retain the title and did so winning five first places and three seconds setting a new tournament record of 90 team points. Individual championships were won by Jerry Perez, 115; Ron Finley, 135; Tobe Zweygardt, 145; Fritz Fivian, 167; and Don Conway, 177. Dr. Dale Thomas called this 1961 team one of the strongest he has ever coached (Thomas, 1974c).

Oregon State finished fourth, only one point away from third place Iowa State, in the NCAA finals held in Gill Coliseum on March 23, 24 and 25. Don Conway, wrestling at 167 pounds, defeated an Oklahoma State wrestler to win his weight class and become the first Oregon State athlete in any sport to win a NCAA title. Ron Finley, at 137 pounds, just missed winning his weight class when he finished second to a Michigan State wrestler (Thomas, 1974c).

During the season, Dr. Thomas had a half-hour program on the Oregon Public Broadcasting System once a week. He spoke about the history of wrestling, professional and amateur, and the techniques of wrestling and athletic training. The program was used throughout the state by junior high and senior high teams. As a result, the educational channels broadcast the NCAA tournament on Thursday, March 23, 1961 (Thomas, 1974f).
Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated:

One of the bad things about the 1961 NCAA tournament was that the Oregon news media, except for the Gazette Times, didn't get behind the meet and promote it as a big national event. They didn't take pride in it and I went to them and really laced them; they really disliked me for about two years because of it. Jack Rickard (Corvallis Gazette Times) finally told me about five years later that the media believed I was right. They just didn't realize the magnitude of the event, of how many different colleges and universities were represented at the meet and how many people from all over the United States would be here. The community and the Gazette Times were terrific in their support in hosting the event.

One event that did receive proper recognition in 1961 was the national Kid Wrestling tournament held in Gill Coliseum and supervised under the present Kid organization. It amazed people that a tournament director could put over 1,000 kids on the mats without any injuries, any clocks or score keepers. The referee kept the score in his head and the ribbons in his pocket. The tournament as it was administered really gave elementary school wrestling in the United States a great shot in the arm (Thomas, 1974f).

When the 1961 season had ended, Dr. Thomas was selected to coach the United States amateur Greco-Roman team on a tour of Japan. While in Japan, Dr. Thomas renewed his acquaintance with Mr. I. Hatta, president of the Japan Amateur Wrestling Association.

It was there that the Cultural Exchange Program got its real boost and start. A tentative agreement was reached between the two under which the Japanese team would visit Oregon in January, 1963.
During the ensuing two years the details were worked out and in January, 1963, Governor Mark Hatfield named the month of January "Amateur Wrestling Month in the state of Oregon" in honor of the visiting Japanese team. The Cultural Exchange Program was then formally inaugurated on January 7, 1963, when the Japanese High School team opened an eighteen-meet tour at Madison High School in Portland, Oregon. Oregon's high school team reciprocated with a return visit to Yokohama, Japan, in July of 1963.

The purposes and benefits of the Cultural Exchange Program are many. Coach Thomas (1974d) stated the purposes as:

... the enrichment of understanding, good will and cultural exchange between nations, the benefit of international competition at the high school level and the encouragement of international freestyle wrestling by high school wrestlers and coaches in recognition of its importance in the Olympic Games.

The exchange provides a direct means of communication between wrestlers, family, community and nation, with education, the key, in the center. The interaction may be best explained by the figure below:

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Wrestler ———— Education ———— Community
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In Oregon, the governing body of the exchange program is the Cultural Exchange Committee comprised of representatives from the state's
high school athletic districts and is directed by Dr. Dale Thomas, Oregon State University wrestling coach. The entire plan is directed by a "100+-point Program" drawn up by the committee and which has the approval of the Oregon School Activities Association, the body that governs high school athletics.

Under the "100+-Point Program," every high school wrestler in Oregon has at least two opportunities to qualify for each trip abroad by the Cultural Exchange team. Wrestlers and coaches are allowed to make only one trip which permits more people to have the experience of international competition; each is expected to continue to contribute to the program. Each member of the Oregon delegation is made aware of the unique opportunity available to him for establishment of personal contacts and for making a real contribution to both his own country and the countries he visits (Thomas, 1974d).

As a result of the Cultural Exchange Program, wrestling and Oregon State University have received recognition from educators that before were not interested in the sport. The exchange program has literally brought hundreds of foreigners into the high schools in the state of Oregon. Dr. Thomas (1974f) said:

It has all turned out to be what we expected or even more than we expected and it was so great that other states in the nation have tried to copy it. The AAU hired John Dustin to try and develop a program nationally. Currently, we're having a lot of conflict with Dustin because now instead of trying to develop it in the United States, he's trying to develop it just as a program for the national
office. He is continually trying to curtail our activities at the state level. We have now over $100,000 and we are shooting for $200,000, so from the earnings we can do practically anything we want to do. It looks like we're going to arrive at our goal except the AAU may take some of our money and want to control the Cultural Exchange Program. We don't like this because we don't think this is in the best interest of amateur wrestling. We think that the states should be allowed to have free enterprise and run their own programs, and let the national office send out the know-how and the handbook on how to conduct an exchange. So far they [AAU] haven't made a decision as to which way they are going to go.

The first big problem started in March of 1973 while I was in South Africa. The second college exchange team was supposed to be coming. I got word that the exchange had been cancelled by the AAU and that teams in the International Federation weren't coming. As it turned out, Jim Hagen, Greg Strobel, Jim Crumley, Mike R. Jones, Phil Frey came down as originally planned. There were several other countries present and the meet turned out to be a success. They [AAU] ended up having a big hearing about it and they suspended me from the AAU and participation in Olympics as a coach or official in any capacity. I really wasn't in charge of the wrestlers but they figured I had influence over them. I figured fine, but I didn't know they were going to suspend me for five years; I thought they would just put me on probation.

1962

The Beaver matmen reeled through the season compiling an 11-4 dual meet record and winning the PCIWA title for the fifth time in six years. Of the ten weight divisions wrestled, OSU won six first place trophies. Individual weight winners were Ed Fletcher, 115-lbs; Jerry Perez, 123-lbs; Ron Finley, 137-lbs; Tobe Zweygardt, 147-lbs; Jack Berger, 167-lbs; and Darrel Kauffman, heavyweight. Jerry
Figure 12. Tobe Zweygardt, 147-pound. Conference champion in 1961 and 1962.
Perez was voted the outstanding wrestler of the tournament held in Berkeley, California, and Ed Fletcher won a belt buckle for the wrestler who had the most falls with the lowest time accumulation (OSC Barometer, 1962a).

OSU took the six Pacific Coast winners to the NCAA finals in Stillwater, Oklahoma on the 22, 23 and 24 of March. Darrel Kauffman lost to Pat Clock of Lewis and Clark College in the quarter-finals and Jack Berger was a consolation quarter-finalist. Oklahoma State finished first in the NCAA tournament (Corvallis Gazette Times, 1962).

Highlights of the 1962 season were the victory over the San Francisco Olympic Club and the naming of Dale Thomas as NCAA Coach of the Year. The Beavers defeated the Olympic Club, the 1961 national AAU champions and a team undefeated in dual meets for two years, by a score of 19-12 (The Beaver, 1962). Dale Thomas was named the NCAA Coach of the Year by the American Coaches Association. This marked the first time a Western coach had ever gained such an honor (OSC Barometer, 1962b).

1963

Had anyone suggested prior to the 1963 season that Oregon State University would again repeat as the PCIWA champions, few people would have believed it. The Beavers started the season with one
senior and a lot of inexperienced sophomores, but managed to finish the dual meet season with a fine 14-2 record. Coach Dale Thomas said of his team, "This is my seventh year at OSU and never have I had a squad that showed more desire and hustle than this group" (The Beaver, 1963).

