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**CORTLAND C-CLUB
HALL OF FAME**

**25th Annual
Induction Banquet**



October 15, 1993

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE AT CORTLAND**

**Corey College Union
Function Room**

The C-Club Hall of Fame

Established in 1969, the C-Club Hall of Fame recognizes alumni who competed as athletes at Cortland and who have since distinguished themselves in their respective professions and communities.

New members have been inducted annually for the past 25 years. The 1993 ceremony brings the C-Club Hall of Fame roster to 113 alumni, as well as six honorary members who have made outstanding contributions for many years to the College's athletic program.

State University of New York College at Cortland

Located atop one of the rolling 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 and included among its earliest students the inventor and industrialist Elmer A. Sperry of Sperry-Rand Corp. fame.

Over the decades, the campuses expanded and in 1941, by an act of the legislature and the Board of Regents, the institution officially became a four-year college providing courses leading to a bachelor's degree. In 1948, Cortland was a founding member of the State University of New York.

Today, more than 5,600 undergraduate and 600 graduate students are pursuing degrees within the college's two academic schools - Arts & Sciences and Professional Studies. Twenty-three departments with a faculty of more than 300 offer the Cortland student body some 40 majors from which to choose.

The College's main campus covers 191 acres and includes 30 major buildings. Fourteen of these structures are residence halls providing on-campus housing for 2,600 students. Cortland also operates its Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks, the Hoxie Gorge Nature Preserve outside Cortland, and the Brauer Memorial Geological field station near Albany on the Helderberg Escarpment.

At Cortland, athletics are viewed as having an important role in the educational mission of the College. During the fall, winter and spring seasons, Cortland participates in 23 intercollegiate sports - 11 men's and 12 women's - in an attempt to provide a broad program which meets the needs, interests and abilities of its students. Cortland provides its student-athletes, which number nearly 800 annually, a number of outdoor and indoor facilities for intercollegiate competition, as well for educational and recreational purposes.

The Park Center for Physical Education and Recreation, opened in 1973, features a main gymnasium with a 3,600 seating capacity; an Olympic-sized swimming pool with gallery seating for 1,500; an ice arena which can accommodate 2,500 spectators; racquetball and squash courts, a wrestling room, modern athletic training facilities and the new Francis Woods Fitness Center.

Nearby Lusk Field House, with its new tartan-textured surface, is home for the indoor track teams. The Red Dragon football and lacrosse squads compete on Davis Field, with its 5,000 seating capacity, while Cortland's men's and women's soccer teams play on lighted Holloway Field. The College also has 50 acres of athletic fields and 24 outdoor tennis courts.

C-Club Hall of Fame 25th Annual Induction Banquet

Invocation

*Rev. Edward J. O'Heron
Chaplain, Newman Center*

Welcome

*James M. Clark
President, SUNY Cortland*

Dinner

Hall of Fame Induction

*Introductions:
Dolores Bogard
Associate Athletic Director*

1993 Inductees

*Ben Becker '28
Joseph Cuozzo '59
William Yelverton '63
Sara J. Daggett '78
Kathy Solano '78*

C-Club Hall of Fame 1993 Induction

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Ben Becker '28
(Deceased)

Ben Becker, who died at age 80 on May 28, 1987, was one of the all-time great sports figures in Albany, NY, and arguably among the most influential persons in U.S. Amateur Boxing from Post World War II until the 1960s.

A member of the Boxing Hall of Fame, Becker touched so many lives in his hometown that the Knickerbocker Arena houses a bust and a memorial celebrating the contributions Becker made to the sport of boxing in the United States and as a teacher, coach and principal at Albany's Philip Schuyler High School. He spent 42 years serving the Albany public school system and 25 years as director of Camp Nassau in Guilderland.

Born in New York City and raised in Albany, Becker graduated from Cortland Normal in 1928. He was one of Cortland's most versatile athletes in the 1920s. Becker played varsity soccer, baseball, football and lacrosse. A member of the Varsity "C" Club, Becker boxed and coached the freshman boxing team. A Kappa Kappa Kappa fraternity brother and president of the Cortland Interfraternity Council, Becker took part in the Dramatic Club and Senior Demonstration.

