



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

*Hamilton
Big Blue*

*Garfield
Griffins*

*Taft
Tigers*

6:00 pm
Saturday, February 3, 2007

Vora Technology Park

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Wade

INVOCATION

*Jack Young
Class of 1948
Hall of Fame Member*

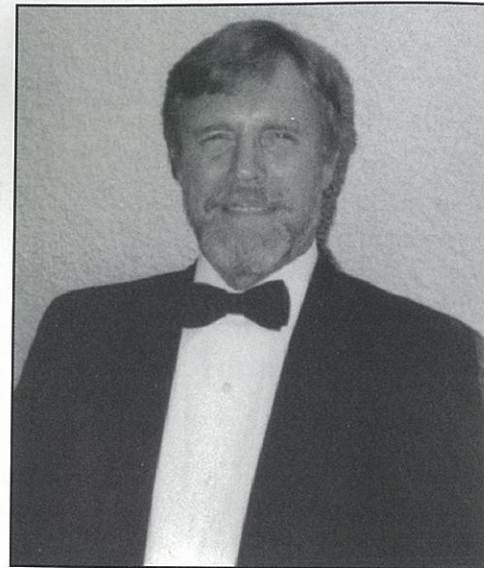
WELCOME

*George Jonson
Class of 1952*

INTRODUCTION OF HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

John Bercaw - Class of 1955

John Bercaw graduated from Hamilton High School in 1955 after playing basketball for three years under Coach and fellow Hall of Famer Warren Scholler. Bercaw also played football for one year. He was a starter on the Big Blue state basketball championship team in 1954 and was named to the All-Tournament Team. He was the team captain in his senior year. He went to the University of Wisconsin and played basketball under hard coach Bud Foster for two years before transferring to The Ohio State University to play basketball. He graduated in 1961 from OSU in Business. He graduated from Miami University in 1989 with a degree in Piano Performance and earned his Masters in Jazz Piano Performance in 1992 from the University of Miami in Florida. Bercaw is an instructor in the department of Music at Miami University.



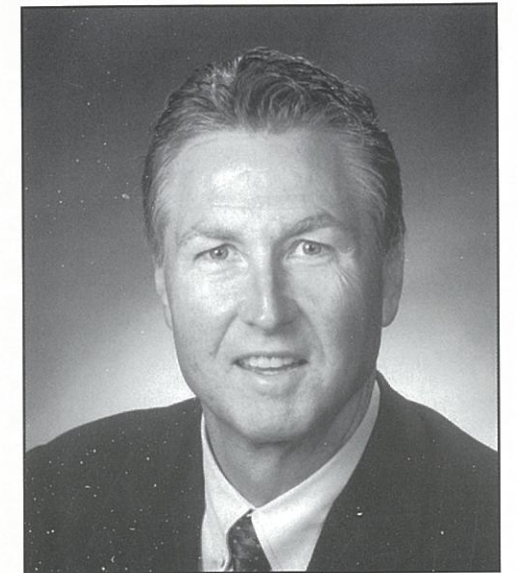
Larry Bowling - Class of 1964

Larry Bowling graduated from Hamilton Garfield High School in 1964 after playing football for three years under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Lou Florio. He was also a three year member of the Track and Field team. He was named Most Efficient Offensive Lineman his senior year. He was the sports editor of the Garfield Gazette, the student newspaper. He attended Indianapolis University (formerly Indiana Central University) and played football for two years under Coach Ed Dwyer. He graduated in 1970 with a degree in Business Administration. Bowling has been an avid fan of Hamilton athletics since returning home in 1970 and he and fellow Hall of Famer Mel "Moody" Baker spearheaded a fund-raiser to build Hamilton High School's Fieldhouse. He has been on the Hamilton City Schools' Board of Education for 19 years, holding the offices of President and Vice President for ten of those years. Bowling was recently named as Hamilton's Citizen of the Year 2006.



