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Hall of Fame Banquet



Michigan's Bo Schembechler introduces featured Hall of Fame Banquet Speaker Athletic Director Don Canham.

Asking a Football Coach to Speak

For Only 30 Seconds

Takes...Great Nerve? Intestinal Fortitude? A Degree of Insanity? Whatever it takes Tom Fagan seems to have it. Once again Tom and his "crew" provided a very well organized Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards evening Saturday April 11, on the floor of Crysler Arena in Ann Arbor.

The time limit of 30 seconds set on the 21 inductees for their acceptance comments, while not "religiously adhered to," certainly helped to keep a necessarily lengthy program within reasonable bounds ...and, if anything, prompted the outstanding group of coaches inducted to be not only concise and profound, but also entertaining. Their comments left little room to doubt why the Hall of Fame inductees have enjoyed long and successful careers as one after another of the honorees thought first to thank the family, players, assistant coaches (or head coaches), and myriad others that "had made *their* awards possible."

Another feature of the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet has been the sly humor of "Bo" Schembechler, host and "official introducer." This year "Bo's" wit was turned to the task of introducing his long time boss and friend, Don Canham, University of Michigan Athletic Director.

Keeping to the spirit of the evening Mr. Canham's remarks were brief. His general theme, that athletics provides many positive opportunities that are often obscured by a few negatives, was well taken by the crowd assembled to honor 21 men who have dedicated their lives to providing those positive opportunities

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1987's Hall of Fame Inductees

Don Anderson Norway, John Dillon Harbor Beach, Charlie Hilton Bronson, Norman Kersten Battle Creek, Ray Monte Ionia, Dick Stephens Battle Creek, Bill Wilson Trenton, Jerry Barchett Watervliet, Richard Dusseau New Era, Michael Hume Battle Creek, Bill Lewenski Flint Bendle, Mike Pascuzzi Wyandotte, Jim Whiteside Trenton, Ed Wuestenberg Armada, P. Keith Brown St. Clair Shores, Kerry Eckinger St. Clair Shores, Charles Karpinski Lansing Sexton, George Lewis Dearborn Fordson, Jack Pratt Flint Kersley, Loren Willey, Flushing, Robert Wyman Kalamazoo

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FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS ?

What ARE Colleges and Universities Looking for

by Wayne Nix
Tecumseh High School

Many high school players and their parents would like to see their son win a football scholarship to a major, Division I university. As coaches we know that the chances of this happening are very slim.

We've compiled the following information which we distribute to our players and their parents in the spring.

College Freshman eligibility requirements affect all high school athletes eligible for NCAA Division I athletic scholarships and those who plan to participate as a non-scholarship, walk-on, player. This rule took effect August 1, 1986. It should be noted that Division II schools are planning to enact a similar rule for 1988 graduates.

The rule has two basic requirements both of which must be met.

1. Players must achieve a minimum 700 combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections, or a minimum 15 composite score on the ACT. If you think you might be college material you should test early in case you need to take the test again.
2. Achieve a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale in a core curriculum of at least 11 academic courses.

*See Proposal 48 for academic details.

Recruiting questions asked of high school coaches (by Don James, University of Washington):

1. Can he be a great player, not just could he play some day?
2. Is he dying to play college football?
3. Is he physically and mentally tough? Mental toughness is most important. tough times don't last; tough people do.
4. Is he a team player? Team players are invaluable. A team player is willing to accept any position or role that's good for the team.
5. Does he come early to practice and stay late? Clock watchers will never be successful.
6. Is he a leader? Not the locker room lawyer type. Most great leaders say little but let their actions speak for them.
7. Is he a good citizen? No "hoods," drug users, or other unsavory individuals are wanted.
8. Is this individual a competitor who does not make excuses or blame others for team or individual shortcomings? University coaches feel competitors will win.

Set your goals at a realistic level and then work as hard as you can to make yourself the best you can be, whether that's a good ninth grade player, a good JV team player, a specialty player or a starter on offense or defense. Strive to be a great high school player, and the rest will take care of itself. If you are that rare athlete with college potential you will be discovered; recruiters are always looking for real potential and talent.

NCAA Proposal 48 (Now THE Rule)

The Core Courses:

1. English (3 full years or 6 semesters of course work in grammar, non-remedial vocabulary development, composition, literature, analytical reading, oral communication) 3 Units required.

2. Mathematics (Two full years or 4 semesters of course work in mathematics, geometry, algebra, trigonometry, statistics, and calculus) 2 Units required.

3. Social Science (2 full years or 4 semester hours of course work in history, social studies, economics, geography, psychology, sociology, government, political science, or anthropology) 2 Units required.

4. Natural/Physical Science (2 full years or 4 semesters of biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, botany, geology [one full year of science must be a **lab** science course]) 2 Units required.

