



2008 ATHLETIC HALL of FAME INDUCTION CLASS



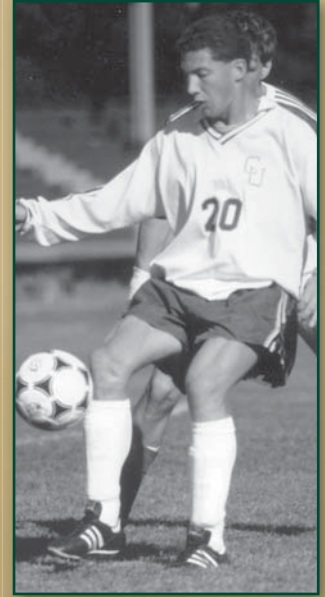
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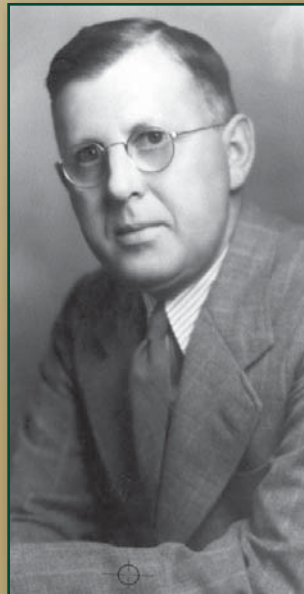
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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The *Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame* was established at the University to recognize those individuals, who either through participation, support, or interest, have made outstanding contributions to Clarkson Athletics, and who have helped bring recognition, honor and distinction to the University. Fifty-two members have been inducted, beginning with the inaugural class, consisting of 15 individuals, in the Fall of 1992.

The Clarkson Athletic Hall of Fame - Class of 2008

- Bob Empie '68 (Hockey)**
- Bill Harrison (Hockey Coach)**
- Ed Kinney '47 (Baseball)**
- Larry Martin '92 (Soccer, Basketball & Tennis)**
- Stephanie Sealer '95 (Women's Basketball & Tennis)**
- Fred Silver '68 (Golf & Hockey)**
- Murray Walker (Benefactor)**
- Kevin Zappia '79 (Hockey & Baseball)**

CLARKSON ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASSES

Class of 1992:

- Corby Adams '64 (Hockey, Baseball)
- Fran Costello '39 (Basketball, Baseball)
- Ed Fay '64 (Wrestling)
- Clarence "Boots" Gaffney '36
(Football, Basketball, Baseball)
- Al Graham '59 (Soccer, Hockey, Lacrosse)
- Jack Hantz (Coach, Athletic Director),
- Hank Hodge (Coach, Athletic Director)
- Alan Nolet '78 (Lacrosse)
- Jack Phillips '43
(Coach, Baseball, Basketball)
- Paul Pilon '40 (Hockey)
- Kelly Priestley '81
(Women's Hockey, Tennis, Lacrosse)
- Eddie Rowe '57 (Hockey)
- Pinky Ryan '35
(Trainer, Baseball, Basketball)
- John Siedlecki '35
(Football, Basketball, Baseball)
- Dave Taylor '77 (Hockey)

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- Peter Dwyer (Coach, Athletic Director)
- Wally Easton '31 (Hockey)
- Bill Fiesinger '37 (Athletic Director,
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- Pete Ganley '72 (Basketball)
- Emerson Roser '40 (Baseball, Basketball)

Class of 2004:

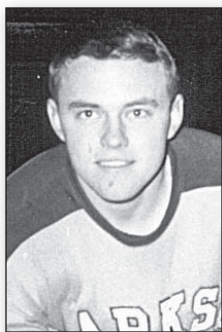
- Beth Bacon '89
(Women's Basketball, Women's Lacrosse)
- Ron Frazer '45
(Women's Hockey Coach, Hockey)
- Dave Fretz '85 (Hockey)
- George Maclean '42 (Football, Hockey)
- John "Jocko" McLennan '68 (Hockey)
- Bob Shepard '59 (Basketball, Baseball)
- Melissa Smith '90 (Women's Basketball)
- Bob Van Lammers '59 (Hockey)
- Steve Warr '72 (Hockey)

