



## Keeping the Focus on Inner-City Athletics

### *Urban Youth Sports honors Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino*

BOSTON, MA – Sport in Society’s *Urban Youth Sports* program commits itself to targeting barriers that restrict youth sport participation in Boston neighborhoods and creating solutions that increase opportunities for participation and healthy development.

Many of those that share this commitment were on hand at the first-annual *Urban Youth Sports* Holiday Brunch on December 6, 2001 in the Raytheon Amphitheater at Northeastern University. Over 100 individuals comprised of various collaborators with *Urban Youth Sports* attended the event. The highlight of the



Photo by Paul Ermlich

Peter Welsh (center), Boston Mayor Menino’s Chief of Policy and Planning, accepts the award from Sport in Society. He is joined by distinguished guests (left-right) Richard Lapchick, Steve Burke, Linda Keefe, Jean Wiecha, Steve Gortmaker, Dr. Azzie Young, Alfreda Harris, Cindy Hannan, Sylvia Stevens-Eduard, Allyce Najimy, and Kevin Fitzgerald.



morning was the presentation by *Urban Youth Sports* of an award to honor “Outstanding Commitment to Boston Youth Sports”. The first recipient of the award was Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino for his office’s dedication to and long-time support of *Urban Youth Sports*.

“I’m honored that (*Sport in Society*) has chosen to give this award in my name,” said Menino in a press release. “As Mayor

and a father, I understand the vital role sports can play in keeping young people on the right track,”

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## Disability Sport Research Initiative

### *Analysis, Advocacy, Action for Sports Inclusion*

BOSTON, MA – Northeastern University’s *Center for the Study of Sport in Society* is proud to support its newest program, the *Disability Sport Research Initiative* (DSRI). The aim of the DSRI is to engage in research, education, and advocacy activities related to international sport for people with disabilities. The DSRI operates under the coordination of Eli A. Wolff. Wolff, a member of the United States Paralympic Soccer Team, collaborates with Research Fellows Dr. Mary Hums (University of Louisville) and Dr. Ted Fay (State University of New York, Cortland).

“The Disability Sport Research Initiative finds creative and exciting ways to promote sport opportunities for athletes with disabilities,” said Eli Wolff, DSRI Coordinator. “We work to create more awareness and understanding within society about sport opportunities for athletes with disabilities.”

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## *True Heroes of Sport*

Sport in Society 17th Annual  
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& Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

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New England Hero Awards



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## Message from the Director (Emeritus)

### Dick Schaap - Reflections on a National Treasure



Richard E. Lapchick

I first met Dick Schaap in 1977 at the US Open in Forest Hills, NY. Our group was outside protesting the presence of South African tennis players in the US Open. It was the first protest in the long struggle to stop American sports contacts with teams representing the apartheid nation. Dick was covering the event and came over to tell me that Arthur Ashe was going to speak to the protestors. Arthur had been an advocate of going to South Africa to build bridges and, by example, showing the people of South Africa why blacks and whites should play together. We feared that Arthur would announce that we were wrong to advocate a boycott. As the top African-American tennis player in the United States, that would have seriously dampened the impact of our protest against sports contacts with South Africa.

Dick leaned toward my ear and said, "I think that you will be surprised by what Arthur will say." Indeed, I was. Arthur came out and took a stand against sports contacts with South Africa. He said that his approach had failed and the only way to affect change in South Africa was to isolate them. Dick interviewed me afterwards asking what I thought. I knew that having Arthur on our side would make a tremendous difference in the anti-apartheid movement and it did.

