

SUNY College Cortland

Digital Commons @ Cortland

C-Club Documents

C-Club

1993

C-Club Hall of Fame Banquet 1993

State University of New York College at Cortland

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.cortland.edu/c-club_documents

CORTLAND C-CLUB HALL OF FAME

Silver Anniversary Banquet

**25
Years**



**C-Club
Hall of Fame
1968 - 1993**

October 16, 1993

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

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. With tonight's special induction of Francis J. Moench '16 and Bessie L. Park '01, the C-Club Hall of Fame roster now includes 115 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 Silver Anniversary Banquet

Master of Cermonies

Raymond Franco '72
Vice President for Student Affairs

Invocation

Rev. Donald Wilcox
Chaplain, Interfaith Center

Dinner

Welcome

Lee Roberts
Director of Athletics

Introductions

Douglas DeRancy '75
*Director of Alumni and
Foundation Affairs*

Remarks

James M. Clark
President, SUNY Cortland

Hall of Fame Inductions

Francis J. Moench '16

Presenter: David G. Miller '36
Professor Emeritus of Physical Education

Response: Richard U. Moench
Son of Francis J. Moench

Bessie L. Park '01

Presenter: Dorothy Arnsdorff
Professor Emerita of Physical Education

Response: C. Jane Snell
Dean of Professional Studies

Recognition of Hall of Famers

Raymond Franco and
Gloria Quadrini Birmingham '59
President, Alumni Association

C-Club Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary Banquet

State University of New York
COLLEGE AT CORTLAND



Francis J. Moench '16
(1896-1991)

A member of the Cortland Normal School Class of 1916, Francis J. Moench returned to his Alma Mater as a faculty member in 1923. During the next 30 years, Moench taught physical education, became the first chair of the Department of Men's Physical Education, chaired the Department of Health and Physical Education, directed the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and served as dean of the College.

In his early years on the faculty, Moench was director of athletics. He started the varsity soccer program and coached basketball, baseball and track. He is credited with having established the high standards of sportsmanship and conduct that have long been the hallmark of Cortland's athletic programs.

In 1923, Moench was the only male on the four-person physical education faculty. He and Bessie Park '01 were named "co-heads" of the newly formed Physical Education Department. Two years later, he was named chair of the separate Men's Physical Education Department.

A native of Sag Harbor, NY, Moench earned high praise for his work in the testing and measurement program at Cortland as well as for his service to the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. During World War II, he served as Deputy Director of the Office of Physical Fitness with the New York State Governor's War Council in Albany.

Described by all as very professional, Moench's input and direction played a major part in the development of the physical education major on campus. He also played a key role in the design of the Moffett Center which was the principal facility for the College health, physical education and recreation programs from 1954 to the opening of the Park Center in 1972.

Moench had been dean of the College for two years when, in 1954, he left Cortland to become president of State University College at Geneseo. He stayed in that position until he retired in 1963.

In 1967 he was appointed to the Cortland College Foundation. Moench received the Cortland College Alumni Association's Distinguished Achievement Award in 1969. He died in July 1991 at the age of 94.

C-Club Hall of Fame Silver Anniversary Banquet

State University of New York
COLLEGE AT CORTLAND



Bessie L. Park '01
(1881-1979)

In February 1980, the State University of New York Board of Trustees approved the naming of Cortland College's \$10 million Physical Education and Recreation Center in honor of Bessie L. Park, a physical education pioneer, who died on Feb. 25, 1979 at the age of 97.

Miss Park, who graduated from the Cortland Normal School in 1901, joined the faculty at Cortland in 1915 as director of physical education. During the next 26 years, she served the institution in vital teaching, administrative and public service roles that helped forge her legacy as "the guiding spirit" behind the establishment of a physical education major at Cortland.

At the Park Center dedication ceremony May 9, 1981, the late Ralph A. Brown, Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, touched upon the special traits of this physical education trailblazer.

"Miss Park had tremendous energy and she was an innovator," said Brown. "Throughout her years at Cortland, she was often ahead of her time in her recommendations and her activities...Miss Park was a remarkable person, a wonderful human being. Energetic and forceful without being abrasive; intelligent and perceptive without any show of conceit or pomposity; possessor of intellectual curiosity that matched her high moral standards; highly competent in her chosen field of endeavor; intensely devoted to her work; and innovator who knew restraint; inclusive rather than dominating.

"Bessie Park was a scholar, dedicated to the pursuit of truth and excellence, possessed of honor and integrity, and a strong leader."

