

ART HOWE
Shaler
Class of 1965



Art's first love was football, and he dreamed of playing in the NFL. Fate intervened in the form of a serious back injury, however. Art then turned his attention to baseball, leading him to his current position as one of the most highly respected managers in Major League Baseball.

In high school, Art was a star player on the baseball team. As a junior, he was the winning pitcher in the 1964 WPIAL championship game. Art was also a highly recruited quarterback who was offered scholarships from Nebraska and Miami. He chose the University of Wyoming and played until he was injured.

Art was playing Federation baseball when he was invited to a tryout with the Pirates. He signed a pro contract the next day. After 11 seasons with the Pirates, Astros, and Cardinals, Art decided to coach. He has managed for 10 seasons with the Houston Astros and his current team, the Oakland Athletics. Art is the second winningest manager in the history of Oakland, and he was named runner-up for the American League Manager of the Year in 1999 and 2000.

BEVERLY MILLER MARKWITH

Shaler Area
Class of 1973



Beverly has excelled on both the basketball and team handball courts and in regional softball. In high school, she lettered in basketball all three years and was named team captain and most valuable player her junior and senior seasons.

Beverly played basketball at Slippery Rock University, and the team went undefeated her first two years and went on to regionals all four years.

Beverly's athleticism impressed her college basketball coaches so much, they recommended that she try out for the National Team Handball Team, a sport that combines elements of basketball and hockey. Beverly played at the World Championships in Russia and around the globe. She won gold and silver medals at national sports festivals and postponed her career to train for the 1980 Olympics, which the United States ultimately boycotted. She represented the United States in the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow.

Beverly worked as a referee for team handball at the 1982 Pan-American Games in Indianapolis and officiated at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. She coaches youth basketball teams.

BOB SIAR
Shaler/Shaler Area
Head Wrestling Coach
1965 - 1987



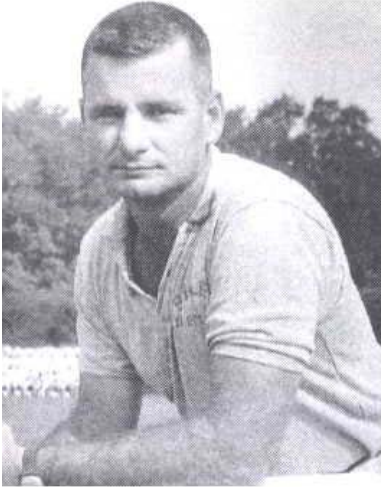
Bob is well known throughout the state and country for his contributions to amateur wrestling as both a coach and official.

Bob's accomplishments as a head wrestling coach at Shaler Area are staggering. His teams have an overall record of 317-108.

In 1974, Bob was named coach of the year after Shaler Area won the WPIAL championship for the first time in school history. Bob has coached 190 section champions, 44 WPIAL champions, and 10 PIAA champions. Bob was inducted in the Western Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 1974, and the gym in the current Shaler Area Intermediate School is named after him.

As a wrestling official, Bob has worked Junior World Championships as well as the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. His other honors include being named Pennsylvania Wrestling Official of the Year in 1984 and Pennsylvania Wrestling Man of the Year in 1985. Bob was named to the Slippery Rock University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000, National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1993.

DICK DIXON
Shaler
Class of 1948



Dick has distinguished himself as an athlete, coach, and administrator. While in high school, Dick lettered in baseball, track, and football. He quarterbacked Shaler's only undefeated football team and holds the 100-yard dash record set in 1948.

At Edinboro, Dick lettered in football, track, and wrestling, and in the 60's he was selected to the Pittsburgh Press All-Time Edinboro football team.

After college, he attended the U.S. Army Officers Candidate School at Ft. Benning and was commissioned 2nd Lt. He then returned to his alma mater. During his years as an educator at Shaler, he was head coach in wrestling, football, and track. His 1960 and 1961 wrestling teams were undefeated, and his wrestling coaching record was 88-11.

Through his activities and leadership, Dick's investment in the Shaler Area community continued as he became activities director, assistant principal, high school principal, and director of secondary education before he retired in 1982. He guided future generations by giving encouragement to many young men and women, some of whom are here tonight.

ED PEERY
Shaler
Class of 1953



Ed is the most successful wrestling coach in U. S. Naval Academy history. His 27-year coaching record of 311-90-14 produced 48 EIWA champions, 8 EIWA team titles, 16 All Americans, one national champion, and one Olympic silver medalist. He was named NCAA coach of the year in 1968, EIWA coach of the year in 1974

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While at Shaler, Ed won section, WPIAL, and state championships. At Pitt, he was a 2-time EIWA, 3-time NCAA champion, and 3-time All American. He also earned the distinction of being an alternate on the 1956 U. S. Olympic Freestyle Team.

Ed is a retired professor, coach, and administrator from the Naval Academy. His 40-year career at Navy, teaching and coaching some of the finest people in our great nation, was challenging and rewarding. Ed now serves as president of Thermal Engineering and Equipment, Inc., as well as a volunteer wrestling coach for Annapolis High School in Annapolis, Maryland and the Annapolis Area Christian High School.

JIM DINUCCI

Shaler

Class of 1970



Jim is such an avid supporter of Shaler Area athletics, that he built a mini sports museum filled with pictures and mementos celebrating the accomplishments of generations of local student athletes.

