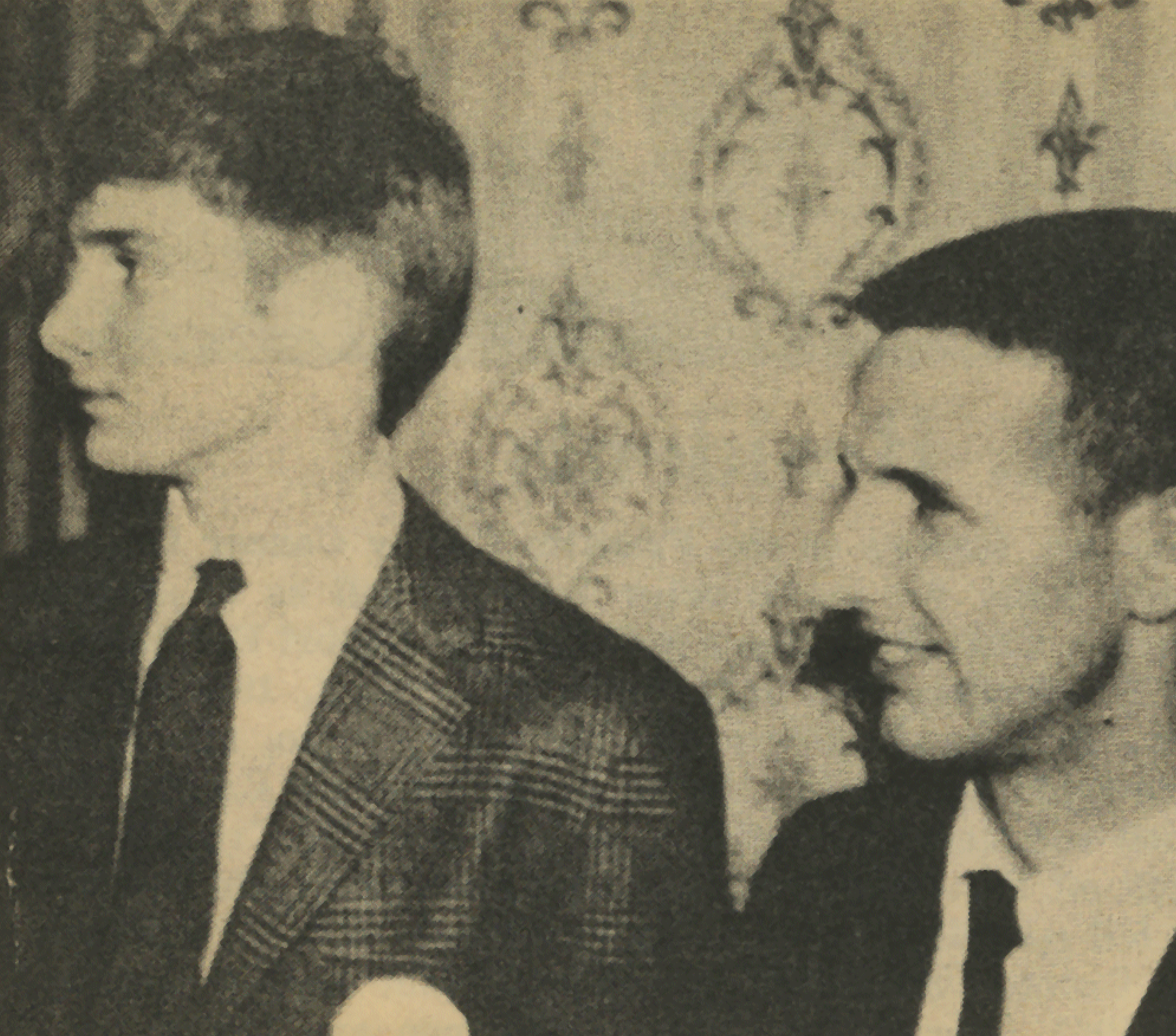




SPORTS

By Steve Morgan



TOP BEARS - Upper Arlington's top cage player Dave Eschliman takes a break from the honors banquet with his coach Jim Hamilton. Eschliman received the Walter B. Heischman Trophy as the best Bear of the year. Hamilton in his first year with UA, guided the team to one of its finest post-season tourney showings.

