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ARA PARSEGHIAN ADDRESSES CAPACITY CROWD AT HALL OF FAME BANQUET

by Tom Fagan, Hall of Fame Chairman

The Second Annual Hall fo Fame Banquet was another big success as almost 800 people from all over the State of Michigan gathered at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor to honor the 28 new inductees into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is housed in the new football building at the University of Michigan.

Ara Parseghian of Notre Dame fame was the featured speaker and Ara proved to be an interesting and entertaining speaker whose sharp wit and timely delivery helped to make the evening a memorable one for all in attendance. Ara was introduced by Bo Schembechler who was also honored by our Association with honorary lifetime membership in appreciation for his many and varied contributions to high school football. The site of our present Hall of Fame and the banquet itself are directly due to the efforts of Bo and his staff. Garrett Cope and John O'Connell of Jackson were also honored for their literary contribution to the Jim Crowley Award.

All in all it was another great night for our Association and Michigan High School Football and as one inductee summed up is feelings for the group, "This is the greatest honor I have ever received, especially because it is from my fellow coaches."

Many thanks to the many people in our association who contribute to the success of the banquet. Special thanks to Chuck Ritter, Harley Pierce, Don Lessner and the Riverview Booster Club who supplied 50 people to work on refreshments.

Below is a list of the inductees and the schools they have served.



The floor at Crisler Arena is filled to capacity for this years M.H.S.F.C.A. Hall of Fame Banquet. The banquet was very successful with many outstanding football coaches being inducted.

MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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AHERN PLAYOFF PLAN PUT ON SHELVE BY MHSAA

The MHSAA's representative council discussed the pro's and con's of the current playoff system as well as looked at the Ahern playoff plan. The representative council decided that no change will take place in the playoff format for the 1984 football season. They also suggested that the MHSFCA continue their efforts in the pursuit of a better playoff format. No mention was made for a paper playoff of the Ahern plan.

Our football coaches association is firmly behind the Ahern playoff plan. But it will not become a reality unless our member coaches let the MHSAA know that we support this new format. It is your responsibility to get a letter to the MHSAA stating that the Ahern plan will get the most football teams involved in the playoffs, which means more involvement for each student athlete. Remember, don't complain if you are not willing to take action!

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1984 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HIRAM BECKER

Ithaca, Cadillac, Bay City Handy, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Chesanin. (25 years)

WALT BRAUN

Brown City, Oxford, Marysville. (28 years)

FRANK BUFORD

St. Mary of Redford, Cherry Hill, Salesian, Univ. of Detroit, Bloomfield Hills Andover. (31 years)

JIM CROWLEY

Jackson St. John's, Jackson Lumen Christi. (19 years)

TOM FAGAN

Ypsi. Roosevelt, Clinton, Tecumseh, W. Blomfield, Ann Arbor Huron, Ypsilanti. (28 years)

PAT FIELDS

Flint St. Michael, Flint Carmen. (29 years)

HILT FOSTER

Caledonia, Sparta, Alpena, Mt. Pleasant. (28 years)

AL FRACASSA

Flint Mandeville, Rochester, Royal Oak Shrine, Birmingham Brother Rice. (27 years)

VANCE HAMILTON

Grand Ledge East Lansing. (25 years)

JACK HEPINSTALL

Hart, Blissfield, Western, Univ. of Toledo, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale. (28 years)

LOU HOLLWAY

Adrian, Ann Arbor. (21 years)

JERRY HUGHES

Morrice, Goodrich. (28 years)

DON KUICK

Newberry, Boys Republic, Dunckel Jr. High, North Farmington. 30 years)

GEORGE MACK

Ferndale. (35 years)

WENDALL MARTIN

Durand, Fairplain Jr. High, Benton Harbor High, Hartford. (24 years)

ART MAY

Hamtramck. (42 years)

BILL MASKILL

Sheridan, Galesburg Augusta. (35 years)

CHUCK MILLER

Vandercook Lake. (20 years)

HARRY POTTER

Crystal Falls, Muskegon (32 years)

MIKE RACZKOWSKI

Jackson St. Mary, Jackson Parkside (21 years)

BILL RANKIN

Utica, Redford, Western, Cooley, Farmington Harrison, Birmingham Groves. (24 years)

JOHN RAPACZ

St. Augustine, Kalamazoo Hackett (28 years)

ED SHADFORD

Ann Arbor, Negaunee, Adrian, Ypsilanti. (32 years)

AL SIGMAN

South Lyon, Escanaba, Bay City Handy, Flint Central, Flint Northern. (25 years)

CHUCK SKINNER

Hazel Park, Birmingham Seaholm. (31 years)

STEVE SVENTKO

Merrill, Tawas. (31 years)

DENNIS TUOMI

Lutheran West. (31 years)

ROBERT WOLCOTT

Alma College, New Haven, Leslie, Bangor, Brighton, Nashville, Perry N.Y., Bradford, PA., Covert, Eaton Rapids, Portland St. Patrick. (26 years)

From the President ARNIE BESONEN

Another great event was conducted by the M.H.S.F.C.A. in the Hall of Fame Banquet at Crisler Arena University of Michigan. Thanks to the hard work of Tom Fagan and his crew the evening was a huge success. Over 700 people enjoyed the evenings program of inducting the new members into the Hall of Fame and then closing remarks by Bo and Ara.

