HAMILTON
CITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Hamilton
Big Blue

Garfield
Griffins

Taft
Tigers

6:00 pm
Saturday, February 14, 2004

Hamiltonian Hotel

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

Class of 1997
*Jim "Boxcar" Bailey
Frank Clair
Alex "Boo" Ellis
Kevin Grevey
*Jim Grimm
Derek Howard
*Judy Kraft
*Marvin McCollum
Joe Nuxhall
*Paul Sarringhaus
Warren Scholler
*Jack Smith
Greg Stokes
Chuck Thackara
Mike Townsend
Bill Wilks

Class of 1998
Shauna Bowman
Bill Evans
Bernie Griesinger
*Bill McCormick
*Rudy Oaklets
*Carl Ott
*Floyd "Breezy" Reid
Leonard (Jim) Smith
David Stalls
Pat Sword
Charles "Skip" Taylor
*David "Chuggy" Waller

Class of 1999
Mel "Moody" Baker
Taylor "Tay" Baker
Elize Spears Combs
Jack Gordon
Jerry Johnson
Andy Kolesar
Mark Lewis
*Ervin J. Nutter
Bernie Reid
*Bill "Coach" Sharp
*Arthur "Ray" Tilton
Willie Townsend
David Weaver

Class of 2000
Lou Florio
*Jim Hall
Ragan Henry
Demus Jones
Don Knodel
Kent McCormick
Terry Merz
Barbara Norman Fitton
Joe Okruhlica
Harry Phillips, Sr.
*Virgil M. Schwarm
Jim Sutton
Bob Wainscott

Class of 2001
Karen Baker
Ron Couch
Dick Dallmer
*Dana King
Marcy Maurer
Don Nuxhall
Jim Patterson
Leonard Rush
Alson Scrivner
Bill Shank
Ralph Smith
Clint Spearman, Jr.
Payton Townsend, Jr.

Class of 2002
Fred Belden
Russ Bowermaster
Robby Cobb
Fred Garretson
Dan Hartleb
Gary "Spud" Hornsby
Carolyn Hefner McAllister
Andrea Walters Moorehead
*Ray Pryor
*Charles Schwing
John Smith
Richard Smith
Robert "Pappy" Smith
Tyrice Walker

Class of 2003
Bryan Barlow
Tony Blaine
Scott Grevey
Barb Hurley
Mike Marks
Mark Martin
*Winston Metcalfe
Richard Nelson
Cash Powell, Jr.
Ron Sutton
Harold "Buster" Treinen
Jack Young
Dot Smiley Zaragoza

**Denotes Deceased*

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

MASTER OF CEREMONIES
John Wade

INVOCATION
Jack Young
Class of 1948
Hall of Fame Member

WELCOME
George Jonson
Class of 1952

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Jim Blount - Class of 1953 and Coach

Jim Blount was a quarterback on coach and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara's Big Blue football teams and was an experienced sports reporter by the time he graduated from Hamilton High in 1953. He started writing sports news for the *Journal News* while a seventh grader and worked full time as a news reporter between his junior and senior years. He was also editor and sports editor of the Hamilton High *Weekly Review.* Blount continued on to the University of Cincinnati and worked full time for five years at the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. He also volunteered as an assistant football coach at Hamilton, Wyoming and Steubenville high schools. After graduating from U.C., Blount returned to Hamilton as a teacher, a counselor, assistant football coach and head track coach. He was the scout for Taft's unbeaten 1962 state championship basketball team. He was a free-lance football and basketball scout on the college level and wrote articles on scouting for coaching magazines. His 1963 track team won the district championship, only the second title in the history of the city's high schools. Blount was vice president of the Ohio Association of Track Coaches and a registered track official, working at state meets for several years. He returned to the *Journal News* and was editor from 1971 until 1986. He then returned to teaching and was Hamilton's first Teacher of the Year in 1991. Blount has written books on Butler County history. He produces history videos for the Hamilton Community Foundation. Since 1968, when the franchise started, Blount has been pressbox announcer and recordkeeper for the Cincinnati Bengals. Blount lives in Hamilton with his wife, Jackie, and has two children.

John Born - Class of 1939

John Born graduated from Hamilton High School in 1939 after playing football, basketball and baseball for three years each. He was a member of the football team coached by fellow Hall of Famer Ray Tilton. Born, playing center, was named honorable mention on the AP All-State football team in 1938. He was also named second team All-State in basketball his senior year as well. He graduated from Ohio University in 1943 with a Bachelors degree in Education after playing football and basketball. Born coached all sports at Hillsboro and Franklin high schools before being hired at Beckett paper Company as Safety Director for over 25 years. He played fast pitch softball for many years and was a member of the first class inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame. He played for several fast pitch teams including Wendel Poultry, Beckett Paper, Oxford Ford, Champion Paper and Kenny and Bob's Cafe in Richmond, In. Born lives in Elberta, Alabama. He was the statistician for the GMC for several years. Born was also a basketball referee for several years and called state basketball tournaments. He lives in Elberta, Alabama, with his wife, Virginia, and has three children.

