

COLLEGE ARCHIVES

*Edinboro State  
College*

*First Annual  
Athletic  
Hall of Fame  
Inductions*

*April 30, 1982*

*Van Houten Dining Hall*

# EDINBORO STATE... HONORING ITS OWN

“In the battle of life, it is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of a deed could have done better.”

“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have tasted neither victory nor defeat.”

Theodore Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
1901-1909

## EDINBORO STATE COLLEGE

7:00 p.m. April 30, 1982 Van Houten Dining Hall

# FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Tonight Edinboro State College takes special pride in honoring eighteen individuals with their induction into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. These persons have distinguished themselves in their associations with athletics at Edinboro either by virtue of their performances or by meritorious efforts on behalf of the College's athletic programs.

Each Hall of Fame member or his family representative will be presented a plaque which identifies their athletic service to the College. A duplicate plaque will be placed in the Hall of Fame trophy case located in the lobby of McComb Fieldhouse.

As an added highlight for this athletic first, Edinboro State will also present its initial "Athletic Coach of the Year" award. This honor will also be bestowed annually on an Edinboro coach who has distinguished himself or herself through the past athletic year. The selection is made solely by the Edinboro State College athletic staff members.

## HALL OF FAME BOARD

Mr. James McDonald - Chairman

Ms. Nancy Acker

Mr. Gary Means

Mr. Fred Caro

Mr. Paul Newman

Mr. James Harrison

Mr. David O'Dessa

Mr. Michael Zahorchak

## PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies ..... Paul Newman  
*Sports Information Director*  
*Edinboro State College*

Invocation ..... Rev. John M. Mann  
*Edinboro First Lutheran Church*

### DINNER

Introductions ..... Paul Newman

Induction Ceremonies ..... James McDonald, Presenting  
*Athletic Director*  
*Edinboro State College*

Coach of the Year ..... Foster F. Diebold, Presenting  
*President*  
*Edinboro State College*

Special Awards ..... To Be Announced

Benediction ..... Rev. John M. Mann

### DINNER MENU

Tomato Juice  
Tossed Salad  
Roast Top Round of Beef  
Baked Potato with Sour Cream  
Peas with Mushrooms  
Rolls and Butter  
Coffee-Tea-Milk  
Cheese Cake

A special thanks to the Alumni Association, Student Services, Inc. and the College administration for helping to make this event possible.

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE CITATIONS

The following is a list of inductees and the citation which appears on each Hall of Fame member's plaque. They are cited for the accomplishments they achieved while performing for the College or their meritorious efforts on behalf of Edinboro State's athletic program.

### HENRY "HEINIE" ANDERSON, 1931 - Corning, New York (Deceased)

His outstanding accomplishments as a football and basketball performer at Edinboro. Recognized as Edinboro's "Best All-Around Athlete" at the conclusion of the 1931 athletic season. A leader in the development of professional baseball's minor leagues and a dedicated educator.

### WALT ASKINS, 1960 - Fairview, Pennsylvania

His outstanding performances in basketball as Edinboro's all-time leading scorer with 1,739 career points and the College's best scoring average (26.1 points per game). Recognized for his continued dedication to men's and women's athletics as an athletic director and coach.

### LAWRENCE "IRISH" BLANEY, 1932 - Aliquippa, Pennsylvania (Deceased)

His many accomplishments in football at Edinboro as a player and as a student coach. In recognition for his outstanding contributions as an educator, humanitarian and community leader; and, especially for his support and loyalty as an Edinboro alumnus in continually advancing the cause of the College.

### ARNOLD BRADSHAW, 1963 - Geneva, Ohio

His outstanding success as an Edinboro varsity tennis player where he finished undefeated, 40-0, in varsity singles competition and participated in three national tournaments. In recognition of his continued spectacular success as a high school tennis coach, tennis teaching professional and educator.

### GARY GILBERT, 1961 - Edinboro, Pennsylvania

His outstanding representation of Edinboro in football, track and wrestling. In particular recognition for his record-breaking football performances, selection as team captain in football and track, and selection as Edinboro's first "Little All-American" in collegiate football. A noted, successful coach in scholastic wrestling.