Class of 2005:

- Bruce Bullock '71 (Hockey)
- Helen Snell Cheel (Benefactor)
- Hank Domingos '56 (Wrestling)
- Michael Kirmse '94 (Soccer)
- Ed Macdonald '58 (Hockey)
- Colin Patterson '86 (Hockey)
- Jack Porter '56 (Hockey)
- Kwasi Poku '68 (Soccer)
- Henry Przybylowski '44
(Football, Baseball)

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- Len Ceglarski (Hockey Coach)
- Cathy Champion-Demers '84
(Women's Hockey, Women's Lacrosse)
- Dan Fay '66 (Wrestling, Lacrosse)
- Ed McMahon '91 (Lacrosse)
- Ernie Richmond '42 (Benefactor)
- Terry Yurkiewicz '66 (Hockey)



BOB EMPIE '68

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One of the most prolific forwards in Clarkson Hockey's lengthy history, Bob Empie was a dynamic center for the Golden Knights for three seasons in the late 1960s. In Clarkson's renowned tradition, there have been several players who have accumulated more career points than Empie, but few have been able to match the North Bay, Ontario native's consistent production. In 71 contests from 1965-68, Empie averaged 2.10 points per game, tallying 149 points on 70 goals and 79 assists. He led the team in goals and points in his first two seasons, and in assists in his last.

During his three-year career wearing the Green and Gold, Empie helped to lead head coach Len Ceglarski's teams to a 54-18-2 overall record.

In his first year of varsity eligibility, Empie, as a sophomore, played a leading role in one of Clarkson's best seasons ever. Centering Tech's top line, Empie paced the Knights' potent offense, scoring a team-high 49 points on 27 goals and 22 assists as Clarkson came within one game of claiming college hockey's national title.

Clarkson finished the 1965-66 campaign with a 24-3 overall record, including an 11-1 first-place mark in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). The Knights, with Empie scoring a goal early in the third period, won the school's first ever tournament championship that winter with a 6-2 victory over Cornell in the title game at the old Boston Arena.

With Empie continuing in top form, Ceglarski's squad also finished as runner-up in the 1966 NCAA Championship. After a 4-3 semifinal victory over pre-tournament favorite Denver, the Green and Gold battled Michigan State in the title game, where the Spartans prevailed 6-1.

After the previous year's success, Clarkson was a marked team

in 1966-67, and despite an outstanding effort by Empie in his junior campaign, the Knights were unable to reach their goals of another league title and a second consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Empie reached the coveted mark of 50 points in a season, tallying 24 goals and 26 assists as Clarkson skated to a 14-8-1 overall record.

In his senior season of 1967-68, Empie once again reached the 50-point milestone, which included a team-high 31 assists. The Knights finished that season with a 16-7-1 overall record and placed second in the ECAC with an 11-5 conference mark. Empie opened his final collegiate campaign by scoring his 100th and 101st career points, on a pair of assists, in an 11-2 victory over Laval. He went on to gain Clarkson's Paul J. Pilon Award in 1968, which is presented to the senior who has excelled both as a student and hockey player.

After graduating with a B.S and M.S. in Industrial Management, he was very successful in the business world, with a career of over 30 years with Procter & Gamble.

Empie once stated, "There is an old phrase my grandfather repeated many times: 'An honest day's work.' Clarkson made these words come alive for me. The honesty was epitomized by what it took to even participate as a member of the athletic scholarship process, and work exemplified by the determination needed to succeed. What I learned as a student and hockey player at Clarkson set the stage for what I have been able to accomplish since then."

The 14th recipient of the Arnold H. Barben Award, Empie was bestowed the distinguished Clarkson honor in 1994. The award is presented to a hockey alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding professional achievement, has contributed to the betterment of his community, and has worked unselfishly for his alma mater.





BILL HARRISON

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During Bill Harrison's 10-year tenure as Clarkson's head coach, the Golden Knights hockey program was considered one of the best in the nation, enjoying considerable success throughout the 1950s.

