

JOAN ADAMS MONDALE '48

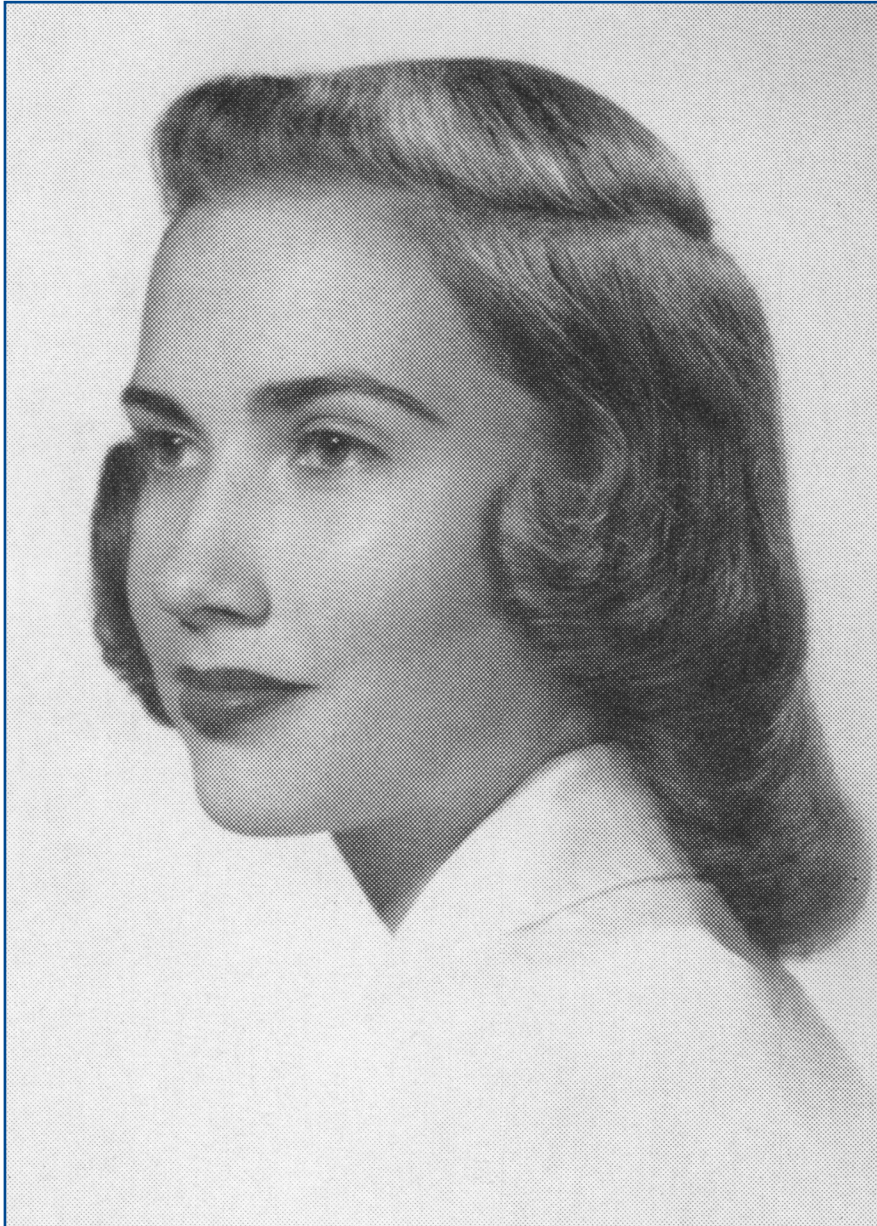


Joan Adams Mondale '48 was a member of the girls' basketball, speedball and field hockey teams while at Summit School. Joan was also the captain of both the basketball and field hockey team's her senior year. In addition to her athletic abilities, she was also known for her table tennis skills and was featured in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune in 1950 for her talents.

During her junior and senior years at Summit, Joan helped her team to close finishes against St. Mary's and Northrop in basketball during the annual play-days against both schools.

Following graduation from Summit, Joan would go on to become a known supporter of the arts and nonprofit organizations and served as Second Lady of the United States from 1977-1981.

JEAN CARLTON WHITAKER AMBLER '49



Jean Carlton Whitaker Ambler '49 was a multi-sport star at Summit School. She was named captain of the basketball team for three years, captain of the field hockey team during the 1946-1947 season, a talented member of the tennis team, and founded the figure skating club at Summit.

In basketball, Jean helped the team to an impressive 17-4 victory over Northrop in 1948. In the spring of 1949, she helped her senior class to a 15-15 tie against the seniors from Northrop.

In tennis, Jean won the Summit singles tennis intramural tournament for four years in a row (1946-1949) and teamed up with Aleeta Engelbert '49 to win the doubles tournament in 1948.

SARAH CONVERSE



Sarah Converse was the Headmistress of Summit School from 1917-1950. Though she came to St. Paul in 1917 and proved herself a worthy fundraiser and administrator for Summit School, it was not until 1924 that Sarah Converse was presiding over a new building on Goodrich Avenue with modern athletic facilities. Her progressive ideas for education included athletics, though she was not a coach herself. Sarah Converse championed athletics at a time when most high school girls' sports were extracurricular activities and/or club teams.

Ruth Putnam Huss '57 reflected that "Miss Converse prided herself as being ahead of her time...." and that meant girls in physical education activities in all three seasons. Jean West '45 recalls that "Summit under Sarah Converse was the only school that had athletics for girls as mandatory, graded classes in all three seasons. Miss Converse hired Dorothy Otterson to coach, but "the emphasis came from Sarah Converse."

LORLE AHERN CUMMING '39

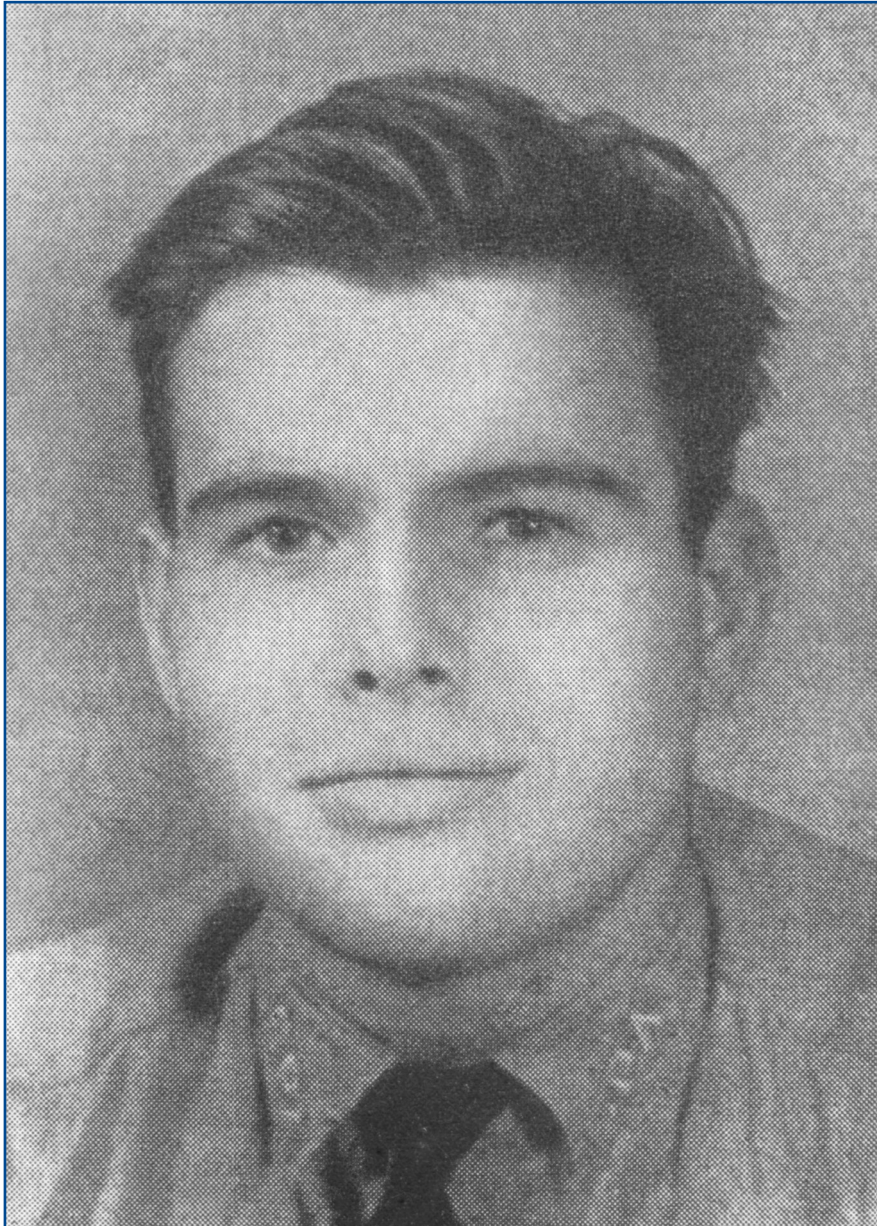


Lorle Ahern Cumming '39 played numerous sports while at Summit School. Cumming served as captain of the girls' soccer team during the 1934-35 season, captain of the field hockey team from 1938-39, and participated in fencing.

