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MANKATO EAST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

October 5-6, 2007
at Mankato East High School

2007 Hall of Fame Inductees

Gordy Graham

Bob Schweim

Chuck Helling

Mark Spangrud

Jeanne (Tostenson) Scarpello

**Mankato East High School
Athletic Hall of Fame
Program 2007**

Friday, October 5

2:00 P.M. Coronation and Pepfest
located in the Gymnasium

7:00 P.M. Football Game vs. Austin Packers
located at Wolverton Field

8:15 P.M.(approximately) Halftime Introductions

All inductees please gather at scoreboard end
with about 5 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter.

Saturday, October 6

10:00 A.M. Induction Social
located in the commons

10:30 A.M. Brunch
located in the commons

11:00 A.M. Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
located in the commons

Master of Ceremonies.....Todd Waterbury

Individual Plaque Inductees:

Gordy Graham
Chuck Helling
Bob Schweim
Mark Spangrud
Jeanne (Tostenson) Scarpello

Thanks to the Mankato East Booster Club for funding the alumni luncheon and Hall of Fame brunch during this Homecoming/Hall of Fame weekend. If you would like to support the booster club see the information and form below.



Just fill out the form below. Each member will receive a punch pass that will allow them one free admission to each of ten sports. This is a \$60.00 value.

Membership Choices

\$250 Black & Gold Club - This choice is a lifetime membership. Your name will be added to the Black & Gold Club plaque located on the wall outside the gymnasium.

\$100 Cougar Club - This choice is a lifetime membership. Your name will be added to the Cougar Club plaque located on the wall outside the gymnasium.

\$25 Membership at Large - This is a one year membership and is renewable each year.

Membership Sign Up:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Please indicate your membership choice.
Enclose check made out to Mankato East Booster Club.

___ \$25 annual member ___ \$100 Cougar Club member ___ \$250 Black & Gold Club

Yes, I would love to help on one or more of the following Booster Club Committees:

(Please check those you would like to help with)

___ Concession Stand	___ Fundraising
___ Social Events	___ Apparel
___ Cougar/Gold Card	___ Membership/Recruiting

Please send to: Mankato East High School Booster Club
2600 Hoffman Road
Mankato, MN 56001

Criteria for Induction

Candidates for membership in the Mankato East High School Athletic Hall of Fame shall be former Mankato East High School students, coaches, or other individuals who have made significant contributions either to East High School athletics and to their community. Inductees in any category may be either living or deceased.

Candidates are eligible in three categories.

Athletic

A former Mankato East athlete who have competed with excellence and lettered in a varsity sport. Nominees must be, or must have been, a credit to Mankato East High School and the community. Candidates must be a Mankato East High School graduate and out of high school for at least five (5) years.

Coaches

A nominee must be either a former or present coach who has distinguished himself/herself by demonstrating exceptional leadership, character, and athletic achievement during his/her tenure at Mankato East.

Community Member

A person who has been an outstanding supporter of Mankato East High School athletics.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting the Activities Office at (507) 387-5655 ext. 232

Gordy Graham

Community Member



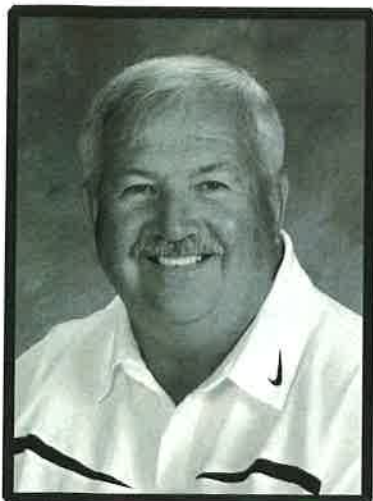
Seeing athletic training staff on the sidelines and in the gymnasium is nothing new nowadays but without the pioneer efforts of Gordon Graham none of this may have ever happened. Gordon began volunteering his time to help the Mankato East Athletic Programs in 1973 and continued his role on the sidelines until 1990.

