

## HALL OF FAME

1995

### SPECIAL AWARDS

As we begin to honor our special Hall of Famers, the first two men that we would like to honor tonight, are Richard Sedlacek and Tim Kappmeyer. Richard is our building engineer and Tim is our second shift engineer.

These two gentlemen are responsible for the leadership in keeping our building running. They both work extremely hard and have great pride in our students, staff and building. Tonight we honor Richard and Tim for everything that they do for the Kennedy High School Community! Thank you very much!

COUGAR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
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Introductions:

RUTH LAMB: After Ruth's daughters graduated, she has maintained very close ties with Kennedy High School. Ruth has been volunteering at Kennedy High School for nearly 19 years. She has been a member of our Booster Club since 1976 and she has served as the Treasurer since 1981. Ruth has been a valuable asset to Kennedy High School. The entire Kennedy community owes a great debt to Ruth for her service to our students, parents, coaches, and staff. Ruth is the mother of two former Cougar athletes: Cindy and Pam. Please help me show our appreciation to Ruth by welcoming her to our Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Ruth Lamb!

JOEL HOPKINS: Joel has served Kennedy High School for 8 years. He has been a Booster Club Board Member during this time, and has held the following positions in our Booster Club during that time: Vice-President, President Elect, President, Program Director, Director of Fundraising, Director of Logos, Kingston Stadium Supervisor, Membership Chairman, Volunteer Coordinator for inside events, football ticket chairman, and concession stand business manager.

Although Joel has supported all of our athletes, coaches and programs, his major interests include: wrestling, softball, girls' soccer and football. Joel has served as the President, Vice-President, President-Elect and Treasurer of the Wrestling Support Group and he has operated the scoreboard for eight years at home wrestling meets. Joel has served the girls softball, girls soccer and football programs in many ways. Joel's son Joshua, graduated from Kennedy High School in 1993. Please help me show our appreciation to Joel by welcoming him to our Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Joel Hopkins!

COACH LLOYD SPIER: Lloyd taught mathematics at Kennedy High School for 25 years and retired in 1992. He coached basketball and baseball. Lloyd was the assistant men's basketball coach from 1967 to 1973 which included the 1972 State Championship team and the 1973 third place team. He switched his expertise to women's basketball in the 1974 season and stayed with this program until 1981. He helped coach the 1979 team that was the state runner-up. Lloyd was the first head baseball coach at Kennedy. His 1969 baseball team finished 2nd in the State. In his nine years as the Cougar varsity baseball coach, Lloyd won 216 games and lost only 107. Lloyd dedicated his life to education and kids. He taught for 34 years in 4 different school districts. In 1956, he coached the Girls State Free Throw champion in the Finch Ford Consolidated School district.

Lloyd and his late wife, Katie, have three daughters: Jackie of Omaha, Jennie of Monticello, and Julie of Marion. Please help me show our appreciation to Lloyd by welcoming him to our Hall of Fame! Hall of Famer - Lloyd Spier!

COACH HAROLD WILKINSON: Wilk is completing his 24th year of teaching and coaching at Kennedy High School. Wilk taught and coached in the Belle Plaine School district for 11 years before coming to Kennedy High School. He has had great success in all the sports that he coached. Wilk has coached Girls' Track and Field, Girls' Basketball, Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Volleyball, and Football.

In Girls' track and field, Wilk has coached 3 State Champion-undefeated teams, 2 State Champion Indoor track teams, 5 State Champion Pentathlon teams, 2 State Track and Field Runner-up teams, and 15 district team championships. He was also the associate coach of the Iowa National Federation Champions for 4 years.

In Girls' Basketball, his career record is 220 wins and 113 losses including two 0-10 seasons as he started two new programs. He coached 4 district championship teams, 4 conference championship teams, 2 state qualifying teams in 1977 and 1978, and a state runner-up team in 1977 that had a 29-2 record. In 1978, one of Wilk's players, Hall of Famer Gail Kramer won the State Freethrow championship with 118 consecutive freethrows. This record still stands.

In Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Wilk has coached district champions, has had 3 teams finish in the top 10 at the State meet. He coached a individual state champion in Jennifer Schoonover in 1992.

Wilk has been awarded the NHSACA National and Regional Coach of the Year for Girls' Track in 1985. In 1977 and 1985, Wilk was named the IATC Coach of the Year for Girls' Track. In 1982, he was placed in the Iowa Track Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. Wilk has been named numerous times the MVC and Metro Coach of Year. The Kennedy students twice honored Wilk with the PTA's Influential Teacher Award.

Wilk and his wife, Peggy, have three children: Michael of Cedar Rapids, Blake of Ankeny, and Codi of Mound City, Missouri. Another important family member is grandson, Kyle. Please help me welcome Wilk to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Harold Wilkinson!

