BETHANY TO INDUCT FIVE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BETHANY, W.Va. - Bethany College will induct five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame in a halftime ceremony during Bethany’s Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 4, against Waynesburg (Pa.) College.

The weekend will begin on Friday, Oct. 3, at a Hall of Fame reception at 6 p.m. in the Private Dining Rooms at Benedum Commons on the Bethany campus. The Hall of Fame dinner will follow in the Private Dining Room at 6:30 p.m. The five new members, Carl Clemens of Warren, Ohio, Jamie Hamm of Wheeling, W.Va., Phil Krasinski of Hamburg, N.Y., Melanie Stumm West of Zelienople, Pa., and Jay West of Washington, Pa., will receive their Hall of Fame plaques during the halftime ceremony of Saturday’s game.

Carl Clemens, Class of ’78, was a four-year letterman for the Bison football team from 1974-77. He earned First Team All-PAC honors three times, twice at tackle and once at tight end. A two-time All-District selection, Clemens was a starter on the 1975 Bethany team that won the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) and was a coach on the 1980 squad that won the league crown. He was recently named to the 1980’s All-Decade Team at Bethany.

Off the field, Clemens was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education and a GPA over 3.0. He is the owner and operator of Punky’s Pit Stop. He is single and resides in Warren, Ohio.

Jamie Hamm, ’90, was also a four-year letterman for the Bison football team. A two-year starter at quarterback for the Green and White, he led the PAC in 1988 and 1989 in total yardage. Hamm earned Honorable Mention All-PAC as a junior and First Team All-Conference as a senior. He earned the Hanna Award for Outstanding Male Athlete at Bethany as a senior.

Off the field, Hamm served as President and Vice President of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and was in Who’s Who Among American College Students. Currently the Regional Sales Manager for Dormont Manufacturing Co., in Export, Pa., Hamm graduated from Bethany in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications (Advertising). He and his wife, Susie, have two children, Harrison (two) and Isabella (two and a half months) and reside in Wheeling, W.Va.

Phil Krasinski, ’84, is remembered as one of Bethany’s strongest distance runners ever. He was a four-year letterman on the cross country team and a three-year letterman on the outdoor track and field team. Krasinski was a member of Bethany’s 1980 Regional Championship team in cross country and participated at NCAA Championships in 1980.
and 1982. He earned All-PAC twice in cross country ('82, '83) and track ('81, '82) and broke College records in track in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs. Krasinski still owns the 10,000 meter record today with a time of 31:47.

When he wasn’t running, Krasinski was a member of the Computer Science and Math Clubs and was an officer in the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. A 1984 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science, Krasinski is in his seventh year of working with Gaymar Industries. He and his wife, Janet, have three children, Alexander, Emily and Joseph, and reside in Hamburg, N.Y.

Melanie Stumm West, ’93, was a four-year letterwinner in softball. She earned PAC MVP twice (1992, 1993) and First Team All-PAC three times as she broke Bethany batting average and RBI records and led BC to PAC titles in 1991 and 1992. West played field hockey for a season and earned Goalie of the Year in 1989. The versatile student-athlete was also a member of the volleyball and women’s basketball teams for a season.

Away from the fields, West was a member of Kappa Delta and served as a student athletic trainer. She served as a volunteer fireman and EMT and was a lieutenant for the Bethany Fire Department. A 1993 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, West has been working with National Lighting since 1993. She and her husband, T. Richard West Jr., reside in Zelienople, Pa.

Jay West, ’93, was a four-year letterman on the Bison baseball team. He was team captain and First Team All-PAC in 1991 and 1992. West helped guide the Bison to the 1991 PAC championship and was a Second Team All-Region selection in 1992. In his senior season, he had the highest batting average on the team (.447) and set the Bethany single-season hit record.

Off the diamond, West served as President, Ritualist and Historian for Kappa Alpha Order and was a member of the Phi Delta Psi Physical Education Honor Society. A 1993 graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education, West has been with Aramark Services since 1994, where he is the Nutrition and Food Service Director. He and his wife, Amy, have three children (Joel, Jordan, Jarrod) and reside in Washington, Pa.

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