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EDITORS: Coverage of the  
dinner is invited.

Six to be inducted into  
WLU athletic hall of fame

Six new members will be inducted into Wilfrid Laurier University's athletic hall of fame Sept. 18 at a dinner to be held at the Waterloo Inn during the university's Homecoming celebrations.

Paul Markle, a former Laurier footballer who was drafted by the Toronto Argos, will be master of ceremonies at the dinner. Markle now is director of marketing for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball club.

One of the six new hall of fame members will be Richard Buendorf, former WLU athletic director, who will be named a builder.

The five others, to be inducted as players, are Dave Knechtel, Mike McMahon, Peter Misikowetz, Joanne Passmore, and Jim Randle.

Buendorf came to what was then Waterloo Lutheran University in the early '60s to take charge of the athletic program. He led the teams into competition with the larger schools in the province, and saw the football team become Ontario champions a few years later. He also was responsible for the formation of the Lettermen's Club.

Buendorf left the university to become assistant director of the Savings League of Minnesota, his home state, and has now been president of the league for 17 years.

Dave Knechtel was named WLU's Golden Hawk Rookie of the Year in 1964 and was a member of the university's first College Bowl team in 1966, and named an All-Star that year by the Central Canadian Intercollegiate Football Conference. In 1967, his final year, he was named the WLU student contributing the most to athletics.

Knechtel went to the CFL after graduation and became one of the most successful players ever to have come from WLU. He played with the Argos from 1968 until 1973 and, in his first year, was chosen Rookie of the Year in the eastern conference.

He played for Edmonton in 1973 and finished his career with Winnipeg, from 1974-1978. In total, Knechtel played 10 years with the CFL and appeared in two Grey Cup games, one with the Argos in 1971 and the other with Edmonton in 1973. He is now employed with the Winnipeg school board.

Mike McMahon, a native of Port Credit, was WLU's first All Canadian in 1968, the year that the CIAU awards were introduced. He was team captain for three of his four years at Laurier, and made appearances in the College Bowl, in 1966 and 1968.

He was named an All-Star by the Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference in his first year on campus. In the 1967-68 year, he was named a Most Valuable Player of the CCIFC, and was a member of the Lettermen's Club.

McMahon went on to teacher's college at the University of Western Ontario, and played football under Frank Cosentino. He was again named an OUAA All-Star and All-Canadian. He is now in his first year as the principal of St. Mary's High School in Woodstock, Ont.

Peter Misikowetz, a native of London, Ont., had decided to enter the University of Western Ontario when a recruiting visit by Buendorf convinced him, along with others, to come to WLU instead.

At WLU (then Waterloo Lutheran) Misikowetz scored 43 points in a basketball game against a U.S. NAIA school in Pikeville, Kentucky.

In the fall of '65 he was 27/31 from the free throw line in a game against Windsor, which hadn't lost to a Canadian basketball team in five years. Misikowetz's throw was a Canadian basketball record at the time and led to a feature on him in Sports Illustrated.

He was named most valuable player in the 1968 national tournament in Antigonish, N.S., which saw WLU overturn University of British Columbia, and then go on to beat St. Mary's University for the championship.

Joanne Passmore (Tully), now of Elmira, and a Tillsonburg native, played basketball at WLU for three years and was named most valuable player in each of them. In her first year, she was the league's top foul shooter and, in her second, was the league's leading scorer. In 1971, she received an invitation for a regional tryout with the women's national team.

Passmore was a co-founder of the Women's Athletic Association and a member during her three-year tenure at WLU.

Jim Randle, a native of North Bay where he now teaches at West Ferris High School, came to the university when it wasn't the force in football it was to become. Randle was an important ingredient in the teams of '61 and '62 when they won two championships in two years.

Randle also played hockey for two years while at Lutheran and was drafted in the second round by the B.C. Lions. He began his teaching career in Cambridge, where he coached football and hockey, and now coaches football and basketball in North Bay.