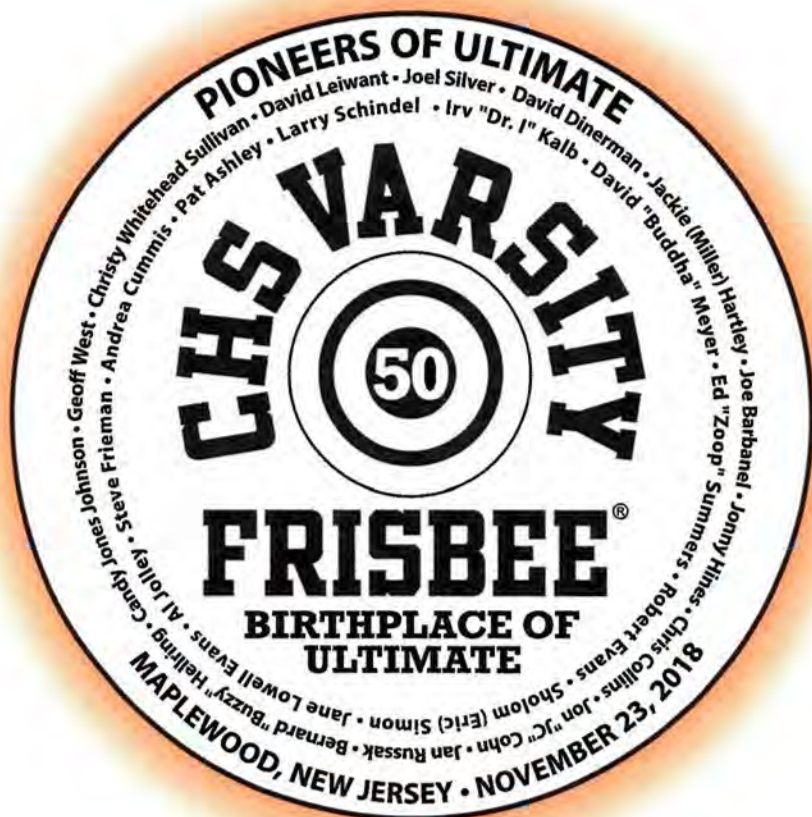


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Irv Kalb (2004 Inaugural Hall of Fame; 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

The underside of most Frisbees says, "Play catch, invent games." We obliged!

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Irv won the National and World Freestyle Championships with Dan Roddick in 1975.

Larry Schindel (2004 Inaugural HoF; 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

Larry Schindel was one of the early developers of the game of Ultimate, as player and general manager of the Columbia High School team from 1970-72. While others were interested in little more than tossing a disc around, he had the foresight to realize how important promotion, communication, and the development of a critical mass were to the survival and growth of Ultimate. Together with Irv, they are Ultimate's first "Johnny Appleseeds." He chaired the first "East Coast Captains' Meeting" in 1975, with 56 representatives from 32 teams attending (during a snowstorm), which was crucial in facilitating interscholastic and tournament competition in that pre-Internet era when communication was much more difficult. Larry was the founder of the Washington Area Frisbee Club in 1977 (now one of the largest clubs in all of the U.S.), and was Frisbee adviser to the Smithsonian Frisbee Festival, then becoming director of the National Frisbee disc Festival from 1977-1995: 4,000 to 26,000 people annually learning about Frisbee skills and Ultimate.

Playing Career: • Richmond Avenue Gang, 1970. Founder and Player. Was one of 11 who challenged the "original" CHSVFS on June 18th 1970, and then became the CHSVFT • Columbia High School Varsity Frisbee Team. Player and "general manager" (1970-72) • University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill. Founder and player (1972) • Rochester Institute of Technology (NY). Founder and player, and Frisbee Physical Education Instructor (world's first college credit Frisbee course!?) 1973-76 • Washington Area Frisbee Club. Founder and player. 1977-78.

