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The UConn Club

presents its

11th Annual Award Dinner

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The Lineup

- Welcome Michael Molochko '49, president, UConn Club
- Toastmaster Don V. Ruck '52
- Speaker Rev. Robert G. Keating
- Presentation Outstanding Senior Athlete Award to Dominic P. Perno '64
- Presentation O'Neill Awards
 Dr. Amedeo Bondi, Jr. '35
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 Edward J. Shages '36
- Speaker Richard E. Forzano, head football coach, University of Connecticut
- Presentation Outstanding Contribution Award
 Lester E. Shippee
- Speaker Victor A. Bubas, head basketball coach, Duke University

THE DUKE OF DUKE



A few of the chosen make it to the top in every field of endeavor. Victor A. Bubas has made it in the world of intercollegiate basketball.

Only a few years ago Vic Bubas was playing the backcourt for North Carolina State. Then he went into the coaching field. It didn't take him long to reach the top. Six years ago, Vic Bubas was an unknown assistant coach to Everett Case at North Carolina State. He was unknown, that is, beyond the immediate confines of the Atlantic Coast Conference. But to those who knew of the brilliant *basketball tactician* there was already the feeling this man would make it big. He did.

In 1959 he was tapped for his first head coaching job, the position at Duke. It didn't take Bubas long to warm up. His first team struggled through a 12-10 season, caught fire in the ACC tournament, won it, then won two more games in

the NCAA tournament. By that time, every respectable fan in basketball's social register knew of the then 31-year-old coach.

After that Bubas scored as follows: 1960-61 (22-6, No. 2 in the nation); 1961-62 (20-5, 10th in the nation); 1962-63 (26-2, No. 3 in the nation); and 1963-64 (20-4, No. 3 ranked nationally and finalists in the NCAA tournament).

Overall, including tournament games, Bubas' Duke teams have won 112 games and have lost only 30, with 11 of those losses coming in his first season.

Welcome, Rick



Rick Forzano has been on the job as head football coach at the University of Connecticut for only a few months, but in that short time he has packed in enough hours to have earned his salary for an entire year. One thing is clearly evident about this 34-year-old football

man — he is a tireless worker.

He is also many other things — aggressive, extremely well organized, loyal, enthusiastic, a top salesman and a good after dinner speaker. Wherever Forzano has been in Connecticut, he has made friends for the University. Banquet audiences in New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Hartford, etc., have given him standing ovations.

One of the nicest tributes to Forzano has come from Bob Ingalls, the man Rick succeeded. Says Ingalls, "I like what Rick is doing. If given time, this guy is going to do a great job for the University of Connecticut."

Welcome, Father



Officially, Rev. Robert G. Keating is Pastor of St. Jude's Church in Derby. Unofficially, "Father Keating" is chaplain to the American sports world. He is intimate friends with the great names in the sports world . . . from Casey Stengel to Ted Williams to Red Auerbach.

His life has been full, his contribution to our society is impossible to measure. As a fund raiser to provide sports equipment for underprivileged boys, Father Keating is without equal. Many years of his life was devoted to the boys at Cheshire Reformatory. One of his monuments there is a swimming pool, built with funds he helped raise.

As a speaker at sports banquets, Father Keating is in constant demand all across the country. We know. The UConn Club has tried for six years to find a date on which he would be available to speak. We finally made it.

Past Recipients

O'Neill Award

Elmer S. Watson '28
 Gen. John H. Hilldring '18
 J. Ray Ryan '30
 Willard C. Eddy '36
 Joseph B. Burns '36
 Wallace S. Moreland '26
 Dr. James W. Moore, '31
 Joseph R. McCormick '34
 Reuben B. Johnson '36
 Brig. Gen. Philip H. Greasley '36

Past Recipients

Outstanding Senior Athlete

Philip Tinsley — football
 Arthur Quimby — basketball
 Buddy Amendola — football
 Ronnie Bushwell — basketball
 Lewis Stieglitz — track
 Robert Osborne — basketball
 Louis Mooradian — football
 Steve Pinney — swimming
 Lenny King — football
 Myron Krasij — soccer

Past Recipients

Outstanding Contribution Award

Andrew McMillan
 Roy J. Guyer
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 Hugh S. Greer
 J. Orleans Christian
 E. O. Smith
 Victor Borge
 Sumner A. Dole
 Laurence J. Ackerman

O'Neill Award

Edward J. Shages
Class of 1936



Everything Edward Shages does is done with dedication, whether in the sports world or the industrial world. It has been his formula for success.

As a freshman basketball player at Connecticut, Eddie Shages was the leading scorer. He then went on to become one of the top stars of the Huskies.

In the business and industrial world he has been eminently successful. Rising through the ranks with Pratt & Whitney, Mr. Shages became, in succession, head man in production, then sales and in 1959 was named vice president and elected to the board of directors.

