

Alfred University to induct four into Sports Hall of Fame

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ALFRED Alfred University will honor four former standout student-athletes during its annual Sports Hall of Fame Banquet next week. The banquet, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at Ade Hall on the AU campus, is part of the University's annual Homecoming festivities. The 2002 inductees are Don Carlin '57, Scott Taylor '84, Sylvia DeCarr '86 and Art Apgar '87. Carlin was a star offensive lineman and linebacker on the football team from 1953-56, earning All-America honors in 1954. He was a key member of legendary coach Alex Yunevich's 1955 and 1956 teams, which were a combined 15-0 and put together the Saxons' last back-to-back unbeaten seasons. He started for four years, from 1953-56, playing on offense and defense in each game. He was an outstanding lineman, playing tackle on an offense that routinely punished opposing defenses. And he led a defense that in 1955 allowed opponents a total of 21 points as the Saxons went 8-0-0 and recorded six shutout wins. After graduating from Alfred in 1957 with a degree in economics and business, Carlin served two years in the U.S. Army. He was a field representative for GMAC from 1960-64 and a district sales manager for Chrysler Motor Corp., Dodge Division, from 1964-75. Carlin, who lives in Harrison, NY, was transportation supervisor at his alma mater, Harrison Central School District, from 1975 until his retirement in 1999. He has two daughters, Donna Carlin, who lives in Connecticut, and Andrea Carlin, who lives in Massachusetts. Taylor played four seasons on the men's soccer team, from 1980-83. He was named a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Regional and National All-American in 1983, his senior year. When Taylor graduated from AU in 1984, he held the school's career and single-season scoring records. He lists among his greatest thrills as an AU student-athlete a pair of one-goal victories during his senior year of 1983. He scored both goals in a 2-1 victory over RPI, including the game-winner with a minute left, and tallied two scores, including the game-winner with five minutes remaining against Ithaca as AU prevailed, 3-2. Taylor graduated from AU in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering and a year later earned a master's degree in biomedical engineering from Clemson University. He is currently director of technical services with Stryker Howmedica Osteonics, a Rutherford, NJ, orthopedic implant manufacturer, a position he has held since 1998. From 1986-1998, he held various positions, including materials research engineer (1986-88), laboratory research supervisor (1988-91) and manager of materials research (1991-98) at Osteonics Corp. in Allendale, NJ. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Ridgewood, NJ, with their daughters, Christina (8) and Melanie (6). DeCarr was a two-sport athlete at AU, playing both varsity volleyball and basketball. She played two seasons in basketball (1984-85 and 1985-86), grabbing 277 career rebounds, which rank 16th on the school's all-time list. She also played volleyball three seasons (1984-86). Among DeCarr's greatest thrills as an AU student-athlete was being part of the 1985-86 basketball team that went 19-6 and claimed the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate New York title. She is the fourth member of the 1985-86 team to be inducted into the AU Hall of Fame, joining Diane DeGurian, Heidi Aldous and Tami Brown. DeCarr earned a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering in 1986 and a master's degree in glass science, also from AU, in 1988. After graduation from AU, she was a manufacturing/development engineer for IBM Corp. from 1988-95; a manufacturing/process engineer for Ford Motor Co. from 1995-97, and a member of Owens Corning's Technical Specialist Organization from 1997-98. Now living in Schenectady, NY, she has been in her current position as materials scientist in the General Electric Research Center in Niskayuna, NY, since 1998. Apgar was a member of the men's swimming and diving team from 1984-87. He was an All-American in each of his four years on the swimming team, earning All-American certification nine times. His best performance was at the 1987 NCAA Division III championships, where he earned All-American honors in four events, placing third in the 100-yard butterfly. That same year, Apgar, a team co-captain, was state champion in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard butterfly events. He said his biggest thrill as an AU student athlete was being "with other people who only had one goal in mind: to win." Apgar graduated from Alfred in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is president of Clayton's Mercantile Supply of New Milford, CT, a wholesale distributor of packaging supplies and new and used pallet racks and shelving and an importer of miscellaneous equipment. He has been employed as a part owner of the family business since 1990. Apgar and his wife, Karen, live in Brookfield, CT, with their two sons, Carter (2) and Reece (two months). For the last three years, the University has honored a team for its outstanding achievements during a particular decade. In 2000, the 1964 football team that defeated powerhouse Susquehanna University was feted and last year the 1971 Lambert Bowl-winning football team was honored. Team members are invited to be recognized at the Hall of Fame Banquet. At this year's banquet, the University will honor the 1981 football team. The 1981 Saxons

won 10 games, the most in any single season in school history, and are the only AU football team ever to compete in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The team, coached by 2000 Hall of fame inductee Sam Sanders, possessed one of the strongest defensive units ever at Alfred. The AU defense was particularly effective in stopping the run, allowing only 65 yards rushing per game (best in the nation). In the season finale, a tough 13-12 loss to Montclair State in the NCAA tournament opener, AU held Montclair to minus-10 yards on the ground. A balanced offense averaged 315 yards and nearly 20 points per game. The seniors from the 1981 enjoyed one of the greatest runs in school football history, winning 29 games and losing only nine. Two members of the 1981 Saxons, Matt Sullivan '83, and Brian O'Neil '84, are Hall of Fame inductees.