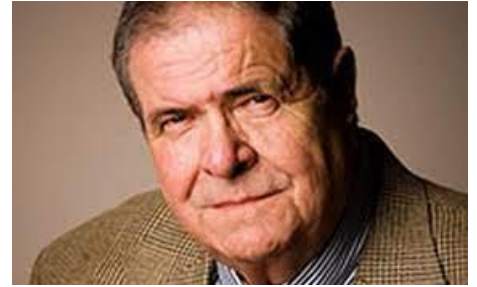


I recently found out that a former coworker of mine at KDHL passed away. Some of you might remember Tom Wynn. If you're from the Fargo area you certainly would remember him. Tom was a long time morning host at KFGO in Fargo. In 1989 after KDHL was sold to Ingstad Broadcasting, Tom was hired to come and be the morning host at KDHL. I was the farm broadcaster at KDHL during this time. Tom sold his house in Fargo, bought one in Faribault and made the move. It was only a few months into the job that he realized that he missed Fargo so after about 6 months he sold his Faribault house and bought one in Fargo again and took back his old job at KFGO. He worked 37 of his 60 years in radio at KFGO. Early in his career he worked at WDGY in the Twin Cities.



Tom Wynn

It was about the same time that when Tom left Fargo to come to Faribault, Dave Lee left KFGO to go to work at WCCO. Prior to his going to the 'good neighbor', Dave did some consulting work at KDHL and I briefly got to work with Dave in Faribault. Dave retired from 'CCO' in May, 2021 having been there since 1989. Tom retired from KFGO in 2017. Tom co-hosted his



Dave Lee

morning show at KFGO with a guy I got to know, Larry Ristvedt on the Tom and Larry show. Larry was the farm and ranch director for many years at the 'Mighty 790' in Fargo. I would see him once a year at our annual convention of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting in Kansas City. Larry retired in 2010 and passed away in 2013.

It's always hard to see people you've crossed paths with along life's journey pass away. KDHL Hall of Fame sports broadcaster Mike Morrissey passed away a few years back. He was one of the first guys I met when I was hired at KDHL in 1987. Mike and I got along great and always had fun when we'd visit on the radio. During my radio career, I seldom got to do any sports play by play or color commentary. I did however get to do one very memorable game with Mike in the winter of 1989/90. Mike asked me if I'd like to do color commentary for the St Olaf-Carleton basketball game. I jumped at the opportunity. I thought it would be great fun. KDHL at the time was broadcasting the St Olaf football and basketball games. And I thought what better game to work than the Northfield rivalry of St Olaf and Carlton.



Mike Morrissey

So Mike and I headed to West Gym on the Carleton campus to get set up for the basketball game. As we get there early, we notice a big white sheet hanging on the far wall of the gym. On it was painted in big black letters; Remember 33-0. Mike, who had broadcast the St Olaf/Carleton football game in the fall of 89, said that refers to the drubbing Carleton gave the Oles in that game. Some of the students were trying to rub it into the St Olaf squad but the Carleton coach wanted nothing to do with this. He did not want to give St Olaf any more incentive to play hard that night so he had the maintenance crew take it down. So Mike and I thought that was the end of that. Not so fast!

It was halftime of the game and Mike and I were taking a break while we sent it back to the studio for a news and weather update. While we're sitting at our broadcast position high above the court on the east end as the halftime was nearing an end, here come three male St Olaf students streaking into the gym. If you remember the streaking craze back in the day, they were wearing nothing but tennis shoes and two smiles, one horizontal and one vertical smile. They were carrying the very sheet that alluded to the 33-0 football score that had been removed earlier by the coach's demand. The 3 literally and figuratively streaked to center court and laid the sheet down in the middle of the floor so the St Olaf fans could read it again.

They spread it out on the floor nice and neat and started running away when one of them comes back to tidy up one of the corners of the sheet. Evidently his mother taught him well how to make a bed. Just at this point, in come two security men, fully clothed mind you, who were going to try and stop this prank from continuing. Out the far door at full speed went the three streakers with the two security people in hot pursuit. We never knew if they caught them. The custodian who had removed the sheet from the wall before the game, calmly walked out to center court to remove again the dirty laundry.

Mike and I get back on the air for the second half and Mike's explaining some of the halftime entertainment that Carleton College had provided and I said yes there's a full moon in Northfield tonight, in fact three of them. St Olaf went on to win the game but the halftime show was the most memorable part of the evening. That along with the memories of getting to work with a Hall of Famer in Mike Morrissey.