In soccer, she led the Blistering Bunnies to four victories against The Rockets. Both programs were comprised of students in the Junior High at Summit School.

Lorle was a member of the varsity field hockey team her sophomore through senior year. As a sophomore in the fall of 1936, Lorle contributed to the freshman/sophomore team defeating the junior/senior team 2-1 and contributed to the team's closely fought 1-0 win over St. Mary's in 1937 and the team's 5-1 win over St. Mary's in the fall of 1938.

WILLIAM A. "BILL" BIERMAN, SR.'42

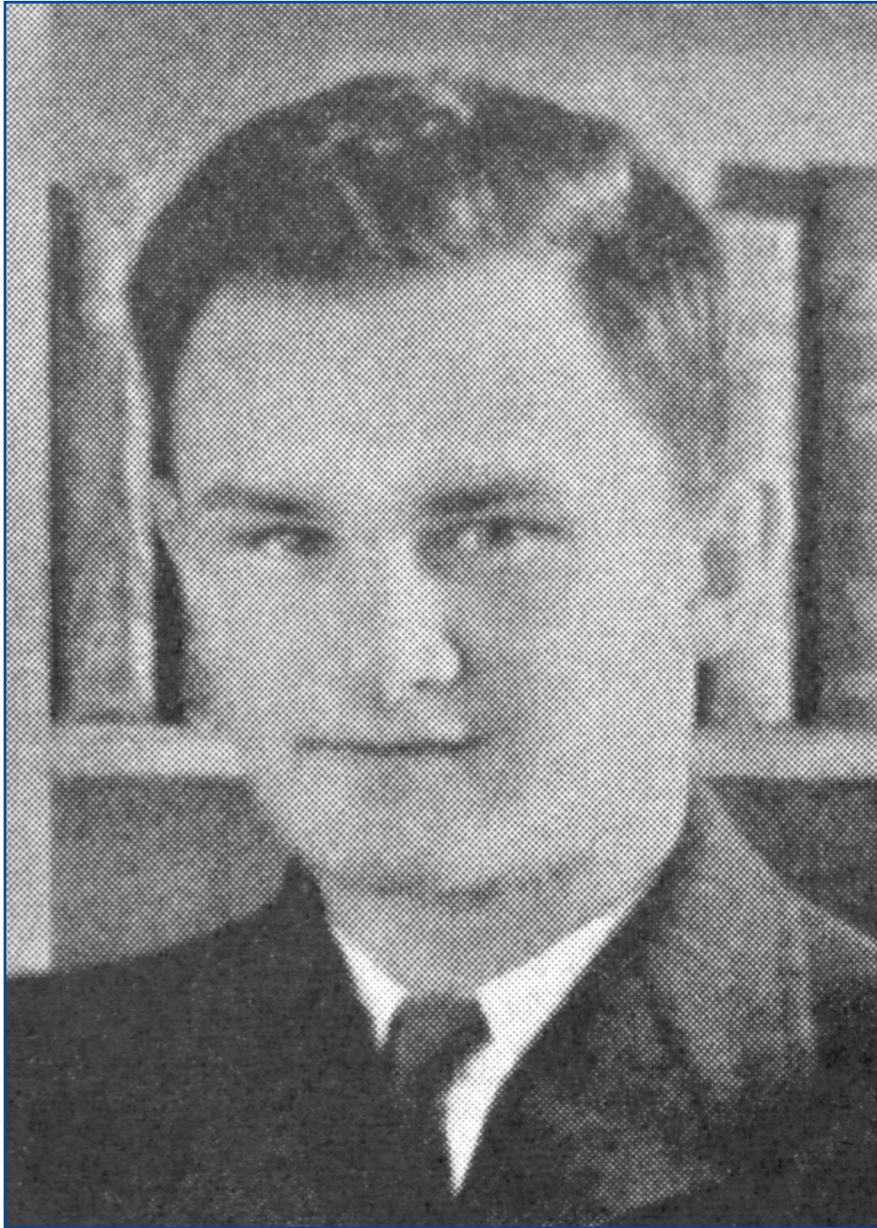


Bill Bierman '42 was a star athlete and student at SPA. In addition to being on both of the football and hockey teams, Bierman also served as President of Student Council, and was awarded the Williams Cup, Margolis Prize, Aurelian Society Cup, Harvard Cup, and received a scholarship to attend Yale.

Son of Bernie Bierman, the highly successful coach of the University of Minnesota Football team, Bill was faced with high expectations, but consistently delivered in support of his team. While helping lead the football team for the 1941 season, the team would continue its dominance extending their unbeaten streak to 37 games over three straight seasons. Bierman would be named by the St. Paul Dispatch to the first-team All Academy Team. Bierman was especially noted in the team's 43-0 win over Harding. The *Now and Then* noted, "Bierman was far and away the best back on the field, as he was seldom stopped for less than five yards, and twice broke away for touchdowns." Bierman was also noted for his memorable interception against St. Cloud, resulting in a 60-yard touchdown.

On the hockey team, Bierman and the rest of the team put together an excellent 1941-42 season, extending their streak of unbeaten games to 28. That season, Bierman played forward and scored a number of goals in wins over Humboldt and Blake. As the 1942 school year concluded, Bierman was recognized along with a number of his fellow seniors for his contributions to the successful athletics programs at SPA in the early 1940's.

ROBERT C. "BOB" BROWN, SR. '41

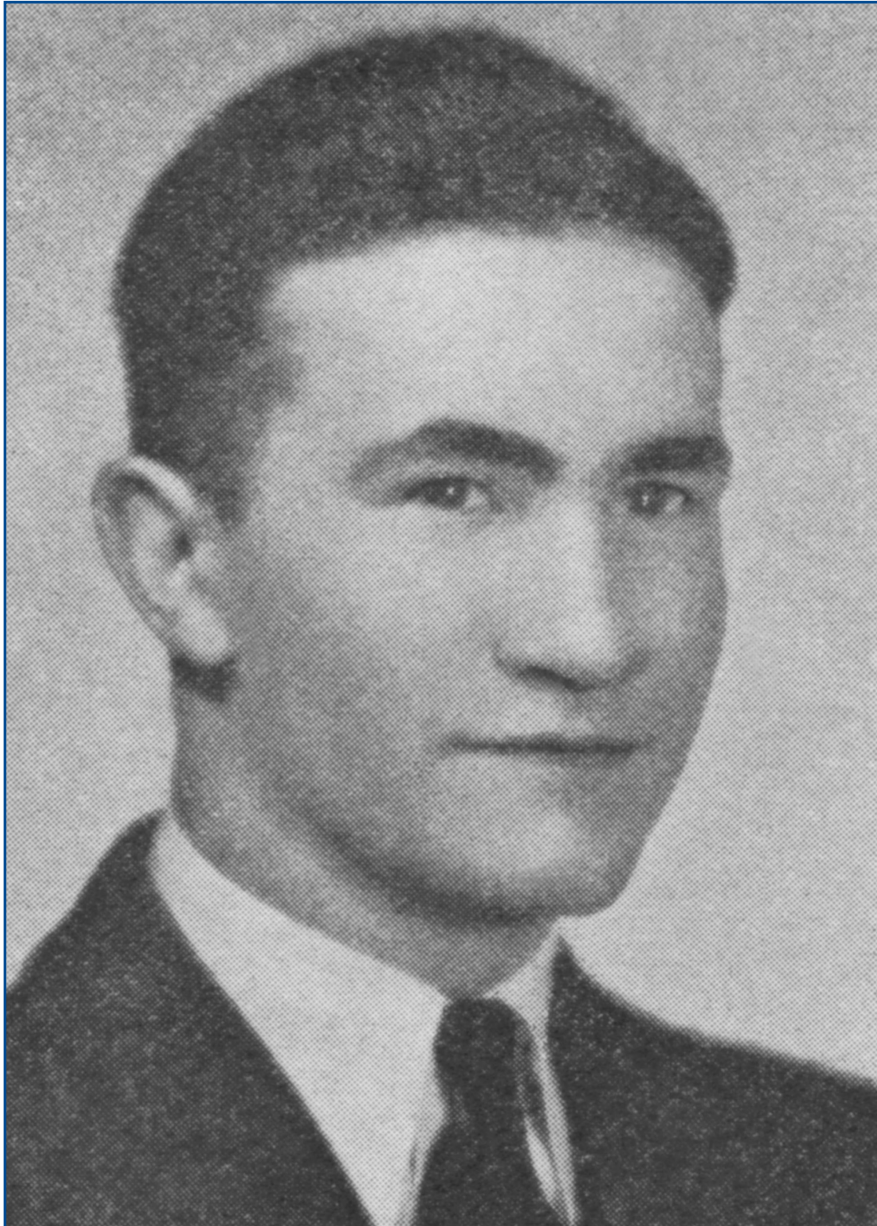


Bob Brown '41 was President of the Student Council and recognized as a talented athlete, playing on the football team, serving as a co-captain of the All-City hockey team, and as a member of the baseball team.

