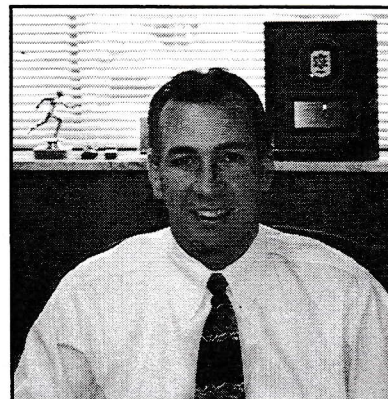


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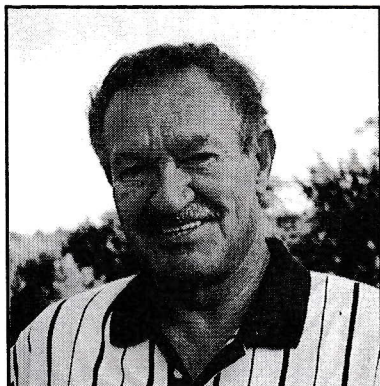
LEE Baierl, '77

... was a three-sport athlete, earning nine varsity letters while participating in football, basketball, and track. In football, Lee played both offense and defense and was named to the West Penn First Team in both positions. He was named All-WPIAL for his defensive play. Lee also participated in basketball where he was high scorer for North Allegheny during his junior and senior years; he was chosen for the All-Section team his senior year. In track, Lee anchored the 880-yard relay team which finished second at the State Championship. He qualified for the State Championship in the 100-yard, 220-yard, and 440-yard dashes three consecutive years. In 1977, Lee was named YMCA Athlete of the Year. Lee continued his athletic career at the University of Pittsburgh on a football scholarship. During his career at Pitt, Lee was a strong safety and played on special teams for the nationally-ranked Panthers. Lee currently operates the Baierl Family of Dealerships in the Wexford area. His family includes his wife Robin and their children Lee, Lindsay, Kelly and Jordan.



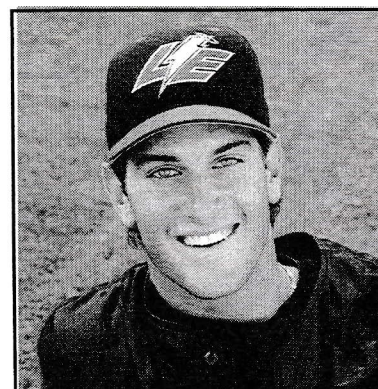
John "Jack" Chotta

... was voted "North Allegheny Athlete of the Year" in 1957. He was the captain of the basketball, baseball, and football teams. He blazed the trail for North Allegheny athletes, when many young men came together from other school districts to begin a new school's sports history. Jack earned three varsity letters in baseball and basketball, and was voted "Player of the Year" in Section 9 basketball. He was a two-time letterman in football and was voted Athlete of the Year by his peers. Jack went on to Penn State university to continue his basketball career, and subsequently to West Virginia Wesleyan for baseball. Later Jack participated in Professional Slow-Pitch Softball with BYMC of Brookline. He is currently playing in an over-50 slow-pitch softball league. Jack is a retired private investigator. His family includes his wife Judy, their children John, Linda and Hill, and his mother, Hazel.



