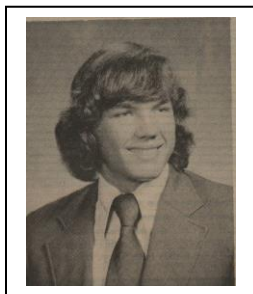


**Park High School  
Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony**



**November 19, 2005  
Mississippi Dunes Golf Links**



**GLENN BOURQUIN**  
CLASS OF '75

Glenn Bourquin was a three-sport athlete who lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. As a football player, Glenn was named All-Conference and All-State and played in the 1975 Shriners' North vs. South All-Star Football game in 1975. In basketball, Glenn led Class AA in scoring as a sophomore and helped lead Park to its only appearance in the state tournament (1973). He was named All-State for three years. Glenn was also an All-State baseball player who participated in the 1975 Lions' Club All-Star Metro vs. Outstate Baseball Series, where he batted .500 over three games.

After high school, Glenn attended the University of Minnesota, where he lettered in football for four years, being named co-captain of the 1979 team. He is still second on the Gophers' all-time list in single-game receptions after catching 12 passes at Michigan in 1979. Glenn was also a member a national championship softball team in 1982 and 1986.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I would like to thank the committee members for this tremendous honor. I need also to thank my teammates that I played with. Playing football, basketball, and baseball requires you to play as a team. It is not an "individual" sport with any of these. I played with and for my teammates. I want to thank my coaches. They were all a joy to play under. I need to thank my family who are the dearest thing in my life. I know now the sacrifices they had to make for me to participate in all my years of playing.*



**MIKE WALSETH**  
CLASS OF '66

Mike Walseth was a three-sport athlete who lettered in football, basketball, and baseball and was named All-Conference in all three sports. He was named Skyline Conference MVP in 1966 and led Park to conference championships in basketball in 1966 as well as baseball in 1964 and 1966.

Mike continued his baseball career at the University of Minnesota, where he was named All-Big 10 as well as team MVP in 1968 and 1969. He was also named an All-American in 1969 and was selected by the Atlanta Braves in the 7<sup>th</sup> round of the Major League Baseball draft.

Mike came back to Park in 1979, holding various coaching positions until 1992. During that time, he served as the Girls' Soccer Assistant Coach, Girls' Basketball Assistant and Head Coach, as well as Boys' Baseball Assistant and Head Coach, presiding over numerous conference and section championships, as well as one state championship. Mike has continued to coach summer basketball and baseball teams in Cottage Grove.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*What an honor to be among the first inductees to the Park High Hall of Fame! I had the unique experience of playing for Mr. Smith and Mr. Houdek as well as coaching Janine and Laura. I want to thank the committee for all their hard work to make this possible. Lastly, thanks to all the guys I played High School sports with as well as all the kids I coached at Park. Thanks to my brothers and sisters and especially to my mom and dad, (Tom and Lois) for their lifelong support.*



**GRANVILLE SMITH**  
TEACHER/COACH

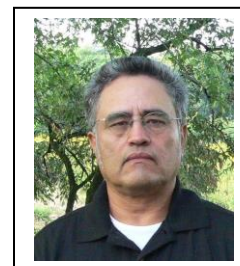
Granville “Granny” Smith is one of the most renowned figures in Minnesota high school baseball history. He coached baseball for 32 years starting in 1945. During that time, his teams went 328-133 (a .711 winning percentage) and won 14 conference championships. His teams finished first or second 25 times in his 32-year career. The baseball field at Park High School is named in his honor.

Granville was very active in the Baseball Coaches’ Association and served as its president in 1968. In 1978, he was named Minnesota High School Baseball Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the National Baseball Coach of the Year. He is also a recipient of the Dick Siebert Award, named for the legendary baseball coach at the University of Minnesota.