### "CURLY" HALMI - Edinboro, Pennsylvania (Deceased)

His unselfish and faithful support of Edinboro State College's athletic program. In particular recognition for his understanding of and friendship toward individual athletes who became better men because of their associations with him. Boundless energy and human compassion will always be his special hallmark.



**"SOX" HARRISON - Edinboro, Pennsylvania**

His 34 years of dedicated service to Edinboro as an athletic director, coach, physical education instructor and friend. In recognition of his outstanding coaching success and the spirit generated by his exuberance. The cornerstone of Edinboro athletics and the first inductee to the Edinboro State College Athletic Hall of Fame.

**JOSEPH LESON, 1935 - Los Angeles, California (Deceased)**

His outstanding leadership and play in both basketball and football at Edinboro. In recognition of his continued success in these sports at the professional level and his performance as a collegiate basketball official, particularly with the PAC-10 (Pacific Athletic Conference). A most distinguished and successful alumnus.

**EMIL MAGDIK, 1960 - Edinboro, Pennsylvania**

His outstanding performances at Edinboro in the sports of football and basketball. In particular recognition of his four varsity football letters and selection to participate in two Edinboro post-season bowl games and the Gem City Bowl All-Star Grid Classic. A devoted alumnus who continually advances the cause of the College.

**DAVE O'DESSA, 1961 - Edinboro, Pennsylvania**

His outstanding performances and honors at Edinboro in the sports of football and track. In special recognition of his selection as a captain of the 1960 football team and the Gem City Bowl team in addition to his selection to All-District, All-State and Little All-American teams. A continual contributor to and supporter of Edinboro State College's athletic program.

**DAN PETCHEL, 1965 - Lawrenceville, New Jersey**

His outstanding performances in both basketball and football. In recognition of the highest All-American honor ever extended to an Edinboro basketball player and of his remarkable scoring and rebounding records that led Edinboro to its first national tournament appearance. A unique three-time First Team All Pennsylvania Conference selection.

**FRED RILEY, 1972 - Lock Haven, Pennsylvania**

His court leadership and shooting accuracy that led Edinboro to appearances in three consecutive district championship games and a post-season national tournament appearance. Recognized for his continued success as a basketball coach at both the scholastic and collegiate levels. A dedicated, determined and disciplined student athlete.

**TED ROBISON, 1970 — Pine Mountain, Georgia**

His outstanding number one singles play in tennis where he was a two-time district champion and has the distinction of owning 25 consecutive dual match victories. Recognized for his continued success as a distinguished alumnus as well as his personal interest in and support of Edinboro's intercollegiate tennis program.

**JOE SANFORD, 1971 - Corry, Pennsylvania**

His outstanding leadership ability in quarterbacking Edinboro to its best season in football history after winning the Lambert Bowl emblematic of the best small college team in the East, completing back-to-back regular schedules undefeated, capturing the College's first Pennsylvania Conference championship and earning a bid to the national playoffs.

**FRANK SMITH, 1969 - Meadville, Pennsylvania**

His prolific scoring talents as one of the top offensive players in Edinboro's basketball history. Recognized for his most points in a single game (54) record and his back-to-back selection as a collegiate basketball All-American. He helped lead Edinboro to its first and only Pennsylvania Conference basketball championship.

**FRANK SOSCIA, 1941 - Utica, New York (Deceased)**

His outstanding basketball performances where he was one of the top scorers on a series of successful Edinboro basketball teams. In recognition of his selection to the Pennsylvania State Teacher's All-Conference basketball teams for three consecutive seasons and as a team captain. Highly successful in both semi-professional baseball and basketball and a noted educator.

**JOHN WOLFE, 1940 - Morehead City, North Carolina**

For his outstanding football and basketball careers at Edinboro where he earned four varsity letters in each sport and was also accorded Pennsylvania State Teacher's All-Conference awards for his noted efforts in football and basketball. In recognition of his continued success as a player in the professional sport of baseball and as a scholastic coach in the sports of baseball, basketball and football.

**MIKE ZAHORCHAK, 1937 - Sewickley, Pennsylvania**

His outstanding support of Edinboro's athletic program as a recruiter of student athletes who have distinguished both themselves and the College through their talents. A devoted alumnus and life-time member of the Edinboro "E" Club who has, likewise, distinguished himself in his unselfish commitment to the College and as an administrator in the public school system.