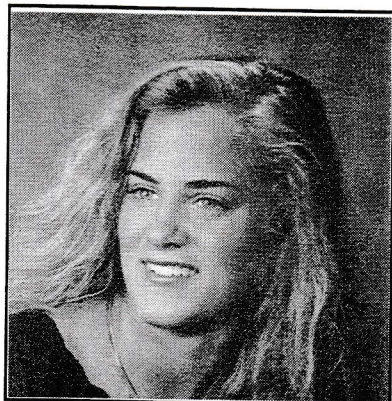
Paul Failla, '91

... was an outstanding football and baseball player., Paul was the quarterback for the football team, including the 1990 State Championship team, and played shortstop on the Tiger baseball team. In football, Paul was a member of the Post-Gazette Fabulous 22 as well as the 1991 Male Athlete of the Year. In addition, he was an All-State selection and Honorable Mention All-American. In baseball, Paul was name All-State and was chosen as Gatorade's State Player of the Year as well as the Mid-Atlantic Region Player of the Year. He was drafted that year in Major League Baseball's seventh round by the Kansas City Royals. Paul chose to attend Notre Dame University where he played football and baseball. He was an Honorable Mention Freshman All-American, a two-time all-conference selection, and a two-time NCAA All-Regional selection. Paul was drafted by the California angels and played in the minor league system for three years. He finished his last year of football eligibility playing quarterback at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Paul is currently the quarterback for the New Jersey Red Dogs of the Arena Football League. His family includes his parents Jack and Carol, his sisters Ann Marie, Chris and MaryBeth, and his fiancée Lisa Nalepa.



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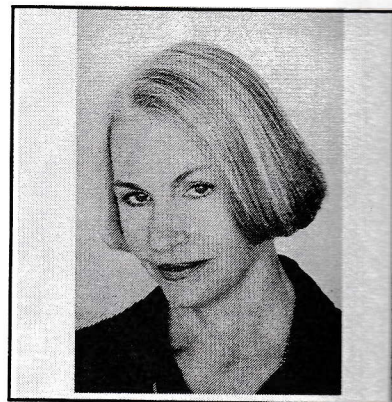
Sherri Hannan, '94



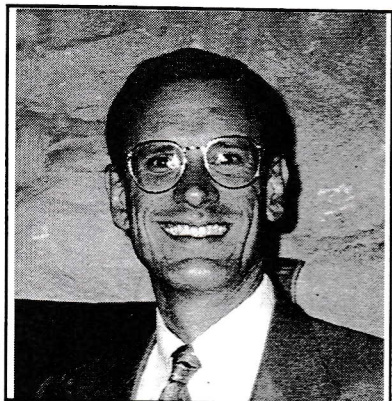
... was a three-sport athlete who played volleyball, basketball, and softball. In softball Sherri was a two-year co-captain and was named to the All-Area Team and the Post-Gazette North All-Star Team, and was voted Most Valuable Player of the Lady Tiger softball team. In basketball, Sherri was a consistently outstanding point guard, scoring over 1,000 points for the Lady Tigers. Sherri helped lead the Tigers to two WPIAL Runner-up titles during her playing days. She was chosen 1994 Section 3 Most Valuable Player, North Allegheny Female Athlete of the Year, the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Athlete of the Year, Most Valuable Player of the Western All-star Roundball Classic and the Kenny Durrett WPIAL/City League All-Star Most Valuable Player. Sherri was a member of the Post-Gazette Fabulous Five and earned All-State First Team honors as well. She earned a full basketball scholarship to Duquesne University, where she was a four-year starter. Sherri was named GTE Academic All-American, leading her team in assists, steals, and foul-shot percentage; she was voted Most Valuable Player for her senior season. Sherri currently works as a teacher in the North Allegheny School District. Her family includes her parents David and Winifred, her brothers Jim and Brian, and her fiancé Michael McConnell.

Corliss Otto-Hartpence, '69

... played basketball, tennis and field hockey for NA and was considered the first "Big Girl" in North Allegheny girls' basketball history. She played all four years from 1966 to 1969 (plus two years of junior high basketball), lettering each year and averaging over twenty points per game in the six-player format. Corliss played on the 1966 team that remains the only undefeated North Allegheny girls' basketball team to date. She was also a member of the 1968 team that won the WPGAL title. She was named West Penn All-stars Most Valuable Player in 1969. Corliss was recruited by Purdue University - prior to the days of scholarships for girls - and played basketball there for a year and a half before a severe knee injury ended her career. After college she played in a local basketball league until sustaining an ACL injury to her other knee. Corliss is now a project manager for a pharmaceutical company, co-ordinating the development of new products. She has been married to Steve Hartpence for eleven years and has two stepchildren. Their household also includes a golden retriever, a macaw, an African gray parrot, a horse and a rabbit!