Jim is present at virtually all Titan athletic events. He has been a proud sponsor of Shaler Area

football, wrestling, basketball, hockey, soccer, and cheerleading as well as several community baseball and softball teams. Jim taught swimming to handicapped children for six years and Red Cross swim lessons for 14 years in the Shaler Area Recreational Swim Program. It seems natural that Jim would be a Navy Seabee (1972-1978).

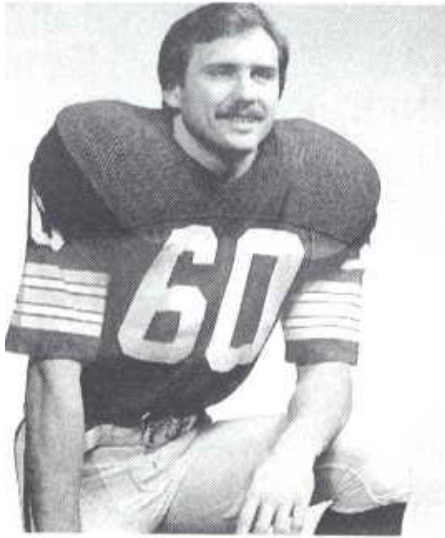
Jim wrestled for fellow inductee, Bob Siar, and played football for another inductee, Lou Martig, in grades 9-12. Jim received a football scholarship to Tennessee Tech, and he swam for Slippery Rock's Water Polo Team.

Jim graduated from Robert Morris in 1976 with a B.S. in Business Administration, and he received his Master Plumber License in 1978. Jim currently owns DiNucci Plumbing, Inc.

JIM LASLAVIC

Etna

Class of 1969



Jim is a nationally recognized sports commentator for NBC in San Diego, where he has received three Emmy Awards for sports programming.

Jim earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball in high school and was a WPIAL All Star twice.

Jim was a three-year football letterman at Penn State, and his contributions helped lead the Nittany Lions to two top 10 finishes. Jim was drafted in the third round and played 10 seasons in the NFL from 1973-1983 for Detroit (where he was the leading tackler in 1974), San Diego, and Green Bay. He also played on two bowl teams.

Jim retired from football in 1983. Since then, he has worked in broadcasting, the last 12 years as weekday anchor and sports director for NBC, San Diego. He was a Chargers radio analyst for 12 years (1986-1997), and from 1998-present has been host of "DIRECTV Sports This Week," a weekly magazine show.

For 18 years, Jim has hosted the Coronado Cancer Society Golf Tourney.

JOE KOPNISKY

Shaler

Class of 1953



Joe is characterized as an all around athlete and coach.

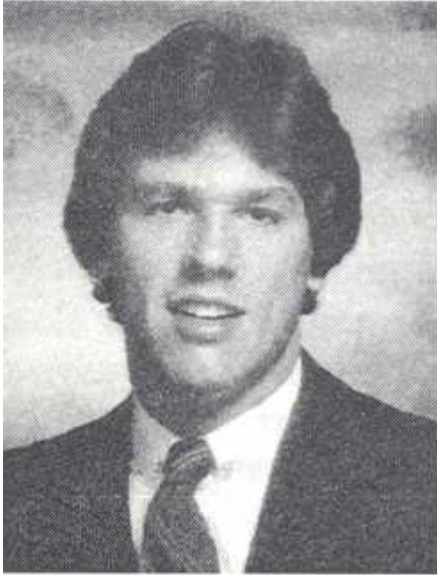
At Shaler, Joe was co-captain of the football team and named to the All WPIAL Team. He also started for the basketball and baseball teams.

At West Virginia University, Joe was a two-year starter on the football team. He was selected to the All Southern Conference Team, picked as the Curbstone Coaches of Pittsburgh MVP, played in the East West Shrine Game, and participated in 1957's Senior Bowl. He was also an Academic All American and member of WVU's All Decade Team. Joe was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals.

Joe also has coached extensively. At Shaler, he coached football and wrestling. Joe served 19 years coaching for Grove City College as head football coach, head wrestling coach, and assistant track coach, and he is now Slippery Rock University's defensive coordinator.

KEN KARCHER

Shaler Area
Class of 1981



Ken has received national recognition as a star athlete and coach.

In high school, Ken lettered in football, baseball, and basketball. He was named a football Parade All American in 1980, the same year in which he played for the PIAA State Championship Baseball Team.

Ken was named a Carnation All-American and participated in the Big 33.

As a college athlete, Ken played football for Notre Dame and Tulane, where he was a participant in the Blue/Gray All-Star Game. He was also named Sports Illustrated Player of the Week.

Ken was a member of the NFL's Denver Broncos from 1986-1988, and he was a participant in Super Bowl XXII.

Ken coached the championship World League team in 1998, and he is currently the head football coach at Liberty University.

LOU MARTIG

Millvale

Class of 1957



1939 - 1991

Lou has experienced considerable success as an athlete, coach, and athletic director.

Lou lettered in football and basketball at Millvale High School. He received a full scholarship to the University of Virginia where he co-captained the football team for two years. In 1961, Lou was invited to play in the Hula Bowl, but a knee injury prevented him from participating.

After coaching at a few schools, Lou took over the football program at Shaler in 1968. His work ethic and coaching skills were so important in the aftermath of the forced merger in 1971. Lou was appointed Shaler Area Athletic Director in 1980, a position he held until his death on June 23, 1991. The current home of the Shaler Area Fighting Titans is dedicated in memory of Lou Martig.