The PCIWA tournament was held in Ashland, Oregon, and Oregon State topped the field scoring 83 points to runner-up Portland State with 59 points. Oregon State had two individual weight winners, Len Kauffman at 191 and Lee Rosenberg at 157 pounds. Besides the two first place finishes, OSU had an additional seven place-finishers equalling the best mark OSU had ever had in the tournament (OSU Barometer, 1963a).

Len Kauffman (1974a) had an interesting story to tell about the PCIWA tournament.

I had planned to wrestle at 167. I was sitting in my room thinking about the matches and final weigh-ins in the morning when I heard a knock on the door and in walked Coach Thomas and said, 'Len, I think you are going to wrestle 191 tomorrow.' I thought he was joking, but he wasn't smiling; and to top it all he also wanted me to still make weight at 167. With the final weigh-in in the morning I hadn't eaten hardly anything and the thought of wrestling experienced men at 191 kind of frightened me. The next morning I went to the weigh-ins making weight at 167 and then waited for the 191 pounders to weigh in. After all the 191 pound wrestlers had weighed in, I stepped up on the scales and said that Coach Thomas changed his mind and that he wanted me to wrestle at 191 instead of 167. This dumb-founded some of the coaches standing around, and of course it was too late for them to juggle their rosters. Psychologically I was really up and I made the finals in the
191 pound division. While wrestling in the final match against Terry Flinton from Portland State I caught an elbow in the eye that resulted in a cut requiring medical attention. I knew I had Finton tired and the cut didn't concern me as much as the thought that he was catching his breath while I was getting taped up. Anyway, I went on to beat him and win the 191 pound title much to the surprise of some wrestlers and coaches from other schools. I wasn't able to make the NCAA's due to injuries following the PCIWA tournament.

Dr. Thomas (1974f) stated:

Kauffman got an infection in his foot and wasn't able to complete in the NCAA meet. The two that went to the nationals, Mason Fries and Lee Rosenbert got sick on the plane ride from Cleveland, Ohio to Kent State, Ohio, where the nationals were being held. Fries never got over the plane ride and the thunderstorm; not only were the wrestlers sick but the stewardesses were sick and I'm not so sure the pilot wasn't sick too.

That was a great year for us in the fact we won the conference by shifting weights around getting great performance out of some of our wrestlers. Gale Greenfield placed second, and other wrestlers placed that had never placed before.

1964

Coach Thomas' wrestling team won its sixth consecutive PCIWA championship during the 1964 season. Prior to the start of the regular season Coach Thomas was selected by the Wrestling Association of British Columbia to conduct a coaches' clinic in Vancouver covering the techniques of freestyle wrestling. The clinic also was devoted to lectures and training sessions for beginning and advanced coaches as well as collegiate coaches (OSU Barometer, 1963b).
Leading the Beavers during the 1964 season was Len Kauffman. Len pinned 22 of 27 opponents and was voted the outstanding wrestler at the Washington Invitational and the PCIWA championships and received an award for the most falls at the NCAA championships. Len placed third in the NCAA finals losing only to the 167 NCAA champion (Kauffman, 1974b). Also assisting the Beavers to their sixth PCIWA championship were Gary Head, 123, John Isenhard, 137; Lee Rosenberg, 157; and Art Makinster at heavyweight (OSU Barometer, 1964a).

Oregon State's demonstration of pinning ability during the NCAA tournament held in Ithaca, New York, gained them the honor of being the "pinningest" team in the NCAA and also gained them 15 points and a twelfth spot ranking in the nation (OSU Barometer, 1964b).

After the season, Kauffman just missed a berth on the 1964 Olympic team losing to Tribble from Arizona State in a close match. As it turned out, he was named as an alternate and had he gone to Tokyo, Japan, he probably would have placed because Tribble was unable to make his weight the second day and was sent home. It was a great year for Kauffman. In addition to winning the award in the NCAA tournament for the most falls, he also won the award for the most falls at the national AAU tournament held at the World's Fair in New York (Thomas, 1974f).
Len Kauffman was named the first winner of the "Hustle Award" at the completion of the 1964 season. Details for the award had been worked out between Dr. Dale Thomas and Dr. Robert L. Smith in 1962 and 1963. "Hustle" was a nutrient drink developed by Smith of Kaplan Laboratories in Newport, OR. The Hustle Award was a great thing for Oregon State state-wide and nation-wide because it gave recognition to wrestlers for their all-around ability, academic as well as athletic. The winner of the award was chosen by a mathematical formula and had nothing to do with popularity. The Hustle score was found by multiplying the wrestlers dual meet score by his accumulative grade point average. Winners of the Hustle Award have been:

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1965

Ignoring many injuries throughout the season, Coach Dale Thomas' team overwhelmed all West Coast teams in the Amateur Athletic Wrestling Union and finished a respectable seventh in the
The Beavers finished the regular dual meet competition with a 15-4 record. Bringing home titles from the AAWU tournament were Ron Ewasaki, Lee Sprague, Jim Quinn, Len Kauffman and Henk Schenk (OSU Barometer, 1965).

Leading the Beavers to the 1965 NCAA tournament was Len Kauffman. The Beaver 1965 (1965) published the following account of Kauffman:

There is only one word for Len Kauffman, FANTASTIC.

A fall or pin is worth 5 points to a team. In 22 collegiate matches, Kauffman scored 110 points, 22 pins. He started his senior year in great fashion, winning the Washington Invitational Championships at 167 pounds for the third straight year. His three pins gave him the Outstanding Wrestler trophy. No collegian came close to him during the regular season. At the AAWU Championships, Kauffman again pinned his way to a Championship, this time at 177 pounds. He also garnered another Outstanding Wrestler trophy in leading his team to the coast title. Len was the only grappler west of the Rocky Mountains to be listed on the All-American team. It was his third such honor in his three years of wrestling.

At the NCAA, Len finished second at 167 pounds to boost Oregon State to its 7th place finish. He scored 14 of the Beavers' 17 points. Kauffman romped into the finals with three pins in four preliminary matches. 25-year-old Greg Ruth of Oklahoma ended Kauffman's fantastic winning string of 32 matches during the 1965 season. In the semifinals, Kauffman scored the most spectacular pin of the season. He exploded with a front whizzer and sent previously undefeated Martin Strayer of Penn State to the showers in 2:12 of the first period. It was the fastest pin of the round.

But for one move, Kauffman would have been a national champion instead of runnerup. Trailing Ruth by 2 points, the Beaver All-American tried a cradle that had pinned his Quarterfinal opponent. Ruth rolled him over for a reversal and predicament to take a commanding lead.
Kauffman kept after the Sooner star so aggressively in the last round that Ruth was whistled down for stalling three times. The Sooner's lead held up for a 10-6 victory.

Kauffman (1974b) had the following to say about the NCAA championships:

The season seemed disappointing to me after coming so close to winning a national championship. I think if it weren't for Ruth's age and experience I would have beaten him. He (Ruth) had wrestled extensively in international competition during his layout from school and the experience he gained just proved to be too much for me.

In an article published by the OSU Barometer (1968b), Coach Dale Thomas called Len Kauffman "the most outstanding wrestler in all of Oregon State history." Len had pinned more opponents than any other man in Oregon State's wrestling history and some believed that he had pinned more collegiate foes than any other wrestler in history.

It was also in 1965 that Dr. Thomas was taken into Blue Key, an academic honorary at OSU, for his accomplishments in promoting scholastic achievement in athletes (Thomas, 1974f).