At the suggestion of Joel Silver, Schindel became the printing production manager for the student newspaper at Columbia High School. After 45 years in the printing industry, Larry retired in December 2016. Larry met Shirley via his personal ad in the "Washingtonian Magazine" (before Tinder!), and 2018 is their 30th anniversary. They live in Rock Hill, SC. They have completed four cross-country drives seeing America's National Parks and Memorials, and Atlas Obscura sites. Son Daniel is an on-line editor and film critic in Los Angeles. With the background of a BS in the double major of Computer Science and Business, son Joseph is based in Charlotte and has been exploring South America. Shirley and Larry attend elevationchurch.org.

Larry is very active in community affairs. Shirley and Larry were treatment therapeutic-care Foster Parents for 20 years. Following in his father's and Robert Evans mother's footsteps (who jump started Maplewood's recycling program with Maplewood environACTION), Larry was Co-founder of Recycling Action for Charles County (MD). He was the Commencement Speaker at Columbia High School in 1996. His mottoes are "Anything worth doing is worth doing well" and "Organize so that others can enjoy." Larry has given 192 units of platelets—a blood component that helps cancer patients. Larry's brothers Paul CHS '73 and Andrew CHS '79 were CHSVFT players and "General Managers."

JOEL SILVER (2005 The Founders: Special Merit HoF)

In 1968, at a Mount Hermon (Massachusetts) Summer School, Joel was introduced to a version of Ultimate. Before starting his producing career, as a student at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey, Joel, Buzzy Hellring, and Jonny Hines developed the sport called Ultimate Frisbee. One day, in the fall of 1968, Silver stood up at a student council meeting and said, "I move that a committee be formed to investigate the possibility of introducing Frisbee into the high school curriculum." "As a joke, the council passed it," Silver said. The fast-moving team sport has since become a global phenomenon. In 2005, Silver and his fellow "Founders" were inducted into the sport's Hall of Fame by its governing body, USA Ultimate.

Joel Silver is one of the most prolific and successful producers in motion picture history. Through his Silver Pictures banner, he has produced more than 70 films, including hits like *NON-STOP*, starring Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore; the dark comedy *PROJECT X*; *UNKNOWN*, directed by Jaume Collet-Serra and starring Liam Neeson; *THE BOOK OF ELI*, starring Denzel Washington; and the *SHERLOCK HOLMES* features, starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law. He also produced the groundbreaking *THE MATRIX* trilogy, the blockbuster four-part *LETHAL WEAPON* franchise, and the seminal action films *DIE HARD* and *PREDATOR*. To date, Silver's catalog of films has earned more than \$14 billion in worldwide revenue from all sources.

Among Silver's most recent projects are *SUPERFLY*, a remake of the 1970s classic from Director X starring Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell, Lex Scott Davis, and Andrea Londo; the George Clooney helmed dark-comedy *SUBURBICON* based on a script from Joel and Ethan Coen, and featuring an all-star cast including Matt Damon, Julianne Moore, Josh Brolin and Oscar Isaac; the detective comedy *THE NICE GUYS*, which was directed by Shane Black and starred Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling; and the action-thriller *NON-STOP* starring Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore, and directed by Jaume Collet-Serra.

Silver's work on *THE MATRIX* trilogy redefined how Hollywood made and marketed franchise films. His 1999 production *THE MATRIX* grossed more than \$456 million globally, earning more than any other Warner Bros. Pictures film in the studio's history at that time. Universally acclaimed for its innovative storytelling and visuals, "The Matrix" won four Academy Awards, including Best Visual Effects. The first DVD release to sell one million units, "The Matrix" was instrumental in powering the initial sale of consumer DVD machines. The second installment of the epic "Matrix" trilogy, "The Matrix Reloaded," earned more than \$740 million at the worldwide box office, making it, then, the highest-grossing R-rated film of all time. The opening weekend box office receipts for "The Matrix Revolutions," the final chapter in the trilogy, totaled a staggering \$203 million worldwide. To date, "The Matrix" franchise has grossed \$3 billion in total revenue worldwide.