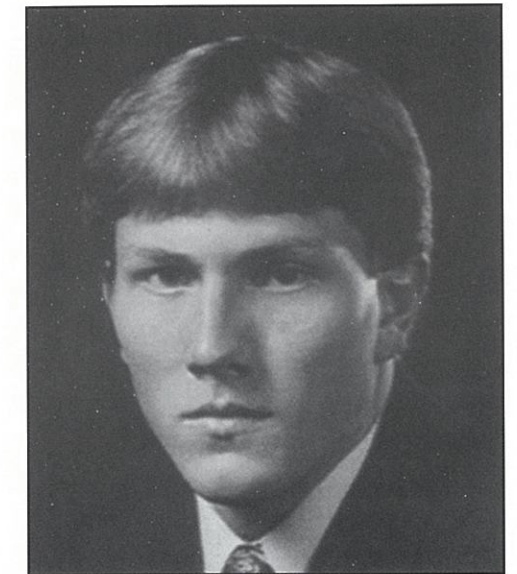
Jack Garretson - Class of 1967

Jack Garretson graduated from Hamilton Taft High School in 1967 after holding numerous school records for swimming. His coach was his father and fellow Hall of Famer Fred Garretson. As the Most Valuable Player all three years at Taft, Garretson was in the Top 6 Ohio State Finalists all three years, swimming the 200 yd. freestyle. He was District Champion all three years as well as class president all three years. Garretson went on to Princeton University where he swam for four years, receiving a varsity letter as a freshman due to him setting university records. He was a member of Princeton's undefeated freshman swimming team and was named Most Valuable Swimmer in 1971. He broke or held eight Princeton University records during his college career and was co-captain of the team for two years. He was named to the 1971 All American Collegiate Swimming Team and broke Olympic Champion Don Schollander's Eastern record in the 200 yd. freestyle and established a new Eastern Seaboard Intercollegiate record (Ivy League.) After graduating with honors from Princeton University in 1971, he graduated with honors from Chase College of Law. Garretson has been an attorney in Hamilton and is now an avid runner and marathoner, qualifying for and running in the Boston Marathon. He joins his father, Fred, as a fellow Hall of Famer.



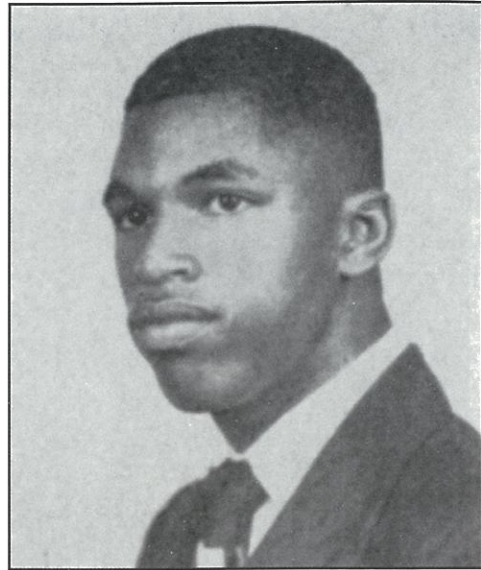
Chris Kingsbury - Class of 1993

Chris Kingsbury graduated from Hamilton High School in 1993, being the first freshman in Hamilton High School history to start on the varsity basketball team, playing for coach and fellow Hall of Famer John Smith. He is the leading scorer in Hamilton High School's history with 1540 career points. He was named to the Parade All-American Team in 1992 and played in the McDonald's All-American Game in 1993. He was named the District 15 Player of the Year and named to the First Team Division I All State Team. He was named Ohio's Co-Player of the Year in 1993 and played in the Ohio North-South All Star Game and the Michigan-Ohio All Star Game. His senior statistics included averaging 22.3 points per game, 8.5 rebounds per game and 3.2 assists per game. He continued his basketball prowess at the University of Iowa where he holds the record for 3 point field goals with 117. Two other Iowa records are held by Kingsbury: career 3 point field goals (226 from 1994 through 1996) and (9) 3 point field goals in two games and (7) 3 point field goals in three games. He was the leading scorer for the Hawkeyes his sophomore year, and was named All Big Ten Second Team in 1994 and 1995. He earned the Dick Vitale's "Ma Bell" Award (longest shooting range) in 1994 and 1995 and the AT & T Long Distance Award (most 3 point field goals per game) in 1995. Kingsbury played professional basketball in Italy and was named Most Valuable Player in 1997.



