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## The Old Malarkey

# Death Claims

# Merman Uhl

**C**HAMPION CORRESPONDENT Tom Appleby reveals that the 1971 Eastern College Athletic Conference Guide listed more basketball players from this area than in any season in history, and relays these names of schools, players and home towns:

Babson College—Richard Jumpp, Atlantic City  
 Boston University—Bruce Brock, Atlantic City  
 Bucknell—Chris Riley, Millville  
 Dickinson—Franz Adler, Ocean City  
 Drexel—Jerry Glick, Atlantic City  
 Franklin & Marshall—Robert Hiltner, Atlantic City  
 Duke—Allen Shaw, Millville  
 LaSalle—Jeff Piccone, Vineland  
 Princeton—Bill Kapler, Manahawkin  
 Temple—Jim Feneli, Vineland  
 Villanova—Chris Ford, Atlantic City  
 William & Mary—Dave Tinker, Cape May

Tom also reveals that Ron Farina of Vineland and Bob Gant of Millville shone during the late campaign with Atlantic Christian College varsity, though they are only freshmen while Steve Baruffi of Vineland sparkled with the LaSalle frosh.

Appleby, who attended last weekend's NCAA playoff at Raleigh, N. C., hence witnessing Villanova's upset romp over Penn, had as his guests Joe Cipriano, wrestler and pitcher and Jeff Hoffman, gridiron, court and diamond star, both from Delsea High, as well as his son, Dan, Vineland High footballer, along as his guests. Another star out of Delsea, Ed Hoffman, is currently participating in spring football drills at North Carolina State. He lettered as a soph last autumn.

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When Pleasantville High School opens its 66th varsity baseball season a week hence, it will be reminiscent of the halcyon days of the late Greyhound mentor, Emroy "Ty" Helfrich. Game time has been switched from 4 p.m. to 2 p.m., and the entire student body, including the school band, will attend.

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The University of Delaware advises that Wildwood High's Ken Crusier, a two-way player for the Warriors and the Cape May County All-Star Football team's MVP last autumn, will enroll at Newark next September.

And on the subject of the gridiron, an unsigned correspondent advises that this area's Lou Piccone played brilliantly (as a ball-carrier, blocker, and kickoff and punt-return specialist) last fall for West Liberty State, that Pomona's Bill Albans was Gettysburg's "iron man" standout, and that Northfield's Pat Card helped lead Ashland College to an 8-1 soccer record.

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Bill Toy, of Ocean City, relays word of the death of Ernie Uhl, one of the dazzling swimmers who competed for Atlantic City High School's fabled "Wonder Mermen" of a half-century ago. Uhl, who in 1964 retired from the Lansdowne, Pa., Post Office, had lived in Florida the past nine years. He has been interred at Boynton Beach, Fla.

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Joe Grossman, former resort newspaperman now a foreign service officer in the U.S. Information Agency, has been named winner of the Davids-Wheeler Trophy, which is presented each year to the person who has made the most outstanding contribution to the sport of endurance swimming. Joe, a member of the Board of Director of the Swimming Hall of Fame, has been associated with marathon swimming since 1954, including the 11 Around-Absecon-Island races. The coveted award is named for the late Irving Davids, swimming coach and historian and the late Capt. Roger W. Wheeler, famed water safety official.

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Jack Jeffries, downbeach cue artist who has reigned supreme for the past several years as champion of the Margate Log Cabin billiard tournament will face Longport Mayor Leon Leopardi (who calls himself "an old pool hustler") in a special exhibition match Saturday at the Log Cabin at 5 p.m. Leopardi, whose favorite sport is billiards, has in his career faced many of the world's great cueists, among them Ralph Greenleaf in a memorable local match at the Morris Guards. The Mayor's fellow commissioner, Thomas B. Reed, is chairman and will referee Sunday.

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Honorary PGA President Leo Fraser and top amateur linkswoman Helen Sigel Wilson will be honored by area golfers when the Philadelphia Section of the PGA holds its Spring Golf Show and Awards Dinner April 27 at the Marriott Motor Inn on Philadelphia's City Line.

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Tom Birmingham and Mario D'Ortona have just returned from Tarpon Springs, Florida, sun-bronzed and looking the picture of health following long sessions of spear-fishing and treasure hunting beneath the waves . . . Another junketeer who enjoyed a Florida stay is Carol F. Dooner, of School House Drive, Linwood. She won a plaque for hooking and boating a sailfish in record time in the Pompano Beach fishing tournament. Fishing from the charter boat "Happy Holiday," she nabbed a 22-pound, 70-inch sailfish exactly five minutes after the boat left the pier.

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A note from Russ Fossett and Andy Dougherty advises that the Basketball Old Timers' 39th annual reunion will take place at the Philadelphia Rifle Club on Saturday, April 24, at 6 p.m. If you'd like to attend you can contact Russ at 2132 W. Passyunk Ave., Philadelphia. Reservation deadline is April 10.

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Though the Bellevue Athletic Club left the field nearly three decades ago, the organization is still very active. The BAC's annual spring dance, celebrating the club's 48th anniversary, is slated for the Morris Guards gym April 17, and a week later members will attend services and ceremonies dedicating a pew in United Methodist Church, Elwood, where one-time Bellevue star, Rev. Wesley Hoffman, is pastor. Singer Robert Riley, current Bellevue president, will be soloist.

The pew will be a permanent memorial to the 36 deceased Bell members who starred for the club—and the roster reads like an Atlantic City sports "Who's Who:" Joe Strang, Jerry Blackman, Tom Heckman, Boris Nirschstein, Dave Draeger, Ray Allen, Bob O'Farrell, Aldo Pero, Walt Clark, Marvin Bernhard, Frank DiNoto, Joe Hancock, Charley, Andrews Charles "Lefty" Forrest, Francis Erskine, Vince Martino, Leroy Somers, Tony Francescone, Walt Crawford, Tony Campanella, John Cranston, Chubby Furnello, Dick Pereyra, John Woods, Dick Gruhler, Mark Braymes, Howard Lawson, Joe Bonner, Albert Scheele, Bill Hearing, Milt Young, John Chewkanes, Anthony Turnello, Bob Gregson, Bill Ashmen and Tom Murphy.