

# COUGAR ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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### Introductions:

**MARY HARTMAN BRUCE:** Mary, nicknamed "Ernie", is a 1979 Kennedy graduate. She participated in Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, French Club, Pep Club, National Honor Society, and intramurals. Mary was chosen as Senior Athlete of the Year in 1979.

Volleyball was Mary's strongest sport. She was named to the Second Team All-State Volleyball team and the State Volleyball All-Tournament team as a senior. In six-player Basketball, Mary set a school record for most offensive rebounds.

After graduation from Kennedy, Mary attended Iowa State on a Volleyball scholarship. In addition to volleyball, Mary also shone in the classroom. She was admitted to Iowa State with recognition and award, she received the Athletic Scholarship Award for Outstanding Scholastic Achievement, and was regularly on the Dean's List. She also served as Region 6 AIAW Volleyball Player Representative which involved reviewing and regulating the rules for interscholastic volleyball.

Mary received her Bachelor of Science from Iowa State, majoring in Food Technology. She was in the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta and a member of the Food Technology Club.

Mary has worked as a dairy analyst for the Iowa Department of Agriculture, a "stay-at-home mom", and has been self-employed as a florist. She has been involved in her community of Adel by coaching volleyball, basketball, and softball and serving as a teacher's aid in their elementary school.

Mary, along with her husband Richard, enjoys spending time camping, fishing, swimming and watching their 13 year old daughter, Savannah, their 11 year old son, Zach, and their 9 year old son, Bill, being involved in all of their activities. **Hall of Famer - Mary Hartman Bruce**

**LISA SMITH MATTINGLY:** Lisa is 1988 Kennedy graduate. She participated in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. Lisa was Senior Athlete of the Year in 1988 and graduated with Academic Honors.

While Lisa excelled in all three sports, Softball was her best. As a pitcher, she was Second Team All-Conference her freshman year and First Team All-Conference her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She was All-Metro all four years and Prep Athlete of the Week during her freshman and sophomore year. As a senior, Lisa was selected as Third Team All-State Softball player and was inducted in the Iowa Girl's State Hall of Fame for career wins over 100.

As a Volleyball player, Lisa earned First Team All-Metro and Second Team All-Conference honors as a junior and First Team All-Metro and unanimous First Team All-Conference, and Fourth Team All-State as a senior. In Basketball, Lisa was Second Team All-Metro her sophomore, junior and senior years, All-Conference Honorable Mention as sophomore, and Second Team All-Conference as a junior and senior. She was Athlete of the Week during her junior year.

After high school, Lisa attended Kirkwood Community College. She graduated with an Associate of Arts degree. She now lives in North Liberty with her husband David and works at the ACT, specifically in the NCAA Clearinghouse area. She stays fit by jogging and lifting weights. **Hall of Famer - Lisa Smith Mattingly**

**STEVE MCDONNELL:** Steve is a 1970 Kennedy graduate. He participated in Football, Wrestling, and Track. He was Senior Athlete of the Year in 1970.

Steve earned three varsity letters each in Football, Wrestling, and Track. That's a total of nine varsity letters. Our coaching staff can't think of another student who has earned three varsity letters in three different sports.

Steve was a tri-captain of the Football team and was selected to the Second Team All-Conference Team. He also earned All-Metro in Football and Wrestling.

Steve continued his education at Upper Iowa University where he earned three varsity letters in Football. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physical Education in 1974. He received a Master of Science in Education from Drake in 1987 and is currently working on a Specialist's in Education Degree at Drake.

Steve was a junior/senior high school math teacher and a coach (he's coached football, wrestling, boy's and girl's track and baseball) for twelve years. He was an assistant Football coach for one year at Kennedy. The past nine years Steve has served as Associate Director for Upper Iowa University's Des Moines Center.

Steve and his wife, Becky, have two children: Matthew, age 12, and Nicholas, age 8. The McDonnell family was the March of Dimes Ambassador Family for the Central Iowa Branch of the March of Dimes. Steve is a member of the Special Care Parents Organization and has served as a member of the March of Dimes Board of Directors. **Hall of Famer - Steve McDonnell**

**TOBIN MICHAEL:** Toby is a 1979 Kennedy graduate. He participated in Football, Baseball, yearbook and intramurals.

Toby played center in Football and was selected Third Team All-State as a senior. He handled the ball alot in Baseball too, but as a catcher. As a senior he was First Team All-State.