Bernard "Buzzy" Hellring (2005 The Founders: Special Merit HoF)

In early 1970 Buzzy suggested that they codify the "rules" of the new "anti-sport." Buzzy typed the first draft of the rules. Along with Joel Silver and Jonny Hines, the three refined the rules. As Editor of "The Columbian" Buzzy continued to write tongue-in-cheek Frisbee stories and place ads for the team in the paper. In one, the paper reported that "the rise of Frisbee in Columbia High School is merely indicative of a worldwide trend, according to major national periodicals." The story went on to cite a (fictional) Time magazine article recommending that the USA and USSR take their cue and

henceforth “settle all disputes between the two with Frisbees instead of missiles.”

Buzzy died in an automobile accident while returning to college at Princeton University in the spring of 1971. He was elected posthumously into the Ultimate Hall of Fame in 2005. After Buzzy's death, funds were raised to fulfill his dream of producing “The Columbian,” CHS's newspaper, in-house through the purchase of a large Heidelberg printing press.

Jonny Hines (2005 The Founders: Special Merit HoF; 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

I was born and raised in South Orange, NJ. I was a sports writer for “The Columbian” student newspaper at Columbia High (CHS) when classmates/close friends Joel Silver, together with Buzzy Hellring (Buzzy was Editor-in-Chief), infected” me with first exposure to rudiments of the game that was to become Ultimate.

Being somewhat more athletic than Joel or Buzzy (even CHS JV baseball!), I immediately fell in love with the grace, athleticism, and endurance needed to play well (co-existing so nicely with the Spirit of the Game) — and also had a good sense of how the rules could be developed, borrowing pick-and-choose style from established favorite sports (basketball, hockey, football, etc.). Thus, when Joel first suggested to Buzzy to “write the rules,” and Buzzy accepted the challenge of getting up the first draft (on light-purple-ink mimeograph paper, as I recall) based on our collective brainstorming, I then gladly took to reviewing and offering further comments to Buzzy's draft — which were adopted, and which handwritten marginal comments of mine have become immortalized in the photo in the “Ultimate—The First Four Decades” history book 15 years ago. (And, incidentally my current secretary at work marvels at how relatively neat my handwriting was then, and curses/wonders at how it could have evolved to the miserable scrawl I use now.)

And so we played at CHS, fine-tuning the rules as we went along. I was such an avid regular player each weekend night year-round in the teachers' parking lot that my mom once (or likely more than once) commented that it seemed I'd “marry a Frisbee.” (Fast forwarding, I married twice — first to a Danish woman, with whom I have two wonderful adult sons who live in NYC ... and now a 3-year-old granddaughter, and then to my wonderful Russian wife Olga.) I was happy to see more and more quite athletic players joining — like Irv Kalb, Chas and Dave Leiwant, Ed Summers, and more (guys and girls).

We didn't have a set name for the sport at first. One preliminary name (I can't recall which of us coined it — surely not I) was “Speed Frisbee.” Eventually Joel came up with the name “Ultimate” — which stuck.

In Fall '70 I went off to U. Penn, and Buzzy to Princeton. I used to visit Buzzy there fairly regularly on weekends, and saw that he was starting to introduce some of his roommates/friends to the game. I actually transferred to Princeton (to do international affairs/Russian Studies) after freshman year — and, tragically, Buzzy had died in a car accident a few months before that. His roommates invited me to take Buzzy's intended room (in their 11-guy suite for sophomore year), which I did, and I happily continued what Buzzy had started in advancing Ultimate among the suite-mates (including a few college team football and baseball players) and beyond.

