

SPORTS

College recognizes five individuals with naming honors

By Eli Rodriguez
Sports Editor

College of DuPage will recognize five individuals that have left an enduring legacy at the college by naming areas of the college after them. The outdoor athletic complex, the track, the football field, the basketball floor and the Center for Independent Learning will be named in their honor.

The outdoor complex will be named after Herbert Salberg. Salberg was employed from Sept. 5, 1967 to June 30, 1992 and served as both a faculty member and the Director of Athletics. Salberg oversaw major growth in the athletics area and helped design the Physical Education Building. As head coach of the COD ice hockey team he led the team to three national champi-

onships. Salberg retired as Associate Dean of Physical Education.

The track will be named after Ronald Ottoson who was the head coach for track. Ottoson was employed from 1968 to 1994 as a full time Physical Education faculty member and from 1999 to the present as a part time PE faculty member. He helped the men and women's track teams to national

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DON KLAAS,
HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

prominence at the Division I level.

The most successful community college football coach, Robert MacDougall, will have the football field named after him. MacDougall was a counselor at the college and worked

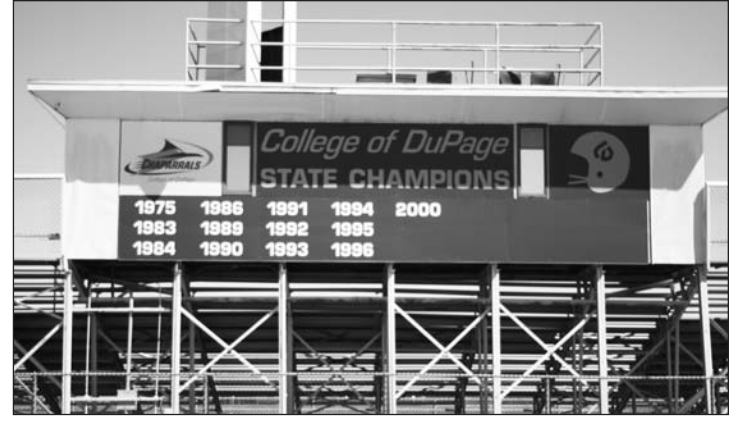
with hundreds of student athletes who have come out of his football program as successful citizens. MacDougall was employed from Sept. 13, 1978 to Jan. 31, 2000 and retired as a

full time PE faculty member.

Donald Klaas had brought great honor and recognition to DuPage basketball. As the most successful community college basketball coach in Illinois he ranks eighth overall in the history of the NJCAA in wins and is third among active coaches in the nation. He will have the basketball floor named after him. In the 2001-02 season he helped guide the Chaparral basketball team to a national championship. Klaas was employed on Sept. 15, 1978 and has been the head coach for men's basketball at the college for the past 30 years.

Theodore Tilton will have the Center for Independent Learning named after him. Tilton worked as a Central Campus Provost but always enjoyed helping out students by tutoring them in mathematics. He was employed from 1968 to 1994 when he retired as Provost of the Central Campus. Then from 1994 to 2006 Tilton worked as the Sporting Event Aide.

"It is a great honor to be recognized along with these four other incredible individuals," Coach Klaas said.



Soon to be the Herbert Salberg Football Field.



Soon to be the Ronald Ottoson Track.



Soon to be the Donald Klaas Basketball Floor.

Photos by Eli Rodriguez

Track and Field compete in three outdoor meets

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The track and field team competed in the first outdoor meet at Trinity Christian College in the Troll Relays. "It wasn't a terribly big meet but our athletes were ready to compete," said head coach Jane Vatchev.

It was the first time this season the team competed in the 4x800 relay and both the men and women had qualifying times. Running for the men's side was Mitch Isaacson, Rick Leonard, Josh Tikka and Jack Dalziel. They finished in third place with a time of 8:39.21. Rachel Nyenhuis, Haileigh Peterson, Jackie Huerta and Carissa Hollenbeck ran on the women's side and finished in sixth place with a time of 12:10.79.

The throwers also had an impressive meet. Ashley Patterson was one of the standouts along with Stephanie Sweezer. Patterson came in first in the javelin with a distance of 110.9 feet

and Sweezer came in fourth with a distance of 79.03 feet. "We had some good PR's and I was really pleased with the throwers, hurdlers and also our distance crew did really well," Vatchev said.

Then the team competed in two different meets. Seven athletes went to Purdue to compete in the Mike Poehlein Invitational while the majority of the team competed at the Elmhurst Invitational. "In the Purdue meet there were quite a few good schools there like NIU, DePaul, Notre Dame, U of I and of course Purdue," said Vatchev.

One of the standouts of that meet was Dan Benton who won the 400-meter dash. Benton competed against 29 other athletes and finished with a time of 47.99. "His time in this race was almost as fast as his time last year at nationals when he won. It's impressive that he ran this fast and we're still a month away from nationals," Vatchev said. Benton also placed fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of

22.09 a personal record.

