

# Sport Hall of Fame & Heritage Centre

## 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 Dunbrack  
Les Goodwin  
Bill Robinson  
Ross Webb

**2005**

Frank Arment  
Brian Heaney  
Bill Mullane

**2006**

Mike Curry  
Reginald Joseph MacDougall  
Dr. Robert A. Ruotolo

**2007**

Father George P. Leach, S.J.  
Lee Thomas, Jr.  
John Gallinaugh

## Induction Ceremony Saturday, 20 September 2008

*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. 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: Andrew Conrad, Paul Puma and the 1956 Football Team, all of whom reflect the strong sport administrators and athletes whose contributions helped build the proud Saint Mary's Sport Tradition.*

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Patricia Calbury

Roy Clements

Dr. Pat Connolly

Hansel Cook

Ashley Donald

Heather Harris

Robert G. Hayes

Chris MacDougall

Keith MacMillan

Kathy Mullane

Blake Patterson

Paul Puma

Joe Simatovic

Annelie Vandenberg

Murray Wilson

Doug Wright

Mike Doherty - Adjunct Member



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*Over the years spanning 1990-2000, Andrew Conrad was a high performance multi-level athlete and coach who left an indelible mark on Saint Mary's athletic programs for his skills and leadership. From 1990-94, Andrew competed in track and field for the Huskies as a sprinter and hurdler, and was team captain in '92 and '93 before missing the 1994 season because of a serious injury. Over his career as a Huskie, he won three AUAA championships, two while setting records in the 60-meter hurdles that hold to the present time. The third was as a member of the championship-winning 4 X 200 meter relay team in 1992. Later that year he represented Saint Mary's at the CIAU championships in Winnipeg and again at the Toronto Skydome in 1993. In each of those years, he was also nominated for the James Butler Trophy as Saint Mary's Male Athlete of the year.*

*In 1991, Andrew went well beyond the call of athletic duty when he volunteered to solicit local businesses to obtain much needed sponsorship funding for the track and field team and later conducted a replacement search for a departing team coach. That search led to the recruitment of Debbie Brown who held the position for 13 years. In each instance, Andrew showed remarkable commitment to the track and field program as well as to the University. In between his long hours of training and study, he also volunteered as a student-athlete in the "Students Helping Students" program to mentor high school athletes in the Dartmouth District school group and was employed as a Weight Room instructor at The Tower Fitness Centre. Taking time to assist varsity football, soccer and hockey teams when help was required, Andrew Conrad has been the consummate Santamarian.*

*Outside of the university setting, Andrew has competed as a sprinter and hurdler for 12 years, nine in Nova Scotia and three in Ontario. He has established numerous provincial and Atlantic records both at indoor and outdoor events. After graduation from Saint Mary's in 1994, Andrew moved to Calgary to compete with the Canadian four-man Bobsleigh team but had to put his hopes on hold when he suffered a damaged achilles tendon that required surgery in Halifax. A comeback attempt in 1995 fell short and personal athletic retirement led to yet another highly successful venture into coaching.*

*Returning to his first love and anxious to give back, Andrew volunteered to become strength and conditioning coach for the Huskies football team, an idea head coach Blake Nill warmly embraced. From 1998 to 2000, he contributed whatever was needed, from designing programs and workouts to filming games and practices while enjoying the experience of one Vanier Cup bid with the Huskies in Toronto. After that it was time to pursue another lifetime ambition, to become a police officer. After traveling the continent as an elite athlete, competing in events as near as home and as far as California, Utah and British Columbia, it was time in 1990 for Andrew Conrad to make longer range life plans.*

*Not that he has put his athletic experiences behind him as Andrew continues to design programs for his fellow Halifax Regional Police officers, and to the community for improving athletic speed and strength. But there is more time for fiancée Lise Doiron and young sons Devon and Austin. Andrew Conrad remains forever a Huskie and a most worthy inductee into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.*