In 1927, while still at Cortland, Becker was appointed chairman of the A.A.U. Adirondack District, a post he held for more than 50 years. After graduating from Cortland, Becker returned to Albany High, this time as a coach, for two years. He earned a bachelor's degree from New York University, where he won the school boxing championship. In 1934, he returned to Schuyler High where, with the exception of a military stint during the War, he stayed until retiring in 1970.

In 1936, Becker coached the Hearst All-American Boxing Team on its Caribbean Tour. Over the years, he coached boxing teams that travelled to England, Italy, Israel and the Soviet Union. Becker was director of the Eastern U.S. Boxing Championships in 1952 and 1956 and a director of the national A.A.U. Tournament in 1963.

Credited with helping to rebuild amateur boxing nationally after WW II, Becker was a member of the US Olympic Committee's House of Delegates. In 1960, Becker was head manager of the U.S. Olympic Team that included Cassius Clay. Earlier Becker helped develop the career of Sugar Ray Robinson, who fought for him as an amateur in Kingston and Watervliet.

Becker, who was always lending a hand to underprivileged students, co-founded the Big Brothers of Albany in the 1950s and was vice president of the Albany County Cerebral Palsy Association.

Becker is survived by his wife, Ruth, and three children, Robert, Patricia and Edward.

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Joseph Cuozzo '59
55 Edgewood Avenue
Oakdale, New York 11769

In 1993, Joseph Cuozzo '59, the winningest lacrosse coach in the United States, became the first Cortland alumnus inducted into the Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame.

The Department Chair for Health and Physical Education at Ward Melville High School in Setauket, NY, Cuozzo has amassed a lacrosse coaching record of 469-45 — the first member of the United States Lacrosse Coaches Association "400-Win Club" in the United States.

Since becoming varsity lacrosse coach in 1969, Cuozzo coached his Ward Melville teams to four state championships, nine Long Island championships, 16 Suffolk County titles and 23 league championships. On 10 occasions, Cuozzo has been elected Suffolk County "Coach of the Year."

In 1984, he received the New York State Coaches Association Honor Award and in 1987 was inducted into the Long Island Lacrosse Hall of Fame. In 1991, Cuozzo was named the "Man of the Year" by the National Interscholastic Lacrosse Association.

"The educational and athletic experiences I received at Cortland have had a major impact on my teaching and coaching career," said Cuozzo. "The attitudes and knowledge I acquired while there have shaped my educational philosophy."

As a Cortland undergraduate, Cuozzo lettered as a back in football, a lacrosse midfielder and track sprinter and long jumper. The Yonkers, NY, native was an ECAC Scholar-Athlete in football, a Whitney T. Corey Scholarship recipient, and the Winter Carnival King. He also served as a Delta Kappa Beta fraternity officer and was active in student government.

Cuozzo earned a B.S. in Physical Education in 1959. He received a master's degree from Hofstra University in 1962. He taught elementary physical education and junior high science in Bay Shore, NY, before becoming in 1967 a physical education instructor and lacrosse coach at Ward Melville High.

Active in conducting Midget League lacrosse clinics in the Three Village area, Joe and his wife, Karen Keena '59 Cuozzo, have two children, Kimberly, a 1985 Cortland graduate, and Kristopher.

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William Yelverton '63
1299 Conklin Road
Conklin, New York 13748

William Yelverton '63, the chief of service for the Binghamton (NY) Psychiatric Center's Outpatient Division, heads a multi-disciplinary clinical staff of more than 100 persons providing mental health services to 300 clients in a four-county area.

"My career as a hospital administrator has drawn upon and continues to benefit from many of the principles associated with teammanship and fair play I experienced while a student-athlete at SUNY Cortland," said Yelverton.