In Purdue meet the athletes continued to perform well by winning the Triple Jump with a distance of 15.35 meters. Another jumper that did well was Justin Lawrence who came in second in the long jump with a distance of 6.92 meters. On the women's side Patterson had another impressive meet by placing fourth in the women's javelin with a good PR of 119 feet.

While these athletes were competing in Purdue the rest of the team was in Elmhurst putting up good times and distances as well. "It was the first time we did hammer and we had four athletes qualify," Vatchev said. On the men's side Emilio Salinas and Eric Spangler qualified with distances of 129.5 feet and 114.8 feet respectively. Patterson and Sweezer qualified for the women with distances of 124.4 feet and 113.8 feet respectively.

In the 1500-meter run Dalziel ran an impressive race finishing in second

Teaching students more than basketball

DuPage program providing education

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Donald Klaas has been the men's head basketball coach for the past 30 years and has had major success. Now the basketball court he has coached so many players on through out the years will be named in his honor and Klaas shares his feelings about the recognition. "It's an honor, really. This sort of thing usually happens when someone retires but I was in my office when I received a call letting me know," Klaas said.

Klaas who has been inducted into four hall of fames sees his achievements as gifts from the players he

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Spring 2009 Sports Schedule

TRACK & FIELD

MARCH	
Fri., 6	Gill Athletics Last Chance Meet 4:00 p.m.
Fri., 13	COD
Fri., 20	INTERSQUAD TBA
Sat., 28	Viking Olympics 12:00 p.m.
APRIL	
Wed., 1	Troll Relays 4:00 p.m.
Sat., 4	Mike Poehlein Invitational 9:00 a.m.
Sat., 4	Elmhurst Invitational 0:00 a.m.
Fri., 10	Chicagoland Women's Championship 2:00 p.m.
Sat., 11	Chicagoland Men's Championship 9:00 a.m.
Sat., 18	Eagle Invitational 10:00 a.m.
Sat., 25	Regional Championship TBA

*Sun., 29	Harper 12:00 p.m.
APRIL	
Wed., 1	Oakton 6:30 p.m.
*Sat., 4	TRITON 12:00 p.m.
*Sun., 5	Triton 12:00 p.m.
Thu., 9	South Suburban 3:00 p.m.
*Fri., 10	JOLIET 2:00 p.m.
*Sat., 11	Joliet 12:00 p.m.
Sun., 12	OLIVE HARVEY 12:00 p.m.
Mon., 13	North Central JV 4:00 p.m.
Wed., 15	McHenry 3:00 p.m.
Thu., 16	MORAIN VALLEY 3:00 p.m.
*Sat., 18	Rock Valley 12:00 p.m.
*Sun., 19	ROCK VALLEY 12:00 p.m.
Thu., 23	MATC-MILWAUKEE (WI) 2:00 p.m.
Fri., 24	Elgin 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 25	Prairie State 12:00 p.m.
Sun., 26	LAKE COUNTY 12:00 p.m.
Tue., 28	Robert Morris 7:00 p.m.
Wed., 29	MORTON 3:00 p.m.

Mon., 6	Moraine Valley 3:00 p.m.
*Tue., 7	Rock Valley 3:00 p.m.
Wed., 8	Prairie State 3:30 p.m.
*Sat., 11	JOLIET 12:00 p.m.
Wed., 15	Elgin 3:00 p.m.
Thu., 16	SOUTH SUBURBAN 3:30 p.m.
*Sat., 18	ROCK VALLEY 12:00 p.m.
*Tue., 21	TRITON 3:00 p.m.
Wed., 22	at MATC-Madison (WI) 3:30 p.m.
Thu., 23	WAUBONSEE 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 25	Kankakee 12:00 p.m.
Mon., 27	OAKTON 3:30 p.m.
*Tue., 28	HARPER 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

APRIL	
Thu., 2	WHEATON JV 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 4	DAVID WEBSTER 9:00 a.m.
	CLASSIC
Thu., 9	ROCK VALLEY 3:00 p.m.
Sat., 11	Elmhurst 9:00 a.m.
Sat., 11	U. of Illinois Club team at Elmhurst 12:00 p.m.
Mon., 13	WAUBONSEE 3:00 p.m.
Mon., 20	Oakton 2:30 p.m.
Wed., 22	Carthage JV TBA
Sat., 25	REGION IV TOURNAMENT at DuPAGE 11:00 a.m.

BASEBALL

MARCH	
Sun., 1	Illinois Central 11:00 a.m.
Sat., 7	Meramec (MO) 12:00 p.m.
Sun., 8	Forest Park (MO) 12:00 p.m.
Tue., 17	Lincoln Land 1:00 p.m.
Sat., 21	Lake County 12:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Waubonsee 12:00 p.m.
Tue., 24	WAUBONSEE 3:00 p.m.
Wed., 25	Moraine Valley 3:00 p.m.
*Sat., 28	HARPER 12:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL

MARCH	
Sat., 21	Spring Tournament TBA
Thu., 26	
*Sat., 28	Harper 12:00 p.m.
*Tue., 31	Joliet 3:00 p.m.
APRIL	
Wed., 1	McHenry 3:30 p.m.
Fri., 3	MATC-MADISON (WI) 3:30 p.m.
*Sat., 4	Triton 12:00 p.m.