A native of LaFayette, NY, Miss Park received the Distinguished Service Award from the Cortland College Alumni Association in 1970. The plaque summarized her lifelong commitment to her Alma Mater:

"She was the first head of the Department of Physical Education for Women in 1923 and helped move the College to a leadership role in her field. She was the first executive secretary of the Alumni Association when the Alumni Office first opened its doors in 1944. She was the first editor of the Cortland Alumni Magazine which she founded. She served as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1946 to 1967."

C-Club Hall of Fame Members

1969 Inductees

George Breen '56
Whitney T. Corey '43
John Glinski '54
Merlin W. Hathaway '40
Leo Meldrim '30
John Moiseichik '46

1970 Inductees

George Anderson '40
Joseph St. Lawrence '39
Anthony P. Tesori '39
Leon Williams '40

1971 Inductees

Charles T. Button '48
Emilio DaBramo '48
John C. Tuthill '48

1972 Inductees

Edward L. Carter '37
Marion J. Fricano '49
A. Hugh Jack '48
Walter J. Przybylo '49

1973 Inductees

Wilbur S. Bergstrom '33
George A. Brown '33
Carl A. Davis (Hon.)
T. Fred Holloway (Hon.)
George J. King '49

1974 Inductees

David Bleau '64
Betty Burfeindt '67
Paul Fardy '63
Jack Kobuskie '48

1975 Inductees

Marcus J. Martone '49
Andrew C. Tei '35

1976 Inductees

Joseph P. Adessa '35
George C. Fuge '49

1977 Inductees

William A. Class '27
Laurens E. Dietz '42
Earl R. Keefer '49
Robert O. Lockwood '41
Walter Schumacher '47
Walter R. Suess '48
Aurthur F. Thompson '48

1978 Inductees

Oliver E. Cook '33
Jean Chapin Dolat '48
David G. Miller '36
John F. Reardon '50
Robert Rifenberick '32

1979 Inductees

Joseph Palone '31
Robert Springer '43
Robert Wallace '53
Sally Yeager Wallace '53

1980 Inductees

Herman Druckman '58
Dudley Hare '33
Maurice L. Page Sr. '43
Carlton Petrie '41
Richard W. Ross '35
Henry "Hank" Vetter '41

1981 Inductees

Leo J. Johnson '60
John Kress '27
Anna Boserup Rush '57

1982 Inductees

John H. Arcaro '55
Gordon Found '42
Allen "Chiz" Frye '31
Francis Redmond '48
Robert F. Riedel '52
Nicholas F. Troisi '48

1983 Inductees

Peter Betrus '41
Barbara DiPalma '62
Charles H. Edkins '36
Ernest Luongo '48
Richard P. McLean '43

1984 Inductees

Gerald McDonald '35
Simon J. Molnar '46
John W. Morgan (Hon.)
Patricia M. Peterson '48
Donald Quinn '55
Robert H. Young '49

1985 Inductees

John Eden '62
Anthony Grandinette '49
Gerald J. Hase '47
John Halloran '50
Michael Messere '66
Patricia J. Mihalko '63
M. Louise Moseley (Hon.)
Patricia Cole Rogers '62

1986 Inductees

Robert M. Dean '37
Nancy L. Langham '59
Otis Sennett '49
David Urick '70
Robert J. Weber (Hon.)

C-Club Hall of Fame Members

1987 Inductees

Robert Hoppey '55
Mary Morgan Hosking '53
Ernest J. Lalley '33
Arnold Rist '47
John L. Sciera '52
Sandy Weeden '67

1988 Inductees

R. Bruce Allison '56
Judith E. Rink '65
Judith Forrest Risher '62
T. Richard Terry '56
Edward J. Walsh '42

1989 Inductees

Edward Bosse '51
Milton "Dutch" Hess '51
Allan Van Nostrand '54
Rol Randall (Hon.)
Barbara Southwick '68

1990 Inductees

David Allardice '41
John W. Cooper '67
James L. Cranfield '61
Patricia Price Genovese '71
Donald Neff '39

1991 Inductees

Anthony DiBenedetto '49
Gail F. Farwell '47
A. Henry von Mechow '49
Deborah A. Wuest '71

1992 Inductees

Joseph V. DiPace '54
Fritz P. Mueller '47
Stanley C. Nevins '59
Kristine E. Terrillion '72

1993 Inductees

Ben Becker '28
Joseph Cuzzo '59
Sara Daggett '78
Francis J. Moench '16
Bessie L. Park '01
Kathy Solano '78
William Yelverton '63

