It seems my whole adult life has been involved with coaching kids. Now seeing them as adults and having them still call me coach is quite rewarding. I am not sure who helped each other the most. You see, in small ways, you mold their lives. In return, they give us coaches everlasting memories! A real win-win deal.

I seemed to move from coaching into promoting national wrestling events for young athletes. In 30 years, over lapping coaching and promoting, the goal of somehow just making a difference has never changed. Years ago I ranked high school wrestlers for a national news letter with an equipment company called Wrestlers Express. We had lots of complaints because every parent thought his wrestler was the greatest. Thinking back, it was a monumental task without a national tournament to go by. Many rankings now exist for wrestling at the college and high school levels but none for the elementary and 15 & under age groups. For the last quarter of a century World of Wrestling has concentrated on this age group presenting them the greatest awards and recognition. We also felt that we should be first in such a system of getting them ranked nationally.

When I was approached with the idea by Lanny Bryant, owner/editor *Wrestling USA Magazine* I was, to say the least, most flattered that he would consider World of Wrestling for the task. He said, "Jack, you have been doing the World All Star Team for 11 years, so who would be a better choice?" Not looking for another job, I reluctantly accepted the major challenge. You see, I am very excited to have two good friends that have truly been pioneers in this great sport. They share our philosophy in promoting America's Youth. The title of Mr. Nice Guy or the largest contributor to wrestling could easily go to both gentlemen, Mr. Jim Keen, Sr. of Cliff Keen Athletic and Mr. Lanny Bryant of *Wrestling USA Magazine*. They have both given untirelessly back to the sport of wrestling. I feel very fortunate that they continue to be closely involved with us in making positive differences.