



George Wall

When George Wall became a member and head of the Physical Education department in 1971, there was no compulsory fitness program in the academic curriculum due to a lack of facilities. He successfully created a viable Physical Education program and contributed much to the development of the College.

JOHN ABBOTT

- Led the charge to develop courses which would be of value to students as complementary courses;
- First Athletic Director of John Abbott College;
- Developed the intramural recreational sports program;
- Created the structure for the athletic intercollegiate sports program which would compete in the new CEGEP leagues;
- First football coach at John Abbott supported by his experience as quarterback at McGill;
- Led the team to three consecutive championships in the 1970s;
- Member of the executive of the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association in its formative years;
- Oversaw the design and realization of the Thérèse Casgrain Sports Centre;
- Completed his career as the Coordinator of Student Services.

RECOGNITION

Named Coach of the Decade in 1986 and the subsequent trophy was named in his honour.

Beyond his official function within the College, George also played a key role in two other critical areas. He was one member of a three-person committee that created and organized the John Abbott Open House which took place at Fairview Shopping Centre for several years; the logistics of that project were quite remarkable. George was also the initiator of the John Abbott staff golf tournament which remains a well-attended June event some forty years later.

George retired from John Abbott College in 1997.

EMPLOYEE