

★ SPORTS EDITORIAL

(From 2-12-70 M-D)

Student Association sent MCC sports back to Alexander Street last week when they vetoed a proposal by the wrestling team to participate in the Region III Tournament in Delhi, N.Y. A sampling of the logic used to explain this refusal was that MCC had no undefeated wrestlers.

Lo and behold MCC is a member of Region III of the NJCAA and expected to participate in the Tournament like all the other NJCAA teams do. Furthermore, out of the over 200 wrestlers who compete in Region III, only a half dozen are undefeated.

The MCC wrestlers have earned a right to compete in the regionals. Working with a skeleton crew, they have nevertheless forged a winning season. The Regional Tournament is not an extra bonus, anyways, it's a part of the regular sports schedule for any college team.

Apparently Student Association doesn't understand the sport of wrestling, or the purpose of the Regional Tournament in general. Not just champions go, or every weight class would be won by forfeit. And a wrestler isn't less than a champion until he's lost in the Tournament.

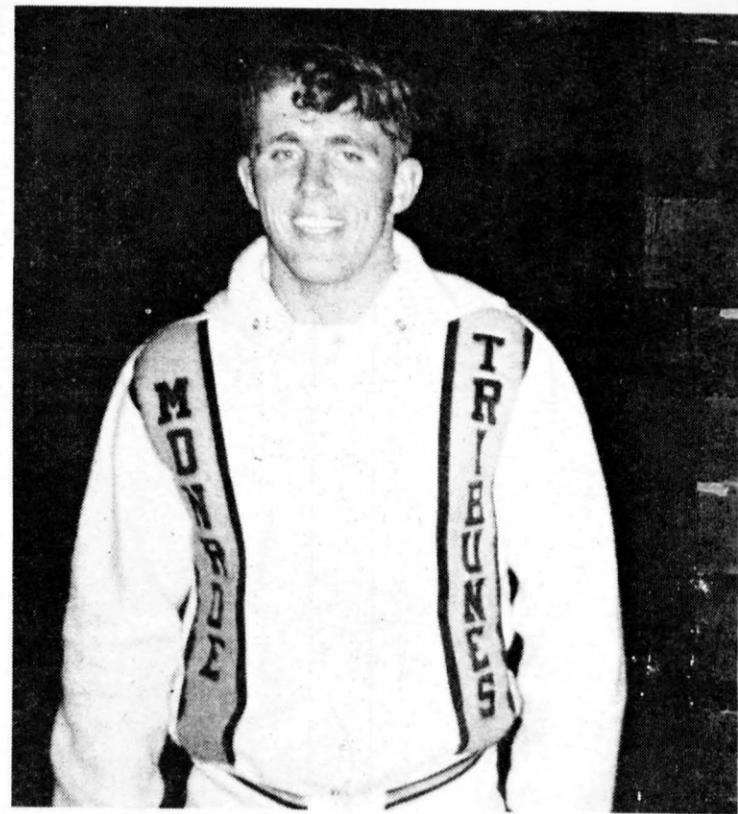
Consider the competition also. Among the opponents the Tribunes have wrestled this year are a New York State champion, two Virginia State champions, numerous sectional champions, and several of last year's regional champions. MCC beat Cornell University's freshman team with ease. How many other MCC teams have played giant Cornell?

A wrestling program would be incomplete without an end-of-season tournament. Student Association should reconsider.



MCC GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kyle Gillette is a member of the MCC girls' basketball team. The girls defeated U of R in their opener and later beat William Smith College for a 2-0 record.



Wrestler Gary St. James was runner-up to defending regional champion Roger Ingalls this year.

SPORTS EDITOR REPLIES TO MADAMA'S CHARGES

It never ceases to amaze me how emotional the officers and advisors of Student Association get over the slightest hint of criticism. The sports editorial was not intended to tear down SA, rather to promote wrestling at MCC. Anyways, Student Association would have to be naive to believe that everyone is going to wholeheartedly approve every act they perform. As quasi-legislators they are and should be subject to criticism without the backlash of censorship.

The facts were not improperly represented. How can one be sure that the undefeated wrestlers clause was not a sampling of the logic when every individual on the board made a private decision in his mind on how to vote? And why was the question raised if it was not relevant?

MCC does indeed have a TEAM. MCC scored a TEAM victory over Mohawk Valley Community College after the Executive Board denied them funds. The nine wrestlers who lasted the season are completely convinced they are a team; Does SA know something they don't?

