

McQuaid

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Letters from some of McQuaid's former players included Jefferson Newton, Butch Hassel, and Alton Best.

Hassel said McQuaid taught his players more than just ball.

"He was an excellent math teacher and quite a disciplinarian. McQuaid wasn't someone you joked with. He expected you to play by the rules no matter who you were."

Hassel said he and other team members knew McQuaid's expectations did not end on the basketball court.

"If we were not representing the team in a right manner he would come to our house and talk to our parents. He made a point to find out if we were in trouble and seek us out for help."

McQuaid was more than just a coach to Hassel.

"He was so much more to us. He was a father figure. He kept a lot of kids in line and out of trouble."

Hassel said McQuaid held each team member accountable for his part.

"If you weren't giving 100 percent you'd be sent home."

McQuaid was not only caring but a good coach as well.

"He spent summers in the Northeast where professional coaches and ball players were."

Hassel said McQuaid was not only innovative but ahead of his time.

"He would bring in plays from Wake Forest, State and

Carolina. We were head and shoulders above the other teams. and it was all because of Coach McQuaid."

Hassel said the discipline he learned under McQuaid's basketball tutelage enabled him to become successful.

"The discipline I learned from McQuaid enabled me to play college basketball for Wake Forest [University]."

High school and college behind him Butch Hassel is a business manager for a chemical corporation in South Carolina.

Former Seadog Alton Best, now broker-in-charge with Century 21/Down East Realty, who played Beaufort High School basketball his senior year of 1969-1970 said he found McQuaid to be an honorable man with extraordinary leadership.

"I was pleased with him. He taught me algebra and basketball."

Best said McQuaid was well liked and respected and held a tremendous knowledge of basketball.

"He was a good teacher and leader."

Jefferson Newton said that Coach McQuaid was his mentor and friend.

"McQuaid was more than a coach. He was a builder of

men. He was easier on the stars than he was on the last man on the bench."

Newton said after high school McQuaid continued to help him make sound decisions.

"He recommended a law firm to me that I should practice with and came to my home after my father died to express his sympathies."

Newton said he was "fortunate" to have been able to play for McQuaid.

Although the NCHSAA Hall of Fame Committee has received many letters on McQuaid's behalf, Rick Strung, associate executive director, said it may take more than one application to get McQuaid inducted.

"It's a pretty selective process," Strung said, "usually only four to six people are inducted out of 100."

Strung said the Hall of Fame Committee, composed of school superintendents, athletic directors, and coaches discusses and makes its best decision based on long term contributions to high school athletics. Strung said that McQuaid's information came in after the deadline and that his application will be reviewed and considered for induction the year 2000.