On the ice is where Brown truly excelled. A co-captain his last two seasons and left-winger, Brown was a top goal scorer on the team and helped lift Academy hockey to wins over Shattuck (7-2), Central High School (8-2), Johnson High School (2-1), and Blake (5-0) amongst others. The team was considered the best that the school had seen over the prior 21 years and went undefeated for a second-straight season. Brown was named to the Dispatch-Pioneer Press All-City Team and was recognized for scoring over 10 points and having 17 assists over the season.

In baseball, Bob Brown was an adept second baseman and regular hitter for the team. Brown had memorable games his senior season, hitting two home-runs in the team's 13-7 win over Blake and he was considered one of the top hitters on the team over the course of his four seasons on the "A Team". Brown would go on to play hockey at the University of Minnesota and baseball for the Osceola Braves.

FRANK M. BROWN, JR. '38

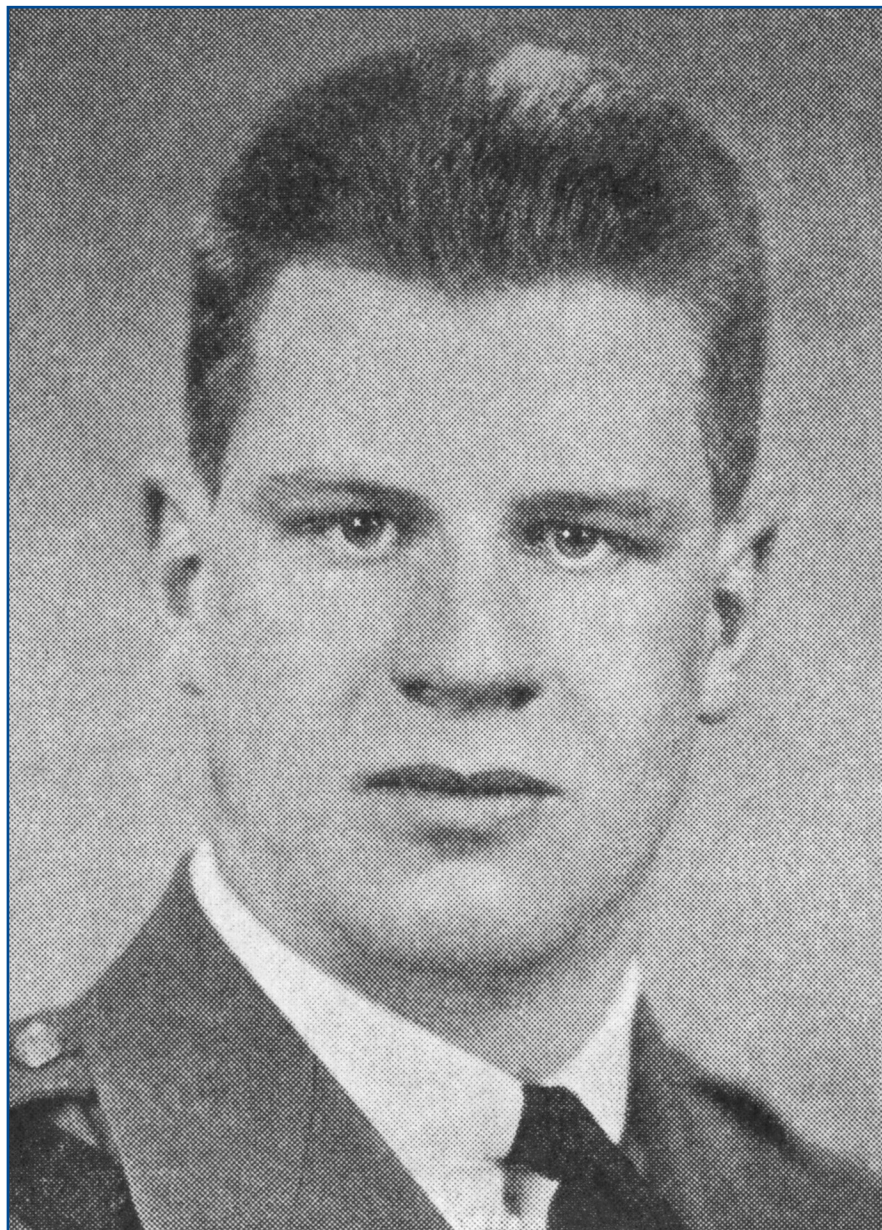


Frank Brown, Jr. '38 was a member of SPA's football and hockey teams, captain of the baseball team, and was awarded the Senior Athletic Cup. In addition, Frank's younger brother Bob '41 was an equally accomplished athlete and the two played together on varsity teams for the last two years of Frank's time at SPA. In football, Frank was a left tackle and helped the Academy to a shutout over Waconia 24-0 in 1937, and a closely battled win over De La Salle. Frank was also at times the kicker on the team and the *Now and Then* noted his kicking abilities.

A center fielder in baseball, Brown helped the Academy team to one of its best records in years following the 1938 season. The team would claim wins against De La Salle (6-3), Concordia Academy (14-8), and Shattuck (5-4), while Brown was one of the top hitters on the team for the season.

Always an athlete, Frank was an accomplished member of SPA's Rifle Team, an equestrian, and played adult club hockey and baseball with the Osceola Braves.

ROBERT L. "BOB" CARLEY JR. '43



Born deaf in St. Paul, **Bob Carley '43** received his first schooling at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, MO. His parents appreciated the specialized teaching he received, especially in lip-reading and vocalizing, but as a young boy, Bob wanted to be at home, and his parents enrolled him in St. Paul Academy's Junior School. In high school at SPA, he was a star athlete in football, hockey, and baseball. He led his hockey team to three undefeated seasons and his jersey was retired upon his graduation. Both teammates and coaches recalled his lively and self-deprecating sense of humor.

Upon graduation, Bob attended the University of Minnesota, where he became an asset to the football and hockey teams as he could lip-read opponents' signals. He played halfback and earned All-Conference honors while serving as a captain for the Golden Gopher football team for three years. In hockey, he garnered recognition as an All-American, but an eye injury would sideline him for the remainder of his career. Immediately after his injury, Bob and his then-fiancée Mary could only communicate when she traced words in capital letters on his forearm. Following this injury, they married, Bob entered his family business, and began coaching hockey at a variety of levels at SPA. Players on his SPA teams admired him and appreciated his exhortation to "have fun." Following a long illness, Bob passed away in 2006 at 82.