1970 season captains. Announcement of the pair's election was made by the outgoing captains, Denny Dicke and Jay Ball, at the team's annual post-season honors banquet.

Eschliman Earns Trophy
Senior Dave Eschliman was presented the coveted Walter B. Heischman trophy as the cage team's outstanding player of the year.

Heischman, superintendent of schools, was coach of the Golden Bear 1937 basketball team that won the state tournament to become the Ohio Class B champions.

Each season, the members of the old state champion team honor the Bruins' best player with the Heischman trophy.

Eschliman was the team's play-maker and top scorer throughout most of the season and was the No. 3 scorer in the powerful Central Ohio League.

The quick red-headed guard was elected by the league's sports writers to the star-studded All-COL first team with four other loop greats who stand great chances of becoming All-State squad members.

Eschliman was selected also as one of the Central



CHANGE OF COMMAND - 1969 co-captains Jay Ball and Denny Dicke hand over the basketball symbolizing the reins of leadership to the newly elected Upper Arlington hardwood floor captains, Chip Hess and Jeff Kraushaar, right.

District's first team all-stars.

Morris Most Improved
First-year Bruin coach Jim Hamilton, a former star at Miami University, also presented his only tall cager, Bill Morris, with the team's Most Improved Player Trophy.

The 6-5 center made tremendous development during the year and carried the load of most of the team in rebounds and close-in shots. This season was his first as a varsity cager.

The Bears were a young and small squad compared to the other powerhouses in the COL, including Zanesville and Newark, the two schools that have come close-

Arlington finished the season 8-13 and tied for last in the league but made a spectacular comeback in the post-season tourneys.

Break Record
The Bruins broke a school record against Lakewood in the first tourney game when they hit 102 points while limiting the lancers to only 40.

In the second game of the tournament, the Bears ran Columbus Central into the ground despite a great height disadvantage, 71-63.

In the final game of the season, Arlington nearly pulled off the upset of the year when they caught the fast Linden McKinley Panthers late in the game to force an overtime.

Linden, until then, had come closest in months to defeating the unbeatable East Tigers. After Linden outlasted Arlington to win by six, 74-68, they threw a scare into East several times before finally falling.

The Bruins' season was given new life late in the season when Arlington met and defeated Cincinnati's Indian Hills, 60-59, even though the Indians were 10-1 going into the game.

Arlington played a new brand of basketball this season which is common among the high-scoring state powers but very rare at Upper Arlington.

Coach Hamilton's run-and-shoot tactics and occasional pressing defense was completely new to the Bruin-bred cagers. After they caught on, the fast Bears proved in late season games that the team was far better than its record.

The members of the team repeatedly said they liked the hard-hitting offense that Hamilton brought to Arling-

ton adding that it made their team better and basketball more fun.

Arlington's size was a decided weakness this season but few school's matched the Bears' speed and agility. Many of the team members are star athletes on other Golden Bear teams and are noted for their speed.

Co-captain Denny Dicke won the state quarter-mile track crown as a sophomore and won All-COL distinction as a halfback this season.

Captain Jay Ball, who along with Morris was elected to the honorable mention list of the COL, was a star grid end and a first string, unanimous choice for the league's all-star squad.

Senior guard Terry Streng and Chip Hess were regulars on the state champion football team, noted for the speed and agility.

In no way did the closely knit team show disappointment with their season. They showed great enthusiasm at the banquet and on the cage floor. Of all the Bruin squads of the past four seasons none surpassed the basketball team in team work, fellowship, desire and hustle.

1968-69 was not a winning season for Arlington but because of the great comeback at the end and the progress the squad made, this was one of the most successful years in Arlington history.

