

# U-D remembers coach Dorais

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No longer is Gus Dorais the Forgotten Man at the University of Detroit.

In an emotional ceremony saturated with nostalgia, the main roadway through the campus and a park were dedicated to the memory of the former football coach and athletic director who brought the school athletic prestige during his 10-year tenure.

With Viola Dorais and her family gathered for the event, the Rev. Malcolm Carron, speaking of the university, said, "This has been a long time in coming."

"Almost 38 years have passed since Gus Dorais left our campus, but his name will now live on and on with this park and the dedication of Dorais Drive."

The board of trustees had approved the abandonment of a parking lot to convert it into a park. The park will be dotted with more than 30 trees, flower gardens and a series of benches for students and alumni to sit and relax during visits to the campus, Carron said.

DURING THE dedication, the Rev. Robert Mitchell read the official resolution adopted by the board of trustees and then presented it to Mrs. Dorais to place it among the memorabilia in her Southfield home.

She accepted the token quietly, but her children applauded with satisfaction as the plaque drawing of the park was unveiled.

All the while, Mrs. Dorais and her sons and daughters, Tom, Bill, Dorothy and Joan, sat in silent pride as the name of Dorais was emblazoned on the university scene.



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Viola Dorais, widow of former University of Detroit football great Gus Dorais, stands with W.W. Edgar at the Wednesday dedication of a road through the campus.

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