GAIL KRAMER: Tonight Gail Kramer is being represented by her father and mother, Bob and Mariann Kramer. Gail is a 1978 graduate of Kennedy High School. She was a four sport athlete during her high school career: basketball, volleyball, track and softball. Gail earned 12 varsity letters during her time at Kennedy. In basketball, her senior season, the team finished 2nd in the State and Gail was the winner of the State Freethrow Championship. She made 118 in a row! Gail was named the co-senior athlete of the year in 1978. Ruth Lamb's daughter Cindy, was the other co-senior athlete.

After an outstanding high school career at Kennedy, Gail attended and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, where she played basketball and participated in track for all four years. Gail currently has the rank of Major in the United States Air Force where she oversees the budget and expenditures of multiple satellite programs within the Department of Defense. Please help me welcome Gail to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Major Gail Kramer!

GREG MICK: Greg is a 1976 graduate of Kennedy High School. He was a three year letterwinner in track. Greg was named to the All-State Track teams his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. He was a sprinter specializing in the 100 meter dash. After graduating from Kennedy, attended Iowa State University and Coe College. At Coe College, Greg was named a Division III All-American for his efforts in the 100 meter dash.

Greg currently lives in the Dallas, Texas area with his wife, Ann and their daughter and 3 sons. Greg is currently self employed in residential construction specializing in interior trim carpentry and cabinet making. Please help me welcome Greg to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Greg Mick!

KELLI STEGGALL: Kelli is a 1980 graduate of Kennedy High School. She earned 12 varsity letters while competing in: volleyball, basketball, track & field, and softball. Kelli's teams were very successful! In volleyball, her teams finished 3rd in the state during her sophomore and junior seasons and they were the State Champs her senior season! Her basketball teams advanced to the state tourney her sophomore season and they were MVC Champs her junior season. Kelli's specialty in track and field was the discus throw. She held the school record during her time at Kennedy and she placed 4th in the State meet her junior season.

During Kelli's senior year, she was named 1st Team All-State, 1st Team MVC, 1st Team All-Metro, and was placed on the All Tournament Team in volleyball. In basketball, she earned 1st Team MVC, 1st Team All-Metro, and 5th Team All-State. Kelli was named the Senior Athlete of the Year at Kennedy and the Gazette named Kelli, the Female Athlete of the Decade.

Today, Kelli is employed by the State of Iowa at the Linn County Clerk of Courts office as a court technician. She married to Rick Buresh and has two sons, Dustin and Drake, and 3 stepchildren: Chad, Barry and Megan. Please help me welcome Kelli to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Kelli Steggall Buresh!

MARK ENRIGHT: Mark is a 1973 graduate of Kennedy High School. Mark concentrated his athletic efforts in high school to basketball. His junior year, he led the Cougars to the State Championship. During his senior year, the Cougars again qualified for the State Tournament and finished in third place! During his high school career, Mark earned All-Metro, All-MVC, All-State, and All-American honors. Mark is still the leader scorer in the metro area. In April of his senior year, he played overseas in the Albert Schweitzer Games in Germany as part of the United States team that won the Championship.

After an outstanding high school career, Mark went on to play Division I basketball at the University of Nebraska where he lettered as a freshman and then he transferred to the University of Northern Iowa. At UNI, Mark was named the team MVP in 1976 and he was named to the All-Academic All-Conference Team in 1976, 1977 and 1978. Mark graduated with honors from UNI and has been working in education. Mark taught in the Humboldt, Fort Dodge and Cedar Rapids School Districts. He earned his masters degree in educational administration from the University of Iowa and became an assistant junior high school principal in Macomb, Illinois. Currently, Mark is the Junior High Principal in Pontiac, Illinois. Mark and his wife, Vicki, has one daughter, Brianna Jaye. Please help me welcome Mark, from Pontiac, Illinois, to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Mark Enright!

AL LORENZEN: Al is a 1984 graduate of Kennedy High School. He had a brilliant basketball career. During his career at Kennedy High School, Al was named All-Metro, All-MVC, and All-State for all 3 years. He also earned Academic All-American and All-American honors at Kennedy. Al led his 1984 team to the state championship. He was named Mr. Basketball for the state of Iowa that season. Al was highly recruited by college basketball programs across our country. He made his decision to become an Iowa Hawkeye and the Kennedy community followed his college career very closely.

Al was a four year letter winner at Iowa and named Honorable Mention All-Big Ten in 1986. After his career at the University of Iowa, Al played professional basketball in the CBA and in Europe from 1988 to 1994. Al and his wife, Karen, who is an attorney, live in Deltona, Florida. Al is currently employed by the Nationsbank of Florida and he also has founded V.G.Internationale Inc. a company that specializes in the import and export of sporting goods. Please help me welcome, Al, from Deltona, Florida, to the Cougar Hall of Fame. Hall of Famer - Al Lorenzen!