JANE DAVIS BENNETT '59



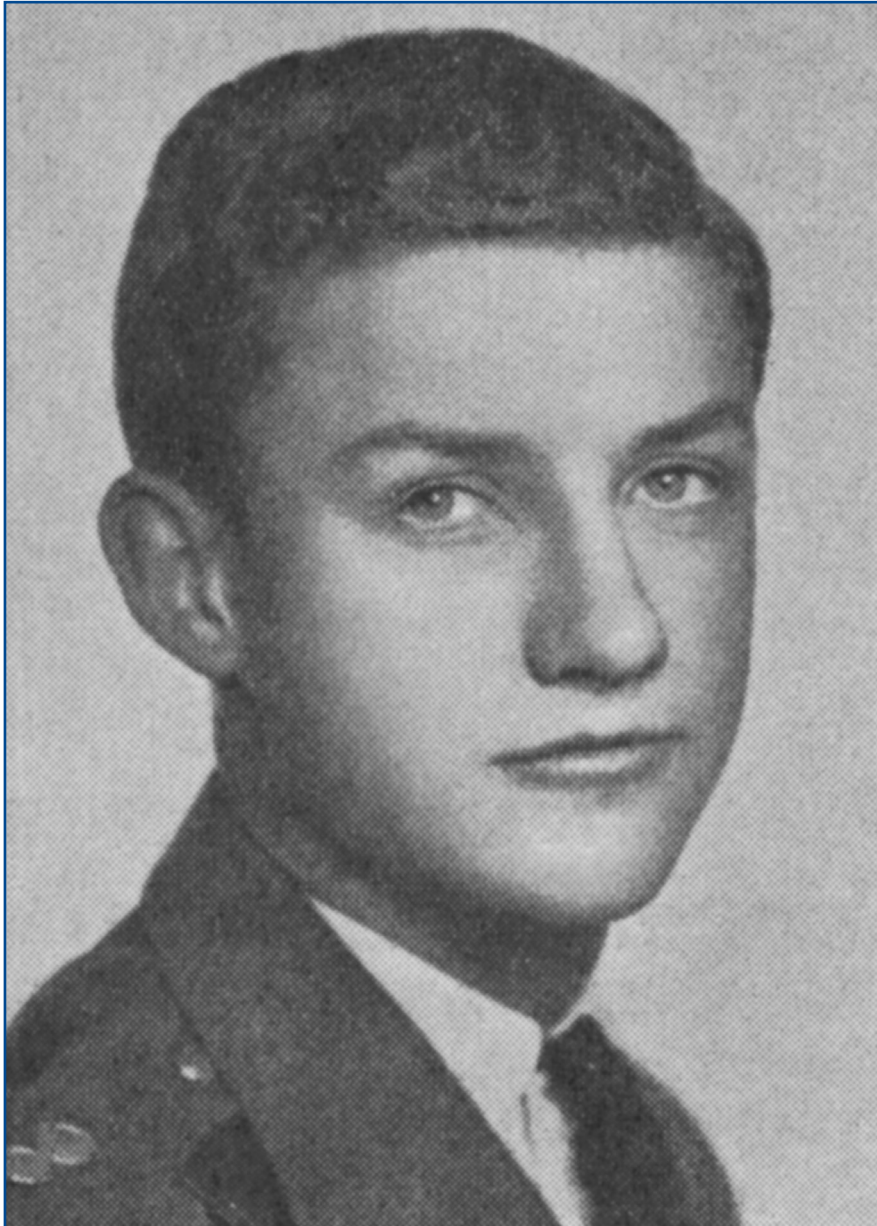
Jane Davis Bennett '59 played field hockey, volleyball, and basketball while attending Summit School. As a member of the field hockey team, Jane was part of a talented sophomore class which claimed the field hockey intramural championship during the 1956-57 year. As seniors two years later, Jane and the team were once again the champions with a 3-0 win during the 1958-59 year.

In volleyball, Jane and the sophomores defeated the freshmen team 28-26 in the volleyball intramural tournament before losing to the juniors 22-19 in the championship. During her junior year, Jane helped her class to a narrow win before losing the championship to the seniors in another close match. The team would go on to defeat the Northrop junior class 23-21 during the Summit-Northrop Play Day on February 12, 1958.

In basketball, once again, Jane and the sophomore team were dominant and defeated the juniors 26-5 and the seniors 31-9 to claim the intramural basketball championship. As juniors, Jane and the team not only won the intramural basketball tournament with a 25-6 win in the championship, but also defeated St. Mary's Hall when the team came to play Summit. Jane excelled on the tennis court regularly winning statewide invitational tournaments in Rochester, MN with her doubles partner Hilary Raudenbush Magnuson '59. She was also an exceptional alpine skier.

Widely regarded as the best athlete in her class, Jane would have thrived in the post-Title IX era, which passed thirteen years after her graduation. Jane stated in an interview that "If Title IX had been in place when I was in school it would have meant everything to me. I would have pursued every athletic opportunity to the fullest. I would have wanted to do it all."

JOHN M. DOAR '40



John Doar '40 was one of the best football and baseball players during his time at SPA. Hailing from New Richmond, Wisconsin, Doar served as captain of the intramural basketball team for two years, captain of the baseball team, sports editor for the *Now and Then*, and Head of Class for two years.

Doar's athletic prowess, along with his brother Tom '39, helped the SPA baseball team to memorable seasons in 1937 and 1939 and a memorable sweep of Blake during his final season in the spring of 1940. In football, John also excelled and was best known for making a key interception in the team's 1939 7-0 victory over Blake. The football team would go undefeated during the 1939 season.

W. THOMAS “TOM” DOAR ’39



Tom Doar '39 was an accomplished baseball player and member of the football and intramural basketball teams while attending SPA. Tom, along with his brother John, attended SPA from New Richmond, WI.

Doar served as captain of the baseball team and propelled the team to memorable seasons in 1937 and 1939. In football, his senior season was one for the record books, with the team going undefeated. Doar would go on to attend the University of Colorado and the University of Wisconsin Law School, serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II between 1943 and 1946, join his family's law practice, and eventually become a well-known fixture in the Twin Cities community.

LAURA FLOAN BOONE '53



Laura Floan Boone '53 played basketball, managed the volleyball team, and was a talented tennis player while attending Summit School. In addition, Laura was an active member of the Girls' Athletic Association.

In tennis, Laura teamed up with Ann Luyten Dieperink '53 to win the doubles championship in the annual Summit intramural tournament against fellow classmates their freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior year. The duo also would travel to play at the Rochester Invitational and at the Tennis Club. The impressive teamwork and skill that the two showed on the court was noted in *The Flame* for multiple years.

WILLIAM E. "BILL" FRENZEL '46

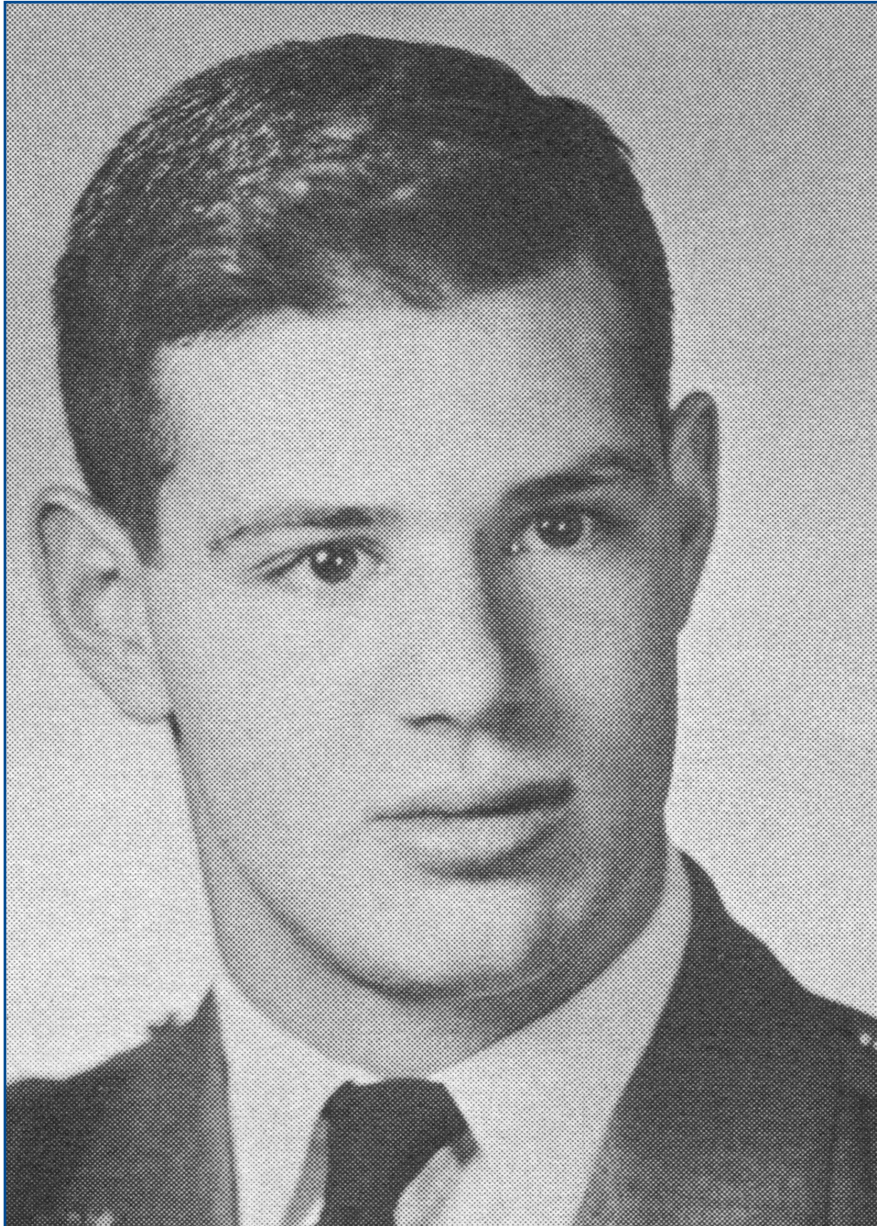


Bill Frenzel '46, one of four brothers to attend St. Paul Academy, was known for being a talented multi-sport athlete. Bill served as a co-captain of the football team, member of the baseball team, captain of the intramural basketball team, and was named to the All-Academy Football Team. Frenzel was recognized by his peers in the SPAR yearbook as being one of the best linebackers in Academy history and one of the quickest players on the basketball court.