Granville has been inducted into the Hamline University Hall of Fame, the Minnesota High School Coaches’ Association Hall of Fame, and was a charter member of the Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*It is an honor to be here this evening. First I would like to thank the committee for their efforts for finally bringing this project to a conclusion. Secondly at this time I want to thank all the players who have participated in the Park High School baseball program. They are the ones who have made Park one of the strongest and most respected teams in the state every year. I have been blessed to have received honors and awards because of their outstanding play and loyalty. Lastly to my assistant coaches for their loyal dedication, a sincere thanks!*



**GEORGE CHAVEZ**  
COMMUNITY MEMBER

George Chavez has been a fixture at Park High School sporting events for close to 20 years. During his association with Park, George has snapped tens of thousands of photographs which he has graciously donated to the coaches and student-athletes who are the subjects of his photos. He is considered the ultimate “Booster” through his support of every athletic program Park has to offer, and thanks to his tireless efforts, thousands of Park High School student-athletes have keepsakes to remember their playing days long after their graduation.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I am deeply honored by Park High School. I have always enjoyed High School Athletics because the kids participating in them are in it for the joy of playing. Taking photographs of the athletes has been a favorite hobby of mine for years. I never had any photos of me when I was playing and by giving photos to the kids now, I get as much enjoyment as they do when they see themselves in action. I get a bigger kick when 15 years later someone comes up to me and thanks me because they appreciate the photos even more today. Go Wolfpack (Indians)!*

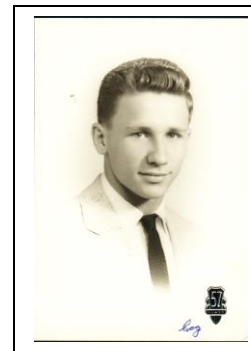


**RICHARD EDWARDS**  
CLASS OF '57

Richard Edwards was an exceptionally coachable and disciplined student-athlete who dominated the athletic scene by virtue of his superior strength and leaping ability. He was a three-year letter-winner in football and was twice named All-Conference. His 47-yard field goal was a national record at the time for the longest high school field goal. He was also a three-year letter-winner in basketball where he was twice named All-Conference, and he was a three-year letter-winner in baseball as well. As a member of the track & field team, Dick was a conference champion in the long jump, high jump, and shot put.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I am very honored to be one of the ten selected to Park High School Hall of Fame. I would like to thank Norm Larson for nominating me and the committee for selecting me as a member of this group. I would also like to thank my family for being here tonight.*



**ROGER PRIBNOW**  
CLASS OF '57

Roger Pribnow earned a state-record 19 athletic letters in five different sports while at Park (football, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track & field), and helped lead Park to conference championships in all five. As captain of the 1956 football team, Roger helped Park go undefeated and unscored upon. He led the basketball team in scoring from 1955 – 1957 and held the individual school scoring record for 37 years. In track & field, he finished first in the shot put, discus, and hurdles and helped set the Little Six Conference relay record.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I would like to thank the committee for selecting me to the Park Hall of Fame and for the wonderful dinner and induction ceremony planned for this evening.*

*My childhood dream was to play for Park High and that dream came true in 1953 when I played my first varsity baseball game as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. As a youngster living only three blocks from the school, I was able to watch the football and baseball games because there was no admission charge. There was a 10 cent charge to get into the basketball games and because money wasn't very plentiful at our house, I could only attend when Les White (a custodian) would let me in after the game had started. I watched many great athletes play for Park High.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Granville Smith. It is probably because of Mr. Smith that I am here tonight. Some kids go astray and I could have easily been one of those kids without guidance.*

*I had a great career at Park High playing football, baseball, track, and tennis, but no individual excels without the support of his teammates and coaching staff. My only regret is that neither of my parents ever got to see me play any high school sports.*



**LAURA PETERS**  
CLASS OF '94

Laura Peters was one of the most skilled athletes ever to come through Park High School. She was an All-Conference performer for three years in both softball and soccer as well as All-State twice each in softball and soccer. As a freshman, Laura was the starting midfielder on Park's state championship soccer team, and she helped lead Park to the state championship in softball as a junior. Following her senior year, Laura was named the softball Metro Player of the Year by the *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*. She also lettered in basketball while at Park.

