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The UConn Club

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The Lineup

Invocation	Rev. Frank Dellolio
Welcome	Richard G. Patterson '51, '54 Law, President, UConn Club
Introduction	Don V. Ruck '52, Toastmaster
Presentation	Dr. Martin L. O'Neill Awards Herbert R. French '33 Martin L. Gilman '29
Introduction	Dr. Homer D. Babbidge, Jr., President, University of Connecticut
Presentation	Outstanding Contribution Awards D. Robert Ingalls (accepted by Donald and James Ingalls) George Ehrlich Hon. John N. Dempsey, Governor, State of Connecticut
Presentation	Outstanding Senior Athlete Award J. Steven Flanagan '70
Speaker	Adolph Rupp, Head Basketball Coach, University of Kentucky



ADOLPH RUPP

Basketball is a passion with many UConn rooters and alumni. In the noisy field house at Storrs on cold wintry evenings have been enacted some of the most thrilling moments in UConn sports history . . . and a winning tradition as old as the game of basketball.

And nowhere is the winning tradition greater than at Kentucky, where Adolph Rupp has been head basketball coach for an incomparable 40 years of success. 'The Baron' is by now a legend in Kentucky and throughout the basketball playing world. Nobody has coached or won more games than Rupp and Kentucky — 836 to be exact. And where else can you find a winning percentage of 82.5%?

The career of Adolph Rupp bridges the modern basketball era. It's one that may never be duplicated in the round ball game. He's an outspoken and strong-willed individual, who once said, "I know I have plenty of enemies, but I'd rather be the most hated winning coach in the country than the most popular losing one."

Rupp was born in Kansas and played for Dr. 'Phog' Allen's Kansas U. national champions in 1923. He's long since broken Dr. Allen's record for total wins. He's a Basketball Hall of Fame member. The Rupp Wildcats have played and won more NCAA games than any other, and dominated the tough SEC.

And who can forget the powerful post-World War II Rupp-coached teams with Groza, Beard, Ramsey, 'Wah-Wah' Jones that dominated basketball? All told 25 of his players have been All-Americans, seven have been Olympic team choices, and 26 played professional basketball.

In a land like Connecticut where basketball is a passion, the UConn Club welcomes Mr. Basketball . . . long may he reign!

Past Recipients — O'Neill Award

Elmer S. Watson '29	Edward J. Shages '36
Gen. John H. Hildring '18	L. Richard Belden '27
J. Ray Ryan '30	Dr. A. Gale Borden '35
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Joseph B. Burns '36	Edward R. Kuehn '40
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Reuben B. Johnson '36	Howard E. Mohr '42
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Dr. Amedeo Bondi, Jr. '35	Augustus J. Brundage '10
Cornelius E. Donahue '34	William L. McCombe '31

Past Recipients

Outstanding Senior Athlete

Philip Tinsley—football	Louis Aceto—football
Arthur Quimby—basketball	Thomas Kimball—basketball
Buddy Amendola—football	Daniel Hesford—basketball
Ronnie Bushwell—basketball	Robert Schaefer—baseball
Lewis Stieglitz—track	Wesley J. Bialosuknia—basketball
Robert Osborne—basketball	Thomas W. Lawton—baseball
Louis Mooradian—football	Andrew G. Yuen—track
Steve Pinney—swimming	George E. Greer—baseball
Lenny King—football	Daniel J. Sullivan—swimming
Myron Krasij—soccer	Stanley C. Rajczewski—football
Dominic Perno—basketball	

Past Recipients

Outstanding Contribution Award

Andrew McMillan	Laurence J. Ackerman
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Hugh S. Greer	Albert E. Waugh
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Victor Borge	Harold G. Hewitt
Sumner A. Dole	E. George Van Bibber

O'Neill Award

Herbert R. French
Class of 1933



After 34 years of devotion to the youth of Milford, Herb French retired last year as Superintendent of Schools.

Three times in his life important events occurred outside of that city on Long Island Sound — his marriage to Stratford's Evelyn Emslie, his college career at UConn, and his birth in Bridgeport.

Since the age of six, Milford has been Herb's home. After UConn, where he lettered as varsity quarterback for three years and competed in track, held a class office and majored in history, he went back to Milford.

As a teacher he was also head coach of football, basketball and baseball for 12 years at Milford High, winning six Housatonic Valley league championships. Among his stars were Tom Lavery, star end at BU with Harry Agganis, and UConn guard Joe Viscount.