During Frenzel's senior year, the football team recorded a record of 4-2-1 and claimed impressive wins over Blake and Shattuck. Along with teammates Robert Bratnober '46 and John Driscoll '47, Frenzel scored an impressive 130 points in seven games during the season.

In basketball, Frenzel played center and was a consistent scorer. During the 1946 season, the team would go 11-3 in intramural play and claim wins against Washington High School and Blake School. In the final game of his basketball career against Blake he scored the final two baskets of the game to claim a 58-57 win for the team and scored 38 points, an Academy record.

PETER FRENZEL '54



Pete Frenzel '54 was a four-year member of the varsity football team, two-year member of the varsity baseball team, captain of the basketball team, while also running track. In his senior year, Pete was awarded the Senior Athletics Trophy, wrote for the *Now and Then* as the sports editor, and was named an All-Conference Football honoree two years in a row and an All-Conference performer in Basketball.

In football, Frenzel had a phenomenal senior season helping lead the offense to a 7-0 win over Shattuck, a 27-0 win against Breck, and a 26-13 win over Cretin, earning himself All-Conference fullback honors at the conclusion of the season. During basketball season, Frenzel led the team in scoring, helping the team finish with notable wins over Breck, Prior Lake and Wilson. Entering the spring season, Frenzel's athletic ability really dazzled: he won nearly every shot-put event at track and field meets and was a key member of multiple winning relays. Frenzel was named the SPA Athlete of the Year on June 7, 1954 and would conclude his SPA career with 11 letters in four different sports. He was praised by his peers for his relentless work ethic and determination to keep improving.

Pete would later come back to SPA to teach German and coach track and field.

NANCY GAVER PRIEDEMAN '46



Nancy Gaver Priedeman '46 was a member of the girls' basketball, field hockey, and speedball teams while at Summit School. Nancy was also the captain of both the basketball and field hockey teams her senior year.

In basketball, Nancy helped the senior team to a 6-1 record against the other grades at Summit in the school tournament in 1946.

In field hockey, Nancy was part of an impressive team which defeated Derham Hall in the fall of 1944 by a score of 6-0 and her junior grade defeated the seniors 4-2 and the sophomores 20-4 in the intramural tournament.

CHARLES RICHARDS “DICK” GORDON ’29



For **Dick Gordon '29**, athletic endeavors of others were his métier from an early age. While at St. Paul Academy, Dick played on the football team, baseball team (serving as captain in 1927), and on the intramural basketball team. In addition, Dick served on the *Now and Then* staff and as the Editor-in-Chief in 1929.

After graduating from SPA, Dick began his writing career at the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, eventually moving on to become a specialized sportswriter at the *Chicago Daily News*. He then joined the Marines during World War II where he would occasionally serve as a correspondent for military sporting events. Following the war, he landed at the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* where he became a beloved local reporter from 1946-1981 and his byline graced decades of reporting on St. Paul Academy's wins and losses. Dick would go on to write for a number of publications including *Pro-Football Weekly*, *Baseball Digest*, the *Highland Reporter*, the *Highland Villager*, and the *Grand Gazette*. Dick was also tapped as a special correspondent by *Sports Illustrated* when it began publication.

Dick's children attended St. Paul Academy and St. Paul Academy and Summit School and he had the pleasure of being able to write about the athletics endeavors of Charlie '64, Robert '69, and Dick '71. Even after retirement, Dick was a living link to history, pulling from his original notes, details told to him decades later by middle-aged players reliving youthful triumphs.

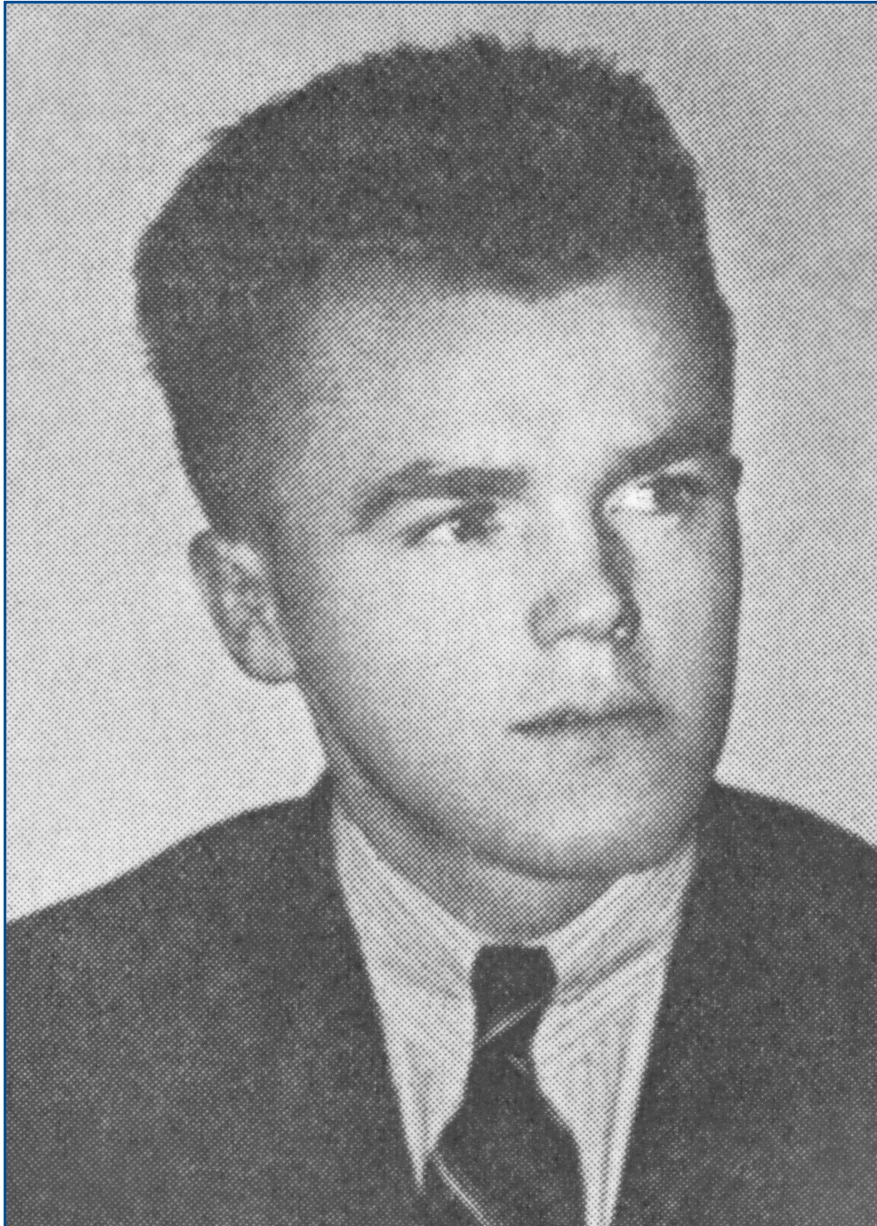
MAXINE “GUNNY” GUNSOLLY



The early 1950's saw the arrival of **Maxine Gunsolly** at Summit School. Gunsolly was fondly remembered by girls as “Gunny,” who began a Summit branch of the Girls’ Athletic Association to bring more structure to athletics and events. Her Sherwood Forest Camp, while not affiliated with Summit School, gave Summit girls opportunities for woodland recreation. She also was instrumental in forming traveling teams so Summit students could play Northrop Collegiate School in Minneapolis and St. Mary’s School in Faribault in basketball and field hockey.

Ellen Read Widmer '57 recalled when discussing Gunny’s teachings, “We didn’t have to be friends with everyone, but we had to respect their humanity...we should not make fun of them...Her emphasis [was] on good sportsmanship. On not cheating, of course, not being...violent, but also playing to win....” Ann Luyten Dieperink '53 experienced Miss Gunsolly as “a breath of fresh air.” Ann shared that one of her most memorable interactions with Miss Gunsolly was when she and her classmates spoke with her one early spring day: [Gunny] said, “I don’t know anything about tennis. Go out, shovel the snow off, and play.”