1966

The 1966 season was Coach Dale Thomas' tenth year as head wrestling coach. At the completion of the 1966 season, Coach Thomas had compiled 132 dual meet wins against 23 losses and 2 ties. The 1966 season proved to be an outstanding year, as the Beavers won 16 and lost 4 in regular dual meet competition.
In spite of the injuries during the season the Beavers won their second straight AAWU championship, scoring a record 108 total points and winning six individual titles. All 11 Oregon State Wrestlers that made the trip to Seattle managed to place, with no one lower than fourth in any weight division. Those winning individual titles for the Beavers were: Ron Iwasaki, 115 lbs; Lee Sprague, 145 lbs; Jim Quinn, 167 lbs; Mike Walker, 177 lbs.; Henk Schenk, 191 lbs.; and Mark Gartung, heavyweight. Besides the individual titles, OSU had three runners-up and one each in the third and fourth places. Before the championship round had even started the Beavers had the meet won (Thomas, 1974f).

Eight Beavers represented OSU at the NCAA finals held in Ames, Iowa. Ron Iwasaki finished the highest, placing fifth in the nation at 115 pounds (Thomas, 1974f).

1967

Headed by five individual conference champions the Beavers set a new record, scoring 109 points at the PAC-8 championships. Oregon State expected strong competition from UCLA, but the Bruins only managed a second place finish with 79 points. The Beavers had a total of seven men in the championship finals and walked off with five titles. Individual title winners were: Ron Iwasaki, 115 pounds; Jim Quinn, 160 pounds; Jim Blackford, 177 pounds, Phil Frey, 145 pounds;
and Mark Gartung, heavyweight (Thomas, 1974f).

During the regular collegiate season, the Beavers compiled a 12-6-1 record. After the PAC-8 championship meet, Ron Iwasaki, Jeff Smith and Jim Quinn traveled to Kent, Ohio, and represented OSU at the NCAA wrestling championships. Iwasaki, the third wrestler to place twice in the NCAA, took sixth at 115 pounds and Smith placed fourth at 167 pounds (Thomas, 1974f).

In March of 1967, Dale Thomas was inducted into wrestling's Hall of Fame with the acceptance of the Helms Foundation Award. The award symbolizes outstanding contribution in the field of wrestling. In receiving the award, Thomas was cited for his accomplishments in directing the largest wrestling tournament in the world in the annual state high school championships, and in helping mushroom the sport of wrestling into over 200 communities and high schools in Oregon (Thomas, 1974e).

1968

The Beavers opened the 1968 season against national college champion, Portland State University, and thus began the heralded wrestling career of heavyweight Jess Lewis from Aumsville, Oregon. In his first collegiate match of his career Jess pinned his opponent in 58 seconds of the first round. In his next two matches it took Lewis only 57 seconds to manage his opponents from California and
Stanford--one of those pins coming in a fantastic 17 seconds of the first round (OSU Barometer, 1968a).

Jess ended the regular dual meet competition with a perfect 16-0 record and led the Beavers to a fine 14-3 win loss record.

At the PAC-8 championships held in Palo Alto, California, the Beavers had little trouble in retaining the championship title. The OSU Barometer (1968c) published the following concerning the tournament:

They came. They saw. They conquered. And though Coach Dale Thomas gave them continual warnings of impending danger from other Pacific-8 pursuers, those wrestling Beavers from Oregon State paid little attention as they rolled to their fourth consecutive conference title, and twelfth in the last thirteen years. 'We knew we were going to win it when we came down here,' said OSU's senior spokesman Jerry Chapin. 'Coach Thomas got us in the right frame of mind and we were ready for them.' But Thomas wasn't quite as sure about 'them', namely the much publicized Bruins from UCLA. The OSU mat mentor had spent a long week preparing his Beavers for the Pacific 8 fiasco here, but the results that we got were 'extremely satisfying' in the words of the man who got a late birthday present from his team.

The Beavers far outdid the rest of their opponents scoring 89 points in retaining the title and blitzing the wrestlers from UCLA. UCLA placed second with 66 points. Winning individual championships for OSU were Steve Woods, Jerry Chapin and Jess Lewis. Jess Lewis was voted the "Tournament's Outstanding Wrestler Award" (Thomas, 1974f).
Making the trip to the NCAA finals at Pennsylvania State University were Lewis, Chapin, Frey, Snider and Vandehey. Steve Woods would have had a good chance to place but was left home with a bad shoulder. Jess Lewis was the only Beaver to place in the NCAA finals when he wrestled to a second place finish. Coach Thomas (1974e) stated,

That Lewis would probably have won the heavyweight championship if he wouldn't have pinned his opponents so quickly during the regular dual meet season. He had to go the distance with Porter from Michigan and lost a close one by a score of 5 to 4. He would have been in better condition if he wasn't so quick to pin.

1969

An era ended in 1969. The defeat of the Beavers by Cal Poly marked the end of a 13 year reign on top of the West Coast wrestling scene. The 16-15 loss was the first by an OSU team to a California school since Dale Thomas took over the coaching duties 13 years before (OSU Barometer, 1969a).

Even so, the Beavers finished the regular dual meet season with a 23-1-1 record. The Oregon State wrestling team went after their fifth straight PAC-8 wrestling title in Eugene, Oregon, and walked off with an apparent easy win, scoring 99 points to second place finisher the U of W with 50 points. A 46-seconds pin by Jess Lewis in the finals capped the meet. No OSU wrestler finished out of the top three
as the Beavers won four first places, three second places and four third places. Individual title winners were: Roger Weigel, 130 pounds; Kim Snider, 160 pounds; Jim Blackford, 177 pounds; and Jess Lewis, heavyweight (The Beaver, 1969).

In Provo, Utah, Dr. Thomas' team came close to placing first in the NCAA when it placed third in the finals. Spurred on by heavyweight Jess Lewis, the wrestling team picked up points in five different weight classes racking up 58 points trailing winner Iowa State with 104 and runner-up Oklahoma State with 51. A win in the finals by Jess Lewis gave the Beavers their second national individual championship in the history of wrestling at OSU. In the finals of the heavyweight match Jess Lewis wrestled Jeff Smith, seeded second from Michigan State, in what was billed the top match of the NCAA meet. Both Lewis and Smith brought 19-0 records to the finals, with Smith pinning all of his opponents in reaching the finals. The first half of the match was even with neither wrestler gaining an advantage. Then Jess gained an escape and subsequently a takedown to move into a lead he never lost. Final score of the match was six to one, and Smith's only point came on a penalty awarded to him. Other Beavers scoring points were fourth place finishers Phil Frey and Jim Vandehey, fifth place finisher Bob Hawkins, and sixth place finisher Kim Snider (Thomas, 1974f).
The predictions of a successful 1970 wrestling season came true. The Beavers won all the intercollegiate dual meets and finished the regular season with an outstanding 19-0 record. They started the season with a resounding win, 42-0, over Arizona State, and finished the intercollegiate season placing third in the NCAA. The Beavers dominated the Arizona Invitational, putting seven men into the finals and winning four individual titles and winning the tournament. On the trip north to the Washington Invitational, OSU won the tournament for the tenth year in a row. The Beavers avenged their only loss of the 1969 season by defeating Cal Poly 24-14.

In what proved to be the show down of the season and Dr. Thomas' 200th career win, the Beavers defeated the U of W 27-9. A Thomas-coached team had never lost to a U of W team and not since Dad's Weekend in 1957 had OSU lost a dual meet to a conference school. By defeating the U of W, OSU laid claim to the title, "Best in the West." Previous to the U of W meet, the attendance record had been 2,703 against WSU. A record 5,703 fans watched the U of W vs OSU meet. Jess Lewis ended the meet with a quick one minute pin of Ken Oswell (OSU Barometer, 1970a).