5. Additional academic course work in other areas: English, math, social science, natural/physical science, foreign language, computer science, speech, religion, or philosophy. 2 Units required.

**Vocational, personal service, remedial, special education, or compensatory courses do not fulfill the core course requirements.*

****A player who does not meet these requirements may still receive financial aid if the player has a 2 pt on a 4 pt scale, but will be ineligible as a freshman and will forfeit 1 of the 4 seasons permitted for competition.***

Hall of Fame Schools

The 125 schools listed below have become members of the Hall of Fame by contributing a "Gold Brick" (\$100) in support of the founding and continuing improvements being made in the Hall of Fame. If your school is not yet a member contact Tom Fagan for details.

1980

Riverview - Pirates
Pontiac Northern - Huskies
Jenison - Fighting Wildcats
Plymouth Salem - Rocks
Marysville - Vikings
Detroit Central - Trailblazers
Crystal Falls-Forest Park - Trojans
Hamtramck St. Florian - Lancers
Birmingham Brother Rice - Warriors
Alpena - Wildcats
Marlette - Raiders
Elk Rapids - Elks
Owen-Gage - Bulldogs

1981

Bad Axe - Hatchets
Jackson Parkside - Eagles
Reading Owens - Rangers
Kent City - Eagles
Bloomfield Hills Lasher - Knights
Midland Dow - Chargers
Armada - Tigers
Walled Lake Western - Warriors
Ann Arbor Huron - River Rats
Bloomfield Hills Andover - Barons
Stevensville Lakeshore - Lancers
Traverse City St. Francis - Gladiators
Traverse City - Trojans
Ann Arbor Pioneer - Pioneers

1982

North Farmington - Raiders
Flat Rock - Rams
Tawas Area - Rams
Homer - Trojans
Jackson Lumen Christi - Titans
Ypsilanti - Braves
Farmington Harrison - Hawks
St. Joseph - Bears
Goodrich - Martians
Muskegon Mona Shores - Sailors
Munising - Mustangs
Sturgis - Trojans
Harrison - Hornets
Houghton Lake - Bobcats
Muskegon Oakridge - Eagles

1983

Monroe - Trojans
Westland John Glenn - Rockets
Cassopolis - Rangers
Charlevoix - Raiders
Jackson - Vikings
Flint Powers - Chargers
Royal Oak Kimball - Knights
Livonia Bentley - Bulldogs
West Bloomfield - Lakers
Flint Holy Rosary - Wolverines
Livonia Franklin - Patriots
Detroit Northern - Eskimos

1984

Portage Central - Mustangs
Fenton - Tigers
Essexville-Garber - Dukes
Lansing Sexton - Big Reds
Hamtramck - Cosmos
Vandercook Lake - Jayhawks
Saginaw Arthur Hill - Lumberjacks
Jackson Northwest - Mounties
Ferndale - Eagles
Grant - Tigers

Tom Fagan

Hall of Fame Chairman
3540 Galpin
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Corunna - Cavaliers
Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes - Lakers
Holland West Ottawa - Panthers

1985

Hillman - Tigers
Rapid River - Rockets
Cadillac - Vikings
Bridgeport - Bearcats
Brighton - Bulldogs
Chelsea - Bulldogs
East Kentwood - Falcons
Erie Mason - Eagles
Flint Central - Indians
Dearborn Fordson - Tractors
Lapeer East - Eagles
Livonia Stevenson - Spartans
Norway - Knights
Flint Northwestern - Wildcats
Monroe Catholic Central - Falcons
Port Huron - Big Reds
Bay City All Saints - Cougars
Monroe Jefferson - Bears
Oscoda - Owls
St. Ignace LaSalle-Saints
Decatur - Raiders
Battle Creek Lakeview - Spartans
Troy - Colts
Grosse Pointe South - Blue Devils
Midland - Chemics
Orchard Lake St. Mary's - Eagles
Fowler - Eagles
Negaunee - Miners
Petoskey - Northmen
Trenton - Trojans
Lake Odessa Lakewood - Vikings
Coldwater - Cardinals
Southgate Anderson - Titans
Benton Harbor - Tigers
Algonac - Muskrats
Onstead - Wildcats

1986

Menominee - Maroons
Swartz Creek - Dragons
Allen Park - Jaguars
Farmington - Falcons
1987
Deckerville-Eagles
Durand-Railroaders
Livonia Churchill-Chargers
L'Anse Creuse North-Crusaders
Birmingham Groves-Falcons
Battle Creek St Philip-Fighting Tigers
Royal Oak Dondero-Oaks
Byron Center-Eagles
Anchor Bay - Tars
Reed City-Coyotes
St Clair Shores Lakeview-Huskies
Flint Northern-Vikings
Caro-Tigers
Southfield Lathrop-Chargers
A.D. Johnston-Speedboys
Saginaw Arthur Hill-Lumberjacks
East Detroit-Shamrocks
Iron Mountain-Mountaineers

THE BEST!