At our regular meeting at the U. of M. golf course the Board of Directors adopted the following motion concerning the playoffs. The Ahern Plan, which states we accomplish the two playing dates in the following manner: 1. The conditioning week will be mandatory (the first three days in shorts) and the first regular game will be played at the end of the third week of practice. 2. The first district and regional games will be played on Tuesday or Wednesday and Saturday of the week following the ninth date. The Committee of Jim Ahern, Dominic Livedotti, Tim Klein and Dick Harris are working very hard with the MHSAA to get this plan implemented.

Our summer meeting is scheduled for July 20-22 at the Remington Club near Alpena.

Coaches, please support your All Star Game.



Tom Fagan proudly displays his Hall of Fame plaque. Tom was once again in charge of this years banquet and did a great job! Thanks Tom!

ALL STAR GAME IS READY FOR ACTION

Once again the M.H.S.F.C.A. All Star Football Game is scheduled to go on Saturday, August 4, at MSU's Spartan Stadium. Both teams have been selected as well as two excellent coaching staffs. Each year the game itself gets more exciting as fine athletes from across the state get into action

As the All Star week gets going the athletes participate in practices, picnics, hospital visitations, dances, and a host of other activities that makes this an unforgetable experience.

The All Star Banquet, the night before the big game, recognizes each player, their parents, and coaches for their participation.

But, the total success of the game will depend on each one of you! If each member of our association would sell at least five tickets then the game would be on its way towards financial success. It is your All Star Game, SUPPORT IT!

Bo Schembechler and Ara Parseghian are enjoying themselves at the Hall of Fame Banquet. Both men did a fine job in addressing the audience. We would like to express our appreciation for their participation.

. . SOUND OFF . .

Dear Arnie.

I would like to thank the Football Coaches Association for the "once in a lifetime" honors this past winter. Being selected class B Coach of The Year, and then being inducted into the Football Coaches Hall of Fame, will always be cherished as highlights of my coaching career.

The Clinic, Hall of Fame Banquet, and All Star Game, are just three of the many things the coaches asssociation does in a first class manner. I'm proud to be a member and past officer of your organization. You have a great organization-keep up the good work!

Thanks again.

Sincerely, Walt Braun

Dear Dr. Lessner,

I must thank you and the entire committee for an unforgetable evening yesterday. The attendance was really overwhelming!

My thoughts the entire evening were of course about Harry, and how very proud and humble he would have felt to be honored by the (football) coaches association. And I felt honored to accept the award.

> Sincerely, Carol L. Potter

Do you want to SOUND OFF? This is your opportunity to let your views be known. Write any ideas, comments, proposals, . . etc. to Valdy Gailitis, Mason High School, 1001 S. Barnes Road, Mason, Michigan 48854.



IS YOUR SCHOOL A GOLD BRICK MEMBER?

The Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame located in the new football building at the University of Michigan was established and is maintained by Gold Brick contributions of \$100 from each member school. The Gold Brick with your school's name inscribed will be placed on a large wall seal of the State of Michigan and displayed in the Hall of Fame. Check the list below! If your school is not a member, have your booster club, parents, club, or school donate \$100 for this worthy cause.

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"We have an incentive plan where I work too anyone who meets his quota gets to keep his jobl"



Hall of Fame inductee Vance Hamilton receives his plaque from President Arnie Besonen, as coach Schembechler, Ara Parseghian, and Don Lessner look on.



An outstanding group of inductees who have spent a great part of their lives involved with high school football players.

SUMMER WORK

by Phil Christensen Lowell High School

The philosophy of our summer conditioning program at Lowell High School is to provide an opportunity for our athletes to improve and maintain their agility, strength and overall athletic ability. We hold this program on a strictly voluntary basis, however, we do encourage our athletes to take advantage of the program. If our young men have the desire to be better athletes, we feel we should provide them with the opportunity through a summer program.

As part of the summer program, our weight room remains open to athletes who wish to continue lifting and/or to those who wish to start a weight program. The first Monday after the July fourth week we start a formal program of specific conditioning activities. We understand that athletes have family and personal obligations, but we let them know we are available if they desire to participate at any time. We try to keep things light and enjoyable yet physically worthwhile. We do not want to "burn them out" and we recognize the possibility of that happening if we were to have a rigorous program.

