

RIATA HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2005

Frank George

Frank George graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1962 and in 1963 received his physical therapy certification from Boston University. After a 3-year term in the Army, George became the Head Athletic Trainer at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and served until his retirement in 2004. In 38 years covering Brown football, he never missed a game, covering 363 consecutive football games.

Throughout his career, George has compiled a distinguished and lengthy resume. He was the first East Coast athletic trainer to be elected president of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA), serving two two-year terms from 1974-1978. In 1976, he served as a trainer for the U.S. Olympic Team at the Winter Games in Innsbruck, Austria and was the supervisor of all athletic trainers for the United States Team at the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, NY.

George has been the associate editor of the Yearbook of Sports Medicine since its inception in 1980 and has authored and presented numerous papers in the field of sports medicine during his time at Brown. Perhaps Georges's most impressive accomplishment came in 1991 when he was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame. The Eastern Athletic Trainers Association recently honored Frank with a scholarship in his name, to be presented annually to a student athletic trainer to further their education in student training.

Much closer to home, George was instrumental in winning a five-year struggle to bring licensure to athletic trainers in Rhode Island. He has also been honored by the Rhode Island High School Athletic Directors for his contributions to high school sports in the state, and has worked with the Rhode Island Injury Fund, lecturing high school coaches on safety measures.