Laura attended the University of Minnesota, where she earned All-Big 10 honors in softball.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I would like to thank the Park High School committee along with Coach Whitbred for my nomination. It is a great honor as a former athlete. My athletic career at Park inspired me to continue at the college level and made me the person I am today. I would like to thank Mr. Juba and Mr. Whitbred for believing in my athletic ability and being a part of my life when I needed stability the most. I would also like to thank my parents, sister, and two brothers for pushing me and being involved in my athletic career, you all made me strive to reach my best ability, (even if it meant sprinting after games dad). Thank you all for being here tonight to share this award.*



**DEAN HOUDEK**  
TEACHER/COACH

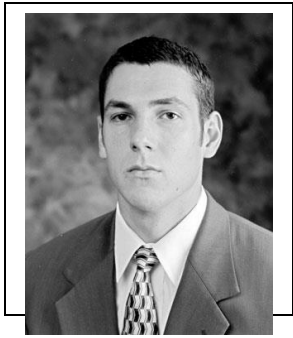
Dean Houdek is one of the most highly respected individuals ever to be associated with Park High School, and he has had a huge impact on countless student-athletes. He has been a model of character, integrity, and strong work ethic, even long after his retirement in 1992.

During his time as a math teacher at Park, Dean also coached football, basketball, and was the Head Coach of both the Cross-Country and Track & Field teams. During his tenure, Park's Track & Field teams won conference championships in 1980, 1981, 1988, and 1992 and made appearances at the State True Team meet in 1989, 1990, and 1991. Under his guidance, 23 individuals and 10 relay teams placed at the State Track Meet. Dean coached 7 individual and 2 relay team state champions in track & field, and one individual state champion in cross-country.

Dean served as president of the Minnesota State Track Coaches' Association from 1989-1991 and was named the Minnesota State Track Coach of the Year for Class AA in 1988. He was an original member of the Minnesota Track True Team Committee and was inducted into the Minnesota Track True Team Hall of Fame.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I am very honored to be elected into the Park Hall of Fame. I have three groups I feel I must recognize for their work and efforts that enabled me to be recognized here. First is my wife, Carol, and my two sons who enabled me to spend the last 50 years being involved with high school athletics. The second group is the many excellent coaches that I had the privilege of working with at Park High. The third group but by no means the least is the young men and women athletes of Park High. I shall always remember them.*



**SAM JACOBSON**  
CLASS OF '94

Sam Jacobson is considered by many to be the greatest high school basketball player in the history of the state of Minnesota. He led the St. Paul Suburban Conference in scoring every year of his high school career, including when he was a freshman. By the time Sam was a senior he was a legendary high school basketball figure, as over 2,000 fans would pack the gym every night to watch him lead Park's team. His 32-point-per-game average as a senior was the highest in the state, and he finished his career as the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading scorer in the history of Minnesota high school basketball (first among large schools) with over 2,700 points. He led Park to the conference championship in 1993-94 and was named Minnesota's Mr. Basketball that same year.

Sam attended the University of Minnesota on a basketball scholarship, where he helped lead the Gophers to the Big Ten championship and the Final Four. As a senior, he averaged over 20 points per game and was selected in the first round of the NBA draft by the Los Angeles Lakers.

Since his playing days, Sam has remained active in the community, making appearances at the Park Boys' Basketball Summer Clinic, as well as hosting his own basketball camps.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I would like to thank Park High School and the city of Cottage Grove for inducting me into the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Park High School Hall of Fame. I am accepting this great honor with my family, coaches, players, and fans that have been a part of this wonderful chapter in my life. Thank you for all the great memories!*



**JANINE NELSON**  
CLASS OF '80

Janine Nelson was a pioneer among female student-athletes at Park High School, accumulating 10 varsity letters in her high school career. Janine was an All-Conference performer in track, tennis, basketball, and softball, and was awarded Honorable Mention All-State honors in basketball. She graduated as the all-time leading scorer in Park Girls' Basketball history and was a member of Park's first State Tournament softball team in 1984.