In September 1962 he joined Cushman Industries as vice president and a director and 14 months later was elected president of the corporation. Cushman is the world's largest manufacturer of lathe chucks and accessory equipment.

He is a member of the Wampanoag Country Club and The Hartford Club and is a director of the Metal Cutting Institute.

He and his wife reside in Granby. Their two children, Edward and Donna, both attend the University of Connecticut.

O'Neill Award

Dr. Amedeo Bondi, Jr.
Class of 1935



Mede Bondi is another classic example of the standout student-athlete in undergraduate life who left the athletic fields to carve a distinguished career.

Dr. Bondi was a good third baseman on Connecticut's baseball teams and was recognized as an unusual student leader. Following his graduation he received his Master's Degree from Massachusetts and Ph.D. from Penn.

Today he is director of the microbiology division of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia. As a microbiologist, Mede Bondi has authored more than 45 publications on such subjects as immunology of brucellosis and staphylococcal infections.

He is a director of the Hahnemann Medical College graduate school of basic sciences, a Fellow in the New York Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, and a Diplomate to the American Board of Microbiology.

He has also taught at Temple University Medical School and at the Penn School of Medicine. In 1962 he received the Lindbach Award for teaching excellence, a tribute to greatness.

O'Neill Award

Cornelius E. Donahue
Class of 1934



When UConn men speak of three-sport athletes who have performed at the University of Connecticut, the name of Connie Donahue is invariably interspersed in the conversation.

Athletics and teaching have been the cornerstone of his life. At Connecticut he was a starter on the football, basketball and baseball teams as a sophomore. An injury in the New Hampshire football game put an early end to his gridiron career, but Connie came back to play baseball and basketball and captained the 1933-34 basketball team.

Following a great undergraduate career, topped by election to the Druids, highest men's honor society, Connie Donahue turned his energy to teaching and coaching at Torrington High School. His career, spanning almost 30 years, has been a great one.

His Torrington basketball teams have won 373 games, 11 conference titles and one state championship. His baseball teams have won 271 games, seven conference titles and one state championship.

He has been named Probus "Man of the Year" and in 1963 was nominated for the coveted Gold Key given by the Connecticut Sportswriters Alliance.

The Red O'Neill Story

The development of an award in Red O'Neill's memory did not occur accidentally. For two years a UConn Club award committee researched various possibilities. Despite the many alumni considered all signs pointed to the Redhead as the man who combined the highest attributes of character, leadership, athletic ability and, later, a successful career.

The O'Neill Award is given annually to UConn men who have gone from the athletic fields to distinguish themselves in their chosen careers.

Bill Lee, respected sports editor of the Hartford Courant, summed up O'Neill this way: "In his college days at Storrs, Red O'Neill was almost a legend. He was a tremendous athlete and campus leader, a vibrant personality who

loved life and laughter. He was the George Gipp of UConn in that he did so many things well with the ease of a man born to be a leader in everything without half trying."

As an outstanding athlete, Red had to overcome the severe handicap of a silver plate in his right arm, the result of a World War I wound. In 1924 he was the captain and fullback of the only unbeaten football team in UConn history.

As a student he was brilliant, getting top honors. After graduation in 1925, he went to the Yale Medical School. As a surgeon he was well known. In his later years, he was known for his work in obstetrics. He gave 23 years of his life to medicine before passing away in 1955.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Lester E. Shippee



Few men have been more influential in the growth of the University of Connecticut.

Working behind the scenes, without public acclaim, Lester E. Shippee served for 14 years as a member of the University's board of trustees, the last six as chairman of the board. Quietly, but effectively he helped to guide the University to its present posture.

In the business world, Mr. Shippee may be the most important financial man in rich Connecticut. He is currently chairman of the board of directors of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company.

He is a former Banking Commissioner of Connecticut. He is a member of the board of directors of the following companies: Edward Balf Company, Connecticut Fire Insurance Group, Hartford Gas Company, Heublein, Inc., Phoenix Insurance Company, Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, Montgomery Company and the Silent Glow Oil Burner Company.

With this award, the men of UConn say thank you to this distinguished citizen.

Outstanding Senior Athlete

Dominic P. Perno '64



Dom Perno is one of those basketball players who never leads his team in scoring or rebounding. He is not a flashy player who excites a crowd.

But to his coaches, both in high school and college, he is the type of player "who gets the job done."

Perno's value is difficult to portray in words. But in game after game, he was the leader, the steady influence, the player who came through in the clutch.

It was Perno who came off the bench to rescue a victory over Fordham. In the playoff game against Rhode Island, UConn was leading by 13 points when Perno was benched with four fouls. In exactly 1:38 (with Perno on the bench) Rhody tied the score. Perno came back to help win it. He got the job done against Princeton in the NCAA game when he scored the winning free throws with 29 seconds left to play, then stole the ball from Bill Bradley to clinch the win, a big one for the Huskies.

This is Dominic Peter Perno, a young man who came on strong to be a Dean's List student — and our outstanding senior athlete.

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