



MICKEY URAM

BUTLER HIGH GYMNASTICS LEGEND HAS IT THAT JIM CURZI WAS THE GREATEST ALL-AROUND GYMNAST COACHED AND DEVELOPED BY COACH URAM.

MICKEY URAM WAS A CLOSE SECOND AND EQUALLY WORTHY OF BHS LEGENDARY STATUS. MICKEY WAS AN OUTSTANDING ALL-AROUND GYMNAST WHO WAS A FOUR YEAR LETTERMAN FROM 1964 TO 1967. MICKEY WAS THIRD HIGHEST SCORER ON THE BHS TEAM AS A FRESHMAN, SECOND AS A SOPHOMORE, AND FIRST AS BOTH A JUNIOR AND SENIOR.

MICKEY WAS THIRD IN THE WPIGL ALL-AROUND AS A FRESHMAN, SECOND AS A SOPHOMORE, AND FIRST AS BOTH A JUNIOR AND SENIOR.

IN THE PENN STATE SPONSORED PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEETS OF THOSE YEARS, MICKEY WAS FIFTH AS A FRESHMAN, THIRD AS A SOPHOMORE , SECOND AS A JUNIOR, AND FIRST AS A SENIOR.

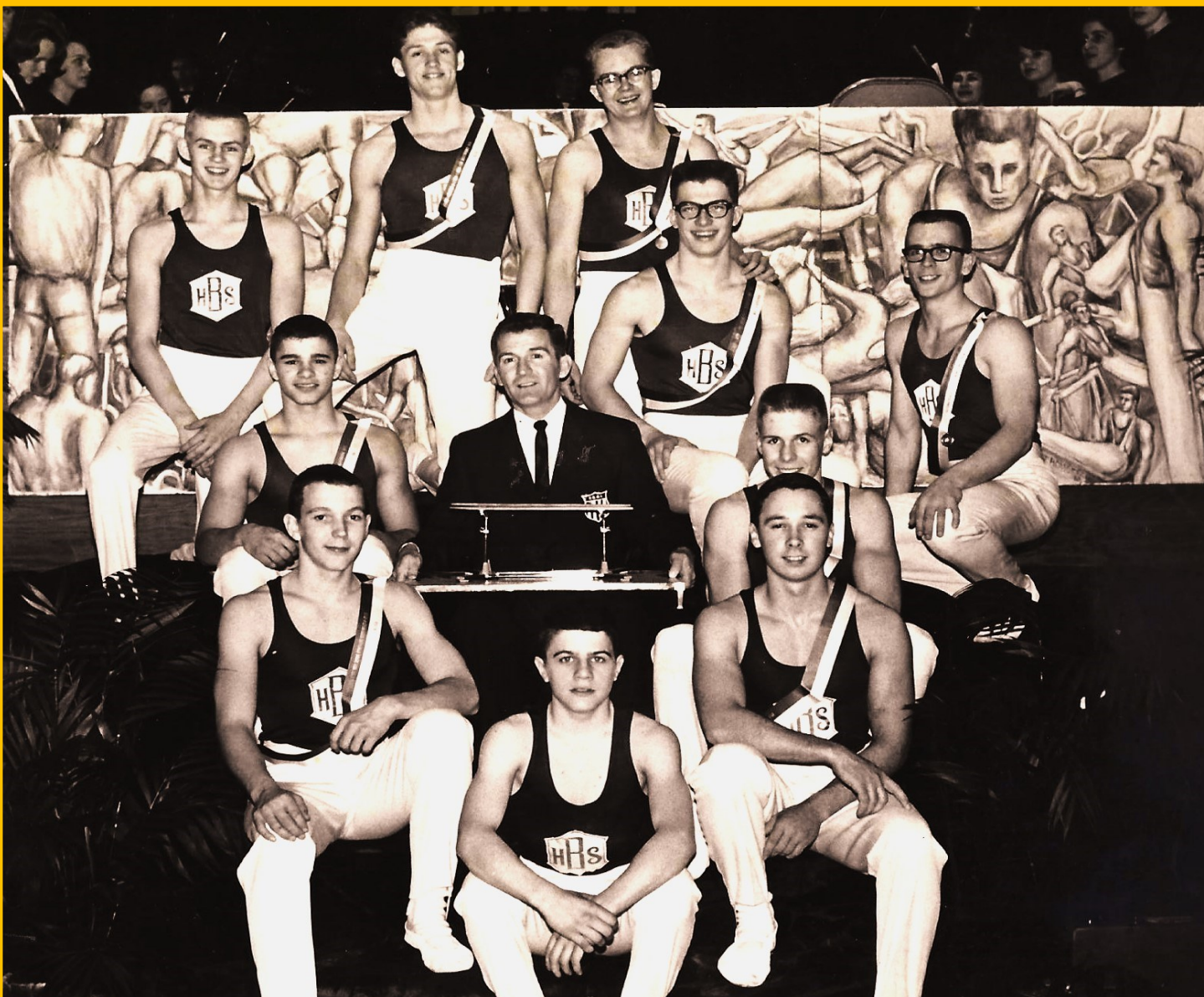
DURING HIS FOUR YEARS AS A BUTLER HIGH VARSITY GYMNAST, MICKEY EARNED MANY WPIGL AND PENNSYLVANIA STATE MEDALS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS, WITH THE HIGHLIGHT BEING HIS PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE ALL-AROUND.