Born in Rochester, MN, Gordy moved to Wells, MN, following W.W. II. He lettered four years in football, was in choir, a class officer, and graduated with honors at Wells High School. After graduating from the University of Minnesota in physical therapy, Gordon worked at the U of M hospitals before moving to Moorhead, MN. There he set up a new Physical Therapy department at St. Ansgar Hospital while doing part-time work as a athletic trainer at then Moorhead Teachers College. Moving to Fargo, Gordon became the athletic trainer at NDSU while working on his master's degree. Mankato State College hired him in 1964 as their athletic trainer.

Gordon's primary educational goal was to improve the medical care of participating athletes at the high school level. An athletic training curriculum was developed and was one of the first three nationally approved in 1969. To this day it is the longest continually approved program in the United States. Gordy's quiet motto was "if you want change, you have to be there to make it happen."

Gordon was president of the Minnesota Athletic Trainers' Association and The Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Association and was on the board of directors of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. He also served as the athletic trainer for the Canadian team in the 1967 Pan American Games in Winnipeg and for the US team in the World University Games in Bulgaria in 1977. In addition to the Mankato East Hall of Fame, Gordon is a member of the North Central Conference (NCC) Hall of Fame, Minnesota Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame, National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame, and Minnesota State University, Mankato Hall of Fame.

Gordon and his wife, Donna, acknowledge that the education and coaching that their four sons Michael ('78), James ('81), Daniel ('83) and Andrew ('87) received while at Mankato East provide very fond memories for them.



Chuck Helling

Coach

One of the finer three-sport athletes to ever come out of Mankato, Chuck Helling has excelled both as an athlete at Mankato High and Mankato State and as a coach at Mankato East.

In an era when virtually no one played varsity sports before they were a junior, Chuck was a two year letter winner and All-Conference quarterback for Mankato High in 1964.

In basketball he also lettered twice and was an All-Conference captain on the 1964-65 team. During the spring time, he was a three-year letter winner in track taking 4th and 5th place his junior and senior years in the pole vault at the state meets.

He continued his athletic prowess when he earned an athletic scholarship to play football at Mankato State. He was a 4- year starter and letter winner from 1965-1968. Charlie earned All-Conference honors in 1967 and 1968 as a defensive back and his team won the NCC league championship in 1967.

After his senior season of football, Chuck was drafted, not in the NFL, but instead in Uncle Sam's army. He trained as a military policeman in Fort Gordon, GA, and was stationed at West Point working at the ski slope and golf course. He was discharged in October of 1970 and finished his degree in 1972 at Mankato State.

In January of 1973, Charlie was hired as an administrative assistant at Mankato High and married his wife Jill in February of 1973. He taught driver's education for five years at both East and West

Charlie became the head track coach from 1974 to 1991 and was section coach of the year in 1978. He placed many section champions and state place winners. Charlie gives many thanks to his coaches during those years, Brian Kvebak, Gary Dierks, and Elwin Gunnink.

Charlie was also the head cross country coach from 1982-1986 helping qualify many state entries and winning a section championship in his first year of coaching. Charlie has also had several stretches of coaching football as an assistant from (1973-1976), (1985-1990), and in the junior high program from (1998-2002); he is very proud of the success that the program has achieved in the recent years.

For the past ten years, Charlie has been the C-team softball coach and has been called "my favorite coach" by most everyone who has played for him.

Charlie was a basketball official for 15 years in the Mankato Area working both high school and college games and was selected to work at the state boys' basketball tournament in 1982. He also was inducted into the Mankato Area Softball Hall of Fame in 2000. Although Charlie retired from teaching in 2005, he will always be remembered as the easy teacher to talk to and the humble man who has downplayed anything that he has accomplished. His wife of 34 years, Jill, son Travis ('03 Hall of Fame inductee) and his wife Melanie, and son Tim have supported him immensely in all that he has done.