Will Be Considered
No Others Need
Apply

Dave Driscoll
Don Lessner
Ron Holland
Harley Pierce
Jack Castignola
Tom Fagan
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The MHSFCA has been fortunate to have within its membership men who would be ranked at the very top of whatever profession or occupation they might have chosen. They chose football coaching and we're all better for it. The six men listed above have been past recipients of the highest award our association makes, The Jim Crowley Award.

There are others of our membership that are deserving of the Jim Crowley Award as well. To be so honored a member must be nominated by letter, citing the reasons for the nomination. That letter must reach Larry Sellers or Dick McGinnis by November 15th in order to be considered by the Board of Directors at their December meeting.

Larry Sellers
Traverse City St Francis H.S.
123 E 11th Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

Dick McGinnis
Lake City H.S.
Russell Street
Lake City, MI 49651

What Division I Schools are Looking for By Position

Offense			
Split End	6'1-2"	192-200lbs	4.53 in 40
Off Tackle	6'4-8"	258-269lbs	5.03 in 40
Off Guard	6'3-5"	250-264lbs	5.04 in 40
Center	6'1-3"	233-261lbs	5.03 in 40
Flanker	6'0-3"	178-205lbs	4.6 in 40
Tight End	6'3-6"	232-250lbs	4.74 in 40
Quarterback	6'2-5"	195-215lbs	4.79 in 40
Running Back	5'11"-6'1"	193-206lbs	4.57 in 40
Full Back	6'0-2"	219-224lbs	4.69 in 40

Defense			
Def Line	6'3-6"	236-259lbs	4.89 in 40
Outside LB	6'2-3"	212-231lbs	4.78 in 40
Inside LB	6'2-3"	222-240lbs	4.77 in 40
Cornerback	5'11"-6'	171-192lbs	4.6 in 40
Free Safety	5'11"-6'4"	178-201lbs	4.61 in 40
Strong Safety	6'1-3"	190-210lbs	4.65 in 40

Selecting the RIGHT College or University

A Guide to Assist Student Athletes and Their Parents

by Ray Smith
Hope College
(Re-printed with permission)

Seven Questions Parents Should Ask Recruiters:

1. Has the college recruited my son with honesty, integrity and complete adherence to NCAA rules?
2. Is the head coach genuinely concerned with my son's future and does his coaching philosophy lend support to that future?
3. Are the assistant coaches loyal to the head coach, and do they carry that loyalty over to my son's welfare?
4. Is there someone on the staff who will give my son the personal attention necessary to mature athletically on the field and academically off the field?
5. Is the community involved in supporting the staff and the student-athlete?
6. What about my son's health needs during training periods of the season, and what happens if my son is injured? Insurance?
7. Is the college growing the way I would like to see my son grow?

Important Factors to Consider About the School

I. Athletics

A. Facilities: stadium, locker rooms, practice fields, training room, weight room, athletic offices

B. Head Coach: Won-Loss record, Reputation for success, Philosophy of discipline, Stability (will he be head coach on your son's graduation?), Reputation (loyalty of players, coaches, etc.)

C. Assistant Coaches: Position coach, Personal interest in each player

D. Type of Program: Offensive and defensive philosophy, Depth at respective positions, current players (loyal to program?), community support and attendance, future schedules, Chances of post-season play, success of program in last 5 years, Last 10 years

E. Community Support: attendance, booster clubs

F. Other Sports: Philosophy of excellence for all sports, available facilities, success in all sports, National recognition (individual and team)

G. Adherence to NCAA Rules: There is no substitute for honesty and integrity during recruiting

II. Academics

A. Facilities: National reputation of college, on campus buildings, Campus grounds and surroundings, Library and study areas, Academic advisors, Academic support center, Post-graduate scholarships and grants, Summer school programs, Professor/student ratio

B. Involvement and Philosophy of Academics: By coaching staff, By administration, By other faculty members, By community (businessmen, etc.)

C. Financial Aid: SEOG and government grants, National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), Student employment, Guaranteed student loan (GSL), Presidential scholarships, National Merit Scholarships, Distinguished scholar awards, Valedictorian scholarships, Alumni honor scholarships

III. Social

A. Opportunities: Weather, Environment and lifestyle, Night life, Recreational activities, Winter sports, Water sports, Local sports, friends or relatives in the area

B. Housing: Dormitory facilities (clean, modern, convenient), accessibility to campus and recreation, apartment facilities in area

C. Job Opportunities: Campus jobs, Career opportunities after graduation, Number of student-athletes who remain in the area, Standard of living in the community, Economic growth of area

D. Family and/or relatives: Opportunities to see games, distance to campus, Facilities available when parents visit, Frequency of son's visiting home

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Are You Looking?

