

Champion wrestler studies to aid people

By Nathaniel Scott

Romelio Salas was born in Bjenaventura, Colombia, came to America four years ago and is attending Pacific University and Portland Community College.

His area of study is business and bilingual education, and he is also a member of Pacific University's wrestling team. He started wrestling as a junior in high school, and has wrestled in the World Championship (1973) and the Pan American games (1975). His wrestling weight is 163 ad 167 free and collegiate style respectively. He has been National Champion of Colombia several times. He enjoys photography, running and reading.

One main objective, once his schooling is completed, is helping his people. "It doesn't matter where I stay after I complete my education as long as I can help my people, Black people, and convince them that education is necessary and important. Wherever we are, here, Colombia or wherever, Black people suffer the same problems, so it doesn't matter where I stay as long as I can help my people, Black people."

Salas is an attentive person and mulls things over before speaking. He is also concerned about togetherness. "Nowdays I have noticed that Black people are trying to be more individual than together. There is a



disintergration of the race, which isn't good, because our culture will disappear if we continue to go away from each other. We have to stay together and demonstrate to the world that we are proud and together.

"In order to overcome the problems confronting us we have to go to school and help each other. Education is a broad subject, with many special branches, but through teaching we can give encouragement and help our brothers want to be somebody," he continued.

Salas says there is very little difference between Blacks here, and those in Colombia except for the language. "In Colombia the language is Spanish and in some regions English isn't spoken."

Salas draws upon the knowledge of different areas of teaching in



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formulating his philosophy of life, and briefly spoke about drugs. "My team coach doesn't allow anyone to use drugs. There are rules we have to abide by, and my thoughts about drugs in general, specifically, or whatever terminology you may wish to use, is that one should have

discipline in their life and definitely stay away from drugs."

His personal message to all brothers and sisters around the world is, "Get down to those books." Ronnie Salas, a Black man working for the betterment of the whole.

Famous dancer teaches here

Leslie Watanabe, internationally-recognized jazz dancer and instructor, returns to Portland December 22nd-27th for a one-week workshop at the Northwest Dance Center, 918 SW Yamhill, Portland. Classes will meet each day except Christmas.

The Grand Ballroom of the Northwest Dance Center, where Mr. Watanabe will teach his workshops, has a balcony which is used as a viewing gallery for such classes. The general public is welcome to observe these workshops at no charge.

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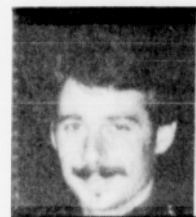
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Wine Country

By Marc Garner

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The outlook for German wines in the up and coming year does not look good. There are still enough of the fine 1976's and almost as fine as 1970's to last through early Sping, but then what happens...

In 1979, the larger part of the crop barely was ripe enough to be called a quality wine. Little or no Spatless or Auslese wines were made. Even worse was the 1980 vintage just completed. Crops are down to almost nothing. So, in the future, it looks as if the prices for estate bottled German Rieslings will take a big jump just as the wines of Burgundy did two years ago.

With that, I am featuring a couple of good selections in my wine shop for the month of December. One outstanding bottle is a 1976 Ock-fenner Bockstein Spatlese light and

delicate selling for \$11.75. Two 1978 Kabinett wines are also on the shelf



for a little less money. All are classic Rieslings. My suggestion would be to stock up for the year to come. These supplies will not last long. These vintages are also aged and read to drink, a claim they could not make a year ago. If you don't mind

spending \$15-18 a bottle then buy as you drink, but remember that a fairly dependable wine merchant told you differently.

WINE PICK OF THE WEEK

Gewurztramer, 1979 Pedroncelli. All of the Pedroncelli wines are very well made wines at any price. But the prices they sell for would make most winemakers blush a bit. A light tonic nose introduces you a wine that is full of flavor, with a little hint of sweetness. This wine is as good as any Gewurztramer I have tasted.

Give camp for Christmas

A week at YMCA Camp can be a perfect give for all ages on a Christmas list, according to Bob Smeenk, associate general director for Family, camping services of the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette.

The YMCA is offering a special "Camp for Christmas" opportunity to send youth, adults or families to ymca Summer Camp in 1981 at the 1980 camp season prices, Smeenk said.

Smeenk said for each "Camp for Christmas" opportunity purchases, the YMCA will provide the giver with an attractive gift certificate to put under the Christmas tree.

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