In the final dual meet of the season, with 18 wins and no losses, 5,408 spectators watched as the team's undefeated season almost
ended against the U of O. With two matches left, the Beavers were
behind 17-13, but Mike Donivan and Jess Lewis won decisions and
saved the meet with the Beavers winning 19-17 (OSU Barometer,
1970b).

Oregon State University hosted the PAC-8 mat tournament in
1970 and came out on top winning its sixth straight championship.
Four of Thomas' wrestlers, Roger Weigel, Bob Tomasovic, Jim
Crumley and Jess Lewis won individual titles. Tomasovic (1974) later
stated,

If a high school wrestler in the state of Oregon is
interested in being the best possible wrestler and in
developing himself totally as a person then he should
wrestle for Dale--he can take hamburger and make steak
out of it.

Prior to the NCAA tournament Dr. Thomas predicted that it
would not be impossible for the team to win the championship with a
little bit of luck. "If Henk Shenk hadn't lost in the quarterfinals and if
Jim Vandehey would have won his semifinal match, we just as well
could have been number one instead of number three." Jess Lewis
repeated as NCAA heavyweight champion, while Crumley was second
at 177 pounds, Kim Snyder was third at 158 pounds, Roger Weigel was
third at 126 pounds, Bob Tomasovic was fourth at 150 pounds and Jim
Vandehey finished fifth at 167 pounds (Thomas, 1974e).
The Beavers started the 1971 season ranked third in the nation. Coach Thomas predicted that the Beavers were going to have a tough season, and also admitted that the team had a possibility of being a national power. The 1971 team was the first OSU mat team to receive room and board financial aid. During the previous years, no member of an OSU team had ever received a full wrestling scholarship. As Dr. Thomas (1974e) put it, "my previous teams were not board and room wrestlers."

The season record of 18 wins, 2 losses and 2 ties did not equal the previous season's perfect mark, but with the loss of Jess Lewis, Henk Shenk and other experienced wrestlers, the results were encouraging. At the PAC-8 meet held in Pullman, Washington, an era ended. For the first time since the 1959 season, Dr. Thomas' team did not win the Coast meet. With several wrestlers attempting to wrestle at less than 100% and two outstanding wrestlers, conference champions Bob Tomasovic and Bill Dickson unable to compete, it was lucky the Beavers finished in second place (Thomas, 1974e).

The Corvallis Gazette Times (1971) published the following article concerning the results of the PAC-8 meet:

'The fans are wondering what's the matter,' Thomas said after his team lost its first PAC-8 title ever this weekend, 'but I don't think anything is the matter. We're
tougher than these other teams when it comes to getting it ready for the nationals and we're going to make a good showing.'

The U of W rolled up 91 points to become the first school ever to dethrone OSU as PAC-8 champion. OSU scored 70, UCLA 62 and U of O 46. Roger Weigel, Mike Jones, Jim Crumley and Jim Hagen all won PAC-8 individual titles for the Beavers.

Coach Thomas' confidence proved correct as the Beavers placed fourth in the NCAA tournament. Senior Roger Weigel became the third national champion from OSU as he captured the 134 pound crown, in what was perhaps the greatest performance in the NCAA finals by an OSU wrestler (Thomas, 1974e). Also finishing high for the Beavers were Mike Jones, second at 165, and Jim Crumley, fifth at 177 pounds (Thomas, 1974f).

During the 1971 season, Dr. Thomas was named by the National Wrestling Coaches Association as Wrestling Coach of the Year. This was the second time in Dr. Thomas' career that he was awarded this national honor (Thomas, 1974f).

1972

For the first time since the PAC-8 conference was reorganized, the Beavers started the season as challengers to the PAC-8 title. Dr. Thomas called the season very successful as the Beavers finished the dual meet season with a fine win/loss record losing two
of their matches to the top two teams in the nation, Iowa State and Oklahoma. It was at the Iowa State meet that Jim Hagen had to wrestle the 400 pound, Chris Taylor. Taylor had won 17 of his previous 19 matches by pins so Hagen's 7 to 2 decision loss to Taylor wasn't so overwhelming (Thomas, 1974e).

At the PAC-8 meet the Beavers came out tied with the U of W with 78.5 points each. With two matches remaining, the Beavers were down six points and needed wins in the 191 and heavyweight classes. Both Greg Strobel and Jim Hagen met the challenge and scored 12-3 and 10-1 decisions over their opponents. If either Strobel or Hagen could have managed one more point in their wins, it would have meant a victory for the Beavers. Individual winners were Tom Phillips, 118 pounds; Mike R. Jones, 158 pounds, Greg Strobel, 190 pounds; and Jim Hagen, heavyweight. At the NCAA tournament, held in College Park, Maryland, the Beavers walked off with sixth place.

1973

Dr. Thomas described his 1973 wrestling team in the following manner: "I think my 1970 team had more potential than this team, but this team performed the greatest of any I've ever had." (The Beaver, 1973). The Beavers had an impressive 15-0 dual meet record in the 1973 season before being upset by the U of W 17-15 in
Seattle, Washington. It was also the first loss in 84 PAC-8 dual meets for Oregon State and the first loss to the U of W in the last 30 dual meets with them (OSU Barometer, 1973). In a return meet with the U of W, OSU steamrolled to a 32-11 win.

Oregon State University hosted the PAC-8 mat tournament in Gill Coliseum and rolled to the championship scoring 98.5 points to second place U of W with 84. The Beavers claimed six of the ten weight divisions in the victory. Tom Phillips, Mike A. Jones, Mike R. Jones, Jim Crumley, Greg Strobel, and Jim Hagen all won titles.

The highlight of the 1973 season came in Seattle, Washington, when the Beavers finished second in the NCAA scoring 72.5 points to winner, Iowa State with 85. It was at the NCAA finals that Greg Strobel left no doubt in anyone's mind as to who was the top wrestler in the nation. Greg won the "Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament" award in capping his undefeated intercollegiate season. Tom Phillips, 118 pounds; Mike R. Jones, 158 pounds; and Jim Hagen, heavyweight placed second in their weight classes (Oregon Journal, 1973). The latter finished a fantastic career at the NCAA tournament. Strobel had praise for Coach Thomas, saying:

Having Dale at the sidelines is an awfully reassuring feeling. He instills kind of a quiet confidence in you. You know that if you're in trouble, He'll have something to say that'll help you. And he's always right (OSU Barometer, 1974b).
Dr. Thomas (1974f) termed Strobel's final championship match as, "... one of the greatest come-from-behind wins I've seen."

Strobel was thrown with a front whizzer in the first round and almost pinned. Trailing 5-0, he proved he was the outstanding wrestler of the tournament by dominating his opponent the rest of the match.

Dr. Thomas lost one of his great supporters of the OSU wrestling program in the fall of 1973 when Rod Commons, assistant sports publicity writer, left for a publicity job at Brown University. He had been instrumental in promoting key wrestlers, meets and tournaments for Dr. Thomas (Thomas, 1974g).

1974

The 1974 wrestling season had to be labeled a "building" year for the Beavers after their second place NCAA finish in 1973. Due to graduation and eligibility, the Beavers lost Jim Hagen, Jim Crumley, Mike R. Jones, Rob Brown and Jim Postlewaite. These graduates alone compiled 30 of the 51 pins during the 1973 season.

Former Beaver mat great, Len Kauffman, was the acting wrestling coach while head coach Dale Thomas was on a six-month sabbatical presenting wrestling clinics in New Zealand (Thomas, 1974d, Interview).

