



Lou Holtz/Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame board of trustees member Jim Connelly (left) and his friend, Nina Hershberger (right) meet with local student and athlete, Eric D'Agosta, at the VIP reception during Hall of Fame Weekend.

Trustee's Generosity Shines Through at Annual Event

A Hall of Fame Club level donor from South Bend, Indiana, Jim Connelly, Distinguished American 2002, serves as a member of the board of trustees at the Lou Holtz Hall of Fame, and his generosity knows no bounds.

Asked to donate an item for the annual auction, Connelly produced a Notre Dame jersey and a N.D. championship ball cap signed by Tony Rice, a N.D. ball cap, a "Lou's Legacy" lithograph, a limited edition Holtz record poster with a certificate of authenticity, a 1994 caricature of Holtz by Don Aceto, a #1 N.D. bleacher seat from the first game on 11/4/30 with a certificate of authenticity, a Four Horseman football, and a mini N.D. football, all signed by Holtz, a #1 National Championship black-and-white poster signed by Rice and Holtz, a copy of "Fighting Back" signed by Rocky Blier, a copy of "One More Sunset" signed by Connelly, Donna Jones, Holtz and Fr. Theodore Hesberg, the DVD "A Man for All Generations: Life Lessons from Fr. Theodore Hesberg," a copy of "Creating Happy Memories" signed by Pamela Dogren, a booklet of photos from N.D. football from the South Bend Tribune and a booklet of photos of the U. of N.D., both signed by Charlie Weis, and a pair of tickets to the N.C. vs. Navy game, along with an offer of a breakfast and campus tour for the winners of the N.D. vs. Navy train trip.

Even Connelly's friend Nina Hershberger got in on the act during the past year by donating \$1,000 to the Hall to honor Connelly.

Additionally, Connelly and some other area benefactors have offered East Liverpool wrestling standout Eric D'Agosta scholarship assistance for his plans to attend Ohio State.