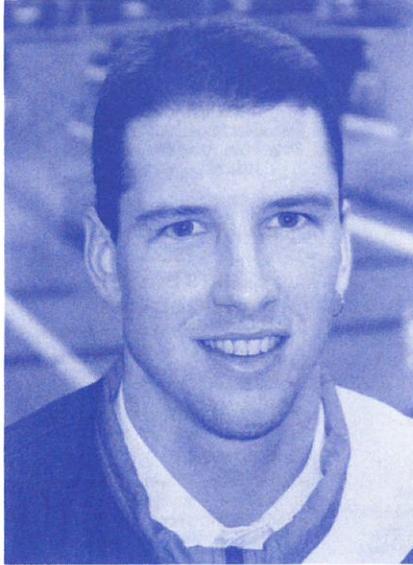


## TOM DOLAN - 1997 HALL OF FAME



Tom Dolan was born and raised in Arlington. He attended school in Arlington, graduated with honors from Yorktown High School in 1993, and earned a swimming scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Tom was an exceptional swimmer before college setting many scholastic records but gained immediate success as a freshman at Michigan. There he was a member of the Wolverines NCAA Championship 800m freestyle relay squad and earned All-American honors in the 500m freestyle, 800m freestyle, 1,650m freestyle and 400m individual medley. For his efforts, Dolan was named both Big Ten Swimmer of the Year and Freshman

of the Year. Tom capped his spectacular season by representing the United States at the 1994 World Championships in Rome where he established the current world record and won a gold medal in the 400m IM (4:12.30).

As a sophomore, Dolan continued to dominate and to set even more records. At the Pan Pacific Championship, he captured first place honors in the 200m IM and set a meet record in the 400m IM. Tom continued his excellence at the collegiate level, becoming the first swimmer in seven years to set three American records at the NCAA Championship. As a result, he was named the United States Swimming "Swimmer of the Year" for a second time, and added the NCAA Swimmer of the Year award to his trophy case.

In the spring and early summer of 1996, Tom qualified as a member of the U.S. Olympic Team in the 200m individual medley, 400m IM and 400m freestyle competitions by winning all three events at the US. Olympic Trials in Indianapolis. At the NCAA Championship, he repeated as a triple winner in the 500m freestyle, 1,650m freestyle, 400m individual medley and anchored the championship 800m freestyle relay team that broke a 12 year-old American record.

At the 1996 Summer Olympics, Tom Dolan captured the United States' first gold medal by winning the 400 IM. Not only did this achievement earn him both the cover of Sports Illustrated and a Wheaties box, but it also confirmed his reputation as one of the world's most talented swimmers.

Tom has had to overcome severe allergy problems to achieve success and is an inspiration to us all. Arlington is proud to claim him and the Arlington Sports Hall of Fame is doubly proud to honor him here this evening.