Over the years, Dick covered several events that I was involved in including other anti-apartheid protests such as the announcement of a possible boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics if the South African Davis Cup Team was allowed to play here in 1978. By the mid-1980's, Dick and I had become friends and he was one of the strongest advocates for Sport in Society. In 1986, Sport in Society gave our second *Award for Excellence in Sports Journalism* to Dick. We asked Dick to be the master of ceremonies for our awards banquet. He did that for 12 consecutive years at our ceremonies in Boston. Over the years, not only did he do this without a fee but he never even let us pay his expenses. He began to bring his wife Trish to the events because he felt a special kinship to Northeastern University and the extraordinary but lesser known people we have honored. We try to acknowledge the selfless acts of people involved in the world of sport who try to make society more compassionate, safer and healthier.

When we created a Hall of Fame in 1994 and inducted Muhammad Ali as the first honoree, Dick announced

that "this was my favorite Hall of Fame because it honors just one person, the man who is truly the greatest." This year Dick was going to be the first Journalist to be inducted into our Hall of Fame. Who else could it have been?

The day before Dick went in for hip surgery in September, he called to say how much he was looking forward to being more mobile and to get back to the game of golf that he loved so much without pain. When I heard the news from Trish several days later that the surgery had not gone well, my wife, Ann, and I waited, hoped and prayed that Dick would recover quickly so that we could honor him.

The gods decided that this would not be the case and took Dick from us on December 21, 2001. We will be honoring Dick posthumously as we did for Arthur Ashe, Jackie Robinson, and Wilma Rudolph. He will be in good company but he always was. People joke that Dick was a name dropper but he actually simply knew almost everybody who was a good person in the world of sports and beyond. Walking through hotels, on streets and on our campus I saw a side of Dick that those who got to spend personal time with him all knew. It did not matter whether you were a celebrity, a star athlete or someone he had never met before who was selling bagels on campus, sweeping the streets or making his hotel room bed.

Dick Schaap treated everyone with love and respect. That is the way we will always remember him – with love and respect. The first time he MC'd our banquet in Boston, Dick introduced me as "the Jiminy Cricket of sport." My knowledge of children's literature had then become obscured by the fact that my two older children were teenagers. When I got back to the table and I said to my wife Ann, "what did he mean by that?" Ann said that Jiminy Cricket was Pinocchio's conscience. Then I understood and smiled. Dick introduced me as "the Jiminy Cricket of sport" for the next 11 years.

However, the reality was that if sport had has a Jiminy Cricket, it was Dick Schaap. He made us reflect on that we could do better to serve humanity while making us smile about that which we already did. Like so many others, I miss him tremendously but know his spirit will always live in the hearts of those fortunate enough to have known him as a friend.

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# MVP Institute Motivates Men and Women to Take Action

**Violence prevention program addresses rape, battering, and sexual harassment**

BOSTON, MA – The goal of Sport in Society’s Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program is to motivate men and women to play a central role in solving problems that have historically been considered “woman’s issues”: rape, battering, and sexual harassment.

To that end, MVP held its 3rd annual Institute for Gender Violence Prevention and Education at Northeastern University on July 31–August 2, 2001 at NU’s Egan Center. The MVP Institute was open to educators and youth service providers. Twenty-five participants attended the event from Mass. to Rhode Island, and as far as Montana.

The MVP Institute’s goal was to have the participants return to their schools, community centers and other areas of employment with the knowledge and resources necessary to facilitate the MVP curriculum.

“The MVP program encourages a positive bystander behavior, when someone witnesses a violent act, physical or emotional, against a female,” said MVP training specialist Liz Nichols. “The action they chose to take depends on their own ‘comfort-zones.’ Someone may be comfortable calling the police while others may try to cause a distraction.”

During the first two days, the participants experienced the MVP curriculum firsthand. They engaged in interactive discussions about real life scenarios where they are put in the position of bystanders who witness acts of violence against women. On the third and final day, the participants facilitated the training themselves, displaying the skills they had learned the previous two days. Upon completion, they took this knowledge back to their respective districts.

