



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Hamilton
Big Blue

Garfield
Griffins

Taft
Tigers

6:00 pm
Sunday, February 15, 1998

Hamiltonian Hotel



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1997 Inductees

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| Jim (Boxcar) Bailey | Class of 1949 |
| Frank Clair | Class of 1936 |
| Alex "Boo" Ellis | Class of 1954 |
| Kevin Grevey | Class of 1971 |
| Jim Grimm | Superivisor |
| Derek Howard | Class of 1974 |
| Judy Kraft | Class of 1970 |
| Marvin McCollum | Coach |
| Joe Nuxhall | Class of 1947 |
| Paul Sarringhaus | Class of 1940 |
| Warren Scholler | Class of 1938 |
| Jack Smith | Class of 1931 |
| Greg Stokes | Class of 1981 |
| Chuck Thackara | Coach |
| Mike Townsend | Class of 1970 |
| Bill Wilks | Class of 1949 |



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RECEPTION FOR INDUCTEES AND SPOUSES
Courtesy of Holbrock & Jonson Law Firm

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
John Wade
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INVOCATION
Jack Young
Class of 1948

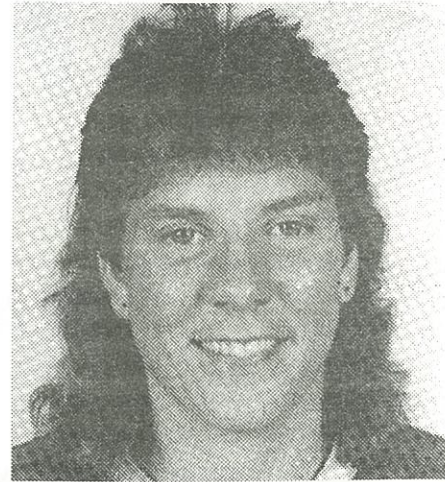
WELCOME
George Jonson
Class of 1952

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

CITY PROCLAMATION
Councilman Fred Southard

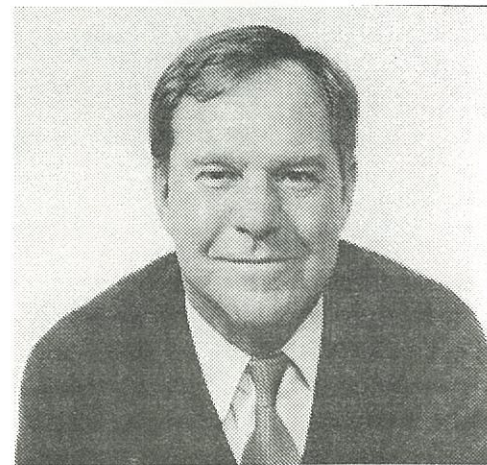
Shauna Bowman — Class of 1987

Shauna Bowman played volleyball, basketball and softball for three years at Hamilton High School before graduating in 1987. Her volleyball accolades include being named the team's Most Valuable Player and Best Offensive Player. Hamilton High was co-Greater Miami Conference champs in Bowman's junior year in which she was named on the GMC First Team. She led the Big Blue basketball team in free throws in her sophomore year and assists in her junior and senior years. She was named to the All Academic GMC, District 15 Coaches Association All-Star Game and the Butler County Classic All Star Game. Bowman was instrumental in leading her softball team to the 1985 AAA State Championship after winning the GMC, District and Regional titles. She was named Best Offensive player in her sophomore year, named the team's Most Valuable Player in her junior year, and was named the team's Best Defensive Player in her senior year. Every year during her softball career, Hamilton High won the GMC championship. Bowman was named All Academic GMC in her junior and senior years. She earned more honors for her softball talents at The Ohio State University when she was named Ohio State's Freshman of the Year and received a Scholar Athlete Award all four years, having a cumulative grade point average greater than 3.0. She was named Most Valuable Player for two years, All Big Ten and Academic All Big Ten for three years and All Midwest Region for two years. The Buckeyes were Big Ten Champions during her junior year and she was named to the All American Team in her senior year. Bowman received the Amateur Softball Association Commissions Award in 1992 and was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1995.



Bill Evans — Class of 1967

Bill Evans played football, basketball and tennis during his high school years at Garfield. He was co-captain and quarterback of the 1966 undefeated Griffin football team which had a 10-0 record on its way to a Greater Ohio League (GOL) championship. The Garfield Griffins were ranked 5th in the state that year. As a starter on the basketball team all three years, he averaged 15.2 points per game and was credited with 44 rebounds as a sophomore. He made 40 consecutive free throws in game competition that year before missing in a winning game against Kings Mills. His free throw streak led him to the team record for best free throw percentage at 88.9%. He was named to the All GOL Team in basketball. He won the GOL singles championship in 1967. Evans was appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy after graduation and received his pilot wings in 1972. He accumulated over 800 hours of combat time. He retired from the Air Force in 1994 after 23 years of management and command experience in the U.S. Department of Defense.