Gary Hofstetter, '76

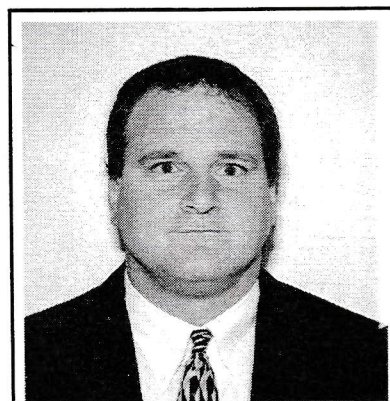


... was an outstanding cross-country and track athlete. Gary was a two-time WPIAL title-winner in cross-country as well as State Champion and High School All-American. In 1975 Gary ran in 13 cross-country races and set 13 course records. He was named the 1975 Tri-State Athlete of the Year. In track and field Gary won the WPIAL Championship in the mile and two-mile in 1976 and placed in both at the PIAA Championship meet. Gary continued his running career at the university of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he was the 1978 and 1979 ACC Champion in cross-country. In track Gary was the 1977, 1978 and 1979 ACC Champion in the 10,000-meter run and the 2-mile run. He earned the title of All-American in both cross-country and track during the 1979 season. After completing his collegiate career, Gary ran for the Converse National Racing Team for two years. Gary currently works as an account representative for Wallace Computer Services. His family includes his wife Deborah.

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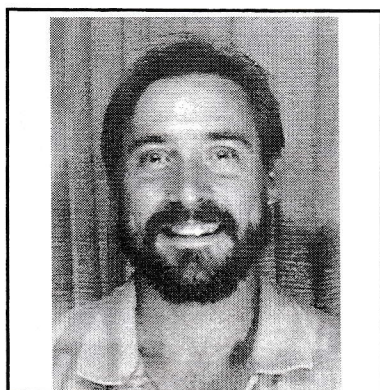
Ray Huckestein, '85

... was tremendous at football and wrestling at North Allegheny. As a wrestler, Ray was ranked heavyweight in 1983 and was voted Best Heavyweight in 1984. He placed fifth at the PIAA Wrestling Championships. Ray was a starter for the North Allegheny football team where he was elected to the Post-Gazette Fabulous 22. He was a three-time Quad-A West Conference Selection and was chosen as a Consensus All-American, USA Today First Team All-American, Bally First Team All-American, and Max Emfinger All-American. Ray was also an All-State selection, team captain and Most Valuable Player, and was named to the Sporting News Top 100 list. He continued his football career at Stanford University where he started for three years as the nose guard. He was awarded the Grogan Award for the Outstanding Freshman Player, was a three-time defensive Player of the Week and Honorable Mention All-American. After his career at Stanford, Ray played one year for the Frankfurt Galaxy in the World Football League. Ray currently works as the district manager for the Kawasaki Construction Machinery of America. His family includes his wife Laurie and their children Keith, Chris and Emma.



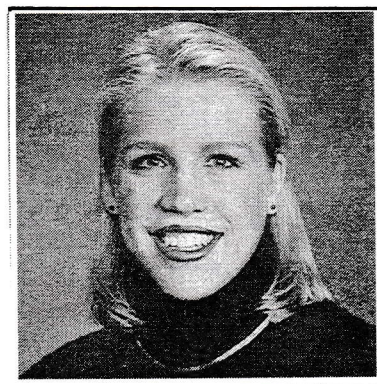
Tom Liebguth, '76

... participated in soccer and tennis at North Allegheny. He won three section single titles and made two WPIAL Final Four appearances. Tom was the WPIAL and PIAA singles champion in 1976. He is the only North Allegheny tennis player, male or female, to win the State gold medal in tennis singles. Tom went on to attend the University of Pittsburgh where he was voted the Most Valuable Player in 1978 and 1979 in tennis, and Most Valuable Player for soccer in his senior year. Tom was awarded the Blue/Gold Scholar-Athlete Award as a senior at Pitt. Tom is currently practicing dentistry in Bethel Park. His family includes his wife Caroline and their children Greg, Fran and Julie.



