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Bob Hayes Football Scholarship



Bob Hayes

Bob was the undisputed heart and soul of Saint Mary's University athletics for more than three decades. From 1958 until his retirement in 1992, he transformed athletics and recreation at Saint Mary's from a small program housed in the university's basement gymnasium to one of the greatest sports dynasties in Canada. Known for his integrity, leadership and ready wit, Bob's steadfast devotion to his alma mater was matched only by his deep love and loyalty to his family and friends.

Born in Perth, Ontario in 1933, Bob graduated from H.B. Beal Tech Secondary School in London, Ontario and held a Bachelor of Arts in political science (1973) from Saint Mary's University.

Bob received offers from both the Ottawa Rough Riders and the Calgary Stampeders, but he chose to stay at Saint Mary's where he accepted a position as the university's first-ever director of athletics.

Under Bob's leadership, Saint Mary's varsity teams rose to national prominence in the 1960s and 70s, winning more than 30 regional and four national championships, including two in 1973 -- first the CIS national basketball title and then the Vanier Cup.

His service as an administrator also included a term as the university's inaugural director of student services, a role that he held from 1975 until 1983 when he returned to the position of director of athletics. In 1986, Bob embraced a new challenge as special assistant to the president, playing an active role in the university's successful 1984-89 capital campaign.

Among his many contributions to Saint Mary's, he established the popular Camp of Championships instructional sports camp for youth and was instrumental in bringing the artificial turf and track, Alumni Arena, Huskies Stadium, and The Tower to reality.

Scholarship

The Bob Hayes Football Scholarship is open to a full-time student in any faculty who has completed at least one year at Saint Mary's University, has achieved at least a "B" average, is a key leader on the varsity football team and a "role model" for younger varsity and high school athletes.

The award is based on academic standing and leadership qualities demonstrated on the varsity football team.

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