Jeanne (Tostenson) Scarpello

Athlete



Jeanne (Tostenson) Scarpello, a 1991 graduate of East, has quite the list of accolades in her illustrious career both as a player and coach in softball.

As a student at Mankato East, Jeanne lettered in tennis and four years in softball where she was All-Conference three years, played on three State Championship teams ('88,'89,'91), and played in the Minnesota State All-Star game in 1991.

A 1996 college graduate of Augustana College, Jeanne was a four time (NCC) All-Conference selection and two-time All-Region performer for the Vikings. She helped lead Augustana to conference championships in 1992 and 1993, as well as runner up in the 1993 National Championship game.

After her successful playing career, Jeanne began her coaching career as an assistant at the University of Illinois-Chicago from 1996-1999 and helped guide the Flames to a top ten ranking and a NCAA tournament birth. She also earned her master's degree in sports management in 1998 at UIC.

Her next career move saw her take over as the head coach of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) in 1999 until present. While at UNO Jeanne has averaged over 44 wins a season compiling an amazing record of 353-109-1 for a .763 winning percentage. She has guided the Mavericks to eight straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, three NCC titles, and a 2001 National Championship, the program's first. In 2001 Jeanne Scarpello and her staff were named the NFCA Division II National Coaching Staff of the Year after their national title. Jeanne was also named 2001 NCC coach of the year. She has coached six All-Americans, two CoSida Academic All-Americans, 42- All NCC players and 10- Academic All NCC performers.

Last season UNO won the 2007 NCC title and finished #7 in the final national rankings.

In addition to her coaching duties Jeanne is also an instructor in UNO's school of Health Physical Education and Recreation (HPER). She was married in August of 2005 to Tom Scarpello of Omaha.



Mark Spangrud

Athlete

A well-rounded student athlete, Mark Spangrud, class of 1982, typified how education and athletics go hand in hand. Mark was a standout in the classroom and on the field, court, and course. He was always remembered as a hard working, tough athlete who

competed intensely every second that he played.

He played all four years of football, lettering his junior and senior seasons where he started at tight end and defensive end. Mark was selected All-City his senior year. During the winter seasons Mark could be found on the hard-court where again he was a two-year letter winner and team captain his senior year for Bob Gaarder and the Cougars. He averaged double-figures, was MVP, and Most Improved Player his senior year on a team that finished runner-up in the Big 9. Mark was a four-year letter winner in golf and was team captain his junior and senior year when he was selected All-Big 9. He along with Jeff Dahline and Mark Sievers were male athletes of the year.

Upon graduation from East, Mark went to Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where he earned his B.A. in math and computer science and was a three year starter at defensive end earning All-MIAC honors his senior year in 1985.

Mark presently lives in Chanhassen, MN, where he works as a pension actuary for Hewitt Associates, a benefits consulting firm. He is a principle with over 21 years at Hewitt and a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and Enrolled Actuary. He has been married for 21 years to his wife, Kris, and they have two children, Erik (16) and Katie (10).

Bob Schweim

Athlete



Bob certainly left his legacy at Mankato East on the football field and in the gym. He was not only an accomplished player by Mankato East standards but also in the conference as well. In football, Bob was a two-year starter who earned All-City as well as All-Conference Honors his senior year. He had 136 tackles his senior year and was Honorable Mention All-State as a safety. Bob was on the 1993 team that made it to the semi-finals as the first East football team to reach the Metrodome.

On the hardwood Bob excelled as a three-year starter, amassing 931 points and 466 rebounds for his career. He is one of five players in school history to have over 900 points and 450 rebounds in a career. During his last campaign He averaged 16.5 ppg and 9 rebounds and was named All-Conference and All-City as the captain and leader of the team.