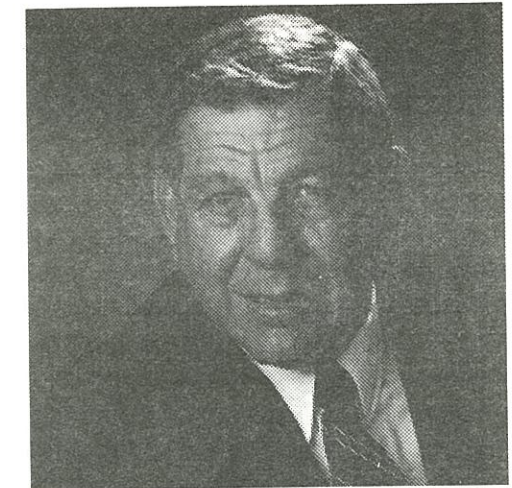
Bernie Griesinger — Class of 1949

Bernie Griesinger has enjoyed a fulfilling athletic career in Butler County. He earned four varsity letters in two sports (basketball and tennis) at Hamilton High and helped lead the Big Blue basketball team to the 1949 state championship. He was first team Greater Ohio League, honorable mention All State, member of the Ohio All Star team and played in the Ohio-Indiana-Kentucky All Star Game series. He was also a member of the 1949 district doubles tennis championship team. This senior class president was recruited to Miami University where he was a three year starter on the varsity basketball team. Griesinger was the first basketball player in Miami's history to be elected team captain for two consecutive years. Miami won two Mid American Conference (MAC) championships and appeared in two NCAA basketball tournaments during his stay. Griesinger continued his involvement with sports by coaching church basketball and Little League baseball. He was chairman of the Hamilton High Quarterback Club/Roundball Club from 1989 until 1995. In 1994, Griesinger was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame.



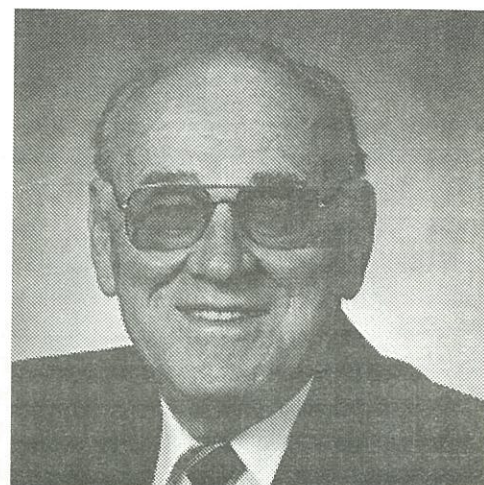
Bill McCormick — Class of 1946

Bill McCormick starred as an All Ohio tackle during his playing days at Hamilton High. He played in the first North-South All Star game. He continued his football career at Miami University where he was a starting tackle from 1946 through 1949 and a member of the 1948 Sun Bowl champions. Sid Gillman once said that "Mac" was the best offensive lineman he had ever coached. McCormick was named All MAC and Offensive Lineman in 1949. After he graduated from Miami, he played professionally in the Canadian Football League for the Toronto Argonauts, Grey Cup Champions in 1950. After returning to Hamilton, McCormick was an assistant football coach for Hamilton Taft for 15 years. He also coached Taft's wrestling team. He was inducted into Miami University's Hall of Fame and the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.



Rudy Oaklets — Class of 1938

Rudy Oaklets was a member of Hamilton High's 1935 state championship football team. He started his football prowess as of member of the Big Blue team while he was still a freshman at Roosevelt Junior High in 1934. He captained the football team in his senior year and was the first HHS football player to be selected for the All State team and chosen All Ohio guard. He played on the All Ohio football team in the Kumquat Bowl (Junior Orange Bowl). He also participated in track for two years in which his events were shot-put and discus. Oaklets moved on to Miami University after graduation where he was selected as Most Outstanding Freshmen football player. He played football his sophomore year before leaving college because of emergency surgery. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he coached at Monroe and Seven Mile High schools before returning to Hamilton Garfield in 1966 to coach the track, football and cross-country teams. During his tenure as track coach, Garfield was runner-up in the district once and won the district championship two times. In 1971, he was appointed assistant principal and Athletic Director at Garfield until his retirement in 1979.



