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# C-Club Hall of Fame and Homecoming Dinner



November 8, 1986 State University of New York COLLEGE AT CORTLAND

> The Function Room Corey College Union

# Program

Invocation
Rev. Hugh Rose
United Presbyterian Church

Dinner

Hall of Fame Induction
Master of Ceremonies:
Sally Wallace, '53
Physical Education Department
C-Club Hall of Fame Member

1986 Inductees
Robert M. Dean '37
Otis Sennett '49
Nancy L. Langham '59
David J. Urick '70
Robert J. Weber, Honorary

## The C-Club Hall of Fame

The C-Club Hall of Fame was established in 1969 as a means of recognizing alumni who were outstanding as athletes at Cortland State and who have since distinguished themselves professionally in their respective communities.

New members have been inducted each year for the past 18 years. The 1986 ceremony on November 8th will bring the C-Club Hall of Fame roster to 80 athletes and five honorary members.

State University of New York College at Cortland

Located atop one of the many hills in Central New York's "City of Seven Valleys," the State University of New York College at Cortland was founded in 1868 as the Cortland Normal School. Over the decades, the campus expanded and in 1941, by an act of the legislature and the Board of Regents, the institution officially became a college, providing four-year courses leading to a bachelor's degree. In 1948, the state legislature incorporated Cortland College into the new State University of New York.

Today, more than 5,600 undergraduate and 600 graduate students are pursuing degrees within the College's two academic divisions — Arts and Sciences and Professional Studies. Twenty-three departments with a faculty of more than 300 offer the Cortland State student body some 40 majors from which to choose, including liberal arts, elementary and secondary education, health and physical education, recreation education, speech education and speech and hearing handicapped education.

The College's main campus covers 191 acres and includes 30 major buildings. Thirteen of these structures are residence halls and provide on-campus housing for 2,600

students.

At Cortland State, athletics are viewed as having an important role in the educational mission of the College. During the fall, winter and spring seasons, Cortland State participates in 24 intercollegiate sports — 12 men's and 12 women's — in an attempt to provide a broad program of athletics which will meet the needs, interests and abilities of its students.

The stated objective of the College's athletic program is the development and welfare of the student. In the coaching of individual sports as well as in the direction of the overall athletic program, the College endeavors to provide a high calibre of professional leadership which is con-

sistent with the goals of the institution.

Cortland State is particularly proud of its long tradition of intercollegiate athletics and its high standing in small college athletic circles. In support of this heritage, the College offers its student-athletes a number of outstanding indoor and outdoor athletic facilities which are used for intercollegiate competition as well as educational and recreation purposes. The Park Center for Physical Education and Recreation, opened in 1973, features a main gymnasium with a seating capacity of 3,600, an Olympic-size swimming pool with gallery seating for 1,500, and an ice arena which can accommodate 2,500 spectators.

### C-Club Hall of Fame 1986 Induction

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Robert M. Dean '37 313 North Marvine Street Auburn, New York 13021

In Auburn, N.Y., Robert Dean holds the title of Distinguished Citizen. He was bestowed the title, along with the Key to the City, in 1980 by the Auburn mayor for the lasting impressions he left upon a city and its young people three decades earlier.

As head football coach from 1947 to 1959, Dean directed the Auburn High Maroon to a 71-22-8 record, six undefeated seasons, winning streaks of 28 and 22 consecutive games, and domination over the then newly-formed Central Interscholastic Conference.

But a generation of Auburn players remembered Dean for more than just the victories.

"He received all of our respect," wrote former player Robert Freedman. "Not because he demanded it. Not because he asked for it. But because he exemplified the traits and behavior of 'the leader.' He supported us all the time. We were never 'dressed down' in front of our peers. At tough moments, there was never any yelling or screaming at halftime, only encouragement and more support."

Dean's coaching talents were not limited to football. He coached baseball at Auburn from 1939 to 1966, with the exception of a four-year stint in the U.S. Army. His 1947 squad went undefeated, many others lost but a game or two. Five of his charges went on to

play professional baseball.

A native of Vestal, N.Y., Dean came to Cortland in 1933 and played football, baseball and basketball. With new coach Carl "Chugger" Davis, the Red Dragons lost only one game during Dean's three years. Dean started every game for the last undefeated Cortland football team, which outscored its opponents 188-19 in 1935.

"I had been out of school five years and did not arrive at Cortland until age 21," recalled Dean, who co-chaired the Senior Demonstration at the College. "The next four years were the most rewarding and pleasant experience of my life. The influence of Chugger Davis, Doc Rogers, Doc Holloway and Mr. Moench encouraged me through 38 years in the public schools."

Dean earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Cortland in 1937 and in 1946 a master's degree from Claremont College in California. He taught and coached at Waverly High in 1937-38 before coming to Auburn the following year. Except for the time he served in the Army during World War II, Dean re-

mained at Auburn High until 1975.