“Participants bring their personal experiences to discussions,



Photo by Paul Eremlich

MVP Training Specialist Duane de Four, a former collegiate track and football student-athlete and native of Trinidad, addresses a group of men at the MVP Institute. Due to the sensitive nature of the issues discussed, MVP will often divide men and women up into separate discussion groups.

which really adds to their learning experience,” said Nichols.

The Institute also allows for MVP to branch out into new districts every year. Most participants represented school districts, where they were teachers and coaches, or guidance counselors, and social workers, others were police officers and youth service providers. The experience and knowledge they gain is then passed on.

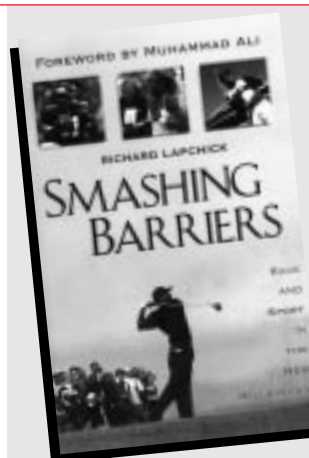
By utilizing this bystander approach, the MVP program views men and women not as potential perpetrators or victims, but as empowered bystanders who can confront abusive peers. This emphasis reduces the defensiveness men often feel and the helplessness women often feel when discussing issues of men’s violence against women.

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## C A L E N D A R

- APRIL** (24) **True Heroes of Sport Awards Banquet & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**
- (30) **Massachusetts STUDENT-Athlete Citizenship Awards**
- MAY** (8) **Project TEAMWORK’s Human Rights Squad Forum**
- JUNE** (4) **Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Youth Leadership Event**



*“This book gets to the heart of the matter, the spirit of sport ... we can enjoy for once the actual design of sports: to rise, and fall, and rise again together, all cultures, all nations, all races.”*

– Muhammad Ali  
(Excerpt from Foreword)

To order a copy of Richard Lapchick’s new book, **“SMASHING BARRIERS: Race and Sport in the New Millennium”** Please call 407-823-4887.

# Athletes in Service to America: News and Updates

## AIS promotes new Associate Director

BOSTON, MA – Marisa Petreccia was promoted to the position of new Associate Director of *Athletes in Service to America*. She has served as the Site Coordinator for the Northeastern University (NU) corps from 1999-2001. She, herself, is also a former corps member, serving in 1996-97.

Previously, she was a NU Women's Basketball Assistant Coach. A graduate of NU, Petreccia received a B.S. in Political Science with a minor in Sociology. She was a four-year member of the women's basketball team, in her senior year serving as team captain and was selected the team's MVP.

A Dean's List student, she was also a North Atlantic Conference Honor Roll member for two years. Petreccia is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Public Administration.



## Drexel University site up and running

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Drexel University aims to live up to their school's nickname of the Dragons and breathe some fire and life into *Athletes in Service's* fifth operating site.

The Drexel office will be coordinated by Shunard Brown and overseen by Provost Richard Astro. Brown is a graduate of Delaware State University where he was a member of their football team. Astro has been a long-time supporter of Sport in Society since its early days in 1983.

"We are very excited to be in Philadelphia. It is the first time for *AIS* to bring its members to this community," said newly-appointed Associate Director Marisa Petreccia. The initial team has 12 members and will be concentrated on schools in North Philadelphia.

ATHLETES IN SERVICE TO AMERICA  
ANNOUNCES NEW LOGO



## Disability Sports Research Initiative Advocates Inclusion in Sports

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The *DSRI* conducts research related to the management of international sport for people with disabilities. The *DSRI* examines the integration and intersection of sport opportunities for people with disabilities in relationship to the traditional, mainstream sports industry. The *DSRI* is currently working to produce a *Disability Report Card* which will examine the employment of people with disabilities and services provided to people with disabilities in the U.S. sports industry.

The *DSRI* also sets forth an educational agenda. The *DSRI* aims to provide students in elementary, high school and higher education around the world with educational outreach and curriculum about sports opportunities for athletes with disabilities. The *DSRI* is involved with advocacy work to promote and facilitate opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the international sports industry.



