



Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

Induction Ceremony Friday, 14 October 2005

Hall of Fame Members

1995
Father John J. Hennessey, S.J.
Robert G. Hayes

1996
Robert (Bob) Lahey
Father Michael O'Donnell, S.J.
1973 Basketball Huskies

1997
Frank Baldwin

1998
Jim Pineo
Bob Boucher
1973 Football Huskies

1999
Jamie Bone
Elizabeth A. Chard
Bob Warner
1964 Football Huskies

2000
Roy Clements
Mickey Fox
Kathy Mullane

2001
Chris Flynn
Elmer MacGillivray
Angelo Santucci
1973 Hockey Huskies

2002
Frank Archambault
Harold Beazley
Dianne Chiasson
Mike Hornby

2003
Al Keith
Greg McClare
Larry Uteck
1978 Basketball Huskies

2004
Susan Dumbrack
Les Goodwin
Bill Robinson
Ross Webb

In celebration of the rich tradition and heritage of sport and recreation at Saint Mary's University, the Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre was founded in 1995, in large measure through the efforts of then President Kenneth L. Ozmon and then Athletic Director, the late Larry Uteck.

Inductions are held annually during Homecoming Weekend - the weekend following Thanksgiving. For many years, students, faculty and staff have shared a rich sport tradition as athletes, builders and teams, as well as keen, loyal fans. Vivid and exciting chapters of this aspect of the University's life are recorded in *The Santamarian*, *The Times*, *The Journal*, and *the Maroon and White*.

This year's inductees are: Frank Arment, Brian Heaney and Bill Mullane, all of whom reflect the strong sport administrators and athletes whose contributions helped build the proud Saint Mary's Sport Tradition. In addition, this year will mark the recognition of a number of outstanding athletes from the 1940's. This is an ongoing project of the University's Hall of Fame & Sport Heritage Committee.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patricia Calbury
Dr. Elizabeth A. Chard
Zach Churchill
Shawn Cleary
Roy Clements
Pat Connolly
Hansel Cook
Mike Doherty
Paul Fitzgerald

Heather Harris
Kathy Mullane
Dr. David J. Murphy
Paul Puma
Joe Simatovic
Harv Stewart
Annelie Vandenberg
Doug Wright

In Pursuit of Excellence





Frank Arment is another of those very talented New England products who have made their way to Saint Mary's to excel athletically and academically over the last half century and to leave their imprints on the programs to which they made such generous contributions. For Arment the imprint was on the football and basketball programs as a player and leader from his arrival in 1961 to graduation in 1963. He arrived by the personal persuasion of the late Father J.J. Hennessey, S.J., and Athletic Director Bob Hayes on the recommendation of SMU alumni living in the Lee, Mass. Area; a move that became a master stroke in recruitment.

Playing in what was then the Maritime Senior Football League, an amalgam of college and service teams and later the Maritime Intercollegiate League, Arment was an exceptional student-athlete whose study load reduced his activities to football after one season of hoops in 1962. Captain of the football team, he won Most Valuable Lineman Award in each of the three seasons he played while playing at least three positions, offensive tackle, defensive tackle and defensive end, a player of remarkable versatility.

After graduating from Saint Mary's in 1963, Frank was accepted into Queen's University Law School and played three seasons as a defensive tackle, a conference all-star for all three seasons in which Queen's won the league title. By 1967, still pursuing his law degree but with no player eligibility left, Frank remained with the football program as defensive line coach. Since his graduation from Queen's Frank Arment has carved a highly successful legal career within the insurance industry and at present he is Vice-President of the Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation in Boston.

From his early student days at Saint Mary's, Frank knew exactly what he wanted in a professional career and spurned CFL offers by Edmonton, Montreal and Toronto to achieve his goal. Still, he has never lost his interest or involvements in football, especially the Saint Mary's program with membership in "The Old Dogs" club and his generous contributions. While he has continued his support to the advancement of the program he has never lost sight of the lasting influence Saint Mary's has had on his life.

