



*Bill Tierney*

A native of Manchester, England, Bill attended Churchill College, Cambridge, from 1964 through 1969 focusing on History and English. Bill began his teaching career as a lecturer at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. He moved on to John Abbott in 1971 where he became one of the original members of the English department. His impact as a teacher was complemented by the role which he played in the development of the department as well as the successful implementation of an outreach program.

As a precursor to activities to be pursued later in life, Bill helped found the St. Francis Xavier Rugby club along with The Antigonish Review. To this day the Review is considered to be one of Canada's leading literary magazines.

### **JOHN ABBOTT**

- Co-founded the English department;
- Taught Theatre workshop courses for 10 years which were the foundation of today's Professional Theatre program;
- Contributed two years as First-Semester Experience Coordinator;
- Created a course which included the annual excursion to the Stratford Festival;
- Introduced courses which focused on journalism and training students to assist with the Writing Centre;
- Expanded and supervised the students' outreach program with the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue Veterans' Hospital;
- Represented John Abbott with two submissions to the Association of Community Colleges for Program Excellence Awards. Most prominent was the Psychosocial Enhancement Program offered by the College in conjunction with the Sainte-Anne's Veterans' Hospital
- Created the College's intercollegiate rugby program within the Sports and Recreation department in 1979 and was head coach for ten years

### **EXTERNAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Founded and ran the Montreal Review 1978-81;
- Elected town councillor, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, 1982-89;
- Elected mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue 1994-2001 and 2005-2009;
- Contributed 365 columns to the Montreal Gazette, 2010-2017.

Bill has continued to live in Sainte-Anne since his retirement from the College in 2009, built a house in Nova Scotia where he spends 4 months a year. He remains an active force within the community.