Despite the loss of some great wrestlers the Beavers completed a fine dual meet season with a 20-7 record.
At the PAC-8 championships held in Berkeley, California, the Oregon State team finished third behind winner U of W and runnerup U of O. OSU had three individual champions in the meet. Defending 118 pound champion, Tom Phillips, took first at his weight again. Ben Gerding, who had never before been a place winner, walked off with the title in the 158 pound weight class. The other champion was All-American, Greg Strobel, at 190 pounds. Strobel was also voted the "Outstanding Wrestler of the PAC-8" meet. Taking second place at heavyweight was freshman, Larry Bielenberg, who Coach Thomas has great hopes for in the future (Thomas, 1974d, Interview).

At the NCAA finals, Greg Strobel ended his intercollegiate wrestling career, and did so by successfully defending the 190 pound weight division title. Greg goes into the record books as the outstanding wrestler in recent OSU history with a set of accomplishments topped only by Robin Reed, of the 1920's. The career accomplishments of Strobel are many. His four year win-loss mark was a fantastic 126-8-1 for a winning percentage of .937. He lost only two of eighty dual matches and stood undefeated in twenty-three tournament matches. In four PAC-8 tournaments he was 12-2 and in four NCAA meets, 14-4. He won 73 straight matches setting another OSU record (Thomas, 1974d).

In an interview with a reporter from the OSU Barometer (1974a) Coach Thomas stated:
Strobel had the ability to become a champion when he came here. And he's certainly become one. He's a good competitor, he has good reactions, and he's done very well. But the thing he should be pleased with is that he's made progress in all areas of life. And he really has a good empathy for this sport (wrestling). This kind of personal growth has made wrestling more to him than just winning. From what he's learned in our program I hope he acquires certain things he can use in his future endeavors. Because when his wrestling is all over, what's he got? We'll have another Greg Strobel, and his wrestling skills will be forgotten. Those skills don't provide for growth in other areas, but what he's learned does.

In an interview with a reporter from the Oregonian (1974), Strobel stated:

I came to Oregon State with few set objectives. Sure, I wanted to be successful in wrestling and I was thinking about a possible NCAA championship if things went well. But Coach Thomas showed me that there's a lot more to life than wrestling and he also lets us know that wrestling is a great testing ground for our objectives. He shows as much interest in our academic progress as what we do in competition.
VII. DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University has had a long history. This study traces the development of wrestling at Oregon State University with changing trends and important happenings indicated from its inception in 1909 through the 1974 season.

This historical study indicates that the wrestling program at Oregon State University is nationally recognized. Therefore, the first hypothesis is accepted.

National and international status was first gained when Robin Reed wrestled in the 1924 Olympics in Paris, France. Reed won the Olympic Gold Medal in the 136.5 pound division putting Oregon Agricultural College in the limelight. Coach Reed furthered the status of Oregon Agricultural College wrestling in 1926 by hosting and winning the National Amateur Athletic Union team championships.

The national status of wrestling at Oregon State College was not recognized again until John Witte, All-American football player, placed second in the 1952 NCAA wrestling championships.

Up until 1957, very limited national recognition had been received. However, with the appointment of Dr. Dale Thomas this condition was to change dramatically. One of Dr. Thomas' objectives was to gain more national recognition for Oregon State University's wrestling program. Scheduling meets with nationally ranked teams...
such as Oklahoma and Iowa State was one of the more significant things Dr. Thomas did to gain this recognition. Dr. Thomas' high placement in conference and NCAA championships (Appendix F) are evidence of the national recognition and status that the wrestling program at Oregon State University is now receiving. In addition, the Kid Wrestling Program, the Cultural Exchange Program and the fact that Dr. Thomas has been named National Amateur Coach-of-the-Year twice have all brought national recognition to the Oregon State University wrestling program. This recognition will continue as long as Dr. Thomas or another coach with comparable ability is at Oregon State University.

The research further supports the hypothesis that the wrestling program at Oregon State University has had a direct influence on the growth and development of the sport in the Pacific Northwest. Therefore, hypothesis number two is also accepted.

Oregon State's influence on the growth of the sport began in 1909. It was then that Oregon Agricultural College took the initiative in holding the first intercollegiate dual meet in the Northwest with Washington State College. Except for periods during the depression years and World War II, Oregon State's program has continually influenced the growth and development of the sport.

Historical evidence has been presented to support the hypothesis that the intercollegiate wrestling program in the past 17 years has
perpetuated the growth of similar programs in the state of Oregon and the Northwest. This is evidenced by the placing of Dr. Thomas' former wrestlers as competent, successful coaches in the high schools and colleges in the Northwest. For example: Don Conway, Portland State University wrestling coach; Ron Finley and Jeff Smith, University of Oregon wrestling coaches; John Horrillo, Sierra Junior College wrestling coach; Len Kauffman, Oregon State University assistant wrestling coach; and John Dustin, assistant national wrestling administrator with the Amateur Athletic Union are just a few of the more prominent Oregon State University graduates in the field. The presence of these Thomas-trained coaches should continue to influence the expansion of wrestling in Oregon and the Northwest.

The Kid Wrestling Program is another area that demonstrates the influence Oregon State University and Dr. Dale Thomas have had on the growth and development of wrestling. Through this program, started and directed by Thomas, many young boys are exposed to the sport of amateur wrestling.

Interscholastic wrestling has developed from a position in the early 1900's when relatively few schools participated to the present where 156 of the 241 high schools in Oregon have active wrestling programs. The Oregon School Activities Association indicated that within these 156 schools that have wrestling programs, 7,800 students are participating in interscholastic wrestling (Ryan, 1974). The
author suggests that this growth has been due to the influence which the Oregon State University wrestling programs have placed on wrestling in Oregon.

In reviewing and evaluating the historical literature relating to intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University, the author believes that the program as administered today offers and will continue to offer a significant educational and athletic experience to the participants.

The drive to excel, whether it be in intercollegiate wrestling, other athletics, or other recreational activities seems to be one of the few voluntary motivating forces available to develop physical fitness in the youth of today. During the many rigorous practice sessions, dual meets and tournaments, varied situations arise that the wrestler must constantly react to within his own capabilities and limitations. Through these repeated reactions, mental and physical changes take place in the athlete that lead to learning. That is, the athlete can learn to work with others towards a common goal; can learn to follow the rules; and can learn to tolerate the shortcomings and weaknesses of others.

Conclusions

From the data generated by this study, the following conclusions can be drawn about the historical place of intercollegiate wrestling at
Oregon State University. It can be concluded:

1. That intercollegiate wrestling is a sport at Oregon State University which has developed from a position of obscurity into a program of national recognition.

2. That the wrestling program at Oregon State University has had a major influence on the expansion of the sport in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

3. That the experience, training and educational background of the wrestling coaches at Oregon State University has been significantly upgraded.

Recommendations

On the basis of this study the following recommendations are made:

1. The history of intercollegiate wrestling at Oregon State University be updated every ten years or upon the hiring of a new coach, which ever occurs first.

2. A book about Dr. Dale Thomas' contribution, his concepts and his analysis of wrestling be written.

3. Similar historical studies be made on other intercollegiate sports at Oregon State University.
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Oregon State University All-Time Wrestling Record
(1909-1974)

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Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

Season record: Won 1; Lost 0
Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

Season record: Won 0; Lost 1; Tied 1
Oregon Agricultural College tied for second with Washington State College in the Northwest Conference.

Season record: Won 1; Lost 0; Tied 1
Oregon Agricultural College placed second in the Northwest Conference.

Intercollegiate until 1957, all meets 57-74.
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Oregon Agricultural College 5 University of Washington 4
Oregon Agricultural College 8 Washington State College 1
Season record: Won 3; Lost 0

The Oregon Agricultural College wrestling team placed first in the Northwest Conference.

