



FROM PINS TO PEN . . . AS I SEE IT!

By Wade Schalles

During the early summer months of 1970 I made my first trip abroad with a fledgling group known as the United States Wrestling Federation. It was so exciting. Having just graduated from high school this was my first overseas excursion

and only the fifth time I had ever been outside of my native Pennsylvania. As the youngest member of a team made up of men many years my senior I had no idea what to expect. From workouts to passports, protocol to itineraries, everything was fresh and exciting and pardon the

word play here but it was also very foreign.

Our Team Leader was Dr. Dale Thomas, the legendary coach from Oregon State and distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Although I have to admit my first impressions of the man were not so legendary or even close to