He moved up into the administrative ranks during a period of tremendous growth in the Milford school system, first as principal of Milford High, then assistant superintendent and then head of the city's school system.

Outstanding Senior Athlete

J. Steven Flanagan
Class of 1970



At Killingly High, Steve Flanagan played a lot of football, baseball and basketball—and never thought about competing in track.

Now graduating from UConn's School of Education, Steve ranks as one of UConn's finest in cross-country, indoor and outdoor track. Beginning as a freshman, he's been an outstanding member of cross-country teams that have an amazing 30-5 record (including two unbeaten seasons, 3 Yankcon and 2 New England championships).

Indoor track finds Steve holding the conference and New England 1000 yard records, and part of a record 2 mile relay team. Again, he was an important member of Yankcon and New England indoor championship teams.

Twice Steve has been elected outdoor track co-captain. He is Yankcon and New England champion in the 880-yard run, holds the UConn record, and shares in the record 1 mile relay team honors.

He's a good student with interest in people. He has helped coach high school swimmers and worked in the tutorial program for retarded children at Mansfield Training School.

O'Neill Award

Martin J. Gilman
Class of 1929



When Marty Gilman was a kid attending Norwich Free Academy, he practiced football at home on homemade blocking and tackling dummies he made with materials from his family's mill.

Enrolling at UConn, Marty played a whale of a game as a 128 pound guard (adding 12 pounds by his senior year) and was chosen All-New England and Spaulding All-Star in a day when sports publicists were unknown. One of his varsity teams was one of UConn's best (7-1) unbeaten and unscored on until the season's last game against Boston College.

At the same time, he completed his degree requirements in Economics with honors in just three and a half years. Subsequently Marty has become one of the nation's top developers and manufacturers of football practice equipment, far more sophisticated than the plump cotton-padded bags he made as a kid. He holds a number of patents on equipment.

During World War II he held the rank of Lt. Commander, working in special assignments in fitness and physical training. He's an allied member of the Football Coaches Association, and belongs to the National Football and Hall of Fame Foundation.

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

D. Robert Ingalls
Michigan '42



Thirty years ago Tommy Harmon, Forrest Evashevski and a tall and lean All-America center and linebacker named Bob Ingalls made football history at Michigan.

Fifteen years later Bob Ingalls again made history as UConn's head football coach when he began a streak of six straight conference football titles . . . and a string of 18 consecutive victories.

Fifteen years later, on April 8, 1970, the clock ran out on Bob's last goal line stand. He died leaving behind the mark of a gentleman and beloved man in the UConn family for 20 years.

Behind him but before us are still the memories of some of UConn's best football. The overwhelming wins over UMass, the famed 10-7 field goal win over BU, the never to be forgotten 3-0 win over Holy Cross in a blizzard-like nor'easter.

As football coach, teacher and administrator, he left his mark upon the university and importantly, upon its people. Significantly, this was Bob Ingalls' most Outstanding Contribution to Connecticut.

Outstanding Contribution

George Ehrlich
Duquesne '50



In much of New England and the Northeast, there's one voice that speaks to more UConn alumni — subway and otherwise — than anyone else — George Ehrlich, sports director of WTIC radio and TV.

He's broadcast 442 UConn basketball games since 1952 and every football game for 16 years over a station that has found audiences of UConn fans in the Carolinas, Maryland, Florida, and many parts of New England.

This Brooklyn (N.Y.) native is now the "Voice of UConn." His broadcasts have described some of the most thrilling and memorable moments in UConn sports — and some of its failings too. He has reported them all in the highest tradition of his profession.

George also hosts a daily radio and TV sports program, and three times has been named the state's outstanding sports broadcaster. He's the commentator of the Insurance City and Greater Hartford Open golf tournaments and the Yale-Harvard rowing events covered by both TV and radio.

Outstanding Contribution

Governor John N. Dempsey
Providence College, LL.D. '63



Chief executive of the state and chief rooster at UConn athletic events, Governor John N. Dempsey is concluding nine years and two terms in office. Those same years have been a decade of UConn's growth in academic excellence and broadened opportunities for higher education throughout the state.

Through the years of dramatic change in the state Gov. Dempsey maintained his boyhood interest in athletics and sports. The college system and other services were expanded as he prepared the state to meet the challenges of the last half of the century. A key project closely identified with his leadership is the UConn Health Center — the state medical and dental school complex in Farmington.

His record of 34 years of public service — having won his first elective office at the age of 21 — stands as a monument to unselfish devotion to the public good. His service to his adopted native state has left an indelible imprint upon its government, its people and its University.

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