Chosen "Man of the Year" in 1982 by the Cayuga County Sportsmans Association, Dean remains active with volunteer conservation projects, the "Meals on Wheels" program, and church organizations and clubs. A board trustee at Trinity Church, Dean is a past president of the Cayuga County Coaches Association and a life member of the N.R.A. For the past 30 years, Dean has worked with the Cayuga County Sportsmans Association.

Dean and his wife, Elizabeth, have four children: Barbara,

Frederick, Diana and Donald.

### C-Club Hall of Fame 1986 Induction

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Otis Sennett '49 17 Salina Street Baldwinsville, New York 13027

Having guided Baldwinsville High athletics from 1954 to 1983, Otis Sennett holds the rare distinction of being the only New York State high school athletic director to be honored nationally by both the interscholastic coaches and athletic administrators organizations.

Sennett, even in retirement, remains active with Central New York athletics as executive director of Section III athletics which

encompasses 106 high schools.

A native of Hannibal, N.Y., Sennett arrived at Cortland College with a wave of older, post-World War II veterans on the GI Bill. "That was the best college education a guy could get," recalled Sennett, a member of Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity. "There was little immaturity. Those older guys were there to get an education and get a job. They sort of took us younger ones under their wings."

As right fullback, Sennett played on Coach Prof Holloway's All-America laden Red Mule soccer squads in the late 1940's. Sennett earned a bachelor's degree in 1949 and a master's degree in 1959

from Cortland.

Immediately after graduation in 1949, Sennett began his longstanding relationship with the Baldwinsville Central School system and 30-plus year involvement with the Onondaga High School League. He taught elementary physical education and helped coach four sports. The cross country coach for 14 years, Sennett's Baldwinsville squads won back-to-back state titles in 1955 and 1956. His track teams went 40-9 in seven seasons and Sennett directed baseball for 15 years.

In 1954, Sennett became athletic director. During his 29-year tenure, he helped to organize the first lacrosse and indoor track events in the area. Sennett organized and coached the first cross country, soccer and wrestling teams in the Onondaga High School League. He was instrumental in ushering in girls sports in the conference during the 1960's. Sennett chaired both league and sectional cross country, track, baseball and basketball committees.

Through Sennett's efforts, the first conference among members of the New York State Athletic Administrators Association, an organization tailored specifically to the concerns of the high school athletic directors, was held in 1983. That national organization honored Sennett with its Distinguished Service Award in 1982. The following year, the national high school coaches association presented Sennett with its Distinguished Service Award.

A two-time recipient [1969 and 1982] of the New York State Coaches Special Honor Award, Sennett has been involved with Section III administration for 17 years. In his community, Sennett has been an adult education swim instructor, a coach for both Connie Mack and Mickey Mantle baseball teams, and a Catholic Youth Organization advisor. The CYO presented Sennett with its God and Country Award. He served as host for baseball at the 1981 National Sports Festival in Syracuse.

Sennett and his wife, Agnes, have five children: Timothy, Brian,

John, Mary and Helen.

### C-Club Hall of Fame 1986 Induction

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Nancy L. Langham '59 Rondaxe Lake Old Forge, New York 13420

Nancy Langham, the 1983-84 Rhode Island "Women's Coach of the Year" while at the University of Rhode Island, directed the Cortland State women's basketball program in the early 1970's and still ranks as the College's most successful coach in that sport.

From 1971 to 1976, Langham's Cortland basketball squads posted a 56-22 record competing against the best women's teams in the nation. Her Red Dragon teams went to the New York State AIAW Championships each season, finishing second two years. Three Langham-led Cortland squads were invited to the Eastern AIAW Regional Tournaments.

Langham established the women's outdoor track and cross

country program at Cortland in the early 1970's.

A native of Syracuse, N.Y., Langham first came to Cortland in 1955 as a recent graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy. She served as president of the Women's Athletic Association while focusing her playing talents on basketball and softball. Langham earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Cortland in 1959 and a master's degree from St. Lawrence in 1967.

"I felt that the education I received in preparation for the career I have experienced was a fine one," recalled Langham about Cortland. "This was especially true when fresh out of college I was given the responsibility of K-12, all girls athletics, and health."

Langham performed those duties at Beaver River Central School in Beaver Falls, N.Y. She also supervised the cheerleaders and coached the boys baseball squad for a time. Langham returned to her alma mater, Cortland State, as a teacher and coach from 1970 to 1976.

Then, in 1977, Langham headed to the University of Rhode Island as both a basketball and softball coach. During the next nine seasons, her basketball units posted a combined 123-105 record. She's coached two All-America honorable mention players, two All-East players and an Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year. Her 1982-83 squad became Rhode Island's first 20-game winner. Words Unlimited named Langham its first Rhode Island Woman Coach of the Year.

In softball, Langham's Rhode Island teams had a 166-72-1 combined softball record, winning the state title seven consecutive seasons. The WRams appeared in the AIAW Regionals five seasons while taking the championship in 1982. The 28-13 unit in 1983, the winningest in the school's history, became Rhode Island's first-ever squad in an NCAA Championship Tournament.

