

Edinboro University

COLLEGE ARCHIVES

*Third Annual
Athletic
Hall of Fame
Inductions*

Coach of the Year

Senior Athletes of the Year

April 28, 1983

Van Houten Dining Hall

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY...

IN MEMORIAM



JEFF TROYER
FEBRUARY 28, 1984

"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 a 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

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET

7:00 p.m. April 28, 1984 Van Houten Dining Hall

THIRD ANNUAL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Edinboro University took a historic step in its athletic program two years ago with the induction of 18 individuals into its newly created Athletic Hall of Fame. The University honored 18 charter members who had distinguished themselves in their associations with athletics at Edinboro either by virtue of their performances or by their meritorious efforts on behalf of the University's athletic program.

Tonight, the Fighting Scots Athletic Department takes special pride, once again, by honoring eight new members with their induction into the Hall of Fame. Each new inductee or representative will be presented a plaque which identifies his or her athletic service to the University. A duplicate plaque will be placed in the Athletic Hall of Fame trophy case located in the lobby of McComb Fieldhouse.

As an added highlight, Edinboro University will also present its annual Outstanding Administrative/Faculty Contributor, Coach of the Year and Senior Athletes of the Year awards. These honors are bestowed annually and selection is made solely by the University's athletic staff members.

HALL OF FAME BOARD

Mr. James McDonald - Chairman

Ms. Nancy Acker

Dr. 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 University
- Invocation Reverend Leon T. Muroski
Edinboro Our Lady of the Lake Parish

DINNER

- Introductions Paul Newman
- Induction Ceremonies James McDonald, Presenting
Athletic Director
Edinboro University
- Special Awards Paul Newman, Presenting
- Outstanding Administrative/Faculty Contributor
James McDonald, Presenting
- Coach of the Year Robert Beagle, Presenting
Vice President for Development and Planning
Edinboro University
- Senior Female Athlete of the Year Sandra Krause, Presenting
President
Edinboro Alumni Association
- Senior Male Athlete of the Year Foster F. Diebold, Presenting
President
Edinboro University
- Sox Harrison Award
- Benediction Reverend Leon T. Muroski

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, University Services, Inc., Custom Management Corp., and the University 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 University or their meritorious efforts on behalf of Edinboro's athletic program.

TOM HERR, 1974 — Millersville, Pennsylvania

His outstanding career at Edinboro where he was the school's first national champion in wrestling and won a record 83 matches. A two-time All-American heavyweight wrestler who holds the Edinboro mark for pins (42) and single season record for wins (28). Twice a Pennsylvania Conference grappling champion and a conference First Team defensive tackle in football.

J. J. (JACK) McCURRY, 1972 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

His outstanding football career at Edinboro where he set a season interception record (8) and the mark (85 yards) for the longest scoring punt return. An All-American and All-Conference defensive back who played on the best football team in Edinboro's history and was equally successful in the classroom where he was salutatorian of his class. Selected Pennsylvania High School Coach of the Year in 1983.

BOB McVEIGH, 1951 — Doylestown, Pennsylvania

His outstanding performances in basketball as one of the top scorers in Edinboro's history. Selected the most outstanding center on the 1951 West Penn Little Ten All Conference All Stars when he also won the league's scoring title with 363 points. The first Edinboro player to average over 20 points per game (20.2) and the record holder for the most free throws made in a game (14).

JERRY MIFSUD, 1973 — Erie, Pennsylvania

His spectacular performances in baseball at Edinboro where he set eight records in a single season among which were a .417 batting average and seven stolen bases in a single game while leading the Scots to their best year in history. Was the Pennsylvania Conference's top All-Star vote getter and was named the MVP in the Tri-State Coaches Association All-Star game before joining the pro ranks.

KEITH NICOLLS, 1951 — Springboro, Pennsylvania

His outstanding representation of Edinboro as both a student athlete, a professional athlete, teacher and coach. Started every game for three consecutive years on Sox Harrison-coached teams where he was a leading scorer as a playmaker. Owns a spectacular 72-29 semi-pro pitching record and guided Conneaut Valley High School to a highly impressive 128-34 win-loss mark in seven seasons.