Wayne Bowling - Class of 1964

Wayne Bowling played three years of basketball and baseball as a Garfield Griffin. He was named All-GOL in basketball and was the Most Valuable Player on the 1964 basketball team which was ranked number 4 in the state as Garfield went to the sectionals. He was the leading foul shooter with 79% and led in field goals with 52%. He was chosen by his classmates as "Mr. Garfield" his senior year. Bowling went on to Bowling Green State University and played basketball for two years under Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Warren Scholler. He has played softball with the nationally known Wilsman Trucking team which won the state championship in 1974 and was state runner-up in 1975. He was named to the All-State team both years. Bowling was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame in 1983 and was inducted into the Ohio Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame in 1999. He lives is Hamilton with his wife, Diann, and has two sons.

Lisa Eggleston Brown - Class of 1986

Lisa Eggleston Brown graduated from Hamilton High School in 1986 after being co-captain in three sports her senior year - soccer, basketball and track. As a three year soccer player, she was named honorable mention GMC in her junior and senior years. She was named Most Valuable Player her senior year. As a sophomore, she was on the reserve and varsity basketball teams and was a varsity starter in her junior and senior years. At the time, she held the record for most consecutive varsity starts with 46 games. She was named the Outstanding Female Athlete for the Class of 1986 and received the first Hamilton High School Booster Scholarship. Brown continued on to the University of Cincinnati and received a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. She lives in Champaign, Illinois, with her husband, Jeff, and their three children.

Gary Fox - Class of 1954

Gary Fox played football for three years, played basketball for two years and ran track and field for two years while at Hamilton High School. He was a member of the ROTC while attending Bowling Green State University and was drafted into the U.S Army in 1955. He was named All-Alaskan in football for two years and played basketball, softball and track and field for two years. He also bowled and boxed for one year. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1957 and went to night school at the University of Cincinnati. Fox has done evangelistic work in Chicago, and Queens, NY. He worked in the New Miami School District and helped coach football with Rudy Oaklets, fellow Hall of Famer. Fox served on the New Miami Board of Education for 10 years. In 1994, he was named to the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame. He lives in New Miami with his wife, Essie Mae.

Bill Hibbard - Class of 1967

Bill Hibbard was a three year starter for the Garfield Griffins in both basketball and baseball. He was named All-GOL in basketball all three years and held the single game record of assists with 22. He also holds the season and career assist record. He is 7th on Garfield's career scoring list and was named Most Valuable Player in basketball in 1967. He was named Most Valuable Player in baseball in 1966 as a catcher and continued on to Belmont University where he was the first freshman named as Most Valuable Player in varsity baseball. He was also selected to the All-League baseball team as a freshman. Hibbard is a member of the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame and in 1974 he made the All-State team in softball. He was a member of the city championship team that won the city softball title six times. Hibbard lives in Fairfield with his wife, Karen, and has one daughter.

Henry "Woody" Herzog - Class of 1954

Henry "Woody" Herzog graduated from Hamilton High School in 1954 after playing three years of football and two years of basketball. He was honorable mention all-state as a halfback in 1953 and was voted Most Valuable Player and Best Offensive Back for the Big Blue. He was a member of the Big Blue's 1954 Ohio state basketball championship team that was led by Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Warren Scholler. Herzog continued his football prowess at the University of Kentucky and received a Bachelors degree in Education. He was the 29th draft round for the Detroit Lions in 1958, but elected not to try out. Herzog lives in Cambridge City, Indiana, with his wife, Lois, and has three children.

Jerry Mathews - Class of 1973

Jerry Mathews was a three year letter winner in basketball as a Taft Tiger under Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Marv McCollum. He is sixth on Taft's all-time scorers list with 875 points. He was named First Team All-District, First Team All Golden Triangle and First Team GMC as the 1973 Tigers boasted a 20-3 record as their way to being ranked 4th in the state. He held the record for playing in every game for three years and the team held the best three-year record in Taft's history. He helped lead the Tigers to two district titles, one regional title and one semi-regional final. Mathews went on to Tennessee Tech University and received a Bachelors Degree in Education. Mathews lives in Hamilton with his wife, Kim, has three daughters and coaches girls' basketball at Badin High School.