After graduating from Kennedy, Toby attended Luther College where he was Freshman Baseball Player of the Year. He transferred to Mt. Mercy College and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice.

Following college, Toby was hired by the United States Marshall Service as a Deputy US Marshall. He continues to work in that position.

In his leisure time, Toby spends time coaching Baseball and Football. He also enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, and traveling with his wife Dolora and sons Jake (a Harding eighth grader) and Zach (a student at Nixon Elementary). **Hall of Famer - Tobin Michael**

**BILL ROBY:** Bill graduated from Kennedy in 1978. He participated in Football, Track, Choir, Swing Choir, National Honor Society, and American Legion Boy's State. He graduated in the top 8% of his class of 525 students.

Bill played tackle in Football and was selected as a First Team All-State player his senior year. He was also an Honorable Mention All-American High School player. As a shot putter in Track, Bill finished Second in the State Track Meet.

Bill continued his education at UNI with the help of a Football scholarship. He was active on the University Student Court during his junior and senior years. He was an Honors graduate in Business Management. Bill went on to Creighton University where he graduated with his Juris Doctor Degree from the School of Law in 1985. He is currently a partner in a law firm in Stuart, Florida. Bill specializes trial practice and commercial litigation. This year is President of the Martin County Bar Association.

Bill has also been active in his community as YMCA of Martin County President from 1996 to 1998. He is also on the Republican Executive Committee of Martin County.

Bill and his wife Laurie have two children, a daughter Sasha and a son, Derick. They enjoy canoeing and volleyball. **Hall of Famer - Bill Roby**

## **COACHES**

**DONALD SHUPE:** Don is represented by his youngest daughter, Janis, from the Des Moines area.

Don was Kennedy's first Athletic Director, serving in that capacity from 1967-1977. He is responsible for a number of key decisions as the our first Athletic Director such as selecting our school colors as well as our mascot. Don was a devoted advocate for girl's athletics. You will recall that girl's athletics didn't much exist in large schools in the 1960's. Maybe the fact that Don had three daughters influenced his belief that girl's ought to have an equal access to athletics. We believe that Don may have coached Girl's Golf during its' first year of existance.

Don was born in Danville, Iowa. He was a successful high school athlete earning Second Team All-State Football honors as a sixteen year old. Don went on to what was then Iowa Teacher's College (now UNI) to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He batted .500 in college baseball and was drafted by the Detroit Tigers. Later, he earned a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa. During World War II, Don served in the US Navy in Guam in the South Pacific.

After World War II, Don returned to teach and coach in Keokuk. While he managed Keokuk's minor league baseball team, the Keokuk Cardinals and signed Tim McCarver to his first baseball contract, Don's real claim to fame was to take Keokuk to the State Basketball Tournament in the 1950's. He was recognized by his peers by being voted into the Iowa State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Eventually, Don moved to Cedar Rapids as Basketball and Baseball coach at Washington High School. Shortly before Kennedy was built, Don became an Associate Principal at Washington and was given the opportunity to come to Kennedy as Athletic Director.

After Don retired in 1977 for health reasons, he and his wife, Bea, moved to Sun City, Arizona. He continued his connection with athletics by managing the Milwaukee Brewer's spring training stadium in Sun City. And he continued to play tennis and golf.

Don died in Villa Park, California, in 1988. He is survived by daughter, Janis, of Clive; daughter, Jane, of Fergus Falls, MN and daughter, Judy of Villa Park, CA. There are nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. **Hall of Famer - Don Shupe**

**GARY WILLIAMS:** Gary taught and coached at Kennedy from 1969 until his retirement at the end of last school year.

After graduation from Coe College in 1960, Gary taught one year in Lakeland, Colorado. He moved back to Cedar Rapids and began teaching at Erskine Elementary in 1961. In 1967, he moved to Harding Junior High. After taking a sabbatical leave to earn his Master's Degree at the University of Iowa, he came to Kennedy in 1969 and began teaching Physical Education.

Gary, along with Dale Anderson at Cedar Rapids Jefferson, started Boy's Gymnastics Interscholastic competition in the State of Iowa. Starting in 1969, he coached Boy's Gymnastics at Kennedy for six years. He started a Girl's Gymnastics program in 1973 and coached both Boy's and Girl's Gymnastics for two years. Kennedy was State Runnerup in Boy's Gymnastics in the 1969-70 and 1971-72 school years.

Gary and Harold Wilkinson started the Girl's Volleyball program in 1973 and Gary continued coaching volleyball until 1981. Gary's teams qualified for State for six years and were State Consolation Champions in 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, and 1978. His 1979 team was the State Champion. He continued to coach volleyball through the 1981 season.