Disability Sport Research Initiative team, (left-right) Dr. Ted Fay, Dr. Mary Hums, and Eli Wolff, at the "International Conference on Sport for Athletes with a Disability" in Cologne, Germany.

In January of 2001, the *DSRI* organized a brief on behalf of national disability sport organizations in support of disabled golfer Casey Martin for his case before the Supreme Court against the Professional Golfers Association (PGA). The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Casey Martin, allowing him to use a golf cart in PGA competitions.

In November of 2001, Wolff was selected to receive the first annual Casey Martin Award, given by Nike, recognizing an individual making a difference for people with disabilities in sports. Wolff received this award based on his advocacy and development of innovative new programming for inclusion of athletes with disabilities in sports.

The *DSRI* aims to effectively influence the sports industry to include and accept athletes with disabilities and sports opportunities for athletes with disabilities. The *DSRI* hopes to bring greater awareness and understanding of athletes with disabilities in the general public, and educate and inform students in elementary school, high school and higher education about athletes with disabilities. With research as the foundation, the *DSRI* works to advocate for the inclusion and integration of services and opportunities for individuals with disabilities within the structures and institutions of mainstream sport.

# Center Offers its Expertise on the “Rink-Rage” Trial

*Sport in Society's Steve Burke receives national exposure on the Hockey-Dad case*

BOSTON, MA – Throughout the high-profile “Rink-Rage” manslaughter trial of Thomas Junta, Northeastern University’s *Center for the Study of Sport in Society* was at the forefront of the issue of violence in youth athletics.

Stephen Burke, Director of the Center’s *Urban Youth Sports Health Connection* initiative, took the lead role as official spokesperson of the Center on this case. Burke is a youth hockey coach and has a law degree making him an ideal spokesperson.

“This tragic incident serves as a huge wake up call for everyone involved in youth sports – coaches, officials, and parents in particular – that verbal and physical abuse by adults is unacceptable behavior and needs to be addressed in a proactive manner,” said Burke.

Speaking on issues related to the “Rink-Rage” trial, Burke was featured on CNN and Fox News (Regional), among other local and national media outlets.



Photo by Paul Ermlich

**Sport in Society's Steve Burke**

Sport in Society believes that more often than not, sports can play a positive role in society. Through its quality of teamwork and power of bringing people together from various racial, ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds, sports can make a difference. One cannot deny the disturbing trend of increased violence in our athletic arenas today. However, Sport in Society believes that violence in sports is a reflection of the violence in our society.

## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

*Sport in Society's Steve Burke was featured nationally on issues relating to violence in athletics as he spoke on the “Rink-Rage” Hockey-Dad Trial. His insight was featured on:*

- CNN National
- CNN Headline News
- WFXT Fox 25 News
- Court-TV National
- Fox Cable News Regional
- NECN-TV “NewsNight” show.
- WBZ-TV-Ch.4 Boston
- UPN-TV-Ch.38 Boston
- Agence France Press International
- TV Globo (Brazil)
- [Boston Herald](#)
- [Connecticut Post](#)
- [Dedham Times](#)
- Reuters News International
- WBZ-Radio Boston, MA
- WHYY-Radio Philadelphia (NPR)
- KXMO-Radio Des Moines, IA

# Sport-Inspired Art Now on Display at Center’s Office

*Local artist, Susan Miller-Havens, donates her art to welcome visitors to NU*

BOSTON, MA – Further embracing the compelling and influential power of sport, *Sport in Society* has formed a partnership with Cambridge artist Susan Miller-Havens. Her work has been exhibited across the USA. Her paintings are owned by both public and private collectors most notably: Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, NYC; Patrick J. Riley, Miami; Harvard University; and The National Portrait Gallery Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

“She captures the heroic qualities in all her portraits and figure studies with a palette that includes the most subtle of color combinations. Her paintings are as much about the magic of color as the essence of heroism in her subjects,” said Dick Johnson, Curator of The Sports Museum of New England, of Miller-Havens’ work.