Carl Ott — Class of 1937

Carl Ott was an outstanding football and basketball player for the Big Blue. Ott was captain of the 1937 basketball team that won 24 straight games on the way to the state championship. He was selected the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament and captained the All Ohio team. Ott went on to play basketball at Ohio University and was named to the All Buckeye Conference team in 1938 and the All Ohio team for three straight years. He captained the 1941 Bobcats to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) in Madison Square Garden and set a tournament record for free throws made in one game. He was inducted into Ohio University's Hall of fame in 1970. While in service, he played and coached at Camp Wheeler and Fort Benning in Georgia. He played in and won the 1942 Georgia State Semi Pro Tournament in Atlanta. He joined the Akron Goodyear team in the AAU League, playing for three years and leading the team as captain for two years. He was named Most Valuable Player in 1949. Ott was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.



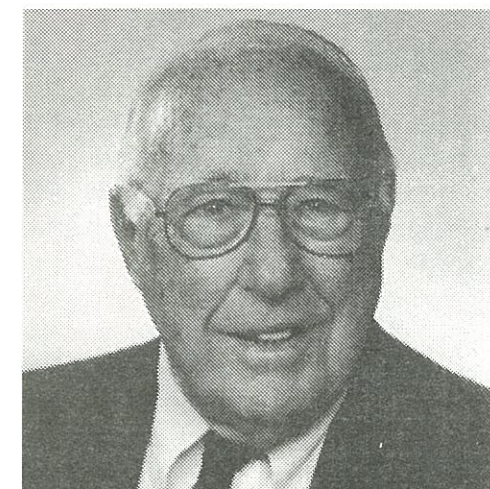
Floyd "Breezy" Reid — Class of 1945

Breezy Reid was an outstanding running back on Coach Dana King's 1942, 1943 and 1944 Big Blue teams. After graduation, he also played while serving in the Army in Germany. During his University of Georgia days, he played in the Gator Bowl in 1948. He was selected on the All Southeast Conference (SEC) team and played in the Blue-Gray game and Orange Bowl in 1949. Reid was drafted by Chicago's George Halas in 1950 before being traded to the Green Bay Packers. He played six years with the Packers before becoming a backfield coach and scout for Green Bay. Reid also coached at Virginia Tech before being hired as a backfield coach for the Buffalo Bills from 1960 until 1963. He returned to Hamilton and continued as a part-time scout for the Buffalo Bills until 1972. Reid was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.



Leonard (Jim) Smith — Class of 1939

Leonard (Jim) Smith ran track and played football during his Hamilton High School days. He was selected on the second team All State football team as a fullback in 1938. After graduating in 1939, Smith went to Duke University where he played both sides of the ball as end and running back. He also ran track one year at Duke. Duke was the Southern Conference Champions in 1940 and 1941 (the year they were undefeated, untied and ranked #2 in the nation.) He was the starting end in Duke's appearance at the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day in 1942. He was named Duke's football captain in 1942 and received the Robert E. Lee Award for Outstanding Scholar/Athlete of the Year. Smith was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles, but did not play due to attending Naval Midshipman's School and having a serious knee injury. From 1957 until 1965, Smith coached a national competitive swimming team in Evansville, Indiana and has since officiated at several National AAU swimming championships.



David Stalls — Class of 1973

Dave Stalls played football at Hamilton Taft High School before graduating in 1973. He received a scholarship to the University of Northern Colorado where he received both academic and sports honors. He was named to the Great Plains Athletic Conference All Star team for three years and in 1977 was named team captain, Most Valuable Player, small college All American and NCAA Academic All American. He was inducted into the UNC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. Stalls played professional football for the Dallas Cowboys, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Oakland Raiders under coaches Tom Landry, John McKay and Tom Flores. He was elected as a player representative to the NFL Players Association during his Tampa Bay days. He played in three Super Bowls, winning two Super Bowl rings with Dallas in 1977 and Oakland in 1983. He played in the USFL as team captain for the Denver Gold before retiring in 1985. He is founder and director of an urban youth center in Denver.



