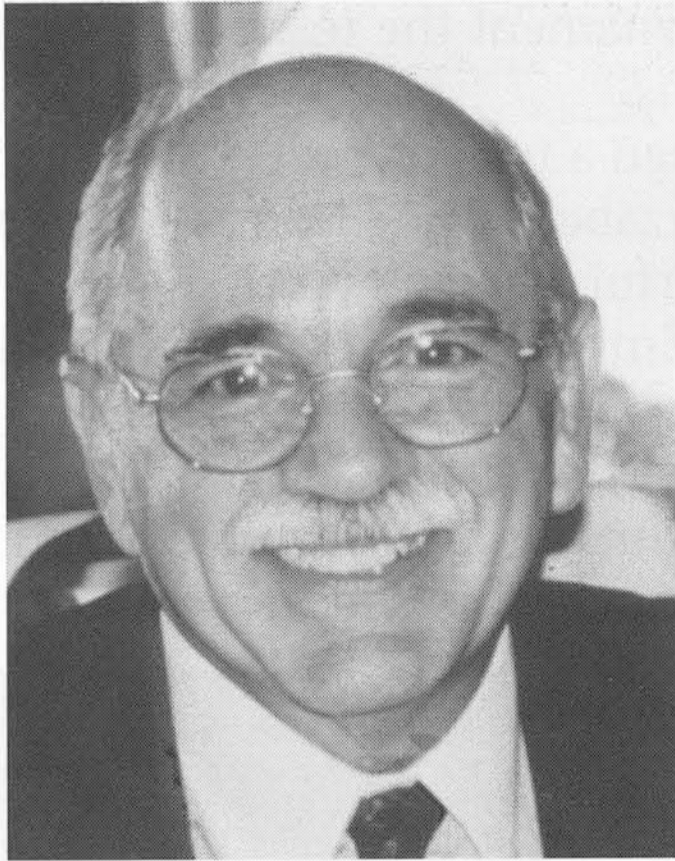


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## Long Island's Golden Boy



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Long Island from 1950 to 1958 was truly the national hot bed of wrestling. The famous Sprig Gardner ruled the nation, and Mephram High School ruled Long Island with few exceptions.

The singular most outstanding wrestler during those times had to be Guy Guccione. Oddly enough he came from Bay Shore High

School, not Mephram, yet he dominated the Long Island scene, holding Long Island's longest winning streak and winning the Long Island championship three times, losing only twice in his freshman year. for his four-year long high school career. *Newsday* called him the "Golden Boy" of Long Island Wrestling, and he was selected as one of the most feared wrestlers of Long Island wrestling.