One thing led to another, and by Fall '72 Irv Kalb (at Rutgers) and I organized the first intercollegiate Ultimate game in November 1972, which was played at the same exact spot, a parking lot that had formerly been a grassy field at the Rutgers - New Brunswick campus where the first intercollegiate football game had been played 103 earlier, in 1869. Rutgers eked out a victory (despite Irv's gripes about our team's beefy football stars and their style of play). The game was covered by Jim Bouton, the ex-Yankee pitching star, for national network news (and his reportage clip was shown around the country) ... which gave Ultimate a special national spotlight boost. It was also covered by The New York Times, and various regional newspapers and wire services. We then beat Rutgers in a fine rematch the following year at Princeton's Jadwin Gym (the first intercollegiate indoor game). Alas, my Ultimate career petered out after that.

I went on to law school (at U.Va.) after college, trained as a big-firm New York lawyer for nearly 20 years, and then moved to Moscow, Russia 18 years ago, where I continue to practice law for a US global law firm — concentrating on large-scale oil & gas investment deals. My wife, Olga, teaches law at Moscow State University (and, fortunately, feeds us some of her best-and-brightest students each year).

I once got a certificate of being entered into an early Ultimate Hall of Fame — for climbing Mt. Fuji in Japan in 1974 and tossing a Wham-O master tournament disc into the volcano in a gesture of international Frisbee friendship. Incidentally, I've also once thrown out the first Frisbee at an Ultimate tournament game over here in Russia.

My career as an international lawyer hasn't allowed me any real time to devote to the game and its promotion over the decades since Princeton. I much admire those (including Larry Schindel, and others from around the country) who have been doing just that. My great wish is to live to see Ultimate accepted as an Olympic sport — and to attend that opening ceremony and maiden Olympic match. I know that's being worked on/in progress; Godspeed to those driving it.

It was interesting/rewarding for me to read a recent Wall Street Journal reporter's piece focusing on his daughter's college Ultimate championship tournament, and giving his understanding of our sport's history, spirit, etc. He commented on its "hippie origin." I wrote him back, showing Joel's, Buzzy's and my graduation high school yearbook photos from fall 1970 to push back on the hippiness point (and in that regard recounting that I personally had chosen to attend the first-ever Giants-Jets football game over an offer to go to Woodstock the year before).

Jon "JC" Cohn (HoF 2005; 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

JC was introduced to Ultimate at the CHS parking lot by his best friend, David Leiwant, during the summer of 1970. Shortly thereafter, it became a nightly activity. In the fall of 1973, JC took Ultimate to Cornell University and established one of the top teams of the era. In fact, Cornell Ultimate can now field an entire starting seven in the Ultimate Hall of Fame. Following his college playing days, JC was one of the founders of Boston Aerodisc, the first club team in Boston. Later, he formed, played, and coached on a couple of other teams, introducing the sport to many new players. JC spent countless hours analyzing Ultimate strategy, developing many of the basic approaches still in use today. These include the standard person-to-person defenses of forcing home, away, and middle. On the offensive side, he formalized many of the basic approaches to attacking zone defenses and taking advantage of offensive mismatches against person-to-person defense. To

this day, many of JC's closest friends are members of his Frisbee family, including teammates and opponents over the past 48 years.

Sholom Simon (HoF 2005; 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

My Ultimate story begins in the early 1960's when my mother, a teacher, looking for a better school district for her children, decided that we had to move to Maplewood. When I got to high school, Columbia, some of the founders were still there; and in gym class there was always some group off on the side throwing a Master Frisbee around. In my Chem AP class I learned that there was an annual game between our class and the "Varsity Frisbee Team," which led to my eventually joining the team. The vets took me in and I began to play every Friday and Saturday night at the CHS parking lot. (BTW, that's my excuse for not diving enough during the rest of my career: my ultimate habits were first formed on asphalt!)

It was part of our ethic at the time, that anyone on the team that went to a college without a team would start one; and so I started organizing the day I arrived at Michigan State, and nine days later a rag-tag group of us hitch-hiked to Kalamazoo to play our first game (the second ever college game played in the state). I created the first ever regional playoffs, and by Spring we were playing in the 1976 Nationals; and in 1979, the very first UPA Nationals (where we missed making the finals by losing to the SB Condors by one point).

