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# Editorial

By Cody Bryant

**T**he past 7 years we have been delaying the printing of this issue so that I could do a write up on the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships every March. Don't get me wrong, I think that the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships is some of the greatest wrestling you will ever see. If you have never witnessed it first hand, you need to at least make it one time in your lifetime. It truly is the only pure sport out there.

This year is different in a very special way. Last December my father, Lanny Bryant, received a phone call from one of his childhood heroes, Myron Roderick. Not only was Mr. Roderick a great wrestler, but a great coach at Oklahoma State University. Myron may be out of coaching now (you never really stop coaching) but he is still highly involved in wrestling as the president of *The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum* in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

I was present as my father took the call from Mr. Roderick. Dad was absolutely stunned when he was told that he has been selected as Order of Merit by a vote from the Distinguished Members of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. The Order of Merit is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of wrestling. Lanny couldn't even respond, he was totally at a loss of words. Still to this day I don't think he can truly comprehend what an honor it is to be inducted into this great *Hall*. I know the excitement is building as his children, grandchildren and other family members look forward to his induction into *The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum* in June. The real test will be if the *The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum* (I love typing that) will be in one piece after dad's five children, fifteen grandchildren and other family members depart from Stillwater. It will be a zoo with all those grandchildren ranging from ages 2 to 17. Believe me I should know, three of them are mine.

As word gets out about Lanny's induction he receives calls everyday from family, friends, ex-wrestlers, etc. congratulating him on behalf of this great honor. I'm really at a loss of words when I look back at all that my father has accomplished over the years. I may be a little bias but there was no greater coach than my father. I should know because I wrestled for him in high school and for two years in college. I just wish I had the opportunity to wrestle my whole college career for him. Unfortunately Montana State dropped their wrestling program in 1987 when I was a sophomore.

Now that I have worked full-time with him for the past decade, it is amazing how much *Wrestling USA Magazine* has changed over the years (of course all for the better). Then you take a look at our web site at [www.wrestlingusa.com](http://www.wrestlingusa.com), and it is even more remarkable to think that my father self-taught himself on developing this web site. As a matter of fact, there is no better source for information on wrestling, particularly when you consider our hundreds of links to other wrestling related web sites.

The bottom line is that my father truly loves this great sport of wrestling. I know that *The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum* will always be proud of their selection in honoring Lanny Bryant as their 2003 Order of Merit recipient.

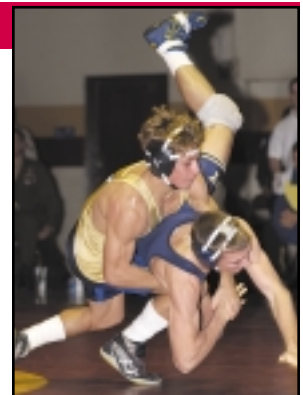
I know that there are a lot of people that we need to thank for contributing to Lanny's Order of Merit selection. But there is one person that really got the ball rolling on this and that is my sister Shannon. I know that about 3 years ago she contacted the *The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum* about a nomination form. Thanks to all of Shannon's enormous time, efforts, patients and prayers this is a dream come true for our father.

As Always On The Go Together,

Cody Bryant

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