Upon graduation from Mankato East in 1994, Bob went on to play at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. He didn't slow down at all there where he was a two-year starter that earned All-Division, All-State, All-State Tournament Team, and All-Region 13 honors his sophomore year as a captain. He averaged 13 points and 10 rebounds per game and ranks #1 all time in defensive rebounding at Bethany College and #5 in career rebounding. After his two years at Bethany, Bob attended St. Olaf College and was a two- year starter, All-Conference selection and captain who averaged 14 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 3 assists for his career.

A 1998 graduate of St.Olaf, Bob went on to teach and coach basketball at Burnsville High School. Bob has been the associate head coach for the Blaze for the last two years where he has won over .67% of his games. Bob and his wife, Kelly, have been married for four years, and have a son, Ivan, who will be one year old this November.

Mankato East High School

Athletic Hall of Fame Members

2002 Inductees (Charter Year)

Al Blanshan.....Athlete
 Jack Brooks.....Athlete
 Ora Buchanan.....Community Member
 Mark Daby.....Community Member
 Kari (Mitchell) Eckhert.....Athlete
 Robert Gaarder.....Coach
 Kendra (Carter) Hinz.....Athlete
 Amy (Swanson) Hoehn.....Athlete
 Jerry Maschka.....Community Member
 Kristin Maschka.....Athlete
 Sara Maschka.....Athlete
 Don Miller.....Community Member
 Denny Runck.....Athlete
 Marissa (Tieszen) Rustad.....Athlete
 Tammy Shain.....Athlete
 Steve Smith.....Athlete
 Mike Wolle.....Athlete
 Scott Wolner.....Athlete
 Merv Wolverton.....Community Member
 Barb (Meredith) Woodford.....Athlete
 Cliff Woodford.....Coach

2003 Inductees

Amy Cazett.....Athlete
 John Coatta.....Athlete
 Angie (Swanson) DeGraff.....Athlete
 Chris Draheim.....Athlete
 Andre Harnitz.....Athlete
 Travis Helling.....Athlete
 Amy Kaspner-Hodapp.....Athlete
 Dan Kaspner.....Community Member
 Chrissa Landwehr.....Athlete
 Bob Maes.....Coach
 Newton Moen.....Community Member
 Randy Schulz.....Athlete
 Tim Stark.....Athlete
 John Stoffel.....Athlete
 Ron Swanson.....Community Member
 Ron Trongard.....Community Member
 Sarah Winslow.....Athlete
 Kris Wittrock.....Athlete

2004 Inductees

Jon Dierks.....Athlete
 Andrew Graham.....Athlete
 Nordeene Haldorson.....Coach
 Todd Hodapp.....Athlete
 Doris Huepenbecker.....Community Member
 Mark Miller.....Community Member
 Jennifer Mitchell.....Athlete
 Jordann Ojanpa.....Athlete
 Chris Vokal.....Athlete
 Kris Wolle.....Athlete
 Leonard Zimmermann.....Community Member

2005 Inductees

Dennis Bloomquist.....Community Member
 Millie Daufenbach.....Community Member
 Gary Dierks.....Coach
 Connie (Fitzloff) Long.....Athlete
 John Huepenbecker.....Athlete
 Jody (Mitchell) Guillemette.....Athlete
 Eric Schmidt.....Athlete

2006 Inductees

Doug Espenson.....Athlete
 Ben Kaus.....Athlete
 Kristin (Kachelmyer) Krusemark.....Athlete
 Brian Kvebak.....Coach
 Tim Johnson.....Coach
 Connie (Spangrud) Robinson.....Athlete

2007 Inductees

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 Bob Schweim.....Athlete

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Committee Members

Jeff Dahline 2007-current
 Gary Dierks 2001-current
 Tim Johnson 2001-current

Steve Kibble 2005-current
 Brian Kvebak 2001-current
 Joe Madson 2003-current

Newt Moen 2005-current
 Neil Paarmann 2006-current
 Todd Waterbury 2003-current