After graduating, I moved to the DC area, where I revitalized the Washington Area Frisbee Club, started the summer league, started the first women's team in DC (and, later, with my wife, started the second women's team there), became a UPA Regional Coordinator, played for Static and returned to Nationals, created the College Top 25, Rules Revisions, and ... see elsewhere for lots more details.

I am honored to be a part of all this and to have made a small contribution the spreading of "Ultimate as a Way of Life." Part of what makes Ultimate special is the unique responsibility it puts on each player. Unlike other sports, where anything you can get away with is legal (because all calls are made by a third party), a player must be able to develop self-control under the most trying of circumstances, in the heat of competition. Furthermore, at least back when I played, you had to compete with your opponents and not against them. There had to be some cooperation between the teams, or else the game would end up degenerating and falling apart. This is not unlike "real life." As a person moves through life, he or she has a unique responsibility – to himself and to his surroundings. Just as in other sports, there are certain "less than ideal things" that a player can "get away with" if the referee isn't looking, there are also a multitude of behaviors that a person in society can get away with if the effected people (whether it be "the law," the boss, strangers or a spouse) are unaware. Similarly, our lives must have a healthy balance between looking out for oneself and one's family, and looking out for society's welfare (in other words, competing with, and not against, other members of society). For this reason, and contrary to the saying, Ultimate not only reveals character, but it can strengthen it.

Best of all, in 1984 when I was helping run the April Fools Tournament, I (and my four male housemates) volunteered to host the Univ. of Florida women's team – which is how I met my wife, longtime Shakti and then Satori player Sue (Shana) Wallace. One of our highlights was when we both won at 1990 Worlds in Oslo. Another one of our highlights is watching our daughter play

competitive Ultimate in NYC and DC. Without Shana, I couldn't have done half the things in Ultimate that I did, and I (and others who were positively affected by my work) owe her my eternal thanks. And I thank a number of folks who helped me along the way: the CHS gang (Larry Schindel, David Leiwant, Bob Evans, Jon "JC" Cohn, David "Buddha" Myers, John Husted-Sherman, and more), Mark Banghart, Fred Pisacane, Tom Kennedy, Nob, Kathy Pufahl, Troy Frever, Cindy Fisher (and many more).

Ultimate has been a tremendously positive force in my life, and I was privileged to help in some way to "pay it forward" to the next generation of Ultimate players.

Robert R. Evans (HoF 2009, 2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

As a player and team leader, Evans was among the first "modern" Ultimate players. Evans began playing Ultimate early in the development of the sport, when the athletic possibilities were just starting to be recognized. His enduring legacy lies in the transformation of Ultimate from a countercultural pastime into the demanding, competitive athletic sport we know today. At a time when competitive Ultimate was rare, Evans brought a revolutionary approach: a long game based on his legendary backhand; aggressive athletic play at the deep back position; relentless pressure after turnovers; laying out for the disc; recruitment of athletes; and a profoundly serious, intelligent and analytical approach to the game.

While having a reputation as a sharp-tongued curmudgeon, Evans was, in fact, invariably gracious in victory and humorously sullen in defeat. He was generous to opponents and enthusiastically supportive of teammates. A fine teacher, Evans' approach was instilled in his younger teammates and also widely adopted by opponents, spreading virally throughout the Ultimate community, echoing down to the present day. He was also deeply involved with the evolution of the rules of the game, beginning with his early days at Columbia High School in New Jersey. After CHS, Evans was the spiritual leader of the Princeton team and an active club player. Evans competed at the 1980 UPA Club Championships and at the World Championships with Princeton Alumni in 1995 and 1997.

