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Grant's Athletic Hall of Fame

Grant followed several other Portland high schools in establishing an Athletic Hall of Fame. The inspiration is the PIL (Portland Interscholastic League) Hall of Fame which started naming members in 1983 and holds an annual induction ceremony.

During Grant's inaugural induction on October 19, 2009 all of the previous Grant PIL inductees were honored along with six additional names of athletes. Most of the honorees were present for the ceremony in the auditorium and family members represented most deceased honorees.

Rob Kennewell '77 and current GHS baseball coach, and Pete Charlston '54, who spearheaded the committee that included Wilson Walker '71; Bill Wallin '58; John Keller '52; and Rodger Eddy '47, emceed the program.

Featured speakers were Tom Shaw '47, who led the Generals to two of their four state football champion-

ships in the 40's, and Terrell Brandon '88, an all-state player who went on to a successful career at the University of Oregon and in the NBA with the Cavaliers. Principal Joe Malone and Athletic Director Jacque Sage greeted the audience of several hundred. Framed certificates were awarded and a social period with refreshments in the cafeteria ended the nostalgic evening.

Coaches and administrators have also been honored, including Colton Meek, GHS Principal from '43-'57 who supported the talented and successful teams of the era. Coaches honored were Bill Eilertson, '25-'59; Jack Edwards, '28-'37; Jerry Lillie, '37-'46; Ted Ogdahl, '48-'51; Art Westcott, '48-'60; Clyde Knox, '49-'58; Barney Koch, '51-'61; Dennis Sullivan, '53-'63; Paul McCall, '55-'59; Ed Rooney, '59-'75; Roy Harrington, '61-'76; Mark Cotton, '64-'89 and John Stilwell, '83-'98.

The two athletes from the 20's were Ned Gleason '28, and Jerry Lillie '28. Five from the 30's were Fred Volz '30, Bill Gleason '36, Emery Neale '39, Jim Partlow '39 and Ed Stamm '39.

From the 40's seven were chosen: Sheldon Jones '44, Art Milne '44, Ransford Sprinkling '47, Tom Shaw '47, Dick Yost '47, Tom MacDonald '48 and Pat Duff '48.

Seventeen were honored from the 50's: Len Harris '50, Al Hansen '50, Dick Bartel '51, Judy Cornell Deregó '51, Bruce Cudd '51, Ruben Menashe '51, Jack Neer '51, Ron Pheister '51, George Shaw '51, Jim Torson '51, Jerry Exley, Jr. '52, John Keller '52, Bob Jacoby '54, Jack Riley '56, John Damis '58, Jim Sandsness '58 and Bill Wallin '58

The 60's stars: Hal Jackson '65, Junior Johnson '66 and Onia Bates '67. The honorees from the 70's are June Jones '71, Caroline Walker '71, Mary Lou Mulfur '76, Mark Radford '77, Darryl Motley '78, Jackie Jack-

son '79, David Lewis '79 and Kevin McMillan '79.

Four greats from the 80's are Cindy Brown '83, Toney Ross '86, Joe McFerrin II '87 and Terrell Brandon '88. Travis Boslar '96 represented the 90's and these six from the 2000's rounded out the inductees: Kevin Miles '01, Joaquin Chapa Jr. '03, Alex Wall '03, Matt Hibbitts '03, Kate Soma '01 and Laura

Westwood '02.

The members of the current rally squad assisted, the famous Royal Blues performed two numbers accompanied by Ray Johnson, pianist.

The Grant anthem and the fight song were included to set the spirit of honoring some of those who contributed to the golden achievements of the Grant Generals.

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME COACHES



John Stilwell (basketball) [L]

Mark Cotton (track) [LC]

Dennis Sullivan (track) [R]

Jay Edwards-- representing grandfather, Jack Edwards (track/athletic director) [RC]

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Front Row: Sheldon Jones ('44), Art Milne ('44), Tom Torson--representing father, Jim Torson, ('51), Ruben Menashe ('51), Tom Shaw ('47), Tom MacDonald ('48), Back Row: Bruce Cudd ('51), Jim Sandsness ('58), Jerry Exley ('52), Jack Neer ('51), John Keller ('52), Ron Pheister ('51). (Photos courtesy Ralph Erwin who donated his time)

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Front Row: Terrell Brandon ('88), Travis Boslar ('96), Kevin Miles ('01), Junior Johnson ('66), Joe McFerrin II ('87), Back Row: Hal Jackson ('65), Tony Ross ('86), Laura Westwood ('02), Alec Wall ('03), Joaquin Chapa, Jr. ('03), Tom Soma--representing daughter, Kate Soma ('01). (Photos courtesy Ralph Erwin who donated his time)