Marty New - Class of 1966

Marty New was named to the All-State football team and was named a High School All-American while playing at Taft High School. His jersey is the only football jersey to be retired in Taft's history. He was First team GOL and played in the Ohio North-South All-Star game in 1966. He was coached by fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson and was a three year starter at middle linebacker. He was an awesome tackler and a fearless competitor. He also played basketball for two years and ran track and field for three years. He played football for the University of Kentucky. New lives in Hamilton with his wife, Sandy, and has two children, Angie and Andrea.

Frank "Eddie' Simpson - Class of 1947

Frank "Eddie" Simpson played basketball for three years at Hamilton High School. He was also the student manager for the school's football team. After graduating from Hamilton High in 1947, Simpson continued to play basketball in the industrial leagues at the Hamilton YMCA. Playing more than 20 years of fast pitch softball, he was a member of many Ohio state fast pitch championship teams as well as a member of several teams that won Midwest regional titles. He was selected to many tournament All-Star teams. He was inducted into the Butler County Softball Hall of Fame and was also inducted into the Ohio ASA Fast Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. He coached in the Babe Ruth League for several years. He is an avid Big Blue supporter. Simpson lives in Hamilton with his wife, Joan, and has five daughters.

Lowell Storm - Class of 1943

Lowell Storm played for Hamilton Big Blue football team for two years, being named a tri-captain in his senior year. He was also named third team All-Ohio that year. He played for Paul Brown at the Great Lakes Naval Station in 1945 and beat Notre Dame 39-0 in the last game of the season, voted the biggest upset of the year. In 1946, while playing at the University of Cincinnati, the Bearcats beat the 1945 Big Ten Champs, Indiana, 15-7, again another upset of the year. He was a member of the winning teams which played in the Sun Bowl in El Paso in 1946 and the Glass Bowl in Toledo in 1949. He made the All-Ohio college team in 1949. He became head coach at Lebanon High School in 1950 and became a line coach at Springfield High School in 1951 and 1952. The 1952 team went undefeated for only the second time in the school's history. Storm went on to coach for one year as an assistant coach at U.C. He then became a coach for the Los Angeles Rams who were the 1955 NFL Western Division champs, losing the world championship to the Browns. He was defensive line coach for the Rams in 1957 before returning to Springfield High School as head coach for two years. His 1959 team went undefeated. He then became head coach of Springfield South from 1960 to 1978 and his 1964 team went undefeated. Storm was GOL Coach of the Year several years as his teams were eight-time champs and three time co-champs. He was also a personal scout for the LA Rams and Minnesota Vikings. From 1981 to 1984, Storm was an assistant coach at Wittenberg University. He was inducted into the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. He died in 1998, leaving four children.

Jimmy Wagner - Class of 1946

Jimmy Wagner played both football and basketball at Hamilton High School. He was a member of the district basketball champions in 1945. He was vice president of his junior class and president of his class in his senior year. He enlisted in the Navy upon graduation and spent two years as an enlisted airman. Upon his discharge, he enrolled at Cedarville College where he played quarterback and defensive safety on the football team. After graduating in 1952, he remained at Cedarville as an assistant coach in football and basketball. Wagner received a commission as an ensign in the Navy in 1953 and spent 32 years in the Navy. One of the very first officers to be designated as a Naval Flight Officer, he served as a bombardier/navigator in carrier based attack aircraft and later as a radar intercept officer in carrier based fighter aircraft. He made two cruises to Vietnam on the USS Enterprise. He accrued 864 carrier landings and finished his flying days with over 7000 flight hours in propeller and jet aircraft. Wagner retired from the Navy as a commander and resides in Virginia Beach, VA.

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The Hamilton City School District has a rich heritage of producing outstanding athletes from its senior high schools: Garfield, Hamilton and Taft. These fine athletes have gone on to become outstanding citizens as well. We are pleased to recognize these distinguished individuals.

We encourage our alumni and friends' input and nominations.
Please submit your nominee's information, using the criteria below.
Send your form to:
Hamilton High School
1165 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Attn: John Ross

Please feel free to submit news clippings, statistic sheets, etc. to support your nomination.

Criteria for Selection

1. The nominee, either living or dead, has made a significant contribution to ahtletics in high school or beyond.
2. A player nominee must be a graduate from a Hamilton high school (Garfield, Hamilton or Taft) for at least 10 years.
3. A coach nominee must no longer be an active coach in the Hamilton City Schools.
4. The nominee must be a contributing member to society.
5. The nominee may be a Hamilton supporter who did not participate in a particular sport, but has contributed to the school's sports program.

NOTE: Once nominated, the nomination stays in an active file.

Nominee _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

*Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip_____

Phone _____ Year of Graduation _____

Outstanding Accomplishments while in High School _____
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Why do you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame? _____
_____
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Petitioner's Signature _____ Phone _____

* If you do not know the nominee's current address, please submit the other information.

Please feel free to use additional paper for your comments.
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