*Paul Puma represents one of those wonderful stories of a carefully crafted policy initiated in the early 1960's that have become the legacy of Saint Mary's Athletic Director Emeritus Robert G. Hayes: the recruitment of student-athletes of strong mind and character capable of combining a heavy workload of two disciplines into a single purpose, results that bring pride and dignity to the institution. It was into this environment that Paul Puma emerged from his Toronto High School in 1963, with a purpose for education and a passion for football. The passion resulted in producing an All-Canadian college fullback and team leader. The purpose resulted in producing a 30-year career as an innovative educator in Halifax who continues to give back to his school and adopted community in so many ways. As in the stories of so many of Hayes' early recruits from other places and in a policy that continues, this is the saga of the kid who came, saw, conquered, and never went home.*

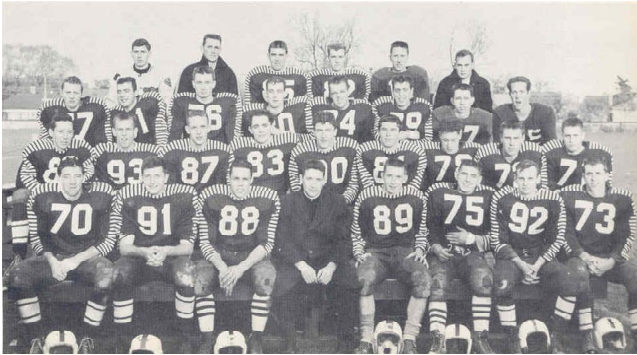
*Paul made an impression on all around him from the time of his arrival as a freshman who impacted the football Huskies as Rookie-Of-The-Year in the then Atlantic Football Conference. A physical presence on the field and a practical joker whose sense of humour kept everybody loose, he became the heart of a very talented Huskies team and perhaps the only Huskie ever to make Coach Hayes laugh at a joke, if only once. He would become a four-time, first team AUFC All-Star fullback and a first team All-Canadian, the workhorse who almost single-handedly won the Atlantic Bowl in 1964. Puma collected 144 yards in 19 carries, plunged over the line for a major in the fourth quarter as the Huskies defeated the McMaster Marauders 15-1 and won the first Stanfield Trophy for the AUFC in the six-year history of the Atlantic Bowl. In 1965, '66, he changed positions and became an All-Star middle linebacker both years.*

*Academically, Paul graduated with both a B.Comm., '67, and a B.Ed., '68 from Saint Mary's before embarking on his career as an educator where he used his wit and wisdom to be a mentor to his students and student/athletes. In the process, he changed the culture of J.L. Illsley High School, where he spent his entire career as Vice-Principal and Principal, from one of confrontation to one of zero tolerance and acceptance. Other schools followed Paul's lead and adopted similar programs. He authored a handbook of discipline (student behaviour expectations) that was emulated throughout the Nova Scotia educational system.*

*Paul also coached the J.L. Illsley softball team for 27 years and is one of only three Nova Scotian coaches who have won medals at national competitions in ringette. He coached in this sport at all levels for 30 years, where his teams won numerous provincial titles*

and medaled at the 1989 National Ringette Championships. He also served on regional and national boards. Paul was also coach of the Halifax Buccaneers senior football team in the Bluenose Football League in 1967 and '68, sending Haligonian Wayne Smith to the CFL in the process. These days, his leisure hours in retirement are spent as a tapman where he dispenses wit, good cheer, the odd quick comeback and the benefit of his vast knowledge as an athlete and educator. He has also devoted his time and energies organizing Canadian Legion veterans' visits to the schools to relate their experiences and continues to serve his alma mater as Chair of the Steering Committee for Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.

It can be said with great accuracy that Paul Puma has been a success with every aspect of his life, most of all in his 40-year marriage to Donna and in raising their three children, Dana, Leah and Danny. Paul and Donna are now devoted to their seven grandchildren. It can also be said with equal accuracy that Paul Puma has always represented Saint Mary's with integrity, honor and respect, giving back abundantly of his time and talents. He has epitomized the Saint Mary's motto, "Age Quod Agis", and is most worthy to take his rightful place in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.