From 1948-58, the Knights, with Harrison at the helm, amassed a 128-47-6 overall record. During his last four years behind the bench, Clarkson compiled an amazing stretch of 77 victories in 87 games, including an impressive run of 37 consecutive victories on its home ice. The third head coach in the program's history, Harrison posted a .724 winning percentage, the best ever at Clarkson.

Harrison directed Clarkson to seven winning campaigns, its only unbeaten season, and the program's first two NCAA Tournaments appearances when the national playoff was limited to the four best teams in the country.

He coached three All-Americans, two-time winners Art Smith, Eddie Rowe and Ed MacDonald. Harrison became the first Clarkson coach to earn the Spencer R. Penrose Memorial Trophy as NCAA Division I Coach of the Year in 1955-56.

A distinguished professor in the college's Civil Engineering Department, Harrison came to Clarkson in August 1948 to begin his teaching career. Harrison graduated from Dartmouth College in 1943, and was one of the finest hockey players to ever wear the green and white at Dartmouth. After serving three years in the USMC, he was a teacher and coach at Walpole, MA High School before coming to Clarkson.

One of the most renowned seasons in college hockey history happened during the winter of 1955-56 when Harrison guided Clarkson to a 23-0 mark, the first perfect campaign in the NCAA since 1947. The Knights capped off the remarkable feat by defeating arch-rival St. Lawrence 7-4 in Potsdam.

With St. Lawrence defeated and the celebration on the ice over, having moved down to Market Street, Harrison walked out of Clarkson Arena arm-in-arm with his wife Marge all smiles after completing the only perfect season in Clarkson's history. With the festivity rumbling in the background, Harrison remarked, "I mean

we beat them all. Michigan State, Harvard, Boston College, all of them. I mean we were unbeaten."

Considered by many knowledgeable Knight fans to be the greatest Clarkson team ever, the 1955-56 squad was the first Clarkson team to be invited to the NCAA Championships. The Knights, however, refused to go. Clarkson had eight seniors who were four-

year varsity players and under NCAA rules were ineligible. The team voted not to go without them and turned down the tournament bid.

After posting the perfect season the year before, Clarkson skated to a 19-3 overall record and made its first ever showing in the 10-year history of the NAAs to cap off the 1956-57 season. Although the Knights lost to Colorado College 5-3 in the semifinal round at the Broadmoor Ice Palace in Colorado Springs, they came back to defeat Harvard 2-1 in double overtime of the consolation game giving the Green and Gold the unofficial title of Eastern Champions.

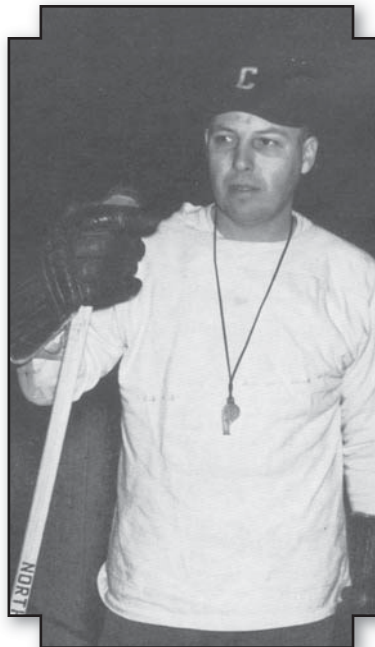
Harrison retired following the 1957-58 season after guiding the Knights to a 17-3 record and their second consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament. In his final game as Clarkson's head coach, the Green and Gold defeated Har-

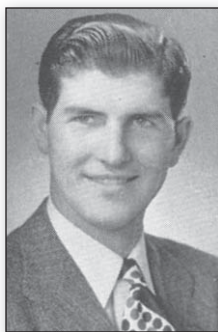
vard 5-1 in the consolation game of the national playoffs to once again gain the mythical crown as Eastern Champions.

Although he was no longer guiding the hockey team, Harrison continued to make a great impact on the College, devoting his time entirely to teaching and engineering. An Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, Harrison was awarded a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowships for graduate study in 1959.

At one of the many meetings and banquets honoring Harrison upon his retirement as hockey coach, Clarkson's All-American goaltender Ed Macdonald stated, "Mr. Harrison has the ability to make work in the classroom easy. He has the talent to teach fundamental play in hockey, to develop winning teams. But school comes first. His emphasis is on studies."