*Sport in Society* has purchased five reproductions which are on display to welcome the visitor to *Sport in Society's* office on 716 Columbus Avenue, in Boston, MA. They also serve to inspire our shared belief in the power of sport. Purchases of any of these reproductions will help support the mission of the Center. Your purchase is a tax free donation to *Sport in Society*.



“The Way We Were” Miller-Havens (oil on board) 32 x15 inches

“(Susan Miller-Havens) is one of the very few artists who gets down into the soul of her subject and brings that aspect to life on canvas ... remarkably so.”

– Pat Riley, Head Coach, NBA’s Miami Heat

To view the Miller-Havens Gallery on-line, visit [www.millerhavens.com](http://www.millerhavens.com)

# Urban Youth Sports Honors Boston Mayor at Holiday Brunch

Photo by Paul Ermlich



Alfreda Harris speaks at the UYS Luncheon. She is joined by UYS collaborating partners (left-right) Steve Gortmaker, Jean Wiecha, Cindy Hannon, Dan Finklestein, and Linda Keefe.

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Boston Chief of Policy and Planning, Peter Welsh graciously accepted the award for Mayor Menino, who was unable to attend. Welsh reaffirmed the Mayor's office's commitment to *Urban Youth Sports* and *Sport in Society*.

"Sport in Society shares my commitment to promoting youth athletics, thereby giving every child the opportunity to reach his

or her full potential. I'm even more thrilled that the youth of Boston will have better access to athletic programming because of the important work being done by Sport in Society," said Menino, an active member of *Urban Youth Sports'* Boston Youth Sports Congress.

The award, which will be presented annually to the individual or group that exhibits the Mayor's commitment to Boston youth sports, will subsequently be called the *Thomas M. Menino Award*.

The forum also featured an opportunity for *Urban Youth Sports* to provide a progress report on its two initiatives, *Play Across Boston* and the *Urban Youth Sports Health Connection*. Project Directors Linda Keefe (*Play Across Boston*) and Steve Burke (*Health Connection*) each gave presentations of the status of their respective initiatives.

Though their combined efforts, *Urban Youth Sports* has developed and enacted initiatives to improve the opportunities for Boston youth to participate in sports. *Urban Youth Sports* aims to make the city's sports programs equal to their suburban and rural counterparts.

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## Dishing Out Assists to Inner-City Youth

### UYS hosts Basketball Clinic with Community Health Center

MATTAPAN, MA – Many Boston city neighborhoods have barriers which restrict youth sport participation and access to health care. Sport in Society's *Urban Youth Sports* (UYS) program is dedicated to righting this wrong. During the summer of 2001, UYS facilitated the Mattapan Community Health Center Summer Basketball Clinic. Between July 23 and August 3, 2001, 96 young boys and girls attended Mattapan's Walker Playground for two, five-day clinics. Of the 71 males and 25 females, 43 of them received physical examinations exclusively because of the event. A handful of those children were provided insurance that they did not already have. Everyday they completed three sessions, life skills, basketball training by Division I players, and a scrimmage. The event was sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

## Art Taylor retires

### Program Visionary resigns after 13 years

Following the summer of 2001, long-time *Sport in Society* visionary and program cultivator, Art Taylor, officially resigned from the Center. Taylor had a hand in the creation of almost every one of the Center's programs, from grant writing to program development. Most recently, Art served as the Co-Director of *Urban Youth Sports*. In the early 1990's, Art also served as the first director of *MVP*, which was created by him and Jackson Katz. He also helped create the *Hoop Dreams & More* program and was a coach with the *JoJo White Growth League*.

"Art will leave here with a legacy of imprinting all of our best work. Art will always have a spiritual presence with us," said Richard Lapchick.