The wrestlers weren't planning on WINNING the regionals; just on doing their best. And should SA deny a potential individual champion a chance to compete just because there are two vacancies in the line-up? It was amusing to read Pat Madama's charge that wrestling "dropped" from 6-1 to 8-6. Just for the record, the team wrestled Morrisville, Corning, Alfred, and Broome Tech the second half of the season after enjoying some relatively easier competition earlier.

Morrisville was defending conference champ and won it again this year. Corning had over two dozen straight duel meet victories. Alfred is the only undefeated team in the region. Broome Tech was ranked 7th in the nation midway through the season. Could it be that the wrestlers were against tougher competition the second half of the season? Maybe that's why they operated with a skeleton crew; the less courageous ones quit while they were ahead.

Furthermore, I would be glad to let Pat Madama know when the policy of the wrestling season extending to and including regional tournament was initiated. It was initiated when MCC became a member of the NJCAA. Every other junior college in the region competes in the tournament; why not MCC? It

(the tournament) was included on the wrestling season schedule submitted by Coach Roscoe Hastings. All members of the NJCAA are expected to participate in their regional tournaments if they qualify. MCC does qualify, according to the NJCAA. Again, does Student Association know better?

Apparently SA likes to see sports teams beg for funds. The 10-1 cross country team had to ask for money for the regionals and at times were worried about the outcome of their request. Regional tournaments are not included in the athletic budget because some sports (soccer, basketball, baseball) limit the number of schools participating to the league leaders, and hence it is difficult to predict ahead of time whether or not MCC will go. Others (wrestling, swimming, cross country, track) are open invitational tournaments where individual performs as well as teams have a chance to make a

good showing.

It's quite arrogant of Pat Madama to assume he knows more about wrestling than those involved in the sport. The coach submitted the request because he believed his team deserved to go and would do well there, individually if not as a team. And MCC did do well during the season. Only a fool would measure a team's success simply by its won-lost record. How many wrestling meets did SA watch this year?

The regional tournament is definitely part of the season; it is not considered "post-season" by tournament directors. All regional wrestling teams look at the tournament as a climax to a long season. And it gives everyone one last chance to prove themselves.

In last year's tournament Cobleskill beat Morrisville for team honors, despite the fact that Morrisville swamped Cobleskill when they meet in a duel meet. Delhi, who has, forfeited several

weight classes almost every meet this season, won the regionals this year despite three forfeits.

This whole incident brings to mind a similar occurrence at Spencerport High a year ago last fall. Those in charge vetoed a motion for Chuck McMullen, a cross country runner, to participate in the State cross country championships. McMullen went anyways, paying his own fare, and won the Class B championship. Spencerport claimed the State title. McMullen really earned it.

If SA enjoys playing with the athletic department money, well and good. But they should have someone who knows something about sports or has an interest in them advise the SA properly. Perhaps they should follow Athletic Director George Monagan's suggestions as to whether or not a team merits going to the regionals. Every time I've encountered them, the SA advisors have displayed a

negative attitude towards sports here. Why not let someone who supports sports offer advice?

In closing I would like to comment on Pat Madama's behind the scenes attempt to remove me as sports editor. My accum at MCC for four semesters was 3.20, probably the total for any three members of the Executive Board. If they doubt my qualifications, I certainly doubt theirs.

Furthermore such witchhunts to disqualify "unqualified" antagonists seem somewhat hypocritical in light of the recent discovery that everything the Executive Board voted on last semester can only be considered "semi-official" because of the ineligibility of at least one member.

Well, Pat, we've made quite a big thing out of that little editorial, haven't we? Maybe next time the Executive Board will sit back and take constructive, positive criticism instead of belittling those who offer it.

St. James Hildebrant Regional Place Winners

MCC wrestlers Gary St. James and Bob Hilderbrant placed second and third respectively at 158 pounds and 150 in the regional wrestling tournament at Delhi Tech last Saturday. St. James was the first finalist in MCC mat history.

Hilderbrant, of York, New York, defeated Mike Didio of Hudson Valley in the first round, 9-3, but lost in the second to Bob Darin of Auburn, 6-3. Darin didn't have to wrestle an earlier match because he had a bye.

In the consolation round Hilderbrant won first when Gary Campbell of Morrisville forfeited and next in the consolation finals, topping Dave Manchester of Corning Community College, 3-2. Bob was awarded a third place medal for his efforts.

St. James opened up with a 0-1 win over Bob McCullum of Adirondack Community College. Next round he toppled Dan Abbott of Paul Smith's by a score of 8 to 5. In the semifinals he defeated once defeated John Kopalek of Broome Tech, 9-8, to advance to the finals.