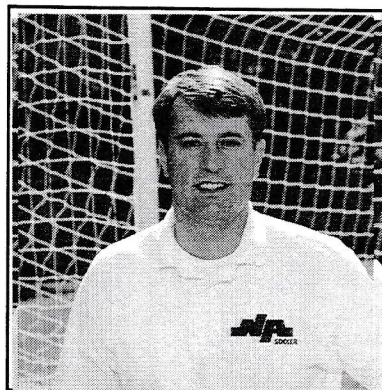
Nikki Otto, '93

... was an outstanding volleyball and basketball player at North Allegheny, lettering all four years in both sports. Nikki helped lead the girls' volleyball team to its first-ever PIAA title. Nikki was a WPIAL and PIAA First-Team All-Star in 1991, 1992 and 1993. She was named a Volleyball Monthly and Mizuno All-American in 1992. She was also a member of the U.S. Junior National Team in 1991 and 1992. In basketball Nikki was an outstanding rebounder and scorer, tallying over 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 points for the Lady Tigers. By her efforts she helped the basketball team earn a WPIAL runner-up title. In her senior year, Nikki was named North Allegheny "Athlete of the Year." She continued her athletic career in volleyball at Stanford University on a full scholarship. She was named to the PAC-10 freshman team and played on two National Championship Teams. Nikki is currently a second-year medical student at MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Her family includes her parents Gregg and Jeanne and her brothers Jeff and Justin.



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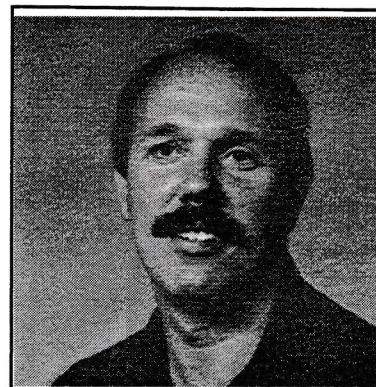
Dave Smith, '76



... was a four-year state for the NA soccer team. He was voted three-time All-WPIAL and was the WPIAL Most Valuable Player in 1975. Dave was a two-time All-State awardee as well as Regional All-American and National High School All-American in 1975. Dave continued his soccer career at Alderson-Broaddus where the team was ranked in the top 25 nationally all four of the years Dave participated. He was named All-Conference and All-South, and was a member of the Alderson-Broaddus Twenty-Fifth Anniversary All-Time Team. After college Dave was an All-Star in the Greater Pittsburgh Soccer League, was drafted by the Pittsburgh Spirit Professional Soccer Team and had a tryout with the U.S. Olympic Team. Dave was considered the "first true superstar" of North Allegheny soccer. He had 58 career goals and six hat tricks. He still holds such scoring records as most goals in a game (6) and in a season (29). Dave currently owns Micro Mailing Solutions, a company that installs hardware and software for direct mailing campaigns. His family includes his wife Jill and their children Erin and Lee.

Rob Theissen, '69

... was a superb athlete in football, track, volleyball and basketball. He was one of a very few four-sport athletes to go through the North Allegheny Schools. Rob was a 3-year letterman in football, playing fullback, tailback, quarterback, punter, and defensive back. Rob was a Big 33 Nominee and a member of the Fabulous 22. He earned a full scholarship to Purdue University where he played cornerback before an injury during his sophomore year ended his football career. Rob was also a 4-year letterman in track, excelling in pole vault where he placed sixth in the state as a sophomore, second in the state as a junior and won the state title his senior year. Rob also set school records in pole vault, triple jump, and shot-put. He was offered a full scholarship as a decathlete but chose to play football. Rob also lettered in volleyball and basketball. He currently teaches physical education and coaches track and field in the North Allegheny School District. His family includes wife Pattie and their son Craig.



The Tiger Volleyball Teams
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