### C-Club Hall of Fame 1986 Induction

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David J. Urick '70 RD#2 Skuse Road Geneva, New York 14456

An outstanding leader who captained both the Cortland State football and lacrosse teams in the late 1960's, David Urick has etched his name into the NCAA record books as head coach of the Hobart College lacrosse dynasty of the 1980's. In 1986, he directed the USA lacrosse squad to the world championship in Toronto.

Since Urick took over the Statesmen lacrosse program in 1979, his teams have won seven national championships — no other team has won the NCAA Division III lacrosse title. His Hobart squads have a combined 90-21 record competing against the nation's top lacrosse units.

Urick won the Francis L. "Babe" Kraus Award as Division III Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1981. An assistant coach for the 1982 USA lacrosse team, Urick was head coach of the 1986

world champion USA lacrosse squad.

Recruited from West Seneca, N.Y., by former Cortland State football coach Roger Robinson, Urick was a three-year starter at linebacker. He was an All-ECAC selection, winner of the Red Letter, and the team captain as a senior. Urick didn't play lacrosse until interested in the sport by his Cortland roommate from Long Island. But he soon won plaudits as an All-Central New York League defenseman while a senior Red Dragon tri-captain.

"I remember the caliber of competition we went against in both football and lacrosse," recalled Urick. "We played Northeastern, Rhode Island and Maryland-Eastern Shore in football. In lacrosse, we were ranked among the Top Ten in the nation and that was

when there was just one division.'

"Participating in two sports at the collegiate level provided opportunities for leadership and organization, two qualities which have served me later in life in my coaching positions," said Urick, who was named the Cortland College Distinguished Young Alumnus in 1980. "I attribute much of my success to Professor Ralph A. Brown, who taught me to see the value in all individuals, and coach Roger Robinson, who gave me a sound foundation in athletics while teaching me to be tough but fair."

Urick earned a bachelor's degree in secondary social studies in 1970. That autumn, he was in the Susquehanna Valley School District in Conklin, N.Y., as a teacher and assistant football coach.

In March, 1971, Urick began his continuing relationship with Hobart College. He started as assistant football and lacrosse coach while serving as a physical education instructor. Urick was head Hobart football coach from 1976 to 1981. He won ICAC Coach of the Year honors during his 7-2 season in 1977. Urick served as assistant athletic director from 1978-81 and has been Hobart's physical education director since 1982.

In his community, Urick has been a volunteer program director, Geneva YMCA coordinator, and has directed the Geneva Recrea-

tion Department box lacrosse program.

Urick and his wife, Linda, have three children, Holly, Scott, and Mindy.

### C-Club Hall of Fame 1986 Induction

State University of New York COLLEGE AT CORTLAND



Robert J. Weber (Honorary) 41 Pearl Street Cortland, New York 13045

To the thousands of physical education majors who have passed through the Cortland College halls during the past three decades,

Dr. Robert Weber has been an influential figure.

From his arrival on campus in 1952 to his retirement in 1985, "Doc" Weber taught, coached and guided a generation of Cortland graduates as a professor, coach, athletic director and department chairman. And even in retirement, he has returned to campus helping assist with football game supervision. Weber, a member of the C-Club Executive Committee since its inception in 1969, has doubled as master of ceremonies at almost every C-Club Hall of Fame banquet.

Born in Muscatine, Iowa, Weber matriculated to the University of Iowa in 1941. He interrupted his collegiate education with a three-year stint in the U.S. Army, where he attained the rank of First Lieutenant while serving as 7th Army Regimental Athletic Director. Back at the University of Iowa, Weber started at center

and linebacker for the Hawkeye football squad.

He earned his bachelor's degree in 1947, his master's degree in 1950, and his doctoral degree in 1952 — all from the University of Iowa. From 1947 to 1952, Weber taught and coached at Washington (IA) High and University High in Iowa City.

In the autumn of 1952, Weber arrived at Cortland. Over the next 33 years, he served in a variety of capacities. He coached the Red Dragon football linemen for 13 seasons. He was director of athletics for 12 years and Chairman of the Men's Physical Education Department for 15 years — two more years as chair of both the men's and women's departments. Weber has served on numerous college-wide committees whose scope has encompassed the full range of campus activities.

An active member of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (AAHPER), Weber served on numerous national committees and chaired its Division of Men's Athletics. A past president of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Weber received the

organization's service award in 1974.

President of the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) on two different occasions, Weber received

the league's first Distinguished Service Award.

In the community, Weber participated on the Cortland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was a Cub Master for Scout Pack #94, president of the Campus School P.T.A., a deacon and elder for the First Presbyterian Church, board member of the American Cancer Society, and a member of the YMCA Boy's Work Committee. He was a school board consultant in the planning of physical education facilities in the Whitney Point, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, and Delmar School Districts.

Weber and his wife, Mary, have two sons, Robert and John.

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