In his HoF interview, Robert summed his career up accordingly "I was a good teacher, coach and friend; a strategic innovator; in the '70s I helped shape the rules of the game, and the attitude that people took towards the game. I've told people that I am not the avalanche that is Ultimate, but I was one of the little pebbles that started the avalanche, and the game would be different had I not been there. -Robert "The Pebble" Evans"

Evans passed away in October 2017 at the age of 63. He leaves behind his wife Jane (1981 National Champion with BLU), son Joshua, daughter Dorá, and a large extended family.

Joe Barbanel (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

The spread of Ultimate world-wide was something that the CHS players of the second wave – the Richmond Avenue Gang and others who played with (and against) the mythic archetypes (Joel Silver, Buzzy Hellring, Jonny Hines, and their friends) took as destined. This despite the reality that Ultimate had a strong "goof" element at the very start. For the most part, the school newspaper staff was the squad. Athleticism was not a requirement. Of course, the enduring Spirit of the Game was there, too. It was the '60's, man – Peace, Love and Understanding!

We also worked to make the spread of the game happen, asking other high schools to form teams (thanks, Larry!) and founding teams at our respective colleges. What has followed is celebrated by players everywhere every time a disc is pulled.

Being part of that is still a thrill. I am always intrigued by how the game has spread and ask people from teams that I meet the first time, or people where Ultimate comes up in conversation, where they learned to play. A player from a pick-up team in Brooklyn told me he learned the game in Viet Nam. From the natives. My favorite.

There are many pictures and videos of me playing Ultimate. In most I'm smiling. The game started out as great fun. It's supposed to be great fun. No matter how competitive play has developed, it should always be great fun.

Ultimate has been a love for me since the first time I played, enough so that I continue to play today. It is my goal to do a greatest at age 80, and hopefully not to hang up my cleats then. Go out and play!
— Joe Barbanel October 2018 CHS'72 #24

David Dinerman (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

I have been profoundly humbled by this election. When I have talked about it, both publicly and privately, there have been times when I cannot help but choke up, and have difficulty speaking, something that those who know me find amusing. This selection is a major personal milestone. From a broader viewpoint, when I look at what has happened since the humble beginnings of this sport, I am continually amazed at just how big Ultimate has become, all while staying true to the roots we all helped set and nurture.

The interplay between the game of Ultimate and I has been magical as well. My relationship with this sport is one that involved both luck and serendipity. It was serendipitous that after Columbia High School, I went to a college that had no intercollegiate sports, so when I showed up, and started promoting the game, I was able to capture the interest and attention of a lot of jocks (of both sexes) who, like me, grew to love this game. As a result, Hampshire, with a student base of about 1,000 was able to compete at the highest levels of the sport.

At Hampshire, we (with Amherst College and UMass) were able to host the first broad based intercollegiate championship, a sixteen team tournament in 1976. We also got national exposure when we played Tufts in our third annual Mothers Day game in 1975 in front of a reporter and photographer from Time magazine.

I was lucky in that I got to play a sport at a high level, that in many ways, is truly a great sport. It, in my view, incorporates all the best of teamwork, strategy, physical skills, hand-eye coordination, and is just plain fun to play. I learned a lot playing Ultimate. Endurance, mental toughness, teamwork, pushing myself past what I thought I could do, all at a level I never dreamed possible when I was in high school. These skills helped shape me as a man, a father, a businessman, and a coach.

I am reminded too, that much as I like to say that 60 (63 actually) is the new 40, fifty years is a long time. I started playing this game when I was 14, starting in that bizarrely dangerous parking lot next to the railroad tracks in Maplewood, with the group that you now call the Johnny Appleseeds, most

of whom were nerdy kids, with varying degrees of athletic ability. It is truly amazing how far this sport has come in what is really a very short time.

