

# 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

## Induction Ceremony Saturday, 22 September, 2007

*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 - traditionally 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: Fr. George P. Leach, S.J., Lee Thomas, Jr., and John Gallinaugh, 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  
Paul Fitzgerald  
Mitch Gillingwater  
Heather Harris  
Robert G. Hayes

Kathy Mullane  
Dr. David J. Murphy  
Paul Puma  
Joe Simatovic  
Annelie Vandenberg  
Murray Wilson  
Doug Wright  
Mike Doherty - Adjunct Member



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*"It is more than appropriate that in his Golden Jubilee year as a member of the historic and distinguished Jesuit Order (Society of Jesus), Father George P. Leach, S.J. should be enshrined in Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame, the institution where he starred as an outstanding athlete and where his vocation was nurtured. This is the inspiring story of a gifted young athlete who excelled in multiple sports including football, hockey, basketball, and paddling (flat water canoe racing). He left it all behind at a young age to follow his vocation.*

*The year was 1957 when a young George Leach much admired and greatly respected by his teammates in all his sports disciplines as a highly skilled, easy-going, upbeat and natural athlete, left his engineering studies at Saint Mary's to join the Jesuits in Guelph, ON, to make a much bigger mark in a much larger world. He left behind a legacy of athletic successes that began in his native Dartmouth and continued as a high school and college student at Saint Mary's.*

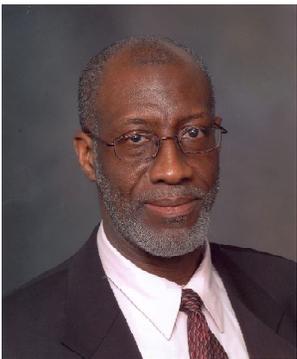
*Father Leach is the longest living three-time championship quarterback to lead Saint Mary's football players on the field. Then known as the Saints (before the more imaginary advent of Athletic Director Bob Hayes who created the Huskies), George shared fullback and quarterbacking duties; first to lead the high school team to the Nova Scotia championship, before graduating to full time quarterback in 1955 to lead the varsity team to the provincial title which was part of the Canadian Junior Football League. By 1956 SMU, with Leach, won every league game to reach the Maritime final.*

*Teammate Roger LeBlanc of Moncton remembers, "It was against St. Thomas College and because of injuries we were sometimes down to 18 players, playing both ways of course, against the Tommies 30. Behind in the final minute, with third down and long yardage, quarterback Leach called for a play with a long count. The play was intended to throw the over-anxious defense offside and gain some penalty yardage. It worked and with less than a tick on the clock, George threw a 'Hail Mary' pass and Tom Murphy kicked the ball to tie the game and we won in overtime". That gave the Saints their first Maritime title and three in a row for the gridiron Santamarians of a half century ago.*

*Another teammate at the time, long time Canadian diplomat Peter Fraser, notes from his retirement home in Seattle, "The teams that were developed in the 1950's came out of Saint Mary's new Robie Street campus, recognized as physically contending teams of gentlemen who prayed before every contest for the safety of players on both sides. As teammates, we remember Father Leach as not only a gracious, humorous and humble priest of today but also as a symbol of good amateur athleticism of the 1950's Atlantic Canada".*

*Father Leach carried all of those personal qualities into his vocation and in the immediate years after Saint Mary's he studied under Jesuit Ph.Ds in Spokane, Washington at Gonzaga University to receive his BA in Humanities and a second degree in Philosophy. This past summer he was welcomed back to Gonzaga in Spokane and to Seattle U, another west coast Jesuit campus, to celebrate his 50 years as a Jesuit. He has maintained his great sense of teamwork throughout his priestly career, largely focusing on the creation of programs for adult-faith development and service among the aboriginals of northern Ontario. After 20 years of ministry he returned to the University of Toronto School of Theology to do his Doctorate in Ministry. His decade long assignment to the Halifax Archdiocese has included formation of the laity, support of historic St. Patrick's Church and being active among the street people of Brunswick Street's Hope Cottage and the Coffee Shop on Gottingen Street.*

*Although reaching 70 years of age in 2007, working on third down, Father George continued his Saint Mary's involvement with the athletic programs last fall and winter as chaplain for SMU students, the consummate role model for attaining higher purposes in life. The Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame is proud to welcome Father George P. Leach, S.J. as a most worthy inductee for 2007.*



*Lee Thomas, Jr. is another of those great young American student/athletes who have graced the halls of Saint Mary's over the last half century and played important roles in the development of Huskies' programs into wonderful success stories. Thomas was an integral part of the Saint Mary's basketball dynasty from 1973 to 1976, a brilliant centre from Newark, New Jersey who became one of the greatest basketball players ever to wear a Huskies uniform. Beyond that, Lee integrated himself into the mainstream of the city's sports community during his years of residency that ended in 1978 during which time he became a leader and role model for young Haligonians.*