Whether you need a job, or
have a need for a coach and/or
teacher...

Write to:

Bruce Bendix
Head Football Coach
Comstock H.S.
2107 N 26th Street
Comstock, MI 49041

In order to:

- A. Be included on the
Placement Committee's Bulletin
- B. Advertise an opening on your
staff (See form on last page of this
Newsletter!)



Scholarship Applicants are Top Notch

Chuck Apap (Walled Lake Western), Scholarship Committee Chair reports that of the 53 applicants for MHSFCA Scholarships 14 had 4.0 grade point averages and are valedictorians of their graduating class. Of the four scholarship winners one scored less than 30 on their ACT test...that one low score was a 29!

Congratulations to the scholarship committee on completion of a tough job, and to the winners for their performance...keep up the good work!

A Few Good Men

*Really Make a Football Program
and/or a Community GO!*

Coaches, Doctors, Trainers, Photographers, Administrators, Announcers, Statisticians, Journalists, etc... Are all integral parts of our football programs. We've all had an opportunity to work with some really fine, dedicated community people. One way to emphasize our appreciation is to nominate the best of them for **HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** in the MHSFCA.

Do it now ! Nominations must be received by Bob Scheloske for consideration before the December Board of Directors Meeting. Don't put it off and miss a chance to thank some very important people in your organization!

Contact:

Bob Scheloske
South Lyon High School
61526 W. 9 Mile Rd.
South Lyon, MI 48178-1577

LaserWriter® Meets Newsletter

You may have noticed a different look to the MHSFCA Newsletter during the past year (We hope you've noticed!) The reason for this is that we've switched from having the Newsletter type-set at a print shop to doing the layout, and type-setting on an Apple LaserWriter®. Results at first were disappointing, but as we got the bugs worked out we've made some improvement, it's cheaper this way.

So, now that the technique is improving, and we've saved a bunch of cash...let's improve the content. You are (and always have been) welcome to send us anything you feel would be of interest to other football coaches.

Many of you have sent in some very good materials in the past (in this issue even!) for which we are grateful. Feel free to contribute again, if you've never sent us anything before, now is the perfect time!

Contact:

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307 N. Maumee St.
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Newsletter Copy Deadlines: April 15, September 15, November 15, February 15

1987 MHSFCA Hall of Fame Awards Banquet

*by Tom Fagan
Hall of Fame Chair*

The annual Hall of Fame Banquet, held at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor was a tremendous success as a record crowd of over 800 people from around the state gathered to honor the 21 inductees into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Bo Schembechler and Don Canham gave brief, but entertaining talks to add to the festive atmosphere of the occasion. Once again the association is very indebted to both these men who are most responsible not only for the Hall of Fame Banquet, but for the physical site of our present Hall of Fame Headquarters.

Not to be outdone the 21 inductees enthralled the large crowd with their great "one liners" and brief, but appropriate comments. To say a good time was had by all would be a gross understatement. As one member of the Hall of Fame stated: "For one night, it's the greatest show on earth!"

Many thanks to the many members of our association who worked behind the scenes doing all the things necessary to make this a memorable occasion for all concerned. Thank you, one and all.

Plans are already under way for next year's banquet, but it will have to go some to exceed the excitement and thrills of the 1987 event.



Top: P. Keith Brown, St Clair Shores and Don Anderson, Norway

Middle: Bill Wilson, Trenton receives award from MHSFCA President Mark Covert, Fenton

Bottom: (Front) Hall of Fame Chair Tom Fagan, Don Canham, Bo Schembechler, Mark Covert (Back) the 21 Hall of Fame Inductees and Speaker, Michigan Athletic Director, Don Canham



From the M.H.S.F.C.A. Drug Awareness Committee

Would You Neglect a Weight Program?

Don't Neglect This Program

Athletes and drugs: What is the coach's role?

You Can Do Something about This Problem

As a coach, you can be successful because you have a special relationship with students and athletes.

Most coaches underestimate the influence they have on the young men and women who play for them. As you know you are an authority figure to them. They look up to you because you occupy a leadership role at a very significant period in their lives.

Please help us by returning the following information to: *Chuck Salvano, Lakeshore High School, 5771 John Beers Rd., Stevensville, MI 49127*

High School _____ Coach _____

Address _____ School Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Do you presently have a substance abuse program? Yes _____ No _____

If you have a program would you please send a copy with this form.

Please supply us with the name of one of your staff members who would be a substance abuse awareness representative for your school.

Coach _____

School Phone _____

Home Phone _____

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VACANCY NOTIFICATION FORM

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If you have an opening on your staff please fill in the following form and return

School Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Position (s) Available _____

Qualifications _____

Person to contact _____

Send (resume, credentials, etc) _____

Deadline for Application _____

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