Also honored at the dinner was the reserve team, 9-9 this year. Their coach, Jay Wise, of Indiana University fame, was also in his first season at the Arlington helm.

Letters went to the varsity team members Jay Ball, Denny Dicke, Dave Eschliman, Bob Joecken, Bill Mor-

ris and Terry Streng, all seniors, along with juniors Kent Burgert, Jari Chaney, Chip Hess, Steve Hinshaw, Jeff Kraushaar and Jeff Stark.

J-V certificates went to sophomores Steve Aumiller, Mike Early, Steve Hoag, Walt Johnson, Dan Kimes and Steve Kitchen along with Bob Long, Kent Meadows, Dave Metzger, Tom Myers, John Offenbacher, Pat Stanley and Brent Taylor.

Upper Arlington also honored the girls that traveled with the cagers and the gridgers this season. Cheerleaders advisor, Mrs. Phillip Fulton, introduced her squad and presented the seniors and juniors with their letters.

Sally Whipple, as senior, all received their second awards while juniors Gail Hatcher, Sue Liddy, Libby Timmons and Vicki Triffon each earned their first.

Sophomores Peggy Brouse, Lisa Drake, Caroline Johnston, Ellen Miller, Carol Moorehead, Sarah Schleder, Pam Snyder, and Irene Zonak received reserve certificates as J-V cheerleaders.

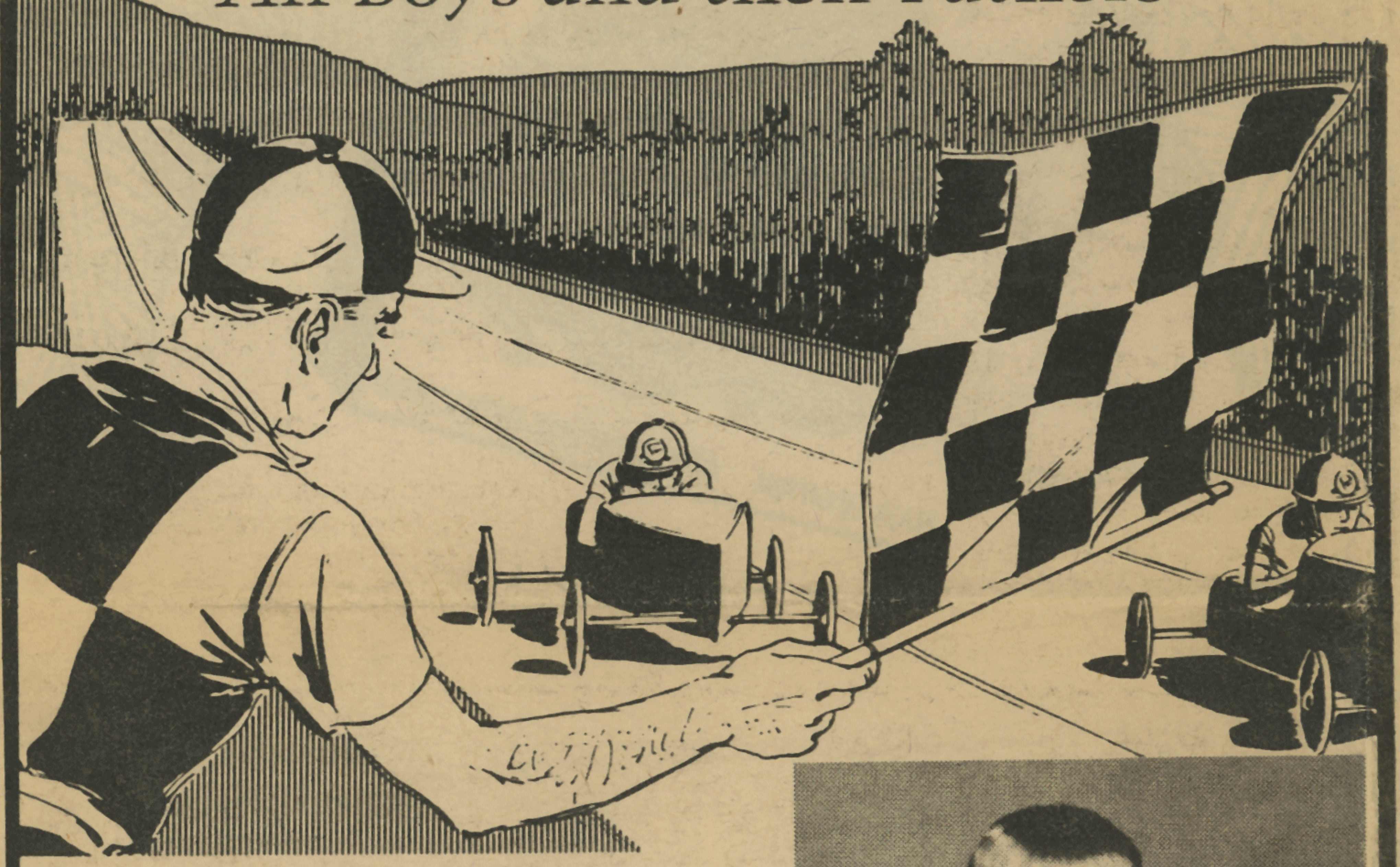
Others recognized for service were manager Ron Walter and his reserve assistants Scott Ebright and Gary Slawson along with statistician Jeff Sedgwick and photographer Dan Rose.