JEPHTHA D. "JEP" KNOX '40



Jep Knox '40 was a multi-sport athlete, captaining the football team and intramural basketball team, while also playing baseball. Additionally, Knox was named to the "All-Time Academy Football Team" and received the Junior Athletic Cup twice and the Harvard Cup for his athletic and academic ability.

Jep was known as a star football player at SPA, as he helped his team to an undefeated senior season with big wins over De La Salle (30-0), Blake (12-6 and 7-0) and Patrick Henry (33-0). In the final game of the season against Blake, Knox shone by scoring the only points of the game with the lone touchdown in the fourth quarter.

On the baseball team, Knox, along with captain John Doar '40, would go on to lead the team to a 5-3 season and complete one of the most successful seasons in athletics history at SPA. Following graduation, Jep attended Carleton College where he interrupted his studies and football career to serve in the Armed Forces in World War II. He went on to finish his studies at Carleton, eventually becoming the football coach at the school before finishing his coaching career down the road at Macalester College.

ANN LUYTEN DIEPERINK '53



Ann Luyten Dieperink '53 was a talented multi-sport athlete while at Summit School. She was captain of the girls' basketball team for three years, captain of the volleyball team one year, played field hockey, and was an impressive tennis player. In addition, Ann was the Vice-President of the Summit Girls Athletic Association during the 1950-51 year.

During the 1950-51 field hockey season, Ann and the team defeated Northrop 5-0 and defeated St. Mary's Hall 5-4 in their annual competition. During her junior year, Ann and her classmates defeated the sophomore team 7-0 and tied St. Mary's 2-2.

In tennis, Ann teamed up with Laura Floan Boone '53 to win the doubles championship in the annual Summit intramural tournament against fellow classmates during their freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior years. The duo would also travel to play at the Rochester Invitational, the St. Paul Tennis Club and other private clubs in the Twin Cities by invitation. The impressive teamwork and skills that the two showed on the court was noted in *The Flame* for multiple years.

DONALD G. "DON" MCNEELY '33



As a member of the football and baseball teams, and captain of the champion intramural basketball team, **Don McNeely '33** was valued for his athletic abilities.

A right tackle on the football team his senior year, Don helped his team to impressive wins: 14-0 over Breck, 7-0 over Harding, and ended that year with a 7-0 win over rival Blake. In the 7-0 win over Harding, McNeely made an impressive interception to keep the opposing team scoreless and was noted in the *Now and Then* as a star player in the game against Blake, breaking up numerous passes and rushing the passer on multiple occasions.

On the baseball field, McNeely was an integral part of the Academy program. As shortstop and pitcher, McNeely helped his team win over St. Thomas and Blake and was noted for his consistency on the pitching mound as the season progressed.

As a classmate and teammate to Joe Schwab '33, Don led an effort to establish the Joe Schwab Award in 1965 to recognize those who embodied the similar athletic and leadership qualities that Schwab possessed.

DOROTHY OTTERSON



Hired by Sarah Converse to revitalize the athletics program at Summit School, she engaged even those Summit School students who didn't like athletics with activities from Modern Dance to "Speedball," a variant of soccer. Jean West '45 noted that, at Summit, the most important thing to Sarah Converse and Dorothy Otterson was team-building. "There were no stars," Jean said. Along with six other individuals with physical education degrees from the University of Minnesota, Otterson joined the American Red Cross effort in 1944 to support U.S. troops in Italy during World War II.

MARY “MOLLY” PRIEDEMAN BROWN '39



Mary “Molly” Priedeman Brown '39, a lifelong athlete, excelled in tennis and golf. At Summit School, she learned fencing and was a member of the girls' basketball and field hockey teams.

As a sophomore in the fall of 1936, Molly's fencing abilities helped the freshman/sophomore team to defeat the junior/senior team 2-1 and contributed to the team's closely fought 1-0 win over St. Mary's Hall in 1937 and the team's 5-1 rout of St. Mary's in the fall of 1938.

Molly was on Summit's varsity basketball team in her junior and senior years, and the team won impressively over University High in 1938 as well as in close contests against Oak Hall and Northrop Collegiate School. Later in life she attained championship status in trap and skeet shooting, and became a private pilot.

HENRY H. PUTNAM '25

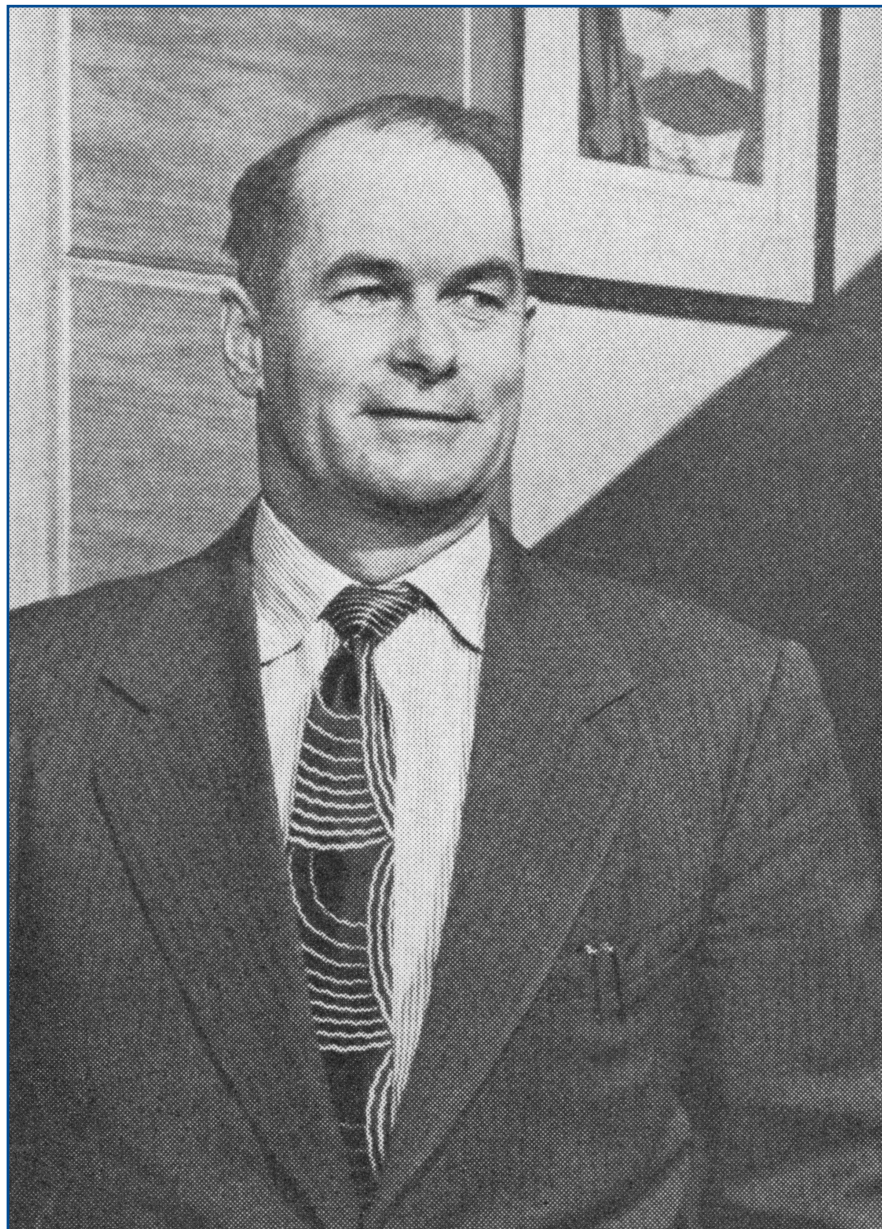


Henry Putnam '25 became a star athlete at St. Paul Academy. One of the first students to play on the recently built football fields on the Randolph Campus, under first-year coach Al Smith, who himself became a legend.

Putnam was captain of the team his senior year and served as a kicker, receiver, and quarterback throughout the season. In his final year at SPA the team had impressive wins over Cretin (26-6), Johnson High (12-0), University High (12-0), and capped off the season with an impressive 6-6 tie with undefeated Blake. Putnam was especially noted in the *Now and Then* for his play on the field during the Blake game: "The good old passing combination, Read to Putnam, once more to the rescue, when Putnam received the ball on a short pass and dove head-long across the line through three Blake tacklers to score." The game was noted as being one of the best games the Academy boys had ever played to date, and Coach Al Smith would go on to remember Putnam as one of his most memorable players almost a quarter of a century later.