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with a time of 4:04.13 and qualifying. The second, third, fourth and fifth spots in the 110 hurdles belonged to DuPage. Roger Bordeau finished second with a time of 15.61, Brian Shaw finished right behind in third with a time of 15.92, Kendall Deer came in fourth with a time of 16.87 and Tikka came in fifth with a time of 17.78.

After the team's first three outdoor meets of the season some of the runners are ahead of where the coaches thought yet at the same time some are behind so coach Vatchev understands there is still a need for improvement. "The competition at nationals is going to be tough so we have a lot of work to do until we ready to compete at that level," Vatchev said.

The team's next meet is the Chicagoland Championship this weekend. The women will compete at noon Friday and the men at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Both meets will be held at the University of Chicago.

Sixth annual 7v7 soccer shootout at COD

The Sixth Annual 7v7 Chaparral Shootout, a fundraising event for men's and women's soccer programs, will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn. Admission is free and open to the public.

"The annual shootout is an opportunity for college students to compete in the non-traditional season," said William Fajkus, assistant men's soccer coach. "Our inaugural edition in 2004 had 26 teams - 16 men's and 10 women's teams. Last year's tournament featured 56 teams - 32 men's and 24 women's teams from seven states, including Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin."

Last year's tournament included 110 matches were played on eight fields on the Glen Ellyn campus. More than 600 players attended the tournament, Fajkus said.

"Games are played with six field players and a goalie, playing on essentially half the size of a collegiate soccer field with full-size goals," Fajkus said. "Teams are guaranteed three games with the top teams advancing to a knockout or play-off phase."

The tournament's previous winners include University of Illinois-Urbana (men) and Wheaton College (women), 2004; University of Illinois-Urbana (men) and Elmhurst College (women), 2005; St. Xavier University (men) and Wheaton College (women), 2006; North Park University (men) and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Ind., (women), 2007; and North Park University (men and women), 2008.

For more information on the tournament, call Fajkus at (630) 942-2479 or e-mail: Fajkus@cod.edu.

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coaches "Without them I do nothing. When we go out and win and we get recognized it's a gift they are giving me," Klaas said. And throughout his career, he has received numerous gifts from his players.

Klaas has won the N4C conference 12 times and six Region IV Championships. He has qualified for the national tournament six times and won the national championship in 2002 and has coached 12 All Americans.

Yet, after all these achievements Klaas shows no sign of slowing down. In 2002 after he won the national championship a reporter asked him if this was the year he was going to retire. She told him that it would be a great way to go out and after thinking about it Klaas realized it's more than winning titles. "Coaching has never been about achieving certain titles but more a way of life for me," Klaas said.

And even now I still have that passion to coach. If I didn't I would of retired but I feel blessed I still have that desire to compete, bring kids together and help them be the best they can be," Klaas said.

Anyone that goes through the basketball program understands that Klaas does more than just coach basketball but rather teach-

ing an education lesson to help his student athletes become successful in every aspect of their lives. "What we teach here like, never giving up, fighting through adversity and working together are not just lessons I want my athletes to display on the court but in their daily lives. I want them to come out of my program with more than just a knowledge of basketball," Klaas said. And he still has former players that call him or stop by and let him know how much they learned and how they enjoyed playing under him.

Klaas knows basketball and knows how to win and that includes being hard on his team. "I look at every team I've had as my family and sometimes you need tough love to bring out the best in someone to get where they need to be," Klaas said.

And one year it was an actual member of his family that he was coaching. "About ten years ago I coached my son and there were players on the team who didn't know he was my son because on the court it was coach, not dad. But that was special for me coaching my son and that year he was our team's MVP and conference player," Klaas said.

With a burning passion to coach after 30 years Klaas says, "As long as COD wants me, I will be happy to keep coaching."



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Coach Don Klaas showing his intensity for the game.

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Athlete of the Week



Name: Lyndsey Payne
Sport: Softball
Year: Sophomore
School: Geneva High School

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Q: How long have you been playing softball?
A: For at least 12 years.

Q: What do you like most about softball?
A: Being part of a team.

Q: What is most challenging part about softball?
A: Picking yourself up after you make an error. And the mental toughness you need.

Q: How do you prepare yourself before a game?
A: I listen to music that pumps me up and I just try to bring intensity to every game.

Q: Who is your favorite player?
A: Kat Osterman.

Q: Who inspires you?
A: I'd have to say my grandfather.

Q: What are your plans after COD?
A: I want to get in the radiology program here at COD. If not, I want to transfer to a university and hopefully keep playing softball.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?
A: Bowling or tennis. I like to be outside as much as I can.



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