LIKE CURZI BEFORE HIM, MICKEY WAS STRONG ON ALL SIX EVENTS. EQUALLY ADEPT AT THE DIFFICULT POMMEL HORSE, THE STRENGTH DEMANDING STILL RINGS, AND THE RISKY SKILLS OF THE HIGH BAR, MICKEY WAS ALSO A STRONG TUMBLER AND AN ARTISTIC FLOOR EXERCISE PERFORMER, A DYNAMIC VAULTER, AND AN IMPRESSIVE PARALLEL BAR WORKER. NOT ONLY WAS MICKEY A WELL-BALANCED ALL-AROUND GYMNAST, BUT HE WAS CREATIVE, ACCEPTED NEW LEARNING CHALLENGES, AND PERFORMED DIFFICULT SKILLS NOT PREVIOUSLY ACHIEVED BY ANY BHS GYMNAST.

WELL RESPECTED BY HIS TEAMMATES, MICKEY WAS A TEAM CAPTAIN, A MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, AND WINNER OF THE PRESTIGIOUS SPARTAN AWARD AS BHS' BEST ATHLETE.

HIGHLY RECRUITED BY NCAA DIVISION ONE GYMNASTICS TEAMS, MICKEY FINALLY SETTLED ON MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOLLOWING CURZI'S LEAD. LIKE CURZI, MICKEY WENT ON TO A STELLAR CAREER AT MSU, EARNING THREE VARSITY LETTERS, AND MISSING A FOURTH DUE TO A SEASON CUT SHORT BY A SERIOUS INJURY.

MICKEY HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A MSU TEAM MEMBER AND HIGH SCORER, AS A COMPETITOR IN OPEN INVITATIONALS, BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND NCAA DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIPS.



**MULTIPLE TIME WPIGL AND STATE FLOOR EXERCISE,
PARALLEL BARS, HIGH BAR AND ALL-AROUND CHAMP.
MEDALED IN ALL FOUR PENN STATE SPONSORED STATE MEETS.
(1964—FIFTH AA, 1965—THIRD AA,
1966—SECOND AA, AND 1967—STATE AA CHAMP).
GOLD AND SILVER MEDAL WINNER IN MANY EVENTS.
FINISHED IN TOP EIGHT OR BETTER IN EVERY EVENT
ENTERED DURING THOSE FOUR STATE MEETS.**

**MICKEY URAM WAS AN ALL-AROUND GYMNAST,
STRONG ON ALL SIX EVENTS; A HIGH SCORER AND
TEAM LEADER ON FOUR UNDEFEATED BUTLER HIGH
GYMNASTICS TEAMS.**