Mrs. Walter Heischman, filling in for her husband who was in the hospital, gave the coaches' wives credit for their share in the team and gave Coach Wise's wife permission to have a well deserved nervous breakdown now that the campaign is over.

Hess, Kraushaar Lead U.A. Cagers

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The Golden Bear basketball team, the squad that scored 102 points in one of

ATTENTION: All Boys and their Fathers



The Columbus Jay-Cee's are offering a Soap Box Derby Clinic for all interested boys and their parents on Saturday, March 22, at 10 A.M. in the Center of Science and Industry Auditorium. All boys attending will have an opportunity to talk with Greg Reger, last year's central Ohio champion, and inspect his winning car. Also on hand will be the National Soap Box Derby Champion, Branch Lew. A film of the 1968 National Soap Box Derby Race in Akron will be shown. All boys from 11 to 15 years of age are eligible to compete.



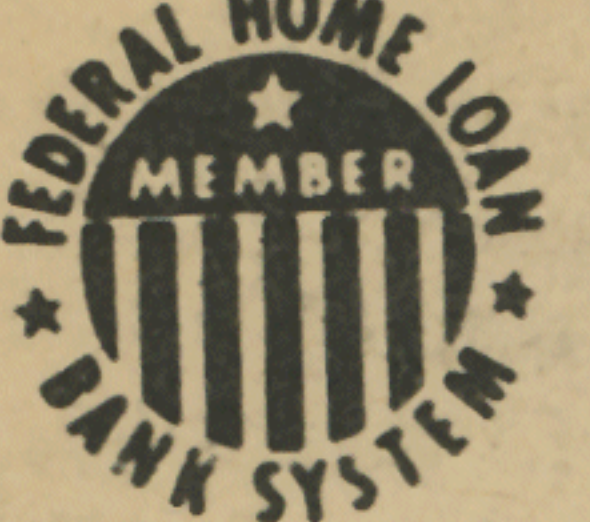
Greg Reger
1968 Soap Box Derby Winner
for Central Ohio



Speed Kings

of Upper Arlington, Mike Reedy, Steve Miley, Byron Snow, and Steve Buckmaster, from the left, will be competing in the AAU Championship "A" meet to be held March 28-30 in the Upper Arlington Natatorium. Swimmers attending the meet sponsored by the Upper Arlington Swim Club will be vying for new state records. Entries and information are available from Mrs. Sue Murphey Doyle, 2607 Welsford Rd., or Mrs. Ralph Palmer, 3491 Kirkham Rd.

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