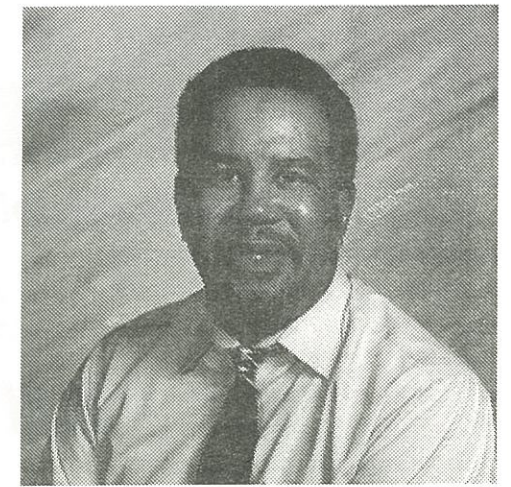
Pat Sword — Coach (Class of 1955)

Pat Sword graduated from Hamilton High School in 1955 as an outstanding fast pitch softball player whose team won four city championships in the 1950's. She also played for the Oxford Merchants, a slow pitch softball team that won the state championship and finished seventh in the world in 1969. During her college days at Iowa Wesleyan College, Sword was the manager of the basketball team in the AAU League, which in three years finished fourth, third and third in the country. The team played against the Russian National team in Denver, Colorado. She returned to Hamilton and in 1964, she started girl's volleyball, basketball, softball and swim teams at Hamilton Taft. She coached girls basketball for 24 years, having won many Greater Miami Conference (GMC) championships, a district title, two district runner-up titles and a regional runner-up title. Her reserve and varsity basketball teams in the late 1960's and early 1970's combined for a winning streak of over 110 games - the varsity teams were undefeated for four consecutive seasons while the reserve teams were undefeated for five consecutive seasons. When she won her 300th game, she was the winningest girls basketball coach in the state of Ohio. Her teams won over 335 games and lost only 168 under Sword's leadership. She was honored several times as GMC Coach of the Year, won the Butler County Coach of the Year and coached the South District 15 All Star team to a win over the North team. She led the Lady Tigers to four GMC softball championships and two GMC volleyball championships. She expanded the intramural program while at Taft and ran the clock and kept score for the boys basketball games. She was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1989.



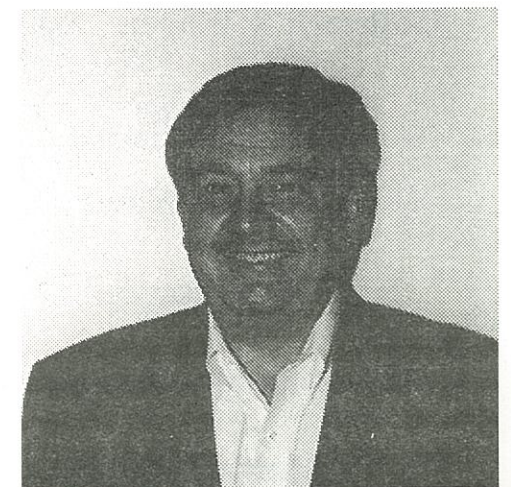
Charles "Skip" Taylor — Class of 1962

Skip Taylor was busy playing football, basketball and baseball and running track during his years at Hamilton Garfield. He was named second team All State in basketball for two years and All Greater Ohio League (GOL) for basketball for two years. As a sophomore, Taylor was the starting guard on the basketball team and also helped the baseball team to a 21-7 record with a .272 batting average. He won letters in all three sports that year. As a junior, Taylor's two free throws in the second overtime period gave Garfield a victory over the defending state champs Dayton Roosevelt in a standing room only crowd of 2,300. As a senior co-captain of Garfield football team, he was named All Star Honorable Mention. Taylor was the first representative of Garfield basketball team to have earned three consecutive varsity awards and he earned two varsity awards in football and three varsity awards in baseball. After graduation in 1962, he continued his basketball career at Bowling Green State University under the coaching of Warren Scholler. He has been a teacher and coach in the Hamilton City School District for 27 years, including 10 years as an assistant basketball coach at Hamilton High School.



David "Chuggy" Waller — Class of 1962

David "Chuggy" Waller was another standout for Garfield, playing football, basketball and baseball during his high school days. He was the starting quarterback as a sophomore and was named honorable mention on the All Conference and All State teams. He also was a starting guard during Garfield's basketball season and was named Top Athlete-Scholar. He stopped Springfield South's leading scorer, Jack Warrell, to six points (far below his 16.7 average) as he led his own teammates with 15 points to a Griffin win. Named "Mr. Garfield" in 1962, Waller played shortstop and pitched for the Griffin baseball team. President of his senior class, Waller concluded his Garfield career with eight varsity letters. He attended Vanderbilt University, where he was awarded the Dan McGugin Athletic Scholarship. He led the freshman team as quarterback before playing three years on the varsity squad. He received Honorable Mention and All Academic Southeast Conference (SEC) as a quarterback in 1964. He played shortstop for Vanderbilt's baseball team for three years. He stayed at Vanderbilt to seek his medical degree and residency and has had a private practice in Knoxville, Tennessee for over 20 years.



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