He has also coached youth basketball and baseball programs throughout various areas of New England for over 20 years and is a board member of organizations that oversee Little League baseball. Frank and his wife, Sharon, have a possible future SMU recruit, son Nicolas, at 6'3", 265, an offensive guard and linebacker on the Cohasset High School football team who also plays varsity basketball. The apple, as they say, never falls far from the tree.

Today we welcome back a proud Santamarian, Frank Arment, to take his proper place in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.



Any effort to capture the essence of Brian Heaney in a few short paragraphs from an extended list of accomplishments can be akin to trying to capture lightning in a bottle; destined to fail. So where do we begin the short synopsis from such a resume of accomplishments at Saint Mary's as a coach, manager and promoter? Perhaps by tracing his path of arrival, from all-star player status with arch rival Acadia Axemen out of Bishop Loughlin High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. in the late 1960's to a professional career as the first Canadian-trained player to play in the NBA with Baltimore Bullets in 1970, followed by his appointment as head coach of the Huskies in 1971.

With the Axemen he had one of the greatest playing careers in Canadian college basketball history, earning All-Canadian honours, winning a National championship and scoring a record-shattering 74 points in one game. That is a record that has gone unchallenged. But it was as a coach who championed the game across the province with imaginative ideas and unique promotional skills that Heaney realized some of his greatest moments at Saint Mary's. He took the Huskies outside to rural communities to practice and raise awareness of the university and the image of the game. In 1971 you could count on one hand the number of outdoor hoops in the city but Heaney's influences led directly to today's levels of participation.

He built the Huskies program carefully and quickly and by spring 1973 delivered Saint Mary's first ever national championship while being chosen by his peers across the nation as CIAU Coach-Of-The-Year. He also became the first to win a national title as both player and coach. In 1974 the Huskies again went to the national final and he took a leave of absence in 1975 to coach Canada's National Women's team and in 1976 took that team to the Olympic Games in Montreal. By the 1977-78 season Brian was back at Saint Mary's and the Huskies marched to their second national crown by defeating Acadia before a record 11,000 fans at the brand new Halifax Metro Centre, a crowd drawn largely through Heaney's promotional wizardry. It was the crowd that established Halifax's self proclaimed status as the basketball capital of Canada. In 1978-79 the Huskies won again in Calgary for their third national title.

Heaney is now one of Canada's top NBA and CIS broadcasters, also a leading insurance executive in Toronto where he resides with wife Leanne (Hines) of Halifax but his SMU presence lives on. In 2002 he was Honorary Chairman of the CIS Men's Basketball Championships and continues to keep in touch with prize recruit Ross Quackenbush, current head coach of the Huskies men's team and other members of that 1970's dynasty. Many of Brian's protégés continue to contribute to the game in minor and other basketball roles, Peter Halpin, Grieg Redding, Bob Tabosky, Fred Perry, Mickey Fox, John Gallinaugh, Lee Thomas, Taps Gallagher, Terry O'Neil, Peter MacAllister and team manager John Landry.

Brian Heaney is warmly welcomed home today as a most worthy 2005 Inductee into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.



Billy Mullane can only be described as an enormously gifted athlete who most likely could have qualified for hall-of-fame status in any of the many and varied athletic disciplines in which he excelled. But it was basketball that finally claimed his full attention under difficult circumstances. In the mid-1950's, after being a school standout in multiple sports at St Pat's High in Halifax, Billy was recruited by St. F.X. to become part of what was then a hockey dynasty but the fates intervened. When his dad was diagnosed with Muscular Atrophy, Billy's sense of family compelled him to remain closer to home and he made a decision to enroll in engineering at Saint Mary's.

His original intent was to play both hockey, his first love in life, and basketball, but after making the varsity hoops team he was informed by the late Father J.J. O'Donnell that rules confined him to one sport and he had made a commitment to basketball. The rest of the story is a matter of historic record; Billy Mullane became "The Shooter", the finest college basketball player of his years (1956-59) at Saint Mary's. In his rookie season he was among the top five scorers in the Intercollegiate league and in a semi-final playoff game against

Acadia Axemen, he registered an astonishing 43 points as Billy Mullane's college career was launched toward stardom.