Today, the most outstanding player on the Clarkson hockey team is honored with the prestigious Bill Harrison Most Valuable Player Award.





ED KINNEY '47

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Ed Kinney joined other Clarkson Athletic Hall of Fame members Jack Phillips and Hank Przybylowski in leading the Golden Knights baseball squad to numerous victories in his four seasons at Clarkson, and finished school as one of the most decorated and well-rounded student-athletes in the University's long history.

A native of Utica, NY, Kinney attended St. Francis high school and quickly became a sandlot hero, going 13-1 in "Sunday Ball" league action as the team's top pitcher for nearby Boonville. The 6-3, 200-pound lefthander, caught the eye of long-time coach and Clarkson Hall of Famer Hank Hodge as he helped the Knights' freshman team finish the 1941 season with an unblemished record.

Hodge then showed Kinney the ropes in summer ball as the young lefty played with his mentor's summer team, the Wassertown Collegians, going 5-1 on the mound, pitching only in the more popular weekend games.

Back with the Knights in his sophomore season, Kinney quickly emerged as the team's ace, earning three victories against two losses, including a tough defeat in which he threw a three-hitter, in 1942. However, the best was yet to come for "Big Ed" as the 1943 season turned out to be an historical one for the Golden Knights. The onset of the World War II all but doomed college baseball, but the Green and Gold fashioned a schedule of 20 contests against local teams along with other collegiate competition. The "Rube" helped lead the Golden Knights to a 19-1 record that season, with an impressive individual highlight that would make the year especially memorable: a no-hitter against Syracuse University.

Kinney's time at Clarkson was halted by the United States' en-

agement in World War II, as he was a member of the school's Junior Advanced R.O.T.C., but that didn't discontinue his ball playing days. After going 17-0 with Beech Grove in the summer of 1943, including another no-hitter against North Utica, Kinney pitched for the Fort Leonard Wood E.R.T.C. team later in the year and was the leading vote-getter for Fort Wood, gaining the "right"

to start against major league baseball's defending World Champion St. Louis Cardinals in an exhibition game. Kinney pitched three strong innings against the Cards, who were in the middle of a three-year stretch of dominating the National League averaging more than 105 wins per season.

Upon returning from four years in the armed services as an army lieutenant in both Europe and Japan, Kinney was eligible for one final season at Clarkson, helping lead the Knights to a 10-3-1 record. He posted a pair of wins over St. Lawrence (2-0 and 2-1) along with victories over Middlebury and St. Michael's that season.

Following his Clarkson career, Kinney's pitching prowess, bolstered by impressive showings while in the armed services and at Clarkson, was requested at the professional level as he was signed by the New York Yankees. He started off his career in impressive fashion, winning three of his first four decisions with the Binghamton Triplets. He moved along in the Yankees system and eventually played with Kansas City in the American Association, one of the top minor leagues of its day.

A repeated member of the honor roll, Kinney majored in mechanical engineering, was an active member of O Pi O, and was voted class president as a senior in 1947.





LARRY MARTIN '92

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An all-around talented athlete, Larry Martin excelled in three sports at Clarkson. The Cazenovia, NY native was an all-star soccer player in the fall, a standout on the basketball court in the winter, and a leading member of the Golden Knights' tennis team for one season in the spring.

Martin made his greatest impact for Clarkson athletics on the soccer pitch where he led the Green and Gold to considerable success in the late 1980s and early 1990s. A 5-9, 155-pound striker, Martin was a prolific offensive force and established the Golden Knights' all-time scoring record with 101 points on 45 goals and 11 assists through 64 games from 1988-91.

As a freshman in 1988, Martin helped lead Clarkson to its best record ever at 14-1-2, including a 4-1-1 mark in the ICAC. The Knights, under head coach Brian Chafin, made their second appearance ever in the NCAA Tournament late that fall, and Martin scored Clarkson's goal in the 1-1 overtime tie against Alfred at Snell Field. Martin closed out his rookie campaign as the Knights' leading scorer with 14 goals and 29 points. He was named ICAC co-Rookie of the Year along with earning All-New York State honors.

