

McCue brings 177 lbs. title to Potsdam in SUNYAC

Stretching his personal unbeaten string to 17 matches, Potsdam State senior co-captain Tom McCue held three opponents scoreless to win the 177-pound title at the State University of New York Athletic Conference wrestling tournament Saturday at Oneonta State.

McCue, who had second and third placings at heavyweight in the past two SUNYAC tournaments, won his second individual championship of the season with a masterful display of control wrestling.

He pinned his first opponent in 5:32, defeated third place finisher Paul Westfield of Oswego State 2-0 in the semifinal round, and then stopped Brockport State's Blair Bucholz 4-0 in the title bout.

A native of Lowville, McCue has an overall record this season of 19-1, with his lone loss coming at the hands of 265-pound Jim Hauptfleisch, the SUNYAC Heavyweight champion from

Oswego State, by a 3-1 score in the finals of the Northern New York tournament.

Four other Potsdam wrestlers won placings at the tournament, as the Bear squad, expected to challenge for second place, finished a disappointing fourth in the team standings behind Brockport State, the runaway champion.

Tony Peraza and Rich Molbury finished second, losing in the finals at 150 and 190 respectively. Molbury failed in his bid to become a four-time SUNYAC champion, losing to Brockport's Harmon 11-3. Ironically, Molbury, who had forced McCue down to the 177-pound class, lost his title to a man McCue had defeated just two weeks earlier.

Terry Atwater and Mike Bruce took fourth places at 126 and 134 as the pair gave Potsdam a strong showing in the lightweight.

The next date on the Bear schedule is the New York State Intercollegiate

Tournament at RIT this weekend. Molbury is expected to have a tough fight defending his 190-pound title, while McCue is one of the favorites at 177-pounds. Atwater, Bruce, Peraza,

Fencing is new at Potsdam

By Bob Natowitz

Fencing has been added to the curriculum at Potsdam Central High.

Rea Farrall, health teacher at the school, organized and instructs the club. Since October, when the course started, it has met with a good reaction from both students and faculty, she noted.

The course, which runs four to six weeks, was originally intended as a girl's club. However, Farrall noted that during this season there are four boys in the group.

Farrall has been fencing for 27 years. She acquired the skill at the University of Buffalo. In 1971 she helped to organize a fencing club for State and Clarkson students. During the 1972-73 school year she taught a fencing course at SUCP. Last summer the idea of a fencing club at the high school was born. Louise Saunders, girl's athletic instructor, ordered fencing equipment for 10 students. The fencing paraphernalia includes: masks, foils, extra blades for the foils, jackets and gloves.

A fencing match consists of two opponents trying to make four "touches" on each other. The "touches" can be made from the neck to the hip line, front or back arms excluded.

According to Farrall fencing will improve a student's hand-eye coor-

dination, self-control, speed, and agility. It also creates quick thinking, good timing, self-confidence, and initiative. She also commented that there had been no injuries sustained during the "foil play", she commented that she is very happy with the reaction to the course and plans to continue it-"En garde."

Many activities are occurring this year for grade six through eight that are both fun and educational.

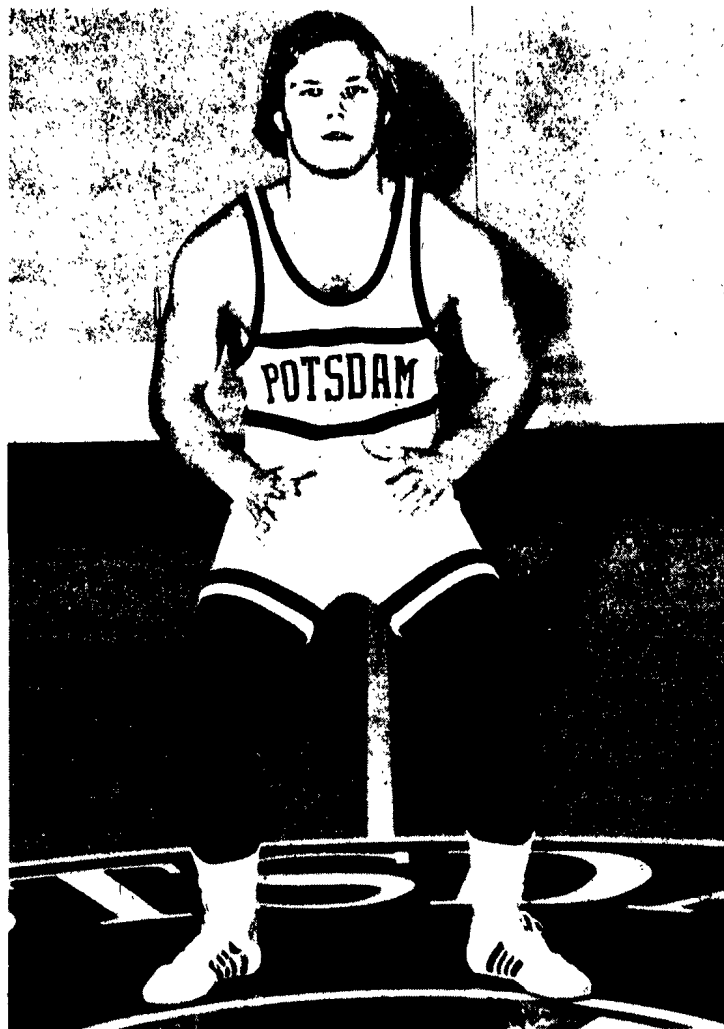
Many people believe in sticking to the books, but there is more education to look forward to than in books according to coment educational philosophy.

There is an activity period which runs from 11:50-12:30. If people are not interested in this, there is a study hall for them to use.

There are varities of activities ranging from leather, hobbies, games, guitar and time for teachers to help individual students.

Students come from State University and Clarkson College tutor students to take the load off the teachers. There are students that come from the high school that introduce foreign languages to students.

The whole purpose of the program is to expand on the student's interests and ideas.



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Sports

Snowmobile against cancer is February 28 - March 1

Snowmobile riders, snowmobile fans, and the general public are invited to join in a combined effort to raise funds for the St. Lawrence County Cancer

and refreshments will be available.

On Saturday, March 1, the doors will open at the same location at 10 a.m. for registration for a snowmobile trail ride

N-N Squirts play in three games win one