An exceptional athlete, Yelverton earned 13 letters in four sports -- football, indoor track, outdoor track and gymnastics -- at Cortland. Co-captain of the football team as a senior, Yelverton twice earned ECAC weekly honors. After graduation, he was a standout cornerback with the semi-pro Triple Cities Jets in Binghamton. In track, Yelverton, again a co-captain, shattered Cortland's pole vault record as a freshman and later set the New York State mark. In his final year, the poles used for vaulting converted from rigid steel to fiberglass. Yelverton, as a collegiate senior, published an article in *Scholastic Coach Magazine* on the subject. Yelverton was also active in the Dance Club, the Newman Club and with fraternity life at Cortland.

Yelverton earned a B.S. in Physical Education in 1963. The Johnson City, NY, native taught and coached in the Binghamton area for a few years and earned a master's degree in education from SUNY Oneonta in 1967.

From 1967 to 1970, he developed a program for adolescent patients while working at the Jewish Community Center of Broome County. In 1970, he joined the Binghamton Psychiatric Center as a senior recreation therapist and, by 1975, became chief of services.

During the 1970s, Yelverton was an adjunct professor in the SUNY Cortland Recreation Department at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has written extensively and has instituted field work programs with other colleges and universities. In 1974, Yelverton was elected chair of the New York State Therapeutic Recreation Directors Association. In 1980, he was named chair of the Office of Mental Health Directors of Psychiatric Rehabilitation.

He and his wife, Helene, have two sons, William and Thomas.

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Sara J. Daggett '78
5090 Clifton Drive
North Syracuse, New York 13212

An influential figure on New York State's physical education scene, Sara J. Daggett '78 has made an international mark as head coach of the USA Floor Hockey Team at the 1993 World International Special Olympic Games in Austria.

For the past two years, Daggett, an adaptive physical education instructor at Liverpool (NY) Central School District since 1982, has been serving on the New York State Commissioner's Compact for Learning. This six-person team has been charged with writing learning outcomes and guidelines for statewide physical education in New York.

In 1992, Daggett was named "Adaptive Teacher of the Year" by the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD). Daggett began working with the Onondaga County Special Olympics in 1982 and the New York Special Olympics in 1986. In 1989, her USA Field Hockey Team won the gold medal at the International Special Olympics Games in Reno, Nevada.

The 1993 recipient of a YMCA Community Fitness Leadership Award, Daggett continues to make positive impacts as a civic leader in the Liverpool community. She founded in 1983 the semi-annual "Love Games," a sporting event open to all adaptive physical education students in three neighboring districts. Since 1986, she has co-directed the "Very Special Golf Tournament," a corporate-sponsored event that has netted \$300,000 since its inception for Onondaga County Special Olympics. Since 1989, Daggett has been coordinating Liverpool student-athletes make monthly volunteer visits to local elementary schools speaking against drug use. She also coordinates the "Octagon Club," comprised of Liverpool High volunteers working on community projects throughout the year.

Daggett, a past president of the Liverpool Optimist Club, serves on the board of directors for Liverpool MARCH -- Movement to Actively Recognize Community Health. In 1990, she worked on a State Education Department project that studied health and wellness program training and curriculum implementation.

A native of Cazenovia, NY, Daggett graduated with honors from the Cortland physical education program in 1978. She competed on the Red Dragon golf teams for three seasons, spending her junior year through the Cortland Study Abroad program at the German National Sports Academy in Cologne. Daggett earned a master's degree in physical education from Syracuse University in 1982.

The Liverpool High field hockey coach since 1980, Daggett also coached women's golf team for six seasons. She has served as a Empire State Games Central Region administrator for 13 years and serves on the NYSAPERD board of directors.

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Kathy Solano '78
5339-L Columbia Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044

A former starting point guard for the New Jersey Gems of the professional Women's Basketball League, Kathy Solano '78, now the head women's basketball coach at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, has distinguished herself as a collegiate basketball player and coach.

Solano, the assistant women's basketball coach at Syracuse University this past year, was head women's basketball coach between 1983 and 1992 at NCAA Div. I Manhattan College in Riverdale, NY. Her squads captured Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference titles in 1987 and 1990, while four times finishing among the Top 20 in NCAA Div. I team defense. In nine seasons, every one of Solano's basketball players earned her degree.

