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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—Former Marshalltown football star Chris Greene makes his acceptance speech after receiving the annual Ben Trickey Scholarship at the Marshall County I-Club Banquet Wednesday evening. Standing beside Greene is the annual presenter of the scholarship, Vivian Trickey.

Greene accepts Ben Trickey at I-Club banquet

An emotional Chris Greene graciously accepted the annual Ben Trickey Scholarship highlighting Wednesday's Marshall County I-Club Spring Banquet at Elmwood Country Club.

The former Marshalltown football star will play in his fifth year for the Hawkeyes this fall after spending the past four years on walk-on status. This year he earned his first two scholarships — one from the Iowa Athletic Department as well as the Ben Trickey scholarship. The Ben Trickey award is presented annually by former Marshalltown resident Vivian Trickey and it is the first time that a Marshalltown athlete has received the Marshalltown-based scholarship.

A number of Iowa coaches and staff were at the banquet including head basketball coach Tom Davis, head wrestling coach Dan Gable, head women's basketball coach Vivian Stringer and assistant football coach Bobby Elliott. All of the coaches which spoke seemed touched by Greene's acceptance speech and accomplishment.

"He has just helped me understand why I'm in this profession (coaching)," Stringer said. "It's one thing to win or lose, but so much depends on what you do in life. It's when you see your people like this that you think, yeah, it's all worthwhile."

"I'm so proud of Chris Green," said Elliott. "He's one of the finest people we have. He's a guy who exemplifies our football team — overachievers."

Stringer spoke about her program that has won or shared the Big Ten title five or the last six years while Elliott talked of expectations for the upcoming season following 10-win seasons each of the last two years. He also mentioned the Hawkeye Horizons Committee which is debating renovations which could include replacing Kinnick Stadium and adding a new weight room.

Davis spoke of expectations for next year saying center Acie Earl could be an NBA lottery pick at the end of next year and that the Hawks will probably be setting up a home/away series with Duke during the regular season for next year. Davis also said he thought there were no Iowa preps, as of last year, that could have played at the Big Ten level. "There might be one next