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Brock Athletics to Induct Terry Rigg - Teacher at Glynn A. Green into the 2007 Hall of Fame

ST. CATHARINES - Brock University Director of Athletics, Dr. Lorne Adams, is pleased to announce the Brock Badgers 2007 Hall of Fame inductees. The Hall of Fame dinner will take place on June 9, 2007 at the Brock University Lowenberger Residence Dining Hall.

The 2007 inductees include, builders Mike Pelino and Al Pedler, women's basketball player Wendie (Nutt) Praakel, men's wrestler Aaron Pomeroy and men's track/basketball athlete Terry Rigg. The three Championship Teams being honoured are Men's Rowing (1967-68), Men's Curling (1971-72) and Women's Fencing (1984-85).

"This year's induction ceremony is the culminating event celebrating forty years of excellence in Badger athletics," said Lorne Adams. "It is fitting that we conclude the celebrations by honouring those exceptional athletes, builders and teams that formed the foundation for the pursuit of excellence that characterizes the athletic program here at Brock. We are grateful for their contribution and pleased to welcome them as the newest members of the Hall of Fame."

Mike Pelino, a native of Welland, Ontario, will be inducted as a Builder. As the head coach of the Brock men's hockey program from 1987-1997, Pelino is the winningest coach in Brock men's hockey history. He guided his teams to 106 career victories, which included the top two seasons in school history; 17-8-1 (1994-95) and 16-9-1 (1988-89.). He was named three-times as OUA West Coach of the Year (1987-88, 1988-89, 1994-95). Pelino went on to coach with Hockey Canada for four years, coaching at various levels of international competition. During his tenure with Team Canada, Pelino captured 11 gold medals, most notably at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, where he served as assistant coach. In his most recent coaching work with Team Canada, Pelino was an assistant coach for the country's gold medal-winning entry at the 2004 World Championships in Prague, Czech Republic, and the 2003 gold medal-winning squad in Finland. He is currently an Assistant Coach with the New York Rangers.

Al Pedler, a native of Hamilton, Ontario, will be inducted as a Builder. As the first head coach of the Brock Track and Field / Cross Country programs from 1970-93, Pedler ran numerous events for Brock including the Alfie's 10K run and 1974 Canadian Cross Country Championships.

He took the Brock team to England and California where they were very successful in their competitive invitational events. He coached three current Hall of Famers; Bryan Stride, Kathy Pierce and Margaret Hendershot. He worked at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and as a competitive runner, ran the Boston Marathon three times.

Terry Rigg, a native of Niagara Falls, Ontario, was a two-sport athlete in track and basketball from 1977-81. In track, Rigg was a three-time OUAA triple jump champion and two-time OUAA long jump champion. In 1978-79 he set a new OUAA record in triple jump. As a member of the basketball team, he led the team in scoring in 1978-79 averaging 20.3 PPG. He was also the rebounding leader three straight seasons (1977-80). In 1978-79 he was selected as the Brock Male Athlete of the Year.

Aaron Pomeroy, a native of Port Robinson, Ontario, goes down in history as one of the top wrestlers at Brock. From 1991-96 he captured five OUA titles and four CIS titles at 76 kg earning him five OUA First Team All-Stars and four First Team All-Canadian selections. He was a three-time Team MVP (1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95) and was named Brock Male Athlete of the Year in 1995-96. Pomeroy was a member of three OUA and three CIS Championship teams (1991-92, 1994-95, 1995-96). In 1995-96, Pomeroy was the OUA nominee for the Howard Mackie Award, one of the most prestigious awards in university sport which goes to the CIS Male Athlete of the Year. He was also on the Canadian National Team.

Wendie (Nutt) Praakel, a native of Sudbury, Ontario, played for the Brock women's basketball team from 1991-96. In her five seasons as a Badger, Nutt was a three-time OWIAA All-Star (1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96). She was also the Rookie of the Year in 1991-92 and Team MVP in 1995-96. Nutt currently ranks 6th in career points (1498), 2nd in career three-pointers made (195), 5th in career assists (281) and 13th in career Free Throws Made (208). She also ranks 6th and 7th in single season three-pointers made 46 (1994-95), and 47 (1995-96) and 8th in single season three-point percentage (40.2%) in 1991-92. She was the 1995-96 Brock Female Athlete of the Year.

The 1967-68 men's lightweight 8 rowing team were crowned Eastern Canadian Intercollegiate Rowing Association (ECIRA) Champions and were the first Brock team to win a championship. Doug Chapman was named the Oarsman of the Year.

The 1971-72 men's curling team were the first ever Brock team to win an OUAA Championship. They were also University of Toronto Invitational champions and Niagara District Major League Champions.

The 1984-85 women's fencing team became the second Brock women's team to win a provincial title as they were crowned the OWIAA Champions. They also placed first throughout the season at four other events including the OWIAA West Sectional I, OWIAA West Sectional II, RMC Invitational and York Invitational. Chris Bozek was named the Brock Female Athlete of the Year.

Tickets for the 2007 Hall of Fame Dinner; Adults \$50, children 12 and under \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the Brock University Centre for the Arts Box Office, by calling 905-688-5550, ext. 3257 or online at www.arts.brocku.ca. For more information, visit the Brock Athletics website at www.brocku.ca/athletics

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