Our summer program consists of stretching, form running, weight lifting, and soccer, Yes, we play soccer. Some coaches dislike that word, but we find it's a fun way to end each session and the kids like it. It also helps the coaching staff see which kids have that "hitters

1984 Scholarship Winners

by Valdy Gailitis Scholarship Chairman

The M.H.S.F.C.A. is very proud to announce that the following four young men will be awarded \$500 scholarships from our Association. They are: Larry Siegler, Norway High; Greg Kaleski, Dearborn Fordson; Barry Kemmis, Ithaca High; Brian Wrozek, Jackson Lumen Christi. All scholarship money is sent directly to the college attended by the winners.

This year approximately 50 students applied for this competitive scholarship. The winners were selected on leadership, character, academics, need, extra activities, along with other criteria.

Scholarship committee members Dave Woodcock, Chuck Apap, Steve Spicer, and Gary Raff all did an excellent job in the selection process. Award plaques will be given to the winners next January at our clinic luncheon banquet.

The scholarships are open to any student involved in their high school football program.

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instinct" because we play without rules or positions.

In conculsion, it is our hope that athletes participate in some sport or physical activity during the summer. Our conditioning program can be that for them. Some athletes do both. We feel our summer program helps us know our athletes better and also gives them the opportunity to improve their athletic ability.

SUMMERS FREE

by Dick Look Tawas Area High School

The Tawas Area football program involves many school year activities; car washes, hot dog sales, Perchville Button sales, malt sales, winter weightlifting, spring conditioning and others. However, we do not practice, condition, or organize special training sessions during the months of June and July. There is an organizational meeting the last week of May for all high school football candidates. Our players receive the fall schedule and the reporting date in August for the start of football. They are asked to report in condition ready to go to work. Each of them receives a letter during the summer reminding them of important dates and assuring them we are very much interested in them.

Athletes are under pressure to participate in summer basketball, baseball, attend camps, work and vacation with family and friends. They do not need additional pressure from the football staff. Smmer should be their vacation from school too! We believe they will come to camp hungry and eager for football if left alone. Do you want your principal to have you meet twice a week during the summer to sharpen your classroom skills?

Players that want to can and will work out on their own. Some may even stop by to see you looking for new ideas or skills. Enjoy your summer!

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FALL FOOTBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULES FOR MICHIGAN COLLEGES

NAME OF COLLEGE	FIRST PRACTICE	TIME OF PRACTICES	OPEN PRACTICE TO H. S. COACHES?	FIRST HOME GAME	COST FOR COACH PLAYER
Adrian College	Aug. 16	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/1 Heidelberg	None
Albion College	Aug. 19	3:40 & 6 p.m.	Yes	9/8 Wayne State	None
Alma College	No Response				
Central Mich. Univ.	Aug. 13	7:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/1 Northern	\$5/\$3
Eastern Mich. Univ.	No Response				
Ferris State College	Aug. 20	3:15 & 5:30 p.m.	Yes	9/8	None
Grand Rapids J. C.	Aug. 13	9 a.m. & 2 p.m.	Yes	9/1 Thornton C.C.	None
Grand Valley State	No Response				
Hillsdale College	Aug. 19	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/8 Wis. Whitewater	None
Hope College	Aug. 20	9 a.m. & 12 p.m.	Yes	9/15 DePauw	None
Kalamazoo College	Aug. 20	6:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m.	Yes	9/29 Oberlin	None
Michigan State Univ.	Aug. 20	9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.	Call	9/15 Notre Dame	None
Univ. of Michigan	Aug. 13	3:30 p.m.	Call	9/8 Miami/Florida	Call
Michigan Tech.	Aug. 15	A.M. & P.M.	Yes	Lakeland	Call
Northern Mich. Univ.	No Response				
Northwood Institute	Aug. 22	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/28 Wayne State	None
Olivet College	Aug. 17	3:45 & 5:45	Yes	9/15 Wabash	None
Saginaw Valley S.	Aug. 20	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/15 Hillsdale	None
Wayne State Univ.	Aug. 12	3:30 & 5:30 p.m.	Yes	9/15 Evansville	None
Western Mich. Univ.	Aug. 13	9 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Yes	9/8 Miami	None

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. . . NOW HEAR THIS . . .

Have you ever wondered what happened to what's-his-name that you talked to at the playoffs last year? Or... What happened to the Freshman coach from your second opponent's school after he won 32 in a row? What about the staff at "Podunk U"? Did they all find jobs? Where did they wind-up? and... How did that guy that you played across from in your college days ever do? Where is he now?

If you've lost track of someone in the coaching ranks over the course of a move or two you may have pondered these or similar questions. Knowing what recent changes have taken place in our field can also help you to avoid that embarassing moment when the person on the other end of the phone tells you . . . "Oh, He's not here anymore!" You may just find it interesting to follow the careers of coaches that you've heard of in the newsletter!

With your co-operation we would like to help keep Michigan coaches abreast of personnel developments in our profession. Hence, NOW HEAR THIS. We hope to make this column a regular feature of your newsletter, starting with the Fall edition.

If you have word of a change in coaching, or a noteworthy achievement, or a question drop us a line or pick up the phone. We will attempt to substantiate your news item, or try to find answers for your questions and include the results in NOW HEAR THIS.

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