Capacity Crowd Ready For Valley Football Banquet

Fifty-three high and prep school gridders will be in the spotlight tomorrow night at the Rider College dining hall when the Delaware Valley Chapter, National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the Times Newspapers honors the grid stars and scholarathletes.

Irwin Weiss, general chairman of the program, and Fred Schluter, chapter president, have announced that a capacity gathering of players, coaches, parents and friends will attend the annual affair.

Navarro Listed

Listed as one of the guest speakers will be Frank Navarro, newly appointed Columbia football coach. Dick Colman of Princeton and Dr. John Bateman, Rutgers head mentor are also among the speakers. James Kerney Jr., editor and publisher of the Times Newspapers, will be master of ceremonies.

This year, for the first time, the Greater Trenton Chamber of Commerce is joining the

of Fame and Times Newspapers in staging the event. John Nevius and Judge Arthur Lane of the Chamber said that many of the area's business firms are sponsoring tables

During the program the Hall of Fame Chapter will name its high school and prep school scholar - athlete, and runners-up. Athletic directors and school principals have forwarded the names of 33 boys who qualify for this honor. While some of nominees are outstanding gridders, many are just good, solid performers who in addition to excelling on the field star in class work assignments.

All-Times Team

The 22 football players named to the 1967 Times Newspapers All-Delaware Valley team will also share the spotlight and receive plaques emblematic of their achievements during the past season.

Also on the program will be the naming of the Coach of the Year by the Times Sports Department. At last year's affair, Dick Bedesem of Bishop Egan was accorded the honor — the first such presented.

It is only fitting that the football season should be closed out with such a gala event.