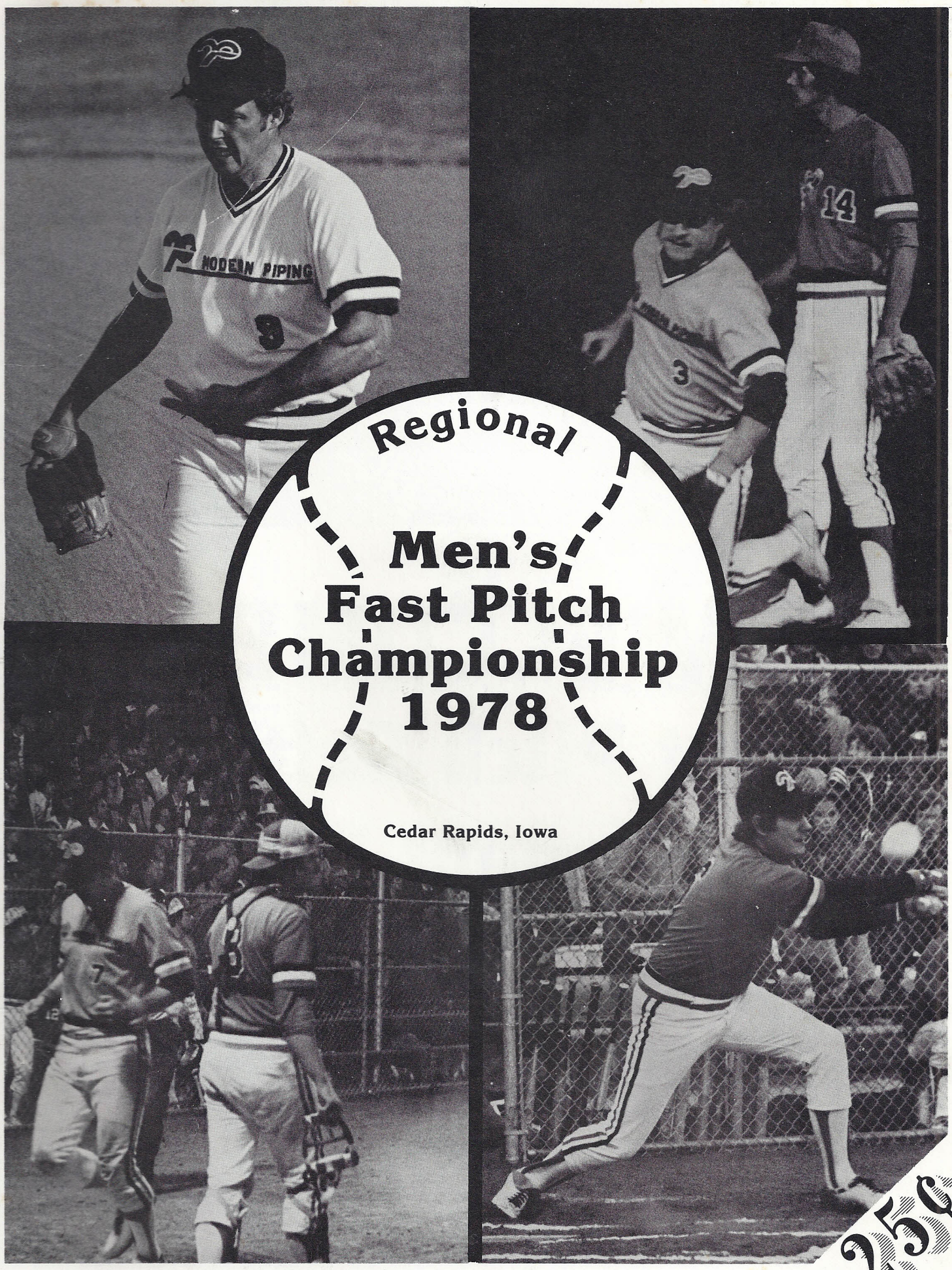

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Office of the Mayor
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GREETINGS:

On behalf of the citizens of Cedar Rapids, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the participants of the Midwest Regional Men's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament. We know you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere that prevails in our city.

We invite you to enjoy the many points of interest and recreational facilities that Cedar Rapids has to offer; and if the Office of Mayor can be of any assistance during your stay, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We sincerely hope you find your stay here most enjoyable and may you have a safe journey home.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Canney
Mayor

On behalf of the Iowa Amateur Softball Association, I would like to welcome you to the 1978 Men's Major Fast Pitch Western Regional Tournament.

We feel that the midwest has some of the finest fast pitch programs in American. This western regional has one of the strongest fields of all regionals. Every team in this tournament is capable of representing this region very respectiably in the National Tournament.

To the Iowans attending this tournament, I hope you enjoy yourselves this year as we only get this tournament in Iowa once every seven years. And to the fans attending from out of state, welcome to Iowa and I hope you enjoy your stay in Iowa along with this classic tournament.