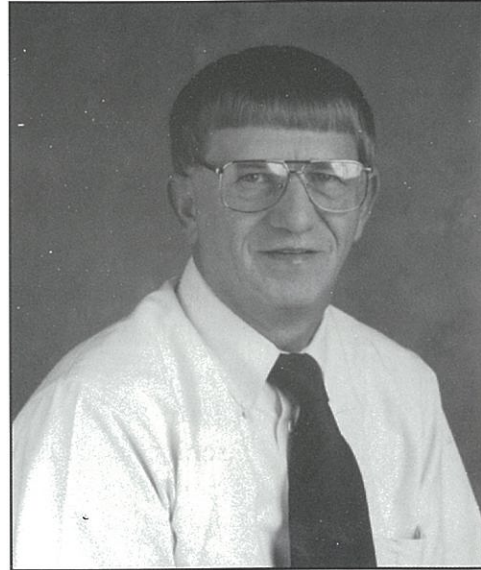
Claude “Cat” Neeley - Class of 1951

Claude Neeley played both football and basketball for the Big Blue. He played halfback and was the leading scorer with 84 points for the Big Blue football team his senior year under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Thackara. He scored in six games with his best effort coming against Steubenville when he crossed over the goal line four times. The 1950 Hamilton High team finished second in the AP poll with a 9-1 record. He was named to the I.N.S. All-Ohio team and was also named to the second team All-Ohio. He played in the North-South football game in August, 1951. Neeley was the leading scorer on the Roosevelt Junior High School basketball team that won the Miami Valley League Championship when he was a freshman. He was considered the fastest man on the Big Blue basketball squad and scored 131 points as a guard in his junior year. He was a member of the Big Blue state basketball runners-up in 1951. He attended Miami University on a football scholarship and was the main kick-off and punt returner in his freshman year.



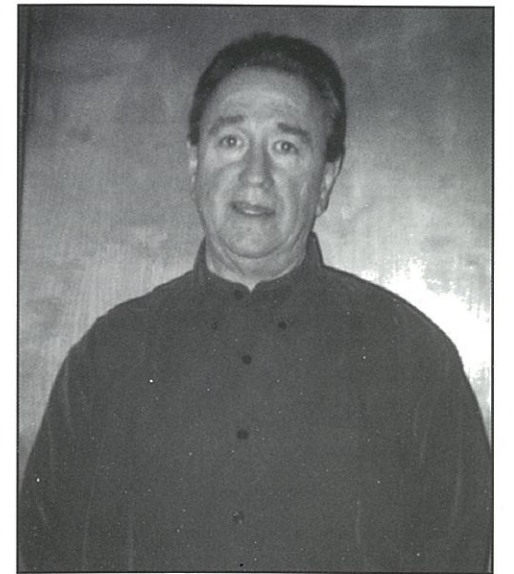
David Raab - Class of 1964

David Raab graduated from Hamilton Garfield in 1964 after playing basketball, baseball and running track. He was captain of the basketball team in his senior year under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Jack Young. The Griffins went 18-5 that year, winning the sectional and finishing as district runners-up in the state tournament. The team finished the season ranked 4th in the state AP poll. He was a delegate to Buckeye Boys State and was named to the Greater Ohio League Academic Basketball Team. He boasted 77.4% in free throws and won the scholar athlete award his senior year. Raab went on to Muskingum College where he played basketball for one year and graduated in 1968 with a degree in Education. He taught for 30 years in the Northwest School District where he coached track, football and boys and girls basketball. In the second year of the new Northwest High School, Raab was the head coach of the boys basketball team which defeated Loveland, ranked first in Cincinnati and third in the state. Northwest went on to win the sectional.