Four times, Solano was voted the Metropolitan Collegiate Basketball Coaches Association Div. I "Coach of the Year." In 1986-87, she received the Converse-New York State Basketball Coaches Association Div. I "Coach of the Year" Award. Solano was assistant athletics director at Manhattan College between 1988-92.

From 1978 to 1981, Solano was assistant women's basketball coach and head volleyball coach at C.W. Post College in Greenvale, NY. Between 1981 and 1983, Solano took over as head women's basketball coach and assistant women's athletics director. Her 1981-82 basketball unit went 19-15 and won the New York State crown. Her 1982-83 squad, ranked fourth nationally in NCAA Div. II, won the Empire State Conference championship and finished 25-8. Solano was voted the Empire State Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1983.

As a Cortland undergraduate, Solano, who grew up in Patchogue, NY, excelled as a basketball player. Twice named to the All-New York State Tournament Team, she finished her Cortland career with 705 points — third best at the school at the time and ranked 13th among all-time Cortland women's basketball scorers today. A Dean's List student all four years, Solano graduated cum laude with a B.S.E. in Physical Education in 1978.

A highly experienced basketball clinician, Solano competed with the New Jersey Gems in the WBL during the 1978-79 season.

C-Club Hall of Fame Members

Class of 1927-

William A. Class (*Inducted 1977*)

Class of 1928-

John Kress (*Inducted 1981*)

Class of 1930-

Leo Meldrim (*Inducted 1969*)

Class of 1931-

Allen "Chiz" Frye (*Inducted 1982*)

Joseph Palone (*Inducted 1979*)

Class of 1932-

Robert Rifenberick (*Inducted 1978*)

Class of 1933-

Wilbur S. Bergstrom (*Inducted 1973*)

George A. Brown (*Inducted 1973*)

Oliver E. Cook (*Inducted 1978*)

Dudley Hare (*Inducted 1980*)

Ernest J. Lalley (*Inducted 1987*)

Class of 1935-

Joseph P. Adessa (*Inducted 1976*)

Gerald McDonald (*Inducted 1984*)

Richard W. Ross (*Inducted 1980*)

Andrew C. Tei (*Inducted 1975*)

Class of 1936-

Charles H. Edkins (*Inducted 1983*)

David G. Miller (*Inducted 1978*)

Class of 1937-

Edward L. Carter (*Inducted 1972*)

Robert M. Dean (*Inducted 1986*)

Class of 1939-

Donald Neff (*Inducted 1990*)

Joseph St. Lawrence (*Inducted 1970*)

Anthony P. Tesori (*Inducted 1970*)

Class of 1940-

George Anderson (*Inducted 1970*)

Merlin W. Hathaway (*Inducted 1969*)

Leon Williams (*Inducted 1970*)

Class of 1941-

David Allardice (*Inducted 1990*)

Peter Betrus (*Inducted 1983*)

Robert O. Lockwood (*Inducted 1977*)

Carlton Petrie (*Inducted 1980*)

Henry "Hank" Vetter (*Inducted 1980*)

Class of 1942-

Laurens E. Dietz (*Inducted 1977*)

Gordon "Tiger" Found (*Inducted 1982*)

Edward J. Walsh (*Inducted 1988*)

Class of 1943-

Whitney T. Corey (*Inducted 1969*)

Richard P. McLean (*Inducted 1983*)

Maurice L. Page Sr. (*Inducted 1980*)

Robert Springer (*Inducted 1979*)

Class of 1946-

John Moiseichik (*Inducted 1969*)

Simon J. Molnar (*Inducted 1984*)

Class of 1947-

Gail F. Farwell (*Inducted 1991*)
Gerald J. Hase (*Inducted 1985*)
Fritz P. Mueller (*Inducted 1992*)
Arnold Rist (*Inducted 1987*)
Walter Schumacher (*Inducted 1977*)