Steve Frieman (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

Richmond Avenue Gang

CHSVFT

Founder of Clark University Ultimate team

Al Jolley (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

One day in 1970 I received a phone call from my sister, a student at Columbia HS. She knew I enjoyed throwing a Frisbee around. She wanted me to know that some students at my alma mater had created a new team sport called "Ultimate Frisbee." I asked her to send me a copy of the 1970 rules for this new game. I was so intrigued by what I read that I drove to New Jersey to see it being played at CHS. As I watched, I knew that I needed to return to Connecticut and organize a team at Staples High School. In the Spring of 1971 I gathered together some of my students and we formed "Staples Frisbee." As it turned out, we were the third Ultimate team formed after CHS and Princeton. In April 1973 CHS and SHS played the first interstate game of Ultimate, spreading the game beyond the confines of NJ. Local newspapers reported on the game, then the Conn. Post ran an article and eventually the Assoc. Press covered the story. In May 1973 a reporter from the National Observer in Washington came to SHS to watch an Ultimate game. I've been told that his full page article entitled "Gentlepersons Have a Fling at Ultimate Frisbee" created over 600 inquiries for information about how to play this new game. I commented: "Ultimate Frisbee is becoming a national phenomena!" As it turned out, this game between CHS and SHS and the resulting newspaper coverage planted "seeds of Ultimate" all over America. And today, we celebrate the growth of 50 years of the "ultimate sport," Ultimate Frisbee!

David O. Leiwant (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

When I first played Ultimate, in late April 1969, the sport was not called Ultimate. Roughly 30 people had ever played it. After we played that day, Joel Silver speculated that someday the sport would be shown on Wide World of Sports (a popular sports anthology show televised from 1961 through 1998). We laughed at him. Was it a joke? A prophecy? Either way, now millions of people all over the world play Ultimate and Frisbee is part of the Olympic movement. Who, besides Joel, would have believed it?

To me, the most important part of Ultimate is the Spirit of the Game. Every player is responsible for playing fairly and honestly. It is more important to enjoy playing than it is to win.

I refereed two Rutgers-Princeton Ultimate games in 1972 and 1973. I'm sure I missed most of the fouls, as officials do in every sport. Fortunately, the players called their own fouls, and made me look good, or at least adequate. There is no place for referees in Ultimate.

Lastly, I have met the best people by being involved in Ultimate. I cherish every moment I have spent playing Ultimate. Oddly, the most fun I ever had playing Ultimate was playing pick-up on the parking lot in Maplewood from 1969 through 1983. To me, that was the purest form of the game.

David “Buddha” Meyer (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

Close your eyes and try to image an all-star Ultimate player. Have the image in your mind. Six-foot-six, 200 pounds, super quick and dominate in the air. Well, David Meyer was none of these things. At 6' 1," 240 he was slow to accelerate. Yet David was a true Ultimate all-star and, better still, a great person. (And, from time-to-time, he could out-position Irv Kalb.)

A student at Columbia High School, in 1971 David was invited to play Ultimate by Jon Cohn and David Leiwant. Broad in stature, Meyer was an unlikely figure for an athlete. Leiwant quickly gave him the nickname “Buddha,” as the master of the passive principle. For a period of time, Buddha predated Michael Jackson by sporting a glove on his right hand for catching. He would then remove it prior to throwing. Despite the time it took to free his throwing hand, he was a great midfield contributor, although he eventually gave up the glove in his later years at CHS. The fourth edition of the Ultimate rules has a picture of David and Robert Evans.

As Buddha’s skills improved, his delightful personality emerged. The quiet, young novice became a witty, sometimes acerbic announcer as he played. His very broad shoulders and wide build, gave him a huge pivot, and his throwing arm would be FAR away from where it was when you first tried to block him. David turned into a great receiver, with the superb ability to read the path of flight and a great sense of timing.

After graduating from CHS, in 1973 David founded the team at Columbia University (NY). (Dean’s List seven of eight semesters). Over time, his athlete ability improved, his weight dropped dramatically and he began to further emerge as a person. He spent his junior year abroad and in 1975 he introduced Ultimate at the London School of Economics. Upon graduation, David pursued a degree at Georgetown Law School. He also was an instructor at the Smithsonian Frisbee Festival. His last games of Ultimate were played with the Washington Area Frisbee Club.