Henry Putnam would go on to play at Williams College where he was awarded the Brooks Trophy, recognizing his athletics contributions as a senior in 1929. In addition to football, Putnam was also the captain of SPA baseball and basketball teams and was awarded the Senior Athletic Cup.

ROY M. “CHIP” RASMUSSEN, SR.



Around the time that Edward M. Read, III became Headmaster at St. Paul Academy upon the retirement of John DeQ. Briggs, Athletic Director Al Smith hired **Roy M. “Chip” Rasmussen**, a native of Austin, Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Rasmussen, an enthusiastic backer of league athletics in the Minneapolis suburbs and a coach in Newbury, MI, ultimately combined teaching math with coaching football, basketball and baseball. He helped found the Minnesota Independent School League in 1951, became Athletic Director in 1952, and led teams repeatedly to victory in all three sports. Bill Beadie '58 recalling those seasons, cherished Coach Rasmussen's exhortation to be “mentally tough” as not only important to winning these games but also as a lifelong touchstone. Tom Wood '71 never forgot Rasmussen's correct prediction that he would be better, not worse, as quarterback because he was playing with a cold. At Chip's final game as football coach in 1970, SPA upset Blake, which had a perfect season conference record.

PATRICIA “PAT” ROGERS BROWN ’39



Patricia Rogers Brown '39, was active in Summit School's fencing class in 1937 and was a member of the girls' basketball and field hockey teams.

A member of Summit's varsity basketball team, Pat contributed to narrow victories over Oak Hall School for Girls and Northrop Collegiate School as well as to an impressive win over University High School in 1938.

Pat's experience as a fencer, where her Summit freshman/sophomore team won over the junior/senior team 2-1, helped move the Summit fencing team to 1-1 victory over St. Mary's Hall in 1937, followed by the team's decisive 5-1 defeat of St. Mary's in late 1938. Pat's other sporting activities included tennis, golf and water skiing.

JOSEPH P. "JOE" SCHWAB '33



Joe Schwab '33 was a very talented athlete while at SPA. A member of the football team, hockey team, and captain of the baseball team, Schwab won SPA's Harvard Cup for his athletic and academic abilities, as well as the Senior Athletic Cup two years in a row.

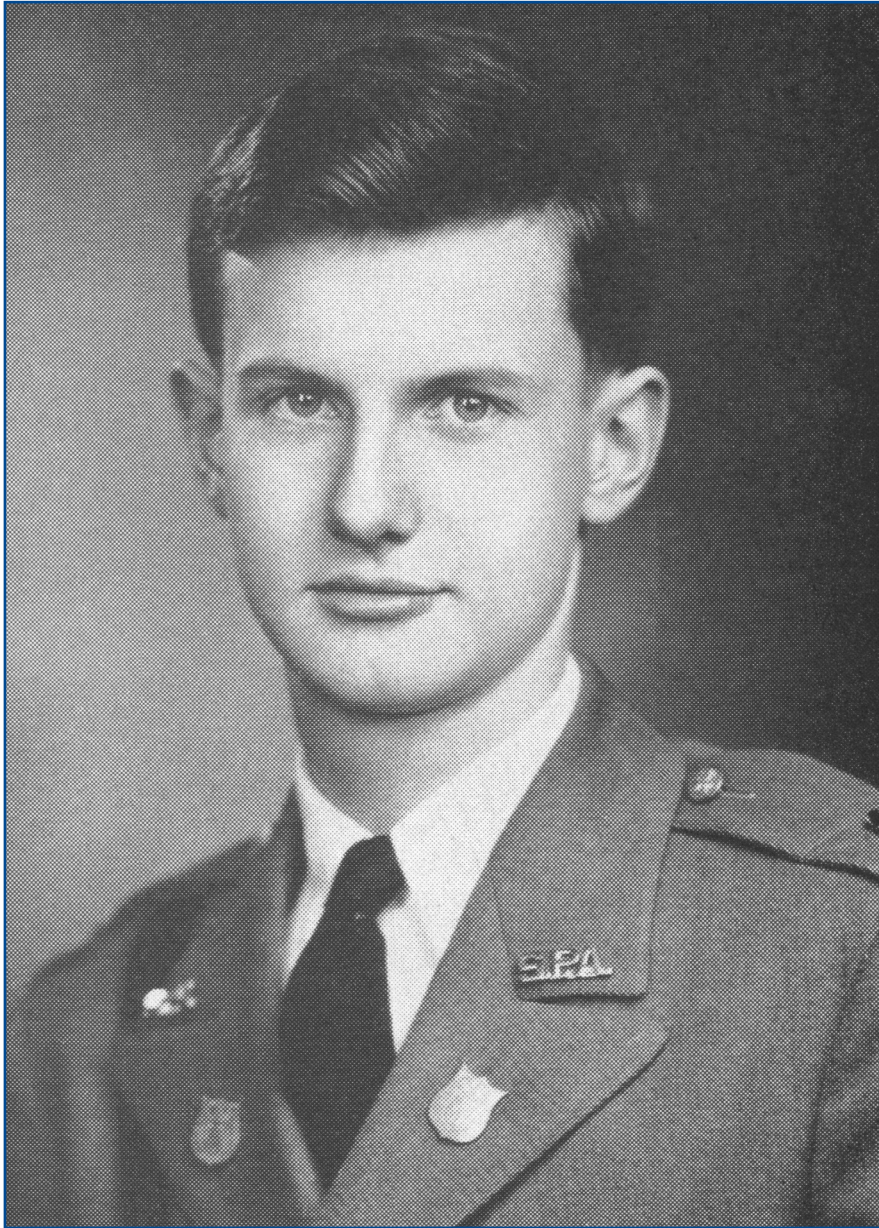
As quarterback during his senior year, Schwab contributed impressive performances in the team's 14-0 win over Breck, 7-0 win over Harding, as well as wrapping the year with a 7-0 win over rival Blake. Schwab was noted in the *Now and Then* for his impressive accuracy in passing.

On the hockey rink, Schwab was a regular starter as a left-winger for a number of years and in his senior season scored multiple goals in games against St. Thomas (2 goals, 2 assists), De La Salle (2 goals, 2 assists), ending the season as the highest scorer with 10 goals and six assists.

As captain of the baseball team, Schwab was impressive on the field and a recognized leader of the team. He had particularly good games against St. Thomas, with four hits on the way to a 10-7 win, and against Blake in a 7-6 win where he scored two runs. Joe Schwab ended the season with 11 runs and 16 hits and maintained a batting percentage of .552, the highest for the team.

Schwab would go on to play hockey at the University of Minnesota, where he had a successful career. After his untimely death, his contemporaries recalled his sportsmanship, character, and ability and established the Joe Schwab Award in 1965, awarded for the first time in 1967.