Janine went on to play basketball at Bethel College, where she was twice a team captain and was named All-MIAC in 1988-89. She graduated as one of the top 10 scorers in Bethel history with over 1,000 points.

Janine has served as the Head Softball Coach at Fridley High School, the Head Tennis Coach at Mahtomedi High School, and as the Assistant Basketball Coach at Bethel College. She is currently the Head Basketball Coach at Mahtomedi High School, where she teaches social studies.

***Acceptance Remarks:***

*I would like to thank my parents for all their support, accountability, and macaroni and cheese before every game! They provided me with a foundation that I still lean on today.*

*My greatest influences on my athletic career are my three older brothers. I soon learned that when mom said, "take your little sister with you," it didn't automatically mean I got to play...I had to compete with all the older boys.*

*I would like to also thank the hard working coaches and teammates I had, they each provided invaluable experiences that I will never forget.*

The Park High School Hall of Fame Committee would like to thank the following businesses' for their generous contributions for tonight's Induction Ceremony:



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### ***Program***

- 5:00 *Social Hour*
- 5:25 *Group Picture of 2005 Inductees*
- 5:30 *Welcome and Inductees Introduction*  
**Rob Bach, Hall of Fame Committee Member**
- 5:40 *Dinner*
- 6:10 *Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*  
**Jim Gilleland, Presenter**

### **Induction Class of 2005**

**Glenn Bourquin--Athlete**

**George Chavez--Community Member**

**Richard Edwards--Athlete**

**Dean Houdek--Teacher/Coach**

**Sam Jacobson--Athlete**

**Janine Nelson--Athlete**

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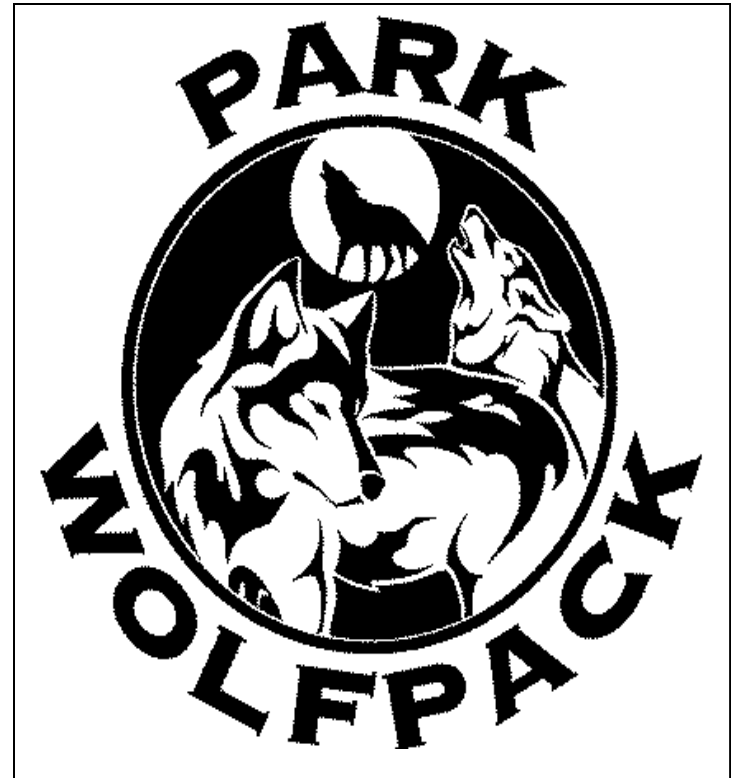
**Roger Pribnow--Athlete**

**Granville Smith--Teacher/Coach**

**Mike Walseth--Athlete/Coach**



**1937-1993**



**1994-Present**