1922
Oregon Agricultural College 38 University of Oregon 6
Oregon Agricultural College 48 University of Oregon 0
Oregon Agricultural College 26 University of Washington 8
Oregon Agricultural College 18 Washington State College 14
Season record: Won 4; Lost 0

Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

1923
Oregon Agricultural College 38 University of Oregon 0
Oregon Agricultural College 24 University of Washington 12
Oregon Agricultural College 40 University of Oregon 0
Oregon Agricultural College 38 Washington State College 0
Season record: Won 4; Lost 0

Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

1924
Oregon Agricultural College 44 University of Oregon 0
Oregon Agricultural College 33 University of Washington 3
Oregon Agricultural College 66 Washington State College 6
Oregon Agricultural College 38 University of Oregon 0
Season record: Won 4; Lost 0

Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

1925
Oregon Agricultural College 32 University of Oregon 8
Oregon Agricultural College 28 University of Washington 12
Oregon Agricultural College 70 University of Oregon 8
Oregon Agricultural College 65 Washington State College 9
Season record: Won 4; Lost 0

Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest Conference.

1926
Oregon Agricultural College 73 University of Oregon 3
Oregon Agricultural College 66 Washington State College 12
Oregon Agricultural College 62 University of Washington 6
Season record: Won 3; Lost 0

Oregon Agricultural College placed first in the Northwest and Pacific Coast Conference and won the National Amateur Athletic Union team championship.
1927-1933

No intercollegiate meets were scheduled.

1934
Oregon State College 3 University of Oregon 3
Season record: Tied 1

1935
Oregon State College 4 Linfield College 1
Oregon State College 3 University of Oregon 3
Season record: Won 1; Lost 0; Tied 1

1936
Oregon State College 5 Linfield College 5
Season record: Tied 1

1937
Oregon State College 8 Linfield College 1
Oregon State College 6 University of Oregon 1
Season record: Won 2; Lost 0

1938
Oregon State College 22.5 University of Oregon 16.5
Oregon State College 30 University of Oregon 0
Oregon State College 20.5 Linfield College 9.5
Season record: Won 3; Lost 0

1939
Oregon State College 31 Linfield College 3
Oregon State College 24 University of Washington 4
Oregon State College 28.5 University of Oregon 1.5
Oregon State College 23.5 Linfield College 6.5
Oregon State College 22 University of Oregon 6
Oregon State College 15 University of Washington 9
Season record: Won 6; Lost 0

1940
Oregon State College 30 University of Oregon 0
Oregon State College 30.5 Linfield College 1.5
Oregon State College 10 Washington State College 24
Oregon State College 23 University of Oregon 8
Season record: Won 4; Lost 1

Oregon State College placed third in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.
1941
Oregon State College  13  University of Washington  17
Oregon State College  26  University of Oregon  6
Oregon State College  36  University of Oregon  0
Oregon State College  19  Washington State College  11
Oregon State College  24  University of Idaho  8
Season record: Won 4;  Lost 1
Oregon State College placed first in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.

1942
Oregon State College  26  University of Idaho  10
Oregon State College  11  Washington State College  21
Oregon State College  20  University of Washington  6
Season record: Won 2;  Lost 1
Oregon State College tied for first place in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference.

1943-1947
There were no intercollegiate wrestling meets scheduled.

1948
Oregon State College  36  Vanport  3
Oregon State College  18  Washington State College  16
Oregon State College  19  Washington State College  12
Oregon State College  34  Vanport  3
Season record: Won 4;  Lost 0
Oregon State College won the Northern Division championship and placed second in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championship meet.

1949
Oregon State College  13  Washington State College  17
Oregon State College  31  Vanport  3
Oregon State College  14  San Jose State College  15
Oregon State College  5  California  26
Oregon State College  31  Vanport  5
Season record: Won 2;  Lost 3
Oregon State College placed second in the Northern Division and tied for second in the Pacific Coast Championships.

1950
Oregon State College  33  Vanport  3
Oregon State College  36  Eastern Washington College  0
Oregon State College  15  Washington State College  11
Oregon State College  31  Vanport  3
Oregon State College  17  California  13
Season record: Won 5;  Lost 0
Oregon State College won the Pacific Coast Conference and the Northern Division and placed first in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet.
1951
Oregon State College 27 Lewis and Clark College 6
Oregon State College 11 Washington State College 14
Oregon State College 38 Eastern Washington College 0
Oregon State College 27 Lewis and Clark College 3

Season record: Won 3; Lost 1

Oregon State College placed second in the Northern Division and in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet.

1952
Oregon State College 18 Vanport 18
Oregon State College 24 Vanport 12
Oregon State College 12 Washington State College 24

Season record: Won 1; Lost 1; Tied 1

Oregon State College placed third in the Northern Division and in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate meet and eighth in the NCAA championships.

1953
Oregon State College 23 Stanford 12
Oregon State College 22 University of California 8
Oregon State College 17 Portland State College 11
Oregon State College 14 Portland State College 13
Oregon State College 11 Washington State College 18
Oregon State College 11 San Jose State College 17

Season record: Won 4; Lost 2

Oregon State College placed second in the Northern Division and in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championships.

1954
Oregon State College 11 Oregon Technical Institute 19
Oregon State College 24 University of Oregon 8
Oregon State College 14 Portland State College 18
Oregon State College 32 University of Oregon 0
Oregon State College 6 Washington State College 27
Oregon State College 21 University of California 11
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Season record: Won 3; Lost 4

Oregon State College placed third in the Northern Division and did not place in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championship meet.
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Season record: Won 9; Lost 0

Oregon State College won the Northern Division title and the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate championship meet.

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Oregon State College won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Association.

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Season record: Won 10; Lost 1

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Season record: Won 12; Lost 0

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Season record: Won 15; Lost 3; Tied 1

Oregon State College finished first in the PCIWA tournament and twenty-fifth in the NCAA finals.

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Season record: Won 11; Lost 4

Oregon State University finished first in the PCIWA tournament and twenty-fifth in the NCAA finals.
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Season record: Won 14; Lost 2

Oregon State University placed first in the PCIWA tournament.

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Season record: Won 14; Lost 3

Oregon State University placed first in the PCIWA tournament and twelfth in the NCAA finals.
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Season record: Won 15; Lost 4; Tied 1

Oregon State University placed first in the AAWU and seventh in the NCAA tournament.

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Season record: Won 16; Lost 4

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Season record: Won 12; Lost 6; Tied 1

Oregon State University placed first in the PAC-8 championships and fifteenth in the NCAA.

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Oregon State University placed first in the PAC-8 championships and eleventh in the NCAA.
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Season record: Won 23; Tied 1; Lost 1

Oregon State University placed first in the PAC-8 and third in the NCAA.

1970

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Season record: Won 19; Lost 0

Oregon State University placed first in the PAC-8 championships and third in the NCAA.
1971

Oregon State University 27 UCLA 8
Oregon State University 30 Brigham Young University 4
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Oregon State University 25 Central Washington State College 9
Oregon State University 14 University of Northern Colorado 17
Oregon State University 31 Arizona State University 8
Oregon State University 26 Southern Oregon College 5
Oregon State University 31 University of Utah 9
Oregon State University 27 Central Washington College 8
Oregon State University 17 Portland State University 12
Oregon State University 31 University of Oregon 3
Oregon State University 17 University of Washington 17
Oregon State University 27 Chico State 11
Oregon State University 38 Stanford 7
Oregon State University 22 California 14
Oregon State University 28 Fresno State 8
Oregon State University 14 Cal Poly 18
Oregon State University 22 Seattle Pacific 17
Oregon State University 33 Eastern Oregon College 5
Oregon State University 35 Washington State University 4
Oregon State University 15 Portland State University 15
Oregon State University 24 University of Oregon 12

Season record: Won 18; Tied 2; Lost 2

Oregon State University placed second in the PAC-8 and fourth in the NCAA.