STANLEY "STAN" SHEPARD '47



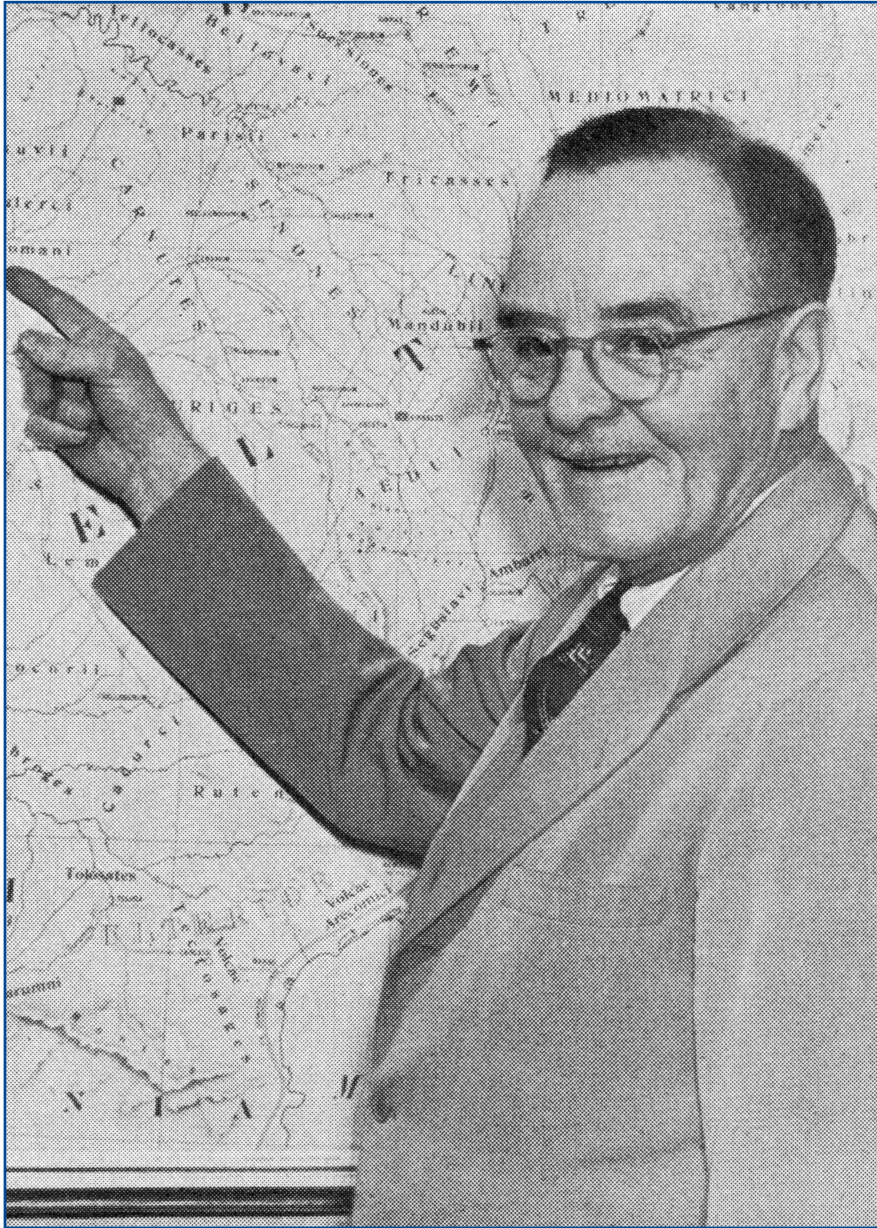
A member of the football, hockey and baseball teams, **Stan Shepard '47** was known for his tenacity in athletics and intellectual standing, earning the Harvard Cup for his academic and athletics abilities.

In football, Shepard was a defensive right-end and was known for his ability to stop the opposing offense. In the 1946 game against Shattuck, Stan led the defensive charge en route to a 7-6 victory.

In hockey, Stan helped build on a successful hockey legacy at SPA and led the team to a 11-4-2 season in 1947. He ended that year as one of the top scorers on the team, accumulating 6 goals and 9 assists in his senior season.

On the baseball field, Shepard was regarded for his tenacity. He was a regular hitter in the line-up and concluded his senior season with the most runs scored on the team (10) and no errors in the field. The team would end its season 6-3 in heartbreaking fashion to Blake.

ALBERT M. "AL" SMITH, SR.



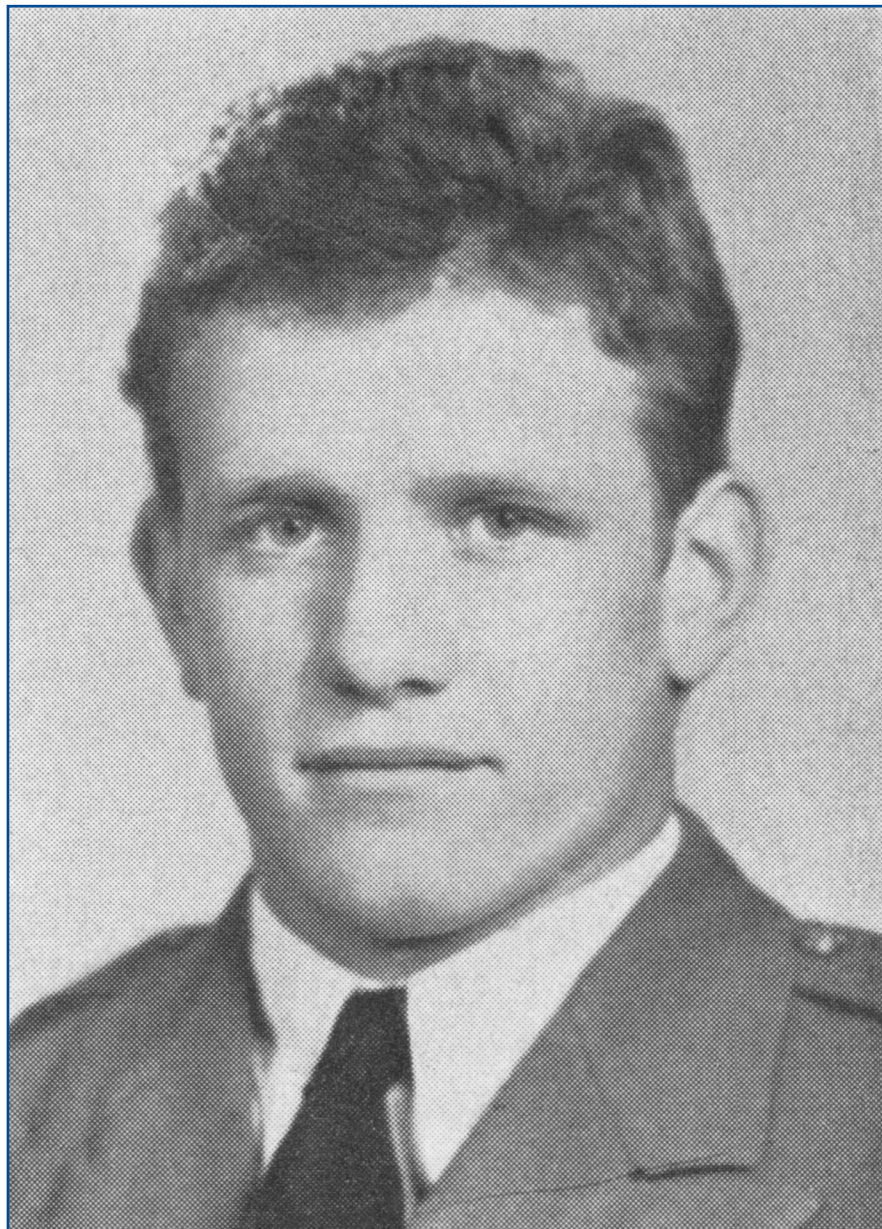
A small-of-stature Latin teacher at St. Paul Academy, **Al Smith** became a giant of a football coach. Sportswriter Dick Gordon '29 wrote that, in Smith's undergraduate days (1906-07) at Trinity College, his larger football teammates tossed him, holding the ball, to make yardage. Al Smith parlayed his knowledge of the sport and of the demands of coaching into three decades molding championship teams at SPA. Many boys he coached went on to become college varsity stars. Al eventually became the Athletic Director at St. Paul Academy where he hired his ultimate successor, Chip Rasmussen. While he retired from coaching in 1949, Al Smith continued to teach until his death in 1960.

MAXIMILIAN “MAX” SPORER, SR.



A math teacher with a sense of humor and a fondness for three-piece suits, **Max Sporer** was also a graduate of Trinity College (1912). While his many roles at SPA included supervising buildings and grounds, he coached winning hockey teams for two decades, and helped to organize league competitions. Max Sporer developed talented hockey players who had varsity careers in numerous colleges, despite not having played hockey himself. Mr. Sporer continued to teach math and bring merriment to the Randolph Campus through the 1960s.

RICHARD L. "DICK" STRYKER, SR. '42



Dick Stryker '42 was a renowned football player, and a talented member of the hockey and baseball teams at SPA. On the football field, Stryker was known for his impressive defensive skills and was named by the *St. Paul Dispatch* to the second-team All-Academy Team for the 1941 season. The team would go on to end their season undefeated for the third year in a row accounting for 37 straight games without a loss. Stryker was also known for his defensive skills in a 45-0 rout over Waconia and a 12-6 win over Shattuck.

On the hockey team, Stryker was the team's goalie and was known for his performances in the net when SPA defeated Blake (3-2) and Shattuck (4-1), extending the team's win streak to 28 games during the 1942 season. He would end that season with four shutouts for the year. In baseball, Stryker played center field and in his senior season helped the team to a number of memorable wins including a 9-1 win over De La Salle, a 6-4 win over St. Thomas, and a 18-7 win over Concordia. As the 1942 school year concluded, Stryker was recognized along with a number of his fellow seniors for his contributions to the successful athletics programs at SPA in the early 1940's.

JEAN WEST '45



Jean West '45 was a member of the girls' basketball and field hockey teams while at Summit School. In addition, Jean served as captain of the basketball team during the 1943-44 season.

In field hockey, Jean was part of a talented class of players that defeated the seniors during the 1943-44 year by a score of 2-1. She would also go on to help her team to a 6-0 win over Derham Hall in the fall of 1944.

In basketball, Jean helped her team to an exciting win over Northrop during the 1944-45 year.