New Director of Athletics Sean Sullivan (at left) enjoys the football team’s homecoming win with President John Garvey and Mike Allen, vice president for student affairs.

Allen Takes Larger University Role, New Athletic Director Appointed

In July Director of Athletics and Associate Vice President Mike Allen was appointed vice president for student affairs. Allen served for eight years as the University’s director of athletics and spent a dozen years before that working in student-centered support programs at Florida Atlantic University and the University of Connecticut.

Allen is now responsible for the University’s Division of Student Affairs, which includes the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling Center, Student Health Services, the Office of Disability Support Services, the Office of Career Services, Office of Campus Activities, Student Conduct, Residence Life, and Athletics.

In announcing the appointment, President John Garvey noted that throughout his career, Allen has “designed and administered programs to promote the adjustment of new students to college life, supervised professional counseling staff members, taught in First-Year Experience courses, and served as liaison with multicultural affairs, admissions, and various student affairs offices. He has built bridges throughout campus to enhance the overall collegiate experience and success of students.”

Following the appointment, a search was launched for a new director of athletics. In September Sean M. Sullivan was named associate vice president and director of athletics. He joined the University in November.

Sullivan has more than 20 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics, most recently as director of athletics and recreation at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., where he oversaw the Division III intercollegiate teams and the school’s intramurals and wellness programs.

About his successor, Allen said, “Sean is a true leader in Division III athletics, having successfully guided several athletic programs to impressive levels of success. The search committee was impressed with his energy and commitment to promoting the holistic development of student-athletes, as well as his understanding of how athletics contributes to the broader mission of the university.”

At Clark, Sullivan led the effort to increase competitive success without sacrificing academic achievement. During the 2012–2013 academic year, 46 percent of Clark student-athletes were recognized as scholar-athletes (a semester or cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher), a 12 percent improvement over 2009–2010. In addition, during the 2012–2013 school year, six Clark teams increased their win/loss percentage from the previous year.

Before arriving at Clark in 2011, Sullivan served as assistant dean of student affairs and athletic director at York College of the City University of New York. Sullivan graduated from Clark in 1987 and holds an M.A. in health and physical education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Cardinal Athletics

Cardinal University will recognize five alumni and one coach for outstanding athletic achievements at the Athletics Hall of Fame inductions on Saturday, Feb. 1. (For information on attending the ceremony, refer to the back cover of the magazine.) The Athletics Hall of Fame committee, composed of alumni and Athletics staff, completed its review of nominees in January and selected the following for induction:

James M. “Red” Conlon, B.A. 1942, Deceased Football

Red Conlon had offers to play football at the University of Florida, the University of North Carolina, and Georgetown University, among others. He chose instead to attend Catholic University, where he played fullback as a freshman before switching to tackle. As a member of the 1940 Sun Bowl team, Conlon’s accomplishments earned him MVP on one of CUAs’s only football teams to participate in a bowl game. His coach at the time noted that Conlons played five different positions, including offense and defense, and excelled at all of them.

Martin “Marty” Dowd, B.A. 1960 Tennis

CUA Men’s Tennis Coach Marty Dowd has coached longer and recorded more victories than any otherCardinal coach. While a student at CUA, he was a four-year member and two-year captain of the men’s varsity tennis team. After graduating and completing his military service obligation in the U.S. Coast Guard, Dowd became the Men’s Tennis Coach in 1962. In 1965, he married Jone Rastas, CUA’s physical education instructor. They had four children, three of whom played tennis for CUA; the fourth accepted a scholarship to Loyola University Maryland. Dowd has coached more than 500 students in track and cross country programs.

Mark Robinson, Class of 1975 Mens’ Track and Field

Mark Robinson is one of the most decorated athletes in CUA history. He has five Division II All-American designations and three Division I All-American designations. He was the Division II National 800-meter champion in 1974 and 1975. In 1974 he was ranked fourth in the world in the 800-meter by Track and Field News. He was inducted into the NCAA Division II Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2012. He was a member of four relay teams that held records more than 40 years old at CUA. Robinson holds two individual school records at CUA, including the mile (4:07.6) and the 800-meter (1:46.8). He has been a key figure in athletics at CUA for more than 30 years: first as a world-class runner and later as an outstanding coach who devoted 27 years to coaching CUA track and cross country programs.

Kate M. Bader, B.S. 1975 Women’s Basketball

During her college sports career, Kate Bader had an impressive history of achievement playing on the varsity basketball, tennis, and field hockey teams. She was the Female Athlete of the Year in 1974–75 and Must Valuable Player in 1975–74 and 1974–75. She also participated in multiple intramural sports, including volleyball and badminton. Playing competitively, always with the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical conduct, Bader was highly respected by her coaches and teammates. She was a member of the committee that decided which conference CUA would play in, and of another that considered the implications of Title IX and how to implement the law to ensure equal opportunity for women in all sports at CUA.

Michael B. Moriello, B.A. 1978, Deceased Football

Michael Moriello was a four-year starting linebacker whose teams were 24–12. He played club football his first three seasons (1974–76) and competed against a number of Division III teams. Michael helped usher in CUAs first Division III season in 1977. As the 1976 Football Player of the Year, named by the Washington Area Officials Association, Moriello was considered the best player among athletes from area schools, including Division I, such as Maryland, Navy, and Virginia. To this day he is the only CUA player to receive this award. Moriello helped lead CUA football, then a club sport, to its 1976 win over Division III Georgetown.

Mark A. Travaglini, B.A. 1978 Baseball

Trav Travaglini was a gifted four-year starter and one of those rare players who excelled both defensively and offensively. He played left field and was a starting pitcher. As an all-ECAC selection in 1977, he hit .378, 10 home runs, 30 RBIs, seven doubles, and one triple; scored nine runs; and stole four bases. As a pitcher that same year, he was 5-0, with an ERA in the 2.3 range. With a mid-90s fastball, he struck out seven of nine Class A minor leaguers in the Philadelphia Phillies organization in a three-inning stint in Clearwater in 1976 in a game the Cardinals played during a spring break trip.