In 1987, Gary began coaching the Boy's Tennis team and continued with them through the spring of 1997. Gary feels very fortunate to be able to work the quality of student/athletes that he had over his 37 years of teaching and coaching.

Gary, along with his wife, Diane, are enjoying traveling at the beginning of their retirement years having just returned from a trip to Hawaii last night. In addition, they enjoy being around their son, Todd and his family and his daughter, Tammy and her family. **Hall of Famer - Gary Williams**

## **BOOSTERS**

**MERV CRONBAUGH:** Merv has been a counselor at Kennedy since the school opened in 1967. He has been an active booster since that first fall, having attended nearly 600 Cougar Boy's and Girl's Basketball games, 200 or more Football games, and innumerable volleyball, softball, baseball games and track meets.

Merv announced the Boy's Basketball home games for 17 years. His most memorable game that he announced was the 1984 Substate win over Linn-Mar at Carver-Hawkeye Arena before a crowd of 9000. In addition, Merv announced both Boy's and Girl's Track meets for 15 years. He also kept statistics for Football team for eight years.

Merv has been active in a number of professional organizations during his career. For the past 11 years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees at Kirkwood Community College and is a Past-President of the Iowa Association of Community College Trustees.

Merv, along with his wife, Ginny, have two sons, both of whom have graduated from Kennedy. Chris, a 1982 graduate, is currently a teacher at Metro High School and David, a 1984 graduate and a member of the 1984 State Championship Basketball Team, works for McGee Real Estate Appraisal Services.

Over the past 31 years, Merv has assisted thousands of students to achieve their best in academics and athletics at Kennedy. Over that same period of time he has helped students obtain several million dollars in scholarships and financial aid to fund further education. Merv will be retiring from the Counseling Department at Kennedy in June of this year. **Hall of Famer - Merv Cronbaugh**

**DICK DIRCKS:** Dick has been an active booster of Kennedy athletics since 1975. He started scoring for Kennedy Baseball in 1975 and continued scoring through 1992. He has run the foul board and the clock for both Boy's and Girl's Basketball for the past twelve years. He helped Merv Cronbaugh keep Football statistics for sophomore and varsity Football games for 8 years. In addition, Dick has helped run the clock for sophomore and varsity Football games at Kingston Stadium.

Dick's association with Kennedy High School has led to other connections with athletics throughout the State of Iowa. He has helped Bob Brooks and Mike Neilly on KHAK by doing the "stats" for High School Football and Basketball games. Dick was named the official scorer for the Boy's State Baseball Tournament held in Marshalltown in 1990. In addition, he is the Media Coordinator for the Boy's State Basketball Tournament in Des Moines and the State Football Playoffs in Cedar Falls.

In 1997, Dick won the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association Award for the State of Iowa. With this award, \$400 goes to the charity of Dick's choice which was Kennedy High School.

Dick, along with his wife, Pam, and daughter, Monica, live in Marion. Monica is a sophomore at Linn-Mar. Dick enjoys walking, reading and, of course, listening and watching sports talk shows and games. **Hall of Famer - Dick Dircks**

**JAN HUTCHISON:** Jan is currently an elementary Physical Education Teacher at Cleveland Elementary. She previously taught in Grundy Center, Waverly and the following Cedar Rapids schools: Kenwood, Noelridge, Palo, Squaw Creek, McKinley, and Wilson. She has been teaching 37 years.

Jan is a long-time Kennedy booster having been active since 1972. She has served as a Volleyball scorer and announcer for 26 years for Head Coaches Gary Williams and Rose Elvidge. Her Volleyball announcing led to being asked to announce for the Iowa Girl's High School Athletic Union State Volleyball Tournament when the tournament moved to Cedar Rapids five years ago.

Jan was also scorer and announcer for Girl's Basketball for 10 years when Harold Wilkinson was Head Coach.

Jan has served as a coach for Special Olympics at the local, state and international level. She has served as the District Director of track events for the East Central District Special Olympics for the past 29 years. Jan has been recognized by the Cedar Rapids Sports Club and the Linn County Association for Retarded Citizens for her long time work with Special Olympics. In addition, she has been the recipient of the Tait Cummings Citizen of the Year Award. Jan has been a Board Member for the National Council of Youth Leadership and a recipient of the Visionary Award for being a positive role model for youth. **Hall of Famer - Jan Hutchison**