**HIS STRONG ALL-AROUND PERFORMANCES MADE
MICKEY THE CENTRAL FIGURE ON THE TEAM WHICH
PRODUCED COACH URAM'S ONE HUNDREDTH WIN
(AND UNDEFEATED), A FEAT NEVER ACHIEVED
BEFORE IN PENNSYLVANIA GYMNASTICS HISTORY.**





FRONT ROW: Dave Croft, John Grossi, Steve Eury, Tom Horne, Glenn Duffy, Mickey Uram. BACK ROW: Tom Sawhook, Jerry Moore, Steve Soley, Cliff Diehl, Dan D'Aniello, Dave Shidemantle, Larry Martz, and Coach Uram.

Coach Uram Steers Butler High Gymnasts to Undefeated Season

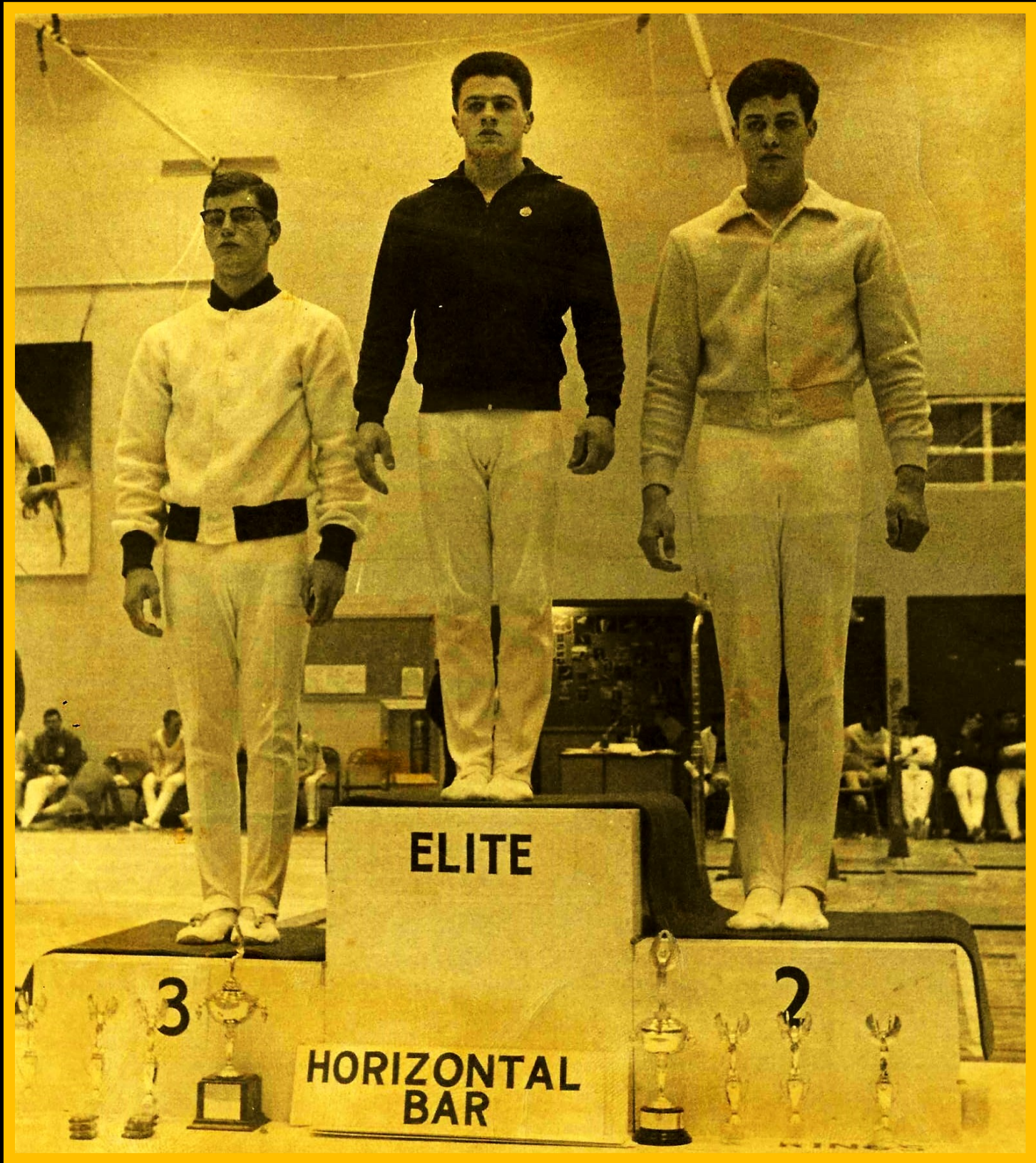








ALL-AROUND



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**HORIZONTAL
BAR**

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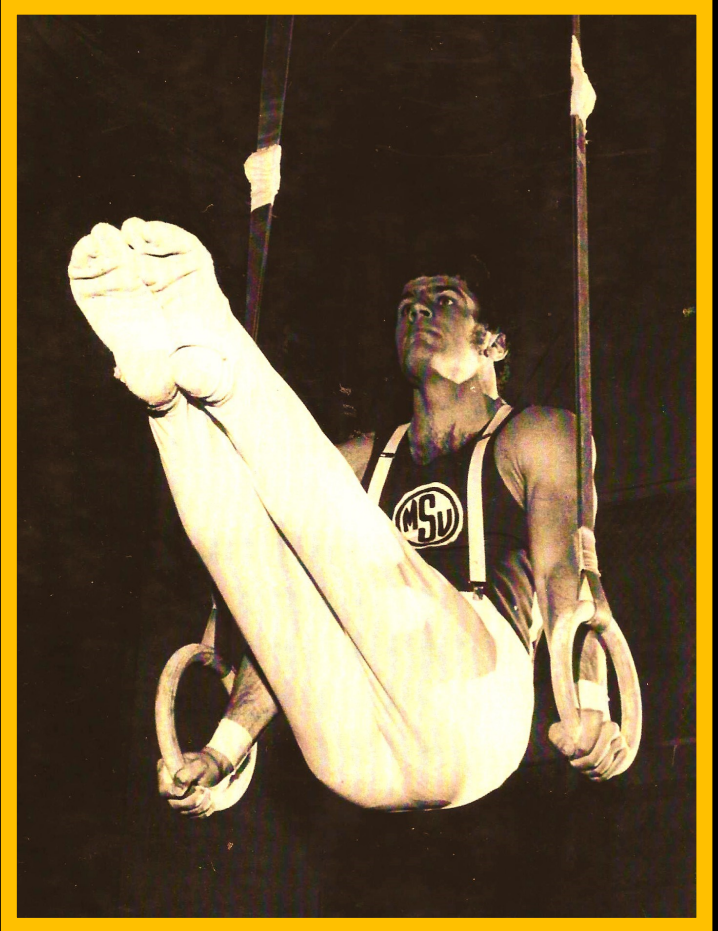






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MICKEY URAM IS A LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF BUTLER. MICKEY GRADUATED FROM BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967. HE GRADUATED FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1971 AND RETURNED HOME TO SETTLE IN BUTLER. MICKEY WAS WELL-ROUNDED ATHLETE, EXCELLING IN BASKETBALL, BASEBALL, AND GOLF. AS AN ADULT MICKEY TAUGHT GYMNASTICS IN A VARIETY OF SETTINGS, INCLUDING TUMBLING CLINICS FOR DANCE SPECIALISTS AT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES. MICKEY ALSO COACHED BASEBALL, AND HAS REMAINED AN AVID GOLFER. MICKEY WAS INDUCTED INTO THE BUTLER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL OF FAME AND ALSO THE BUTLER COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME. MICKEY AND HIS WIFE, SHERRY RESIDE IN BUTLER AND HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH THEIR NOW GROWN FAMILY.