



*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.