1972

Oregon State University 39 UCLA 3
Oregon State University 29 University of Oregon 8
Oregon State University 19 California 11
Oregon State University 31 Washington State University 6
Oregon State University 20 University of Washington 15
Oregon State University 27 Army 9
Oregon State University 21 Brigham Young University 21
Oregon State University 17 Cal Poly 14
Oregon State University 32 Central Washington State 6
Oregon State University 26 Chico State 9
Oregon State University 19 Clarion State College 18
Oregon State University 33 Colorado State University 9
Oregon State University 49 Eastern Oregon College 2
Oregon State University 40 East Stroudsburg 3
Oregon State University 46 Fresno State 6
Oregon State University 9 Iowa State 20
Oregon State University 15 Oklahoma 21
Oregon State University 24 Portland State University 9
Oregon State University 18 Seattle Pacific 15
Oregon State University 23 Southern Oregon College 14
Oregon State University 34 University of Northern Colorado 5
Oregon State University 23 Utah 12
Oregon State University 29 Wyoming 11
Oregon State University tied for first in the PAC-8 and finished sixth in the NCAA.

1973

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Oregon State University placed first in the PAC-8 and second in the NCAA.

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Oregon State University 44 Fresno State 3
Oregon State University 16 University of Washington 19
Oregon State University 44 Seattle Pacific 2
Oregon State University 20 Cal Poly 17
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Oregon State University 24 University of Washington 11
Oregon State University 21 University of Oregon 18

Season record: Won 20; Lost 7

Oregon State University placed third in the PAC-8 and eighth in the NCAA.
APPENDIX B

Oregon State University Wrestling Coaches
and Varsity Team Members
(1909-1974)

1909
Coach: Eddie O’Connell

Varsity Team:
Bower
DuMoulin
Gibson
Heater
Leedy
McHenry
Sitton
Shadduck
Smith
Thompson
Turner

1910
Coach: Eddie O’Connell
James Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
DuMoulin
Gibson
Pearcy
Sitton
Shadduck
Thompson

1911 (continued)

1911
Coach: James Arbuthnot

Pearcy
Peterson
Sitton
Shadduck

1912
Coach: James Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
Amort
Fredig
Kelley
Leedy
McBride
Pearcy
Sitton

1913
Coach: James Arbuthnot

1914
Coach: James Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
Amort
Allworth
Bolin
1914 (continued)
Day
Fredig
King
Mosby
Muck
Pearcy
Southwick
Sitton
Hardman

1915
Coach: Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
Amort
Bolin
Hawkins
Hardman
Allworth
Cole
King
Walters
Pearcy
Mosby

1916
Coach: James Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
Ed Allworth
Brank Bolin
George Hardman
Russel Haverstick
John Hawkins
Bill Walters
Clarence Mosby

1917 (continued)
McLaine
Daniels
Morley
Hawkins
Watson
Strome

1917
Coach: H.C. MacDonald

1918
Coach: J.W. Hargess

Varsity Team:
Buttervich
Cummins
McClain
Palmer
Strome

1919
Coach (Advisor): J.W. Hargess

Varsity Team:
Buttervich
Armstrong
Jasper
Patshen
South

1920
Coach: James Arbuthnot

Varsity Team:
Armstrong
Glossop
Hongell
McClain
Palmer

1921
Coach: Guy L. Rathbun

Varsity Team:
Sam Armstrong
Marion Coyner
Edward Fish
1921 (continued)
Bob Fulton
Alvin Madison
Alonzo Patshen
Adolph Schuttpelz
Elt Palmer

1922
Coach: Guy L. Rathbun

Varsity Team:
P. Coyner
Edward Fish
Bob Fulton
H. Hubard
C. C. McBride
Bod Johnson
Wesie Stenstrom
Alonzo Patshen

1923
Coach: Guy L. Rathbun

Varsity Team:
Bud Fish
Bob Fulton
P. Coyner
Reed
Dick Nixon
"YZ" Stenstrom

1924
Coach: D. D. Ferrell

Varsity Team:
Dick Nixon
Reed
Selfridge
Heston
Russell

1925
Coach: Robin Reed

Varsity Team:
Dick Nixon
Otis Beckham
"Irish" Bryan
Walt Powell
"Reggie" Russell
George Selfridge

1926
Coach: Robin Reed

Varsity Team:
Chester Newton
Reggie Russell
Otto Beckham
Walter Powell
Robert Busick
Harold Carlile
Frank Bryan
Ben Pubals

1934
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Amo DeBernardis
John Herbert
Bob Patrick
Bill Patrick
Omar Stein
Stan McClurg
Bill Kenna

1935
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Chuck Samson
Amo DeBernardis
John Herbert
Ed Cornwell
1935 (continued)
Bill Kopczak
Stan McClurg

1936
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Chuck Bennett
Elbert Stidd
Rod Schults
Ed Cornwell
Ernie Bearss
Darle Dudley
Tom Massey
Dean Painter
Matt Hughson

1937
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Lester Weaver
Bob McRoberts
Darel Dudley
Lee Gibson
Bob Nelson
Ray Fugate
Dick Martin

1938
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Bob McRoberts
Darel Dudley
Dave Kerr
Ted Tibbot
Gene Scott
Lester Weaver
Hersel Peyree
Arnold Peterson
Hardy Young

1939
Coach: D.I. "Doc" Allman

Varsity Team:
Les Weaver
Leo Miller
Bob McRoberts
Darle Dudley
Bob Nelson
Ted Tibbet
Millard Arey
Roy Fugate
Hardy Young

1940
Coach: D.I. Allman

Varsity Team:
Ted Webb
Dan Fiekert
Bob McRoberts
Bod Rhodes
Gordon Black
Bob Nelson
Andy Zedwick
Ray Fugate
Lenard Rice
Merle Hutchinson
Hardy Young
Ted Tibbet

1941
Coach: D.I. Allman

Varsity Team:
Dick Wilson
Pat Kelly
Ray Lockwood
Jim Merritt
Ted Webb
Dick Hunger
George Brain
Virgil Cavagnaro
Kenneth Croeni
1941 (continued)
Dan Fiekert
Lewis Furber
Darrell Irvin

1942
Coach: D. I. Allman

Varsity Team:
Jim Merritt
Darrell Irvin
Don Stewart
Dan Fiekert
Darrell Hunger
Dick Hunger
Elmer Mostul
Mel Look
Bob Nielson

1948
Coach: Bob Antonacci

Varsity Team:
Bob Blenkinsop
George Chambers
Jim Mason
Louis Pika
Ed Erickson
Tom Cutshall
Glen Miller
Charles Monroe
Norman Southwell
Joe French
Jim Ward
Ed. Woodworth
Norm Martinson
Ray Zielinski
Virgil Cavagnaro
Allan Gray
Pat O'Keefe
Herb Haberlack
Paul Buhler

1949
Coach: Bob Antonacci

Varsity Team:
Bill Knight
Glen Miller
Jim Mason
Bud Twombly
Gordon Hecher
Burrell Lovell
Joe Fernch
Don Bleihenson
Tom Cutshall
Ray Southwell
Ray Zielinski
Herb Haberlack
Paul Buhler
Chuck Segar
Dick French

1950
Coach: Bob Antonacci

Varsity Team:
Paul Buhler
Herb Haberlack
Dick French
Jim Mosby
Tom Cutshall
Ray Zielinski
B. Bowers
A. Gray
A. Twomboley
H. Buhler
B. Rose
W. Poynter
Yosh Kiyokowwa