Injuries slowed the talented player as a sophomore, but Martin came back strong in his junior season, setting Clarkson records for most goals (15) and points (35) in a season. The Knights finished the 1990 campaign with 12-6 record and participated in

the ECAC playoffs. Martin was named to the first-team of the ICAC and NYS all-star squads.

As a senior captain in 1991 under head coach Willi Steinrotter, Martin reestablished the school records for goals and points in a season, tallying 16 goals and 36 points to lead the Green and Gold to an 11-5-1 record and another berth in ECAC postseason action.



Martin's collegiate soccer career was capped off when he was honored as a third-team All-America selection along with being named a first-team EAA All-Star.

After the completion of his senior season, Martin was one of only four Division III players selected to participate in the 1992 Major Soccer League's USAIR College Indoor Showcase All-Star Game, where he scored the goal that forced overtime.

Along with holding Clarkson's all-time scoring record, Martin also set the program's standards for most career hat tricks (6) and three-goal games in a season (4).

In the winter months, Martin was a three-year starting point guard in basketball for head coach Jay Murphy's teams. Through 69 games from 1989-92, Martin scored 452 points and pulled down 179 rebounds. An unselfish playmaker, he ranks fifth all-time in assists at Clarkson with 335.

As a freshman, Martin was a leading singles player for Clarkson's tennis team.



STEPHANIE SEALER '95

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Stephanie Sealer was a standout in athletic competition and in classroom achievement at Clarkson during the early 1990s. The Duluth, GA native earned numerous accolades playing for the Golden Knights' women's basketball and tennis teams, was awarded Clarkson Presidential Scholar honors for five semesters, was the recipient of Clarkson's Ilse J. Shaw Liberal Studies Award, and was selected three times as an Academic All-American.

The preeminent women's tennis player ever at Clarkson, Sealer excelled for the Knights during the fall season and posted a 26-3 career dual-meet record in #1-singles competition, and also was strong in doubles play. She was the Knights' MVP in each of her four seasons and served as team captain in her sophomore, junior, and senior years.

After advancing to the semi-final round in the league tournament as a sophomore and junior, Sealer reached the finals of the 1994 Empire Athletic Association (EAA) Tournament Championship before losing in a close match, suffering the only defeat of her senior campaign.

Sealer also enjoyed great success on the basketball court as a 5'4" point guard, leading Clarkson in scoring in each of her four seasons. Starting every game during her career, she helped lead head coach Jeanne Johnston's squads to 53 victories and two postseason appearances during her four-year tenure wearing the Green and Gold.

As a freshman in 1991-92, Sealer stepped right in and helped guide the Knights to a 16-9 overall record and a berth in the ECAC Upstate NY Tournament. An AWSF Freshman All-American and EAA Rookie of the Year, she paced the Green and Gold's offense

scoring a team-high 11.9 points per game. Sealer enjoyed a strong showing in her inaugural EAA contest by recording a season-high 28 points in a 76-46 victory over rival St. Lawrence University.

Sealer followed her standout rookie campaign by averaging 14.6 ppg as a sophomore and earning EAA first-team honors. As a junior, she was once again named to the conference's all-star team