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The Clear Lake Butt'r Topp team comes into the regional tournament with a record of 72-23, Butt'r Topp had a 23 game winning streak snapped in the state tournament and has won 29 of it's last 32 games.

Butt'r Topp's pitching is led by Dale Root and Dallas Slagle. Root, who pitched Mankato, Minnesota to 6th and 8th place finishes in the 1974 and 1975 national tournaments, has a record of 37-15. Root has won his last 14 games and has allowed only 4 earned runs in the last 84 innings. As the Most Valuable Pitcher in this years state tournament Root won 5 games and allowed only one earned run in 29⅓ innings. Slagle's record is 35-8 with an earned run average of 1.76. Slagle is Butt'r Topp's all time winning pitcher and pitched the team to it's 1972 & 1975 state titles. The roster also includes right hander Jim Koob. Koob was the Most Valuable Pitcher in the 1976 and 1977 Iowa ISC state tournament while pitching Ring's of Dubuque to two state titles. For the regional tournament Butt'r Topp has added pitchers Phil Wilkinson of Des Moines Reames and Gene Olson of Des Moines GiGi's.

Butt'r Topp's hitting is lead by right fielder Bob Sturges. Sturges is currently leading the team with an average of .364 with 20 homers and 71 RBI's. Sturges' five year average is .356. Sturges was the MVP in the 1975 and 1977 state tournaments and was MVP in the 1975 regional tournament. Second baseman Rick Kriz is hitting .335 with 16 homers and 65 RBI's. Shortstop John Ege, MVP in this years state tournament, is hitting .331 with 21 homers and 63 RBI's. Ege has 101 hits and had a 29 game hitting streak snapped in the semi-finals of the state tournament. Center fielder Lance Dreesman, who sports a .350 batting average for 5 years, missed the teams first 40 games with a cracked wrist. Dreesman is healthy again and is currently hitting .330. Outfielder Roger Buddin is hittng .318 with 8 homers. Buddin also played on the Des Moines Bombers 1973 and 1974 state championship teams. Hustling catcher Rich Smith is hitting .301 with 6 homers. Outfielder Ron Foell, after coming off knee surgery, is hitting .290 with 14 homers and 54 RBI's. Foell has an 8 year average of .310 and holds the Butt'r Topp seasonal record for most homers with 24. Nine year first baseman Bob Weber is coming off a tremendous state tournament performances. Weber had 2 game winning hits and batted .500 with a team high 8 hits. Third baseman Bob Harken is hitting .252 with 8 homers. Harken has turned in a superb defensive job through out the entire season. Outfielder Steve Donahue is hitting .263 in his first season with Butt'r Topp.

Butt'r Topp as a team is hitting .301 and has set team records with 101 homers, 771 hits and 509 runs scored. Butt'r Topp has won 3 state titles in the past 7 years. Butt'r Topp is sponsored by Hans Sell and the Clear Lake Bakery. The team is managed by Paul Espinosa. Espinosa is assisted by Tom Onverson.

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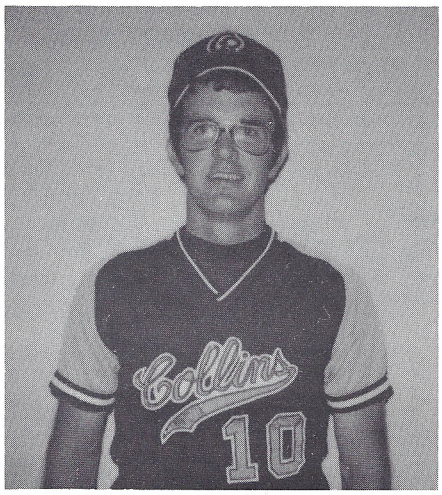

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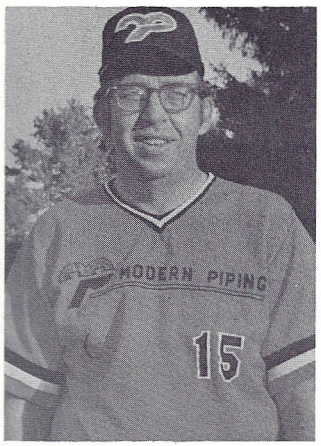

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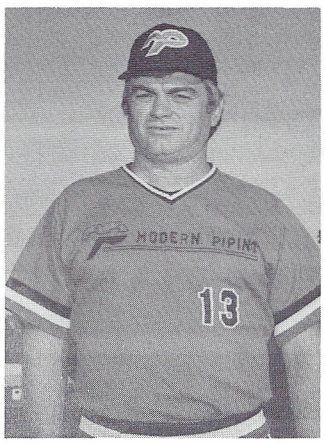

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The members of the Modern Piping Team are: from left to right:
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As sponsors of the Host team for this fine four state tournament, we welcome you to Cedar Rapids and thank you for your support of mens fast pitch softball.

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