In the finals St. James lost to regional champion Roger Ingalls of Delhi by 8-4. Ingalls had won the regionals last year at 167 pounds. St. James was also awarded a medal for his efforts in what the

tournament director described as "one of the most competitive weight classes in the tournament."

Because of limited funds only four MCC wrestlers out of a possible seven could compete. Delhi Tech, entering only six wrestlers due to a lack of personnel, not money, won the TEAM championship by an overwhelming margin, proving that six wrestlers can make up a team.

Sixteen teams entered the tournament, but only nine provided full line ups. Delhi defeated powerhouse complete line-ups from Morrisville, Corning, Broome, and Alfred, the top four teams in the region this year.

Other individual champions were Dale Graham at 118, Jim McCloe at 126, Mike and Bob Waller at 134 and 150, and Ingalls at 158, all from Delhi, and Jim LoManaco of Broome at 142.

Also Pete Harrington from Cobleskill at 167, Gerald Hay from Adirondack at 177, Fred Marcello at 190 for Broome, and Gates Chili heavyweight Paul Wager from Fulton Montgomery at heavyweight.

Every school in the region sent wrestlers.



Bob Hilderbrant of MCC placed third in the Regional Tournament for wrestlers last week.

BACK TALK

POOR SPORT

To the Editor:

In reference to a recent Sports Editorial in the February 12th issue of the M-D I think a great injustice has been done to the Student Association through improper representation of facts. It was stated in the editorial that a sampling of the logic used was that MCC had no undefeated wrestlers. True it was that the question was brought up, but it was not one of the essential reasons that the team was denied funds.

The reasons that the team was denied funds from the tournament and trips account were first because we did not have a TEAM. By this it is simply meant that we do not have wrestlers competing in each weight division. This gives a TEAM very little chance of winning since it will have to forfeit some matches. Second, because of the lack of interest in wrestling (and other sports) at MCC skeleton teams have caused win-loss ratios to drop as in wrestling's case from 6-1 to a season final of 8-6.

Furthermore, if the wrestling season extends to and includes the regional tournament I would like to know when this policy was initiated. It was not true for this year's soccer or cross country teams. Even if it were part of the season it would then be included in the total budget, but it was not. The Tournament is for TEAMS doing well during the season thereby warranting the right to participate — it's not part of the season.

Considering these points the Student Association did deny the team funds (not veto them for participating). We thought of the other TEAMS at MCC that would

warrant themselves to go to a tournament, taking into light the prospects of the basketball and baseball teams. It's not that the S.A. doesn't want the team to go. We did suggest other means of obtaining money. Let's see what they do.

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Ed.—See Page 8 for Scott Justice's Reply.

MIGRANT CHILD CARE

To the Editor:

The Brockport Migrant Advisory Committee is hopeful that some of your readers will wish to be interviewed for a four-month period of employment with the New York State Migrant Child Care Program. The Committee expects the State Legislature to fund this program so that it may be conducted for its eleventh consecutive season in Brockport. The Day Care Center in Brockport usually operates from early July through October for the pre-school children and infants of migrant agricultural workers.

Applicants should be at least 18 years of age. Some knowledge of spoken Spanish is useful as well as is experience with infants and pre-school children. The working day for most staff members begins at 7 A.M. with transporting of children to the Center. As yet the 1970 wage schedule for staff members has not been determined.

Interviews with interested persons will be conducted from the State University College at Brockport by Mrs. Anne George and/or Mr. Charles Tharratt of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Marketing on Tuesday, March 3 from 2-4 P.M. and Wednesday, March 4 from 9-12

A.M. To arrange for an interview, or to make further inquiry, please call Mrs. Evelyn Spurgeon, secretary to Bruce Bowen, Migrant Advisory Committee Chairman. 637-3780.

Thank you.
Sincerely yours,
Jamice E. Ryan

GIVE A PINT

To the Editor:

Last semester our Blood Drive was by no means successful. Out of an enrollment of approximately 5,000 students, only 6% donated blood. Why is this? Is it true what Rochester says about us? That MCC is merely a sophisticated type of high school populated by students who could care less for anyone but themselves? Maybe there's more truth in that statement than we would like to believe. We can change this attitude if we want. And a good way to begin is by making our coming Blood Drive a huge success. The Bloodmobile will be on campus from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13. Recruiting will begin on Monday, March 3, at the recruiting tables by the mailfolders. Sign-up is desirable, but not mandatory. Give a pint and save a life!

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MCC Red Cross Campus
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