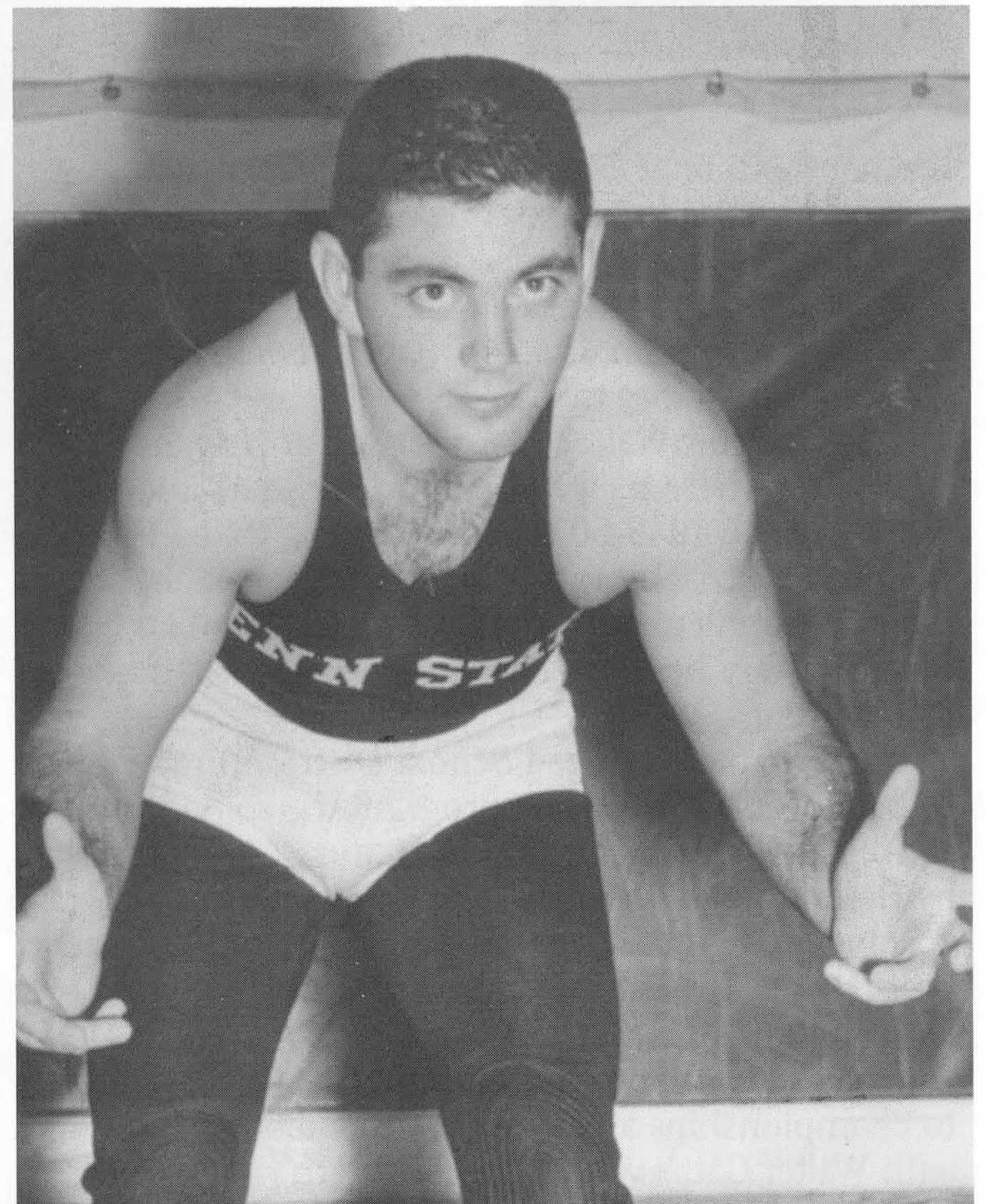
Guy was recruited by every major university in the nation and settled on Penn State where he received a four-year grant in aid. It is interesting to note that during the 40's, 50's, and early 60's, there was a gentleman's agreement between Hall of Famer, Charlie "Doc" Speidel of Penn State and Gardner, for Gardner to identify and recommend the one wrestler from Long Island that Spiedel would provide a Penn State wrestling scholarship to. Guccione won the scholarship in 1956 and went on to represent Penn State for four years as a varsity competitor.

Having graduated, Guy moved to the Bellefonte area high school in central Pennsylvania where he successfully coached from 1960 to 1962, winning 20 dual meets and losing 6. In 1963 through 1970 he coached Suffern High School in Rockland County to 110 victories, winning Rockland County and New York State sectional championships in 1963, '64,'66,'68, and '70. He produced three New York State champions and

was considered to be one of the outstanding wrestling clinicians in the nation. "Gouch" was named Rockland County Coach of the Year in 1963,'64, '65, '68.

His leadership skills next provided him an opportunity to enter the administration at Suffern High School, becoming one of the most popular principals of Suffern High School and finally Assistant Superintendent of the Suffern Central School District.

Guy is the proud father of three children, all of whom have finished their academic studies and are



*Guy was a four-year varsity wrestler for Penn State University*

now actively engaged as teachers. He has been selected for honors as a member of the Suffern High School Hall of Fame, the Rockland County Sports Hall of Fame, the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.