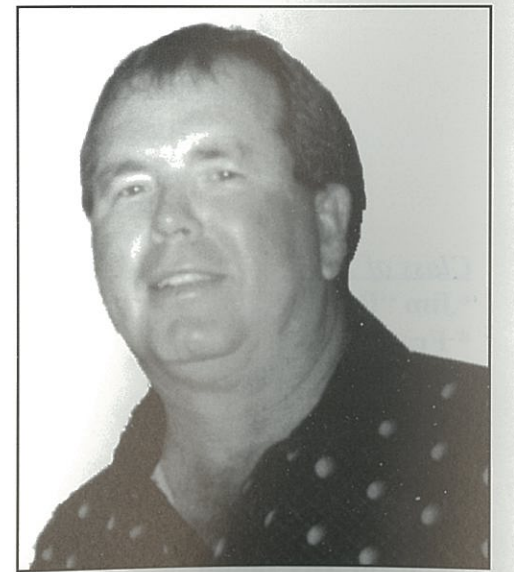
Bob Rainey - Class of 1964

Bob Rainey graduated from Hamilton Garfield in 1964 after playing basketball for three years under coach and fellow Hall of Famer Jack Young and baseball for two years. His high school basketball records his senior year included the most field goals in one season (154), and scoring 30 points in a game against Talawanda. He is 30th in Garfield's all time leading scorers with 365 total points. He was named to the first team Greater Ohio League as co-captain and also named to the third team All-District. As a senior, he averaged 15.8 points per game for a team which went 18-5 and finished the season ranked 4th in the state AP poll. Rainey went on to Texas A & I University where he played three years of basketball under coach Ted Carley and one year under coach Don McDonald. He was named Honorable Mention in the All Lone Star Conference in 1967 and first team All-Lone Star Conference in 1968. At the end of his four years, Rainey was the second leading all time scorer with 1,428 points. He was a four year letterman and captain his junior and senior years. His single season free throw record in 1968 was 83%. During the 1968-79 basketball season, Rainey was the graduate assistant coach to coach McDonald for the Texas A & I Javelinas.



Gary Reist - Class of 1967

Gary Reist graduated from Hamilton Taft after playing both basketball and golf for three years under coaches and fellow Hall of Famers Marv McCollum and Winston Metcalfe. Reist won the Hamilton Junior City Golf Championship when he was 16. He earned the #1 position on the golf team for two years. In 1966, he was named to the first team All Greater Ohio League and in 1967, he was named to the first team Greater Miami Conference. He was a medalist in the 1967 state tournament, shooting a 72 in each of the two rounds. His total per round average in 1967 was even par. He was a starting guard on the Tigers basketball team which ended its 1967 season with a 13-5 record. Reist went on the Rice University where he was the leading scorer for its freshman basketball team and was also named team MVP. Under head coach and fellow Hall of Famer Don Knodel, he was the leading scorer for Rice his sophomore year with 497 points and 19.9 average. He was named MVP, first team All-Southwest Conference, first team district 6 All-American, the second leading scorer in the Southwest Conference. He was a member of the Southwest Conference Champion team and was named to the second team All-Tournament. He again was the MVP his senior year and was the leading scorer for Rice with 506 points and 19.5 average. He was drafted into both the ABA and NBA for basketball, but elected to play on the Pro Golf Tour instead. Reist was inducted in the Rice University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1982 for both basketball and golf.



Stacy Boling Wilson - Class of 1992

Stacy Boling Wilson graduated from Hamilton High School in 1992 after playing two years of soccer and running three years of cross country and four years of track. She was named to the All-State Cross Country team her senior year, finishing fifth in the state cross country meet. She was All-State in track her junior and senior years. She was the GMC, District and Regional Champ for both cross country and track. She holds the Blue Heaven record for both the 1600 meter run (5.21 minutes) and the 3200 meter run (11.37 minutes.) She finished third in the state meet in the 3200 meter run her junior year. She was undefeated in cross country until she competed at the state meet where she finished 5th out of over 300 runners. Wilson was the Homecoming Queen and Salutatorian for the Class of 1992. She received a full athletic scholarship to Miami University and ran track and cross country for four years before receiving a degree in Chemistry. She was named Miami Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1996 and was the All-Ohio 1600 meter indoor track champion. She was named to the All-Academic team and the MAC Conference team all four years.



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

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
MEMBERS

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

Class of 2004

- Jim Blount
- John Born
- Wayne Bowling
- Lisa Eggleston Brown
- Gary Fox
- Henry "Woody" Herzog
- Bill Hibbard
- Jerry Mathews
- Marty New
- Frank "Eddie" Simpson
- *Lowell Storm
- Jimmy Wagner

Class of 2005

- Dick Boggs
- Norm Grevey
- Luke Hibbard
- Greg Jonson
- Bobby Lakes
- Phil Lillard
- Mary Ellen Menzer
- Charlie Pater
- Andy Reid
- Fred Weinman

Class of 2006

- Dave Bauer
- Eric Childs
- David Connell
- Jay Fry
- William Hamm
- Rob Huffman
- Elgene Mainous
- *Phil Phelps
- Michael Reese
- Marty Reist
- Ron Spurlock
- Sue Barber Westin

*Denotes Deceased

HAMILTON'S
PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

1939	Paul Sarringhaus	Football
1947	Joe Nuxhall	Basketball
1949	Bill Wilks	Basketball
1981	Greg Stokes	Basketball
1988	Mark Lewis	Baseball
1990	Tyrice Walker	Basketball
1993	Chris Kingsbury	Basketball
1997	Aaron Cook	Baseball
1999	Seth Morris	Baseball

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: Mike Dellapina

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 athletics 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 _____

Why do you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame? _____

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.
Unsigned nomination forms will not be considered.*