In his second year he averaged 12 points a game, finishing fourth in the scoring race with 98 points in 8 games and then proceeded to take full charge in his third and graduating year. It was a memorable performance, both by the Huskies who finished first in the league under kindly coach Frank Baldwin, "Mr. Basketball", and Shooter who averaged 19 points a game including a sensational 50 in one game against Nova Scotia Tech that set a new Maritime Intercollegiate record. After graduation in 1959, Billy Mullane went on to obtain an Electrical Engineering degree from Tech and after the passing of his dad in 1968 he moved on to University of Western Ontario to realize another dream, of getting an MBA.

Nova Scotia has produced a number of outstanding multi-sport athletes over the years, none better than Billy Mullane, a surpassing softball pitcher who led Halifax Schooners to many softball championships in the 1960's and a bowler of great distinction. But his love for hockey was renewed when he settled into Moncton and began a career in Oldtimers hockey that was cut short by a car accident that cost him the use of a leg in 1998. Undaunted, he resumed his golf career and now has his sights set on winning the club championship.

Billy Mullane was among the early contributors to a Saint Mary's varsity athletic program that began taking shape in the 1950's and eventually blossomed into a major national presence under the guiding hand of Athletic Director Bob Hayes beginning in the early 60's. He set new standards for a basketball program, helping to lay the groundwork that would eventually produce three national championships under the direction of fellow inductee Brian Heaney. Billy Mullane - a Saint Mary's Hall-of-Famer in every sense of the term.

Saint Mary's University Student-Athletes of the 1940's

"Honour Roll"

Al Allan

Floyd Keddy

Wally Foley

Don Fultz

Ed Godwin

Frank Graves

Ernest "Butch" Gummer

Joe Hemsworth

Joe "Bunker" Hill

Bruce Hyland

Fr. Henry Kline

Hugh McDonald

Joe MacLellan

Bill McCoombs

Jim McManus

Bernard "Bunny" Mulcahy

Ron O'Keefe

Frank "Tusker" O'Neill

Gerald Reardon

Ralph Vaughn

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre is to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic programmes at Saint Mary's, and who, as a result of this contribution, have enhanced the image and reputation of the institution.

Categories/Criteria**A. Athlete/Team**

1. The major factor for consideration for selection is the athlete's/team's contribution to Saint Mary's University's varsity athletic programme.
2. Other factors which will be considered for selection include: the athlete's achievements in provincial, national and international athletic competitions; character; leadership; non-athletic service to the University community; and achievement(s) in later life; or: the team's achievement(s) in provincial, national and international competitions.
3. Normally, consideration for selection will be given to an athlete/team following a minimum ten (10) year absence from the varsity programme.

B. Builder

1. A member of the University community who has made a significant contribution to Saint Mary's University athletics for a minimum of five (5) years.
2. Normally, consideration for selection as a builder will not be given to an individual until ten (10) years after their initial involvement/ appointment.

Date Submitted: _____

NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Year(s) at Saint Mary's University (ex. 1968-1972): _____

Sport(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Any loans, donations, photos or sports memorabilia to the Department of Athletics & Recreation for use in the Heritage Centre are greatly appreciated.

Category: Athlete/Team Builder

1. Describe highlights of nominee's career at SMU and any other information which could be of use to the Selection Committee.
2. Provide a summary of nominee's history since leaving SMU.

Documentation must accompany the nomination. This could include press releases, newspaper articles, statistical information, letters of reference, etc.

Name of Nominator: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Phone (____) _____

The Nomination Selection Committee includes wide representation from the women's and men's athletic associations, media, faculty, staff and the community.

Please return the completed form **by March 31st of each year**, together with supporting documentation to: "Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre", c/o Department of Athletics & Recreation, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 3C3 or FAX to (902) 420-5844, or E-MAIL to patsy.calbury@smu.ca

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