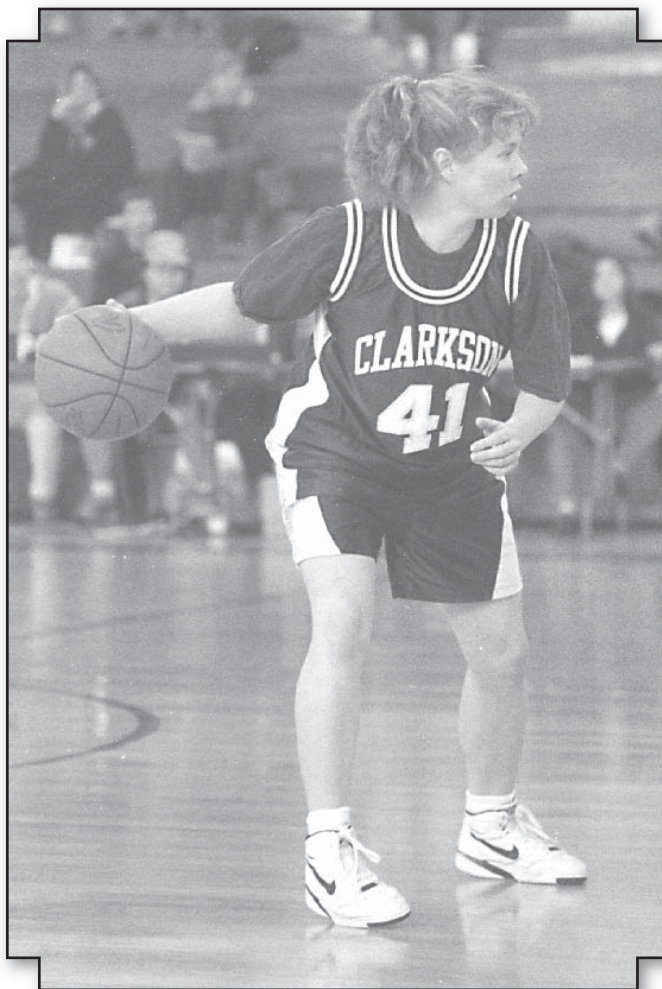
after averaging 12.7 points, 2.4 assists and 2.6 rebounds per game. In 1993-94, Sealer led the nation in free-throw shooting, hitting 90.9% (60-66) of her foul shots.

As a captain and the lone senior on the 1994-95 team, Sealer enjoyed her greatest success and led Clarkson to a 14-11 record and a playoff showing in the highly prestigious New York State Tournament. She scored 15.6 points, pulled down 3.4 rebounds and dished out 2.9 assists per game.

Sealer closed out her collegiate career as Clarkson's second all-time leading scorer with 1,342 points in 98 games. She now ranks second in free throws made (263), third in field goals made (538), fifth in career assists (260) and eighth in all-time steals (146).

A Liberal Studies and Accounting major who graduated from Clarkson with Great Distinction, Sealer was named a Co-SIDA GTE National Academic All-American in both women's tennis

and women's basketball, and was a NYSWCAA Female Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1995.





FRED SILVER '68

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As a leading member of Clarkson's prominent hockey teams in the late 1960s, Fred Silver could be remembered most by many followers of Golden Knights athletics for his solid two-way play on the ice. However, the native of Copper Cliff, Ontario's greatest athletic accomplishments may have taken place on the golf course.

A Northern Ontario amateur and two-time junior golf champion prior to attending college, Silver continued to dominate on the course while at Clarkson and was the Golden Knights' leading medalist for three seasons from 1966-68. He lost only three matches in three years of varsity competition and was the Independent College Athletic Conference (ICAC) individual champion in 1966 and 1968. Silver also competed in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Golf Championships at Bethpage on Long Island as a senior, finishing eighth in the highly competitive tournament field of 63 of the best collegiate golfers in the east.

In the winter as a left wing/center for head coach Len Ceglarski's teams, no one was more balanced in scoring than Silver. He posted 42 goals and 42 assists for 84 points over his 67 games from 1965-68, and helped to lead the Knights to a 54-18-2 overall record.

As a sophomore in 1965-66, in his first year of varsity eligibility, Silver helped the Green and Gold post one of Clarkson's best seasons ever. He tallied 14 goals and 10 assists as the Knights came within one game of claiming college hockey's national title.

Clarkson finished the 1965-66 campaign with a 24-3 overall record, including an 11-1 first-place mark in ECAC play. The Knights won the school's first ever tournament championship that winter with a 6-2 victory over Cornell in the title game at the old Boston Arena.

In the NCAA Tournament, Silver started Clarkson's comeback in the semifinal round, scoring the Knights' second goal in the 4-3

victory over pre-tournament favorite Denver. The Green and Gold finished as national championship runner-up after Michigan State pulled out the win in the final game.

Silver excelled in his role again during the 1967-68 campaign as a junior and posted 34 points, including 18 goals, as the Knights' fourth-leading scorer.



In his senior campaign of 1967-68, he was slowed by injuries, but still managed to put up 26 points on 10 goals and 16 assists through 18 games. Silver came on strong in the second half of the season and helped guide Clarkson to a 16-7-1 overall record and second place in the ECAC with an 11-5 conference mark. He was selected to the first team of the 1968 ECAC Tournament All-Star squad.

