

DR. CONRAD MILNE
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Dr. Conrad Milne attended Guelph Collegiate-Vocational Institute from 1949-1955. He returned to Guelph CVI in 1959 as a member of the teaching staff. During his time he taught physical education, and coached football, basketball, hockey and gymnastics. From 1962-1964 he was a part of the Canadian Armed Forces Training Team in Ghana where he taught at the Ghana Military Academy. Upon his return he resigned his teaching position at GCVI to pursue a Masters and Ph.D. in Physical at Michigan State University. In 1970 he graduated and soon after joined the faculty of Physical Education at the University of Western Ontario.

While at the University of Western Ontario, Dr. Milne played an active role in the founding of the Winter Special Olympics of 1972. He was a member of the original writing team for the National Coaching Certification Program of Canada. He left Western University in 1981 to become the Academic Head of the Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at New Mexico State University.

While at New Mexico State University he was awarded the New Mexico American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Honours Award (AAHPERD) in 1993 as well as Southwest AAHPERD Scholar of the year in 1996. He was president of the New Mexico AAHPERD, Games Director of the New Mexico Special Olympics, and a United States delegate to the Federation International of Physical Education in Brazil in 1997.

When asked about his time at GCVI, Dr. Milne had many fond memories of his time spent here. He can recall his home form 9E. When asked about some of his favourite memories at GC he responded with: *“The Friday afternoon football games and Friday night school dances. As a member of the teaching staff I really loved working with the athletes on the school teams, as one had a great opportunity to influence their developing character.”* When asked about the original layout of the school he answered with: *“My grade nine classroom, 9E, was in the old stone building, and it was old even in those days. The red brick or new one had already been there for a number of years. The pool (now the library) was not in use even when I arrived. I always just knew it as a storage room, although we used it for a change and locker room during football season.”*

In his career Dr. Conrad Milne has published over 50 research articles along with several books. He has been happily married for over 48 years to Mary nee Hildred and together had three children, Jeffrey, Cynthia and Deborah. He retired in 2007 and is residing in New Mexico, USA. He is still Sports Advisor to the Minister of Youth and Sport for the Kingdom of Bahrain located in the Persian Gulf. He has held this position since 1997. Dr. Milne is a role model and a prime example of what all GCVI students strive to be.

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