While in law school, on September 29, 1978, he slipped into a coma from which he never emerged—having suffered hemorrhage caused by an arterio-venous malformation. It was a great loss for his family, the Frisbee world, and his friends when he passed away on August 13, 1983.

Remembrances of David Meyer from Ultimate players and friends:

When I was a rookie, an old-timer shoved me hard in the chest (and called a foul on me). I became insecure, and wondered whether or not this was the game in which I should be involved. In an unsolicited fashion David stood up for me (gave the guy some crap for me), encouraged me, and put a comforting arm around my shoulder and told me not to worry about it. —*Sholom “Eric” Simon*

He had one of the best overhand wrist-flips in the game; and did a devastating parody of me at the 1975 Rose Bowl party. —*John Kirkland*

David honed the “no-look pass” to perfection. He was the most fun person I ever played with.
—*Robert Evans*

Ed (Zoop) Summers (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

When Ultimate's original Founders graduated in 1970 only Jon Hines formed a college team. There were no other high school teams, and only a few players from the original CHS Varsity Frisbee Squad hadn't graduated. The 'Richmond Avenue Gang' took over leadership of the sport as the CHS Varsity Frisbee Team, Captained by Irv Kalb, myself as Co-Captain, and a core nucleus grew our own Columbia team. As we played, and revised the rules, we contacted other schools, mailing them rules. This led to the formation of a NJ league with a score of teams and a couple in NY. These teams contributed to the game's spread, with Jim Pistrang and Mike Miller my Tufts co-Founders, and for UNH's Jim Diehl and Jim Powers (later at Penn State) all products of this High School League.

The NJ High School league provided a base for the growth of Ultimate teams and increasing players. By contrast the Princeton college had no peers until the Fall of '72 when new alums from CHS and the surrounding HS teams founded other University teams. By election day 1972 when Princeton played Rutgers for the first Inter-collegiate Ultimate game RPI and Hampshire college had teams, and my Tufts team had to postpone our game against Clark U. at Geoff West and Irv's insistence because of the elaborate media coverage they had planned for their game against Princeton. Allowing them to go first was a good call, in keeping with the Spirit of the Game and we knew it was better for spreading Ultimate than our game in Worcester would have been.

Throughout 70-72 Larry Schindel, Irv Kalb, Mitch Lapman, Robert Evans, Steve Frieman, myself and sometimes others took trips into NYC to meet with Tony Furman at Wham-O's advertising firm on Madison Avenue. We were lured by the prospect Ultimate Frisbee one day being sanctioned by the IFA and having copies of the rules included in every Master Frisbee sold. The prospect of free hot stamp reject discs was also enticing. We got discs, but we couldn't get them to shake the notion they had that they should control the rules and the sport, something we knew we could not allow.

During one of these trips to the city we trooped over unannounced to CBS World Wide of Sports. Our intention was to meet with Howard Cosell convert him to Ultimate knowing he could reach out to millions of potential players in a single broadcast. After cooling our heels for a very long time we did meet with Howard in the reception area. He was kind to us. We were invited to ride down in the elevator with him and give Ultimate Frisbee's first elevator pitch. We didn't get the instant conversion we wanted, but still something stuck with him. Over a dozen years later he did report on Ultimate and gave us coverage in a meaningful way that is still quoted.

The Tufts team I co-founded in '72 had more opponents than we could play at the '75 Yale and '76 Hampshire College nationals. Great road trips, and exciting times all propelled by the vision of a world where everyone played Ultimate, without referees and with the Spirit of the Game.

I had the pleasure of helping to co-found Harvard's team with Sara Schechner in '75 which she Captained, and helping to form the spirit and skills of the highly talented Steve Gustafson on my