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It's That Time Again

Celebrations

There's something about talking with pretty, young coeds which offer the feeling that there's at least some side advantages to being a sports writer.

This was really a week of celebrations, and those delicious banquets

Monday it was McFarland, where Superintendent Patrick Kennedy sated the ego of Spartan fans by tabbing Coach Sam Mills Class B State Champions a most deserving group and a great credit to the school.

Tuesday it was the city wrestling banquet where the Peterson brothers, John and Ben, provides a little insight into Olympic Games and Russian tour wrestling, and life in Iron Curtain countries.

Wednesday was a double treat.

First there was the famous West Relays prime rib feed, begun years ago by former Regent Coach Willis Jones and carried on splendidly by Athletic Director Joe Antonie and his crew, coupled with that ever-enjoyable comradery of track and field officials.

Then it was back to McFarland for the finest night of jazz we've heard since the Buddy Rich trio heyday of the 1940s. In all due respect to the abilities of the McFarland basketball champs, they just might have to take a back seat to Director Tom Dvorak's Spartan Jazz Masters with Davy Jones on trumpet and Steve Lacy on drums. That group is great, the finest prep pep and jazz band I've ever heard.

Thursday night it was another

Sprints — Chuck Huggins of East and Rod Baker of LaFollette; 440 — Gary Brink of LaFollette; 880 — Dan Cautley of Memorial; Mile — Bob Gordon of West; 2-Mile — Joel McGhee of Memorial; hurdles — Graig Ferris of East; Shot put - discus — Stu Voigt of West; high jump — Jim Huff of West; pole vault — Kim Scott of West; long jump — Larry Franklin of Central.

Then, how about Ken Starch, Glenn Dick, Mike Warner, Dan Henderson, Don McClung, Ron Crawford, Cal Taylor, Dale Weidemann, Dan Henney, Gary Winburn, and Mike Gahagan.

ODDS AND ENDS: Pole vaulter Kim Scott and Wisconsin Rapids' distance star, Joe Young, will compete in the USTFF National Junior Track Championships at Drake University on June 9 . . . It was only five years ago that the NFL's No. 1 draft selection, John Matuzak of Oak Creek and Tampa U., tossed the shot in the West Relays . . . Bob Krueger, basketball coach at UW-Stevens Point, calls former West star, Mike Stansell, one of the finest freshmen he has ever coached. Stansell finished his first WSUC year with 323 points and 122 rebounds . . . Leo Simms, football coach at Middleton, will direct the Birchcliff Sports Camp at Wisconsin Dells on June 3-9 and 10-16. His staff of instructors will include UW-Green Bay's Dave Buss, Milwaukee Marquette's Paul Noack, UW-La Crosse's Burt McDonald, Neenah's Ron Einerson, and McFarland's Sam Mills on basketball, and UW-Stevens Point's Monte Charles, UW-Platteville's Gil Krueger, Beloit Memorial's John Heineke, Minnesota Vikings' Stu Voigt and Neil Graff, and Madison Mustangs Dewey Stendahl on football . . . Two LaFollette grid stars, linemen Jeff Haug and Bruce Hanson, have joined Beloit's All-Starter, Jim Caldwell, in signing Iowa University letters of intent.