Along with serving as an alternate captain on the hockey team as a senior, Silver was golf team captain in his junior and senior seasons, served as president of the Varsity "C" Club, and was tapped into Phalanx.

After graduating from Clarkson with a B.S in Industrial Distribution and an M.S. in Industrial Management, Silver spent most of his professional career with the Carborundum Company. He also served as President and CEO of the Excelon-ESK Co., a world-wide manufacturing business.

Silver continued to stay active in athletics after college and compiled an impressive list of playing accomplishments as an amateur golfer. For 36 consecutive years beginning in 1970, he qualified for the Porter Cup, the world renowned amateur event. He recorded four top five finishes in 18 appearances in the New York State Amateur Championship. Silver was the #1-ranked amateur in Western New York for 14 consecutive years from 1983-1996, and was also named Ontario Senior Player of the Year in 2002. He competed in 11 USGA Championships and was ranked #3 in the nation for senior amateurs by Golf Week Magazine in 2002 and 2005. Silver was inducted into the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 and was selected to the WNYPGA Hall of Fame in 2006.



MURRAY WALKER

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The “Father of Clarkson Hockey,” Murray Walker was a local businessman whose hard work and determination formed the foundation for the one of the most successful college athletic programs in the country.

From the time he moved to Potsdam in the early 1920s until the hockey club became a part of the athletic program in 1935, Walker, along with Gordon Croskery, organized the team. Walker conceived the idea of forming a hockey team composed of Clarkson students in 1921. He persuaded Croskery, an instructor in the mechanical engineering department, to be the coach.

Director of the Clarkson Hockey Association, Walker set the schedules, secured the equipment, arranged for a place to play the home games and otherwise financed the program.

The 1920-21 team, led by center Bill Johnson, won its opening encounter against Alexandria Bay 6-4 and posted a 2-1 record that winter, setting the foundation for one of college hockey’s most successful programs.

Clarkson played mostly local teams in the early 1920s with home games on the Raquette River and in Ives Park. Walker soon started recruiting Canadians by the mid-1920s, all legitimate students at Clarkson.

Few colleges played hockey in those days, but after several years of correspondence with Princeton, an old-time hockey school, Walker was finally able to get on the Tigers’ schedule in 1927-28. The Knights, who received a guarantee of \$250 to play the game in New Jersey, defeated Princeton 8-5 as Fred Dion tallied all the Knights’ goals.

Walker continued to run the program (hiring Jack Roos as coach in 1929) until 1935 when hockey was turned over to the College’s

Athletic Department.

Upon his resignation as Director of Hockey at Clarkson, The Integrator paid the following tribute: “A man is judged by his character, his honesty, and his straightforwardness. Success is the achievement for all men so qualified and therefore we are proud to say that Murray Walker was one of Clarkson’s greatest boosters and friends. Although he was not a graduate of Clarkson, he has done more toward the welfare of the College than many of us can ever hope to do. We know that indirectly his sound judgment and advice will always be felt in this great sport at Clarkson.”

Owner of J. R. Weston’s (Clarkson’s bookstore), Walker was also co-founder of the Annual Ice Carnival in 1930. After retiring from Clarkson in 1965 he presented the bookstore to the College. Walker is an honorary Clarkson Alum.

On November 1, 1975, Clarkson’s arena was dedicated in honor of G. Murray Walker as “Walker Arena,” home of the Golden Knights for the next 16 years.

The long-time home of the Golden Knights’ nationally recognized hockey team, the historic structure now known as “Walker Center” has undergone a transformation and now serves as the

cornerstone for the University’s recreational complex, as a multi-purpose recreation venue, on the eastern edge of the campus. The facility is a fitting tribute to a man who played a major role in establishing athletic success at Clarkson.





KEVIN ZAPPIA '79

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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During the first 86 years of the renowned tradition of Clarkson hockey close to 600 Golden Knights have worn the Green and Gold sweater, but none have scored more goals than Kevin Zappia. The 5'9", 177-pound left wing completed Clarkson's explosive offenses in the late 1970s, scoring a school-record 103 goals over four seasons from 1975-1979. Zappia is second all-time on the Knights' points list with 213, trailing only Dave Taylor as Clarkson's most prolific offensive force.