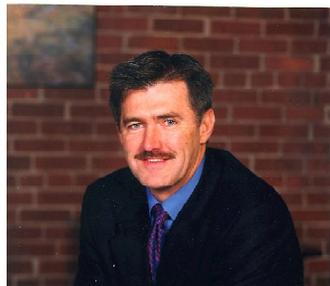
*On the court as a Huskie the 6'5", 210 pound centre Thomas did it all, winning individual distinctions while contributing to Saint Mary's overall team successes. Over the course of his college career Thomas pretty well swept the board as far as individual awards were concerned with Hall of Fame accomplishments. His records include Most Rebounds in a season (453) in 1975, Career Rebounds (1,551), Best Field Goal Percentages (54.4%), Best Rebound Average A Season (15.9% in 1973), Best Career Rebound Average (13.3%), Career Field Goals (51.5%, 818/1587), Career Win-Loss Record CIAU 85-15 (850).*

*Lee was also AUAA All-Conference (1973 - 74, 75, 76) Starting Lineup All-Canadian (1975, 76), National Tournament All-Star (1973, 75, 76), National Basketball Festival of Canada All-Star (1974, 76), SMU Rookie Of The Year (1973), SMU Outstanding Player (1973), SMU MVP (1974), No. 2 All-Time Scorer (2050 pts), SMU Male Athlete Of The Year (1976) and Thoroughbred Award winner (1974, 75).*

*While his glittering basketball contributions to Saint Mary's are well documented, Lee Thomas also made time in his off hours at school to work tirelessly and effectively with inner city youth. He became involved with the Community YMCA from 1973 to 1978 and through his friendship with Terry Symonds became a volunteer coach with their Mini Boys basketball team, winning four provincial championships. He also coached the Men's Juvenile team to a provincial title in 1977. Lee was also instrumental in organizing one of the first Outdoor Basketball Leagues at the George Dixon Recreation Centre in partnership with the Community Y.*

*Perhaps the highlight of his Halifax residency, other than the remarkable accomplishments as a Huskie, was organizing an "Each One, Teach One" program, to help inner city youth develop a better understanding of the value of a good education through sports and academic programs. The program has been highly successful, assisting many young people to graduate from high school as well as university. Returning to New Jersey in 1978, Lee has worked with the city of Newark, managed a fast-food restaurant and was employed by a major airline. He is at present the owner of a Notary Signing Agency in New Jersey.*

*Saint Mary's warmly welcomes Lee Thomas to his well deserved distinction as a member of the Saint Mary's Sport Hall of Fame.*



*It's a difficult if not impossible chore to condense John Gallinaugh's immense contributions to the growth and development of Saint Mary's as a national basketball power into a few short paragraphs. But let's try by first using the descriptive phrases of his Huskies coach Brian Heaney who breaks down his always perceptive analysis into three parts: (1) "determination, fierce competitive drive, fabulous scoring, speed, defensive play, assists total and a magician's dribbling and passing skills"; (2) "leadership, the respect of his peers and competitors and standard of excellence for others to measure themselves by", and (3) "character and commitment to success have been the trademarks of his success".*

*From 1971 to 1974, John Gallinaugh might have played with less personal profile in the shadows of All-Canadian teammates Mickey Fox and Lee Thomas, Jr., as well as league top scorers Fred Perry and Greig Redding, but all four credit their brilliant point guard with much of their successes. Coach Heaney, "With such a high powered and talented group of scorers around him, there were few extra shots to go around for the tenacious point guard, but more often than not John was at the initial end of a spectacular assist, providing all his teammates with great opportunities to score and win."*

*It is generally accepted that on a team with less offensive explosion, Gallinaugh would have easily averaged 20 points per game in every year of competition. But the spunky 5'9" guard did 20 when they were needed, and had his own highlight reel games in both the AUAA and national playoffs. For example in his rookie year when he was assigned the job of shutting down the League's co-top scorer Steve Pound of Acadia in a playoff game at the Halifax Forum, John held the great Pound to two buckets and the Huskies went on to beat the Axemen 70-64 before a raucous crowd at the old landmark on Windsor Street that served to open up college basketball as a major attraction.*

*That result also established what would be the Huskies defensive culture and in 1973 Saint Mary's went into Wolfville and knocked off the Axemen to win the conference championship. The following week in Waterloo, with Gallinaugh masterminding the offences with remarkable poise and Fox contributing 39 points, the Huskies beat Lakehead Norwesters 79-67 to win the national title. John and teammates Mickey Fox and Lee Thomas were named to the CIAU All-Star team. A year later in his final season, he had to face a reverse result in the national final when a jump shot at the buzzer gave Guelph Gryphons a 74-72 victory over the Huskies. It wasn't the way John wanted his university career to end but his exit was as graceful as his far greater number of successes had been accepted with typical modesty.*

*After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in 1974, the young man from Rockaway Beach, New York and Brooklyn Preparatory Academy decided to put down roots in Halifax where that character and commitment to success have made him successful in business while he continues to impact the community with his involvements. John and Jane have raised two boys, Jack and Bill, while Dad attends to business and continues coaching basketball at the minor and high school levels.*

*Today Saint Mary's is proud to welcome John Gallinaugh as a 2007 Hall of Fame inductee, an outstanding individual, forever Huskie, and a man Coach Heaney sums up as "a premier performer—there will never be another point guard quite like him. In my memory, he was simply the best!"*



**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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