Dear WPI Wrestling Family Member:

I am writing you during an exciting time in the history of WPI Wrestling. As many of you may have heard already, I was recently named head coach of the program. I can assure you that there are many initiatives being undertaken right now, all directed at returning WPI Wrestling to the level that we all expect. You’ll have the opportunity to learn about all of these developments at a special WPI Wrestling reunion event being held on campus on the Saturday evening after our annual Homecoming festivities. It’s hard to believe, but it has been 25 years since the first New England championship team in 1985. To celebrate this milestone, there will be a full day of activities on Homecoming day, followed by this special reunion reception hosted by the WPI Office of Alumni Relations. I hope you will put the following date in ink in your calendars:

Saturday, October 2, 2010
Annual WPI Wrestling Homecoming Tailgate: 11 am to 5 pm
WPI Wrestling Reunion Reception: 5 pm to 8 pm

It is important to recognize that without the contributions of prior classes, the 1985 New England championship may never have happened. The teams from the late 1970s kicked off a two-decade period of unparalleled success and solidified the wrestling team as something much more than just a program. The 25-year anniversary of the 1985 team is a convenient milestone for a reunion of the entire WPI Wrestling family. As you all know, there are many achievements and memories to celebrate from the history of the WPI Wrestling program. Our wives and children inevitably roll their eyes as the same stories of big wins over Coast Guard, WNEC, and RIC get better and bigger every year. The Coast Guard flag just before the start of the match in 1984 and the infamous fish are two of the best.

All stories aside, the fact is that the WPI Wrestling program is the most successful athletics program in the university’s history. With a 499-286-11 (.634) overall record, the numbers speak for themselves. Even more amazing—over the 20-year period, 1977-1997, the program was 313-56-2 for a winning percentage of .844. During that time, the program won four New England championships and had four New England runner-up teams. Individually, WPI had 11 All-Americans, 29 New-England champions, 149 All-New England wrestlers, and 17 Academic All-Americans.

But, as we all know, it goes way beyond statistics. The WPI Wrestling family is widely recognized as the most enthusiastic WPI alumni group on campus and has an unbelievably impressive resume of success after leaving WPI. It has had a profound effect on many lives and has provided us all with lifelong friendships. So, please join us on October 2 to celebrate the reunion of the most successful athletics program in WPI history.

Best regards,

Steve Hall (aka “The Foot”)
Head Wrestling Coach

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