OSCAR PALMQUIST, 1934 — Erie, Pennsylvania (Deceased)

His outstanding leadership and performances in basketball during one of the most successful sports eras in Edinboro's early athletic history. A member of Edinboro's best basketball team (1931-32, 12-1) that won the Western Conference title. In recognition of his continued success as a teacher and coach at Harborcreek High School and at Oceanside, California.

NETTI MAI RUTTLE — Edinboro, Pennsylvania (Deceased)

Her 25 years of unselfish and faithful support to women's sports at Edinboro where she built the foundation for women's athletics. Continually directed her boundless enthusiasm toward the athletic development of every girl rather than to the perfection of a few while sharing her skills in 23 different sports. A nationally recognized pioneer in women's sports.

JACK WEIXEL, 1950 — Allison Park, Pennsylvania

His unparalleled accomplishments in wrestling at Edinboro following service to his country in WWII. The only wrestler in Edinboro history to win three Pennsylvania Conference championships (128 lbs.) while also claiming the famed "Four-I" tourney title in Cleveland, Ohio. A highly successful scholastic wrestler and dedicated high school coach.

**EDINBORO UNIVERSITY
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS**

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| Nancy Acker | Joseph Messa, 1934 |
| *Henry (Heinie) Anderson, 1931 (Dec) | *Dave O'Dessa, 1961 |
| Dave Antognoli, 1973 | Loyal Park, 1953 |
| *Walt Askins, 1960 | *Dan Petchel, 1965 |
| *Lawrence (Irish) Blaney, 1932 (Dec) | *Fred Riley, 1972 |
| *Arnold Bradshaw, 1963 | *Ted Robison, 1970 |
| *Gary Gilbert, 1961 | Jim Romaniszyn, 1973 |
| *Curly Halmi (Dec) | *Joe Sanford, 1971 |
| *Sox Harrison | Jim Sims, 1964 |
| Bill Holland, 1935 | *Frank Smith, 1969 |
| *Joseph Leson, 1935 (Dec) | *Frank Soscia, 1942 (Dec) |
| *Emil Magdik, 1960 | *John B. Wolfe, 1940 |
| Hanio "Hank" Mariotti | *Mike Zahorchak, 1937 |
| | *Charter Member |

B. REGIS "SOX" HARRISON —



First Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee - Gone But Not Forgotten

Two years ago Edinboro University had the privilege of paying tribute to B. Regis "Sox" Harrison with his induction as the first member of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Sox was the key figure in the building of Edinboro's athletic program where he unselfishly devoted 34 years of service to the University as an athletic director, coach and physical education instructor.

Sox, who was an outstanding athlete himself, has been friends with a long list of legendary sports figures which include such prominent people as Jim Thorpe, "Pop" Warner, Connie Mack and Joe McCarthy. Ironically it was McCarthy, a roommate with Harrison at Niagara University where he starred in both baseball and football who gave "Sox" his nickname. McCarthy first gave him the tag in the early 1900's, after Indian baseball star Louis Socksalexix for whom the Cleveland Indians were named.

THE EDINBORO UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PURPOSE

To recognize the men and women who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics, either by virtue of their performance on athletic teams representing Edinboro University, or by meritorious efforts in behalf of athletics at Edinboro.

CRITERIA

1. An athlete must have earned a letter in a varsity sport.
2. The nominee such as athlete, coach, athletic administrator, must have demonstrated good citizenship, both in school and after leaving the University.
3. An athlete must have been out of school a minimum of ten years.
4. Coach, athletic administrator, or other nominee, graduate or not, who has performed meritorious service for or in behalf of the athletic program of the University.

No less than three recipients, nor more than eight, may be elected to the Hall of Fame in a single year, excluding the first year, which would allow the selection committee to select no more than twenty. There is no limit, however, to the times a nominee may be considered for the Hall of Fame.

5. Nominating committee shall consist of the members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Board. The nominating committee shall solicit and receive written recommendations with supporting evidence for nominees from Edinboro University Alumni and members of the Edinboro University athletic staff by February 1st of each year.
6. Nominees must receive more than 70% of the Hall of Fame committee's tabulated vote.