1951
Coach: James Wilkinson

Varsity Team:
Bill Mosby
Burrell Lovell
Dick French
1951 (continued)
John Mosby
Harland Buhler
Dale Becker
Ray Zielinski
Jim Clark
Bill Rose

1952
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Don Davis
Don Taylor
Lewis Williams
Glenn Guyer
John Enger
Mervin Schwartz
Bill Geister
Ron Regehr
Dick Greenwood
Monssur Ferdows
Dale Becker
Harland Buhler
Ray Zielinski
John Witte
Bill Mosby
Bill Harsey
Ben Shepard
Bill Rose
Gary McClain
Jim Sease

1953 (continued)
Lou Williams
Glen Guyer
John Enger
Kirby Brumfield

1953
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Gary McClain
Ben Shepard
Jim Heston
Orville Swindler
Don Shull
Charles Koski
Kirby Brumfield
John Enger
Bill MacFarlane
Lou Williams
Bill Tubbs
Bill Geister
Ron Regehr
John Herring
Dave Hunter

1954
Coach: Jim Dixon

Varsity Team:
Art Keith
Robert Brewer
Gary McClain
Mel Lehman
Orville Swindler
Luis Taucher
Ron Hicks
Jim Kennedy
Don Zaneker
Louis Parkerson
Dave Springer
John Enger
George Meyers
Jim Schuster
Lehart Gienger
1956
Coach: Hal Peterson

Varsity Team:
Art Keith
Bill Koida
Orville Swindler
Luis Taucher
Mel Lehman
Gordon Gretz
Bob Kennedy
Bob Brewer
Lehart Gienger
Ron Hicks
George Meyers
Bill Worrell
Bill Harsey
Ray Schenck

1957
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
Mel Lehman
John Owings
Clyde Zumwalt
Ron Hicks
Joel Neuschwander
Larry Wright
Lou Taucher
Jake Connelly
George Meyers
John Witte
Jim Schuster
John Dustin
Ken Noteboom
Bob Brewer

1958
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
Mitsuru Tamura
Joel Neuschwander
Bob Kennedy

1958 (continued)
Bill Worrell
Tom Gienger
Caron Beard
Clarence Connelly
Jack Berger
Ken Noteboom
John Dustin
Ted Bates
Ken Place

1959
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
Mitzi Tamura
Ed Fletcher
Bill Worrell
Larry Wright
Denys Overholser
Tom Gienger
Fritz Fivian
Ken Noteboom
John Dustin
Len Hays
Len Morelli
Chancy Ball
Bob Kirkpatrick
Max Seelie
Darrel Kauffman

1960
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
Chancey Ball
Gerald Perez
Mitzi Tamura
Norman Coote
Joel Neuschwander
Ron Finley
Tobe Zweygardt
Ken Place
Darrel Kauffman
Tom Gienger
1960 (continued)
  Len Morelli
  John Hall
  Darrel Fort
  Don Conway
  Fritz Fivian

1961
  Coach: Dale Thomas

  Varsity Team:
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    Norman Coote
    Ron Finley
    Doug Rambo
    Chancey Ball
    Denys Overholser
    Jim Funston
    Darrel Kauffman
    Bert Teitzel
    Don Conway
    Fritz Fivian
    Jack Berger
    Tobe Zweygardt

1962
  Coach: Dale Thomas

  Varsity Team:
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    Jerry Perez
    Ed Fletcher
    Mike Greenwood
    John Isenhart
    Tobe Zweygardt
    Gary Scott
    Darrel Kauffman
    Jack Berger
    Lee Rosenberg

1963
  Coach: Dale Thomas

  Varsity Team:
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    Gary Scott
    Steve Strader
    Mike Greenwood
    Gordy Lowell
    John Sanderson
    Dean Tower
    Jim Allison
    Gale Greenfield
    Len Kauffman

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    John Isenhart
    Lee Sprague
    Len Kauffman
    LaVern Alton
    Gordy Lowell
    Dennis Landers
    Jack Taylor
    Bob Bailey
    Mike Walker
    Art Makinster
    Dave Harle

1965
  Coach: Dale Thomas

  Varsity Team:
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    Robin Bolton
    Art Buck
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1965 (continued)
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Bob Kerr  
Gordy Lowell  
Henk Schenk  
Lee Sprague  
Jim Quinn  
Don Dykstra  
Ron Iwasaki  
Art Makinster

1967 (continued)
Ron Iwasaki  
Dave Davis  
Ken Larsen  
Mickey Furlong  
Steve Woods  
Bob Hawkins  
Jim Blackford  
Don Kauffman

1966
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Mat Dunckel  
Steve Woods  
Robin Bolton  
Lee Sprague  
Wally Ogdahl  
Jerry Chapin  
Dave Harle  
Jim Quinn  
Mike Walker  
Henk Schenk  
Mark Gartung  
Bruce Kerr  
Jeff Smith  
Terry Christiansen

1968
Coach: Dale Thomas

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John Cooluris  
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Steve Woods  
Phil Frey  
Lauren Johnson  
Jim Blackford  
Jess Lewis  
Jerry Chapin  
Bill Dejager  
Jim Vandehey  
Ken Larsen  
Sam Jones  
Kim Snyder  
Rocky Ralsey

1969
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Ken Larsen  
Bill DeJager  
Bob Tomasovic  
John Cooluris
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Jim Kennedy
Mike Donivan

1970
Coach: Dale Thomas

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Ken Larsen
Mike Donivan
Scott Lewis

1971
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Bill Dickson
Roger Weigel
Bob Brown
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Mike R. Jones
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Jim Crumley
Mike Donivan
Greg Strobel
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1972
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Gordon Ilams
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Rob Brown
Ben Gerding
Steve Ballard
Bill Dickson
Mike A. Jones
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1973
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Mike R. Jones
Jim Crumley
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Ron Boucher
Rob Brown
Steve Browning
Bill Dickson
Ben Gerding
Gordon Ilams
Jim Postlewait
Ron Sather

1974
Coach: Dale Thomas

Varsity Team:
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Larry Bielenberg
Ron Boucher
1974 (continued)
Steve Cochran
Bill Dickson
Ben Gerding
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## APPENDIX C

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APPENDIX D

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Robin Reed  Paris Olympics
Chet Newton  Paris Olympics

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Fritz Fivian  Eastern Europe Tour

1960
Fritz Fivian  Rome Olympics

1961
Ron Finley  Yokohama World Championships
Dale Thomas  Yokohama World Championships (Coach)

1962
Ron Finley  Toledo World Championships

1963
Ron Finley  Sophia, Bulgaria World Championships
Ron Finley  Sao Paulo, Pan American Games

1964
Ron Finley  Tokyo Olympics

1966
Ron Finley  Toledo World Championships
Len Kauffman  Toledo World Championships
Jess Lewis  Toledo World Championships
Dale Thomas  Toledo World Championships (Coach)

1968
Jess Lewis  Mexico City Olympics
Henk Schenk  Mexico City Olympics

1969
Ron Finley  Junior World Championships, Boulder Colorado (Coach)
Rock Rasley  Argentina Games
Henk Schenk  Argentina Games

1970
Dale Thomas  National Federation (Coach)
Henk Schenk  National Federation (Europe)
Roger Weigel  National Federation (Europe)

1971
Ron Finley  Sophia World Championships

1972
Henk Schenk  Munich Olympics

1973
Dale Thomas  South Africa Games (Coach)
Jim Crumley  South Africa Games
Greg Strobel  South Africa Games
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## APPENDIX F

**Summary of OSU Results Since 1957**

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