Art Taylor now resides outside of Philadelphia, PA.

# New England Hero Award winners

**RON BURTON, Sr.**



**N**ortheastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society is proud to announce Ron Burton, Sr. as the winner of our "Lenny Zakim" New England Hero Award (Male Category).

Mr. Burton is an Executive Consultant at John Hancock Financial Services. He is a former star RB for the New England Patriots. For more than two decades, he has been a dynamic motivational speaker internationally. A successful leader in college and pro-football, business and community affairs, Mr. Burton delivers a powerful, intensely personal message about how love, strong family values and plenty of hard work can overcome any handicap. Tens of thousands of people have heard Ron's message of hope, determination and optimism.

Mr. Burton is also the Executive Director of the Ron Burton Training Village in Hubbardston, MA, which he founded in 1985 fulfilling his life long dream. This non-profit camp is located in rural MA and each summer is home to 125 boys and girls from inner city neighborhoods.

Here they have the unique opportunity to grow athletically and academically through structured daily programs in football drills, running, swimming, obstacle course drills, SAT preparation, Music, Reading, Math and Computers.

For more info on the Awards Banquet on April 24, 2002 - Call 617-373-4889

**CARA DUNNE-YATES**



**S**port in Society is proud to announce that Cara Dunne-Yates is the winner of our "Selma Black" New England Hero Award (Female Category).

Cara Dunne-Yates is a cancer survivor, published writer, Paralympic skiing and cycling champion. She lost both eyes before the age of six to retinoblastoma, a genetic disorder in which a gene designed to suppress tumors in the eye is missing. But that didn't diminish her energy or determination.

In 1982, Mrs. Dunne-Yates won her first national ski championship and was selected to the U.S. Disabled Ski Team. She has won 10 Paralympic and world championship medals, including two silvers in 1988 at the winter Paralympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria. In 1994, she made the Paralympic tandem bike racing team and won a silver and a bronze medal at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta and a bronze medal at the 1998 IPC World Championships in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Dunne-Yates' accomplishments as an elite athlete and as a sought-after speaker made her one of the most corporately sponsored Paralympic athletes in the U.S. She is co-president of the Retinoblastoma Family Foundation, based near Boston, and is married to Spencer Yates, who was also a member of the 2000 Paralympic team serving as a tandem captain in cycling.

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**Honoring a True Hero of Sport, Dick Schaap**  
*Hall of Fame Induction: April 24, Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston*

BOSTON, MA – Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, along with the rest of the sports world, suffered a tremendous loss on December 21, 2001 when our longtime friend, Mr. Dick Schaap, passed away. We at Sport in Society offer our sincerest condolences to the Schaap family.

Dick Schaap was a true champion for the mission of Sport in Society, serving as the annual emcee of our awards banquet for last 10 years. As we announced in July of 2001, we are inducting Dick Schaap into our Sport in Society Hall of Fame.

Schaap will join such fellow luminaries of the sports world as Muhammad Ali, "Red" Auerbach, Wilma Rudolph, Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, Rafer Johnson, and Bill Russell in our Hall of Fame.

Richard Lapchick, Sport in Society's Founder and Director Emeritus said, "For the last decade, Sports in Society has been honored by Dick Schaap's friendship, leadership and advocacy. His passion for sports – and for the positive impact that teamwork, passion and a shared commitment to a common goal could have on uniting our society."



**DICK SCHAAP**

Some of the many people he "collected" over the years will be present to honor him. **Muhammad Ali** is the special invited guest. Confirmed guests include: **Joe Namath, Paul Hornung, Jackie MacMullan**, and *ESPN Sports Reporters* **Bob Ryan, William Rhoden, Bill Conlin** and **Dave Anderson**.

Seating still available for what is sure to be a memorable event. To reserve your seat, please call **617-373-4889**.

**SPORT IN SOCIETY AWARDS BANQUET – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2002**