It would be fair to say that midway through the last century Canadian football was scarcely played or even understood in a Nova Scotia, holding tightly to English rugby as indigenous to our culture, the sport of choice between baseball and hockey seasons. There was a smattering of football activity among Canadian professionals who became Halifax-based servicemen during World War II that ended in 1945. Enough to plant seeds of interest among young Haligonians and a decade later a Saint Mary's University team began the harvest that would eventually establish the game in Atlantic Canada. Add another dimension to our sporting traditions.

The Santamarians of 1956, that completed an undefeated season in the fledgling Nova Scotia Junior Football League, swept the Maritimes and went on to become the first east coast team to engage in a national playoff,

thereby blazing the trail for the Saint Mary's football greatness that would follow over the next forty years including a national title in 1973. It was also the first sports team made up exclusively of Saint Mary's students, in contrast to previous teams supplemented by non-students to bolster a 300 student enrollment. A collection of 30 young men who played both offensively and defensively with courage and passion, enough to win at regional levels but far short of national standards. Physically beaten and exhausted the Santamarians became easy prey for Montreal's NDH Maple Leafs in the national semi-finals. But it didn't matter, the mission was an overwhelming success and the best for Saint Mary's was yet to come.

The 1957 edition of the student publication, *The Santamarian*, had this to say: "1956 will always be remembered as a season of glory - a season of thrills - a season made glorious, made thrilling, by enthusiastic student spirit, a superb team of 30 Saints and a soft spoken rookie coach by the name of Reverend Elmer MacGillivray, S. J." The same Elmer MacGillivray who had been a distinguished Saint Mary's student-athlete a decade earlier, majoring in hockey as a member of arguably the greatest junior line in local history with Hughie Campbell and the late Bert Hirschfeld with non-affiliated St. Mary's Juniors of the late 1940's. Enrolled individually as a member of Saint Mary's Sports Hall of Fame, he enters for a second time as the conscience and inspiration of the first Maritime junior football champions in 1956.

Coach MacGillivray had a gallant cast of players led by quarterbacks George Leach and Ted O'Leary, along with Peter Fraser, Frank Gervais, Kevin MacPherson, Ron Barnes, Barry Devaney, Don Warner, Ed Burke, Tom St. Onge, Bob Barrett, Brian Flemming, John Mercier, Phil Josey, John Richard, Tom Murphy, Frank Cronin, Bill Power, Graham MacDonald, Greg McClare, Leroy Heffernan, Don MacKinnon, Dale Sinclair, Bob Bartlett, Jerry Power, Joe Power, Roy Keast, Bob Hartlen, and Roy Mann. It was not the greatest assembly of pure talent that would grace the hallowed halls of Saint Mary's, but none more greatly inflamed the spirit of the school or fired the imagination of the city.

The Santamarians went undefeated in provincial league play, defeating Shearwater 35-7 and 20-7, Cape Breton 23-20, 49-0, 20-7. They defeated St. Thomas University of New Brunswick 33-20 to win the Maritime championship; then fell 56-0 to the vastly more experienced Montreal NDG in the national semi final. But not before impressing Montreal team officials and fans with a gritty display of heart and determination against long odds; first Maritime team ever to vie for national honors. Sure signs of the football development that would come.

The character of the individual players was evident in all the games where penalties of any nature were rare. This strength of character manifested itself in the career paths chosen after leaving Saint Mary's. Their careers were forged largely as missionary priests, engineers, lawyers, social workers, senior public servants in provincial and federal governments, politicians and foreign service officers. Many of the 1956 team members continue to support their Alma Mater by attending various fund-raising events, bequests to Saint Mary's and Alumni events. As an example, approximately 65 of the footballers and their spouses, mostly from the '56 Santamarians, attended the special 2004 Homecoming weekend, then again in 2007 to join in celebrating Father George Leach's induction into Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame. Events largely organized by team member Frank Gervais who has missed very few football games over the last 50 years and was President of Saint Mary's Alumni Association in 1979.

"The Big Red Team" of 1956 can now properly take its place among the athletic greats of Saint Mary's in the Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre. Few indeed are more deserving.

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:patsy.calbury@smu.ca)

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