Zappia was blessed with uncanny scoring ability, and a flair for converting passes into goals, first for Massena High School, then for Northwood School, and then for Clarkson. He helped to lead head coach Jerry York's teams to an 82-43-1 record during his four-year tenure.

The Massena, NY native's collegiate career got off to a strong start as he was Clarkson's third-leading scorer with 22 goals and 49 points during his rookie campaign in 1975-76. One of his biggest goals was the overtime winner in Clarkson's 6-5 triumph against Boston College at Walker Arena in mid-February. He recorded his first career hat trick in a game against Penn on February 28, 1976.

Zappia became the first freshman to be named Most Valuable Player in the ECAC Holiday Hockey Festival at New York's Madison Square Garden. He scored one goal and added four assists to lead Clarkson to a 10-5 victory over Vermont in the 14th annual championship game.

As a sophomore in 1976-77, Zappia played a leading role on the most productive offense in Clarkson's history. He tallied 28 of Clarkson's record 223 goals, and finished with 53 points through 33 games as the Knights skated to a 26-8 overall record, includ-

ing a first-place 19-4 mark in the ECAC standings. He tallied his second career hat trick in a 9-3 victory over Western Michigan in the opening game of the season.

With the graduation of Taylor, who went on the star in the NHL, Zappia took over the reigns of the Knights' offense in 1977-78. He led the Green and Gold with 59 points on 31 goals and 28 assists through 28 games of his junior campaign and capped off the year by being named a second-team ECAC All-Star.

Zappia once again led Clarkson in scoring as a senior during the 1978-79 season, putting up 52 points, including 22 goals through 31 games. He had two hat tricks in a four-day span in early February in wins over Colgate and Rensselaer to earn ECAC Forward of the Week honors. He was Clarkson's MVP as a senior.

Named Clarkson's Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1979, Zappia also excelled on the baseball diamond, playing three years (1976-78) for Coach Jack Phillips' teams. As a junior, he hit for a .419 average and knocked in nine runs.

After graduation, Zappia signed with the Quebec Nordiques, who were about to move from the World Hockey Association to the NHL. He was a great rarity of the 1970s: an American-born college player selected by a major-league team. He spent the 1979-80 season in Milwaukee, Cincinnati and finally Syracuse.

He was quick to point out that he owed his success in college to his various linemates. At Clarkson, the men who slid the puck to him in the slot included Dave Taylor and Craig Laughlin. "All my wingers made the NHL," Zappia once jokingly said.



CLARKSON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Chair -- Steve Yianoukos Director of Athletics -- Class of 1972

Bill Bergan - Lacrosse, Golf Coach

Owen Brady -- Associate Professor, Liberal Arts

Robert Burns -- Class of 1959

Leroy Hansen -- Class of 1954

Ron Frazer -- Class of 1945; Professor Emeritus (2004 Inductee)

Bill Fiesinger -- Class of 1937 (1995 Inductee)

Laurel Kane -- Senior Woman Administrator, Assistant Athletic Director, Women's Soccer Coach

Gary Mikel -- Sports Information Director

Steve Newkofsky -- Associate VP for Alumni and Parent Relations

Bill O'Flaherty -- Class of 1971

Frank Rotunno -- Class of 1956

Steve Warr -- Class of 1972 (2004 Inductee)

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The Clarkson Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who, either through participation, support, or interest, have made outstanding contributions to Clarkson Athletics, and who have helped to bring recognition, honor, and distinction to the University.

The selection committee is once again asking alumni and the general public for the names of persons who



have made outstanding contributions in athletics at Clarkson, including athletes, coaches, staff members, and supporters of the University's athletic programs. Athletes are not eligible until five years after graduation and current coaches are not eligible.

Those making nominations are asked to forward to the committee any available information in support of the submission. Material will be returned to the owner upon request.

Hall of Fame Nomination Form



Name _____ Class _____

Sports Participated In _____

Honors or Individual Records _____

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