Class of 1948-

Emilio DaBramo (*Inducted 1971*)
Charles T. Button (*Inducted 1971*)
Jean Chapin Dolat (*Inducted 1978*)
A. Hugh Jack (*Inducted 1972*)
Jack Kobuskie (*Inducted 1974*)
Ernest Luongo (*Inducted 1983*)
Patricia M. Peterson (*Inducted 1984*)
Francis "Red" Redmond (*Inducted 1982*)
Walter R. Suess (*Inducted 1977*)
Arthur F. Thompson (*Inducted 1977*)
Nicholas F. Troisi (*Inducted 1982*)
John C. Tuthill (*Inducted 1971*)

Class of 1949-

Anthony DiBenedetto (*Inducted 1991*)
Marion J. Fricano (*Inducted 1972*)
George C. Fuge (*Inducted 1976*)
Anthony B. Grandinette (*Inducted 1985*)
Earl R. Keefer (*Inducted 1977*)
George J. King (*Inducted 1973*)
Marcus J. Martone (*Inducted 1975*)
Walter J. Przybylo (*Inducted 1972*)
Otis Sennett (*Inducted 1986*)
A. Henry von Mechow (*Inducted 1991*)
Robert H. Young (*Inducted 1984*)

Class of 1950-

John Halloran (*Inducted 1985*)
John F. Reardon (*Inducted 1978*)

Class of 1951-

Edward Bosse (*Inducted 1989*)
Milton "Dutch" Hess (*Inducted 1989*)

Class of 1952-

Robert F. Riedel (*Inducted 1982*)
John L. Sciera (*Inducted 1987*)

Class of 1953-

Mary Morgan Hosking (*Inducted 1987*)
Robert Wallace (*Inducted 1979*)
Sally Yeager Wallace (*Inducted 1979*)

Class of 1954-

Joseph V. DiPace (*Inducted 1992*)
John Glinski (*Inducted 1969*)
Allan Van Nostrand (*Inducted 1989*)

Class of 1955-

John H. Arcaro (*Inducted 1982*)
Robert Hoppey (*Inducted 1987*)
Donald Quinn (*Inducted 1984*)

Class of 1956-

R. Bruce Allison (*Inducted 1988*)
George Breen (*Inducted 1969*)
T. Richard Terry (*Inducted 1988*)

Class of 1957-

Anna Boserup Rush (*Inducted 1981*)

Class of 1958-

Herman Druckman (*Inducted 1980*)

Class of 1959-

Nancy L. Langham (*Inducted 1986*)
Stanley C. Nevins (*Inducted 1992*)

Class of 1960-

Leo J. Johnson (*Inducted 1981*)

Class of 1961

James L. Cranfield (*Inducted 1990*)

Class of 1962-

Barbara DiPalma (*Inducted 1983*)
John Eden (*Inducted 1985*)
Judith Forrest Risher (*Inducted 1988*)
Patricia Cole Rogers (*Inducted 1985*)

Class of 1963-

Paul Fardy (*Inducted 1974*)
Patricia J. Mihalko (*Inducted 1985*)

Class of 1964-

David Bleau (*Inducted 1974*)

Class of 1965-

Judith E. Rink (*Inducted 1988*)

Class of 1966-

Michael Messere (*Inducted 1985*)

Class of 1967-

Betty Burfeindt (*Inducted 1974*)
John W. Cooper (*Inducted 1990*)
Sandy Weeden (*Inducted 1987*)

Class of 1968-

Barbara Southwick (*Inducted 1989*)

Class of 1970-

David Urick (*Inducted 1986*)

Class of 1971

Patricia Price Genovese (*Inducted 1990*)
Deborah A. Wuest (*Inducted 1991*)

Class of 1972

Kristine E. Terrillion (*Inducted 1992*)

Honorary Members-

Carl A. Davis (*Inducted 1973*)
T. Fred Holloway (*Inducted 1973*)
John W. Morgan (*Inducted 1984*)
M. Louise Moseley (*Inducted 1985*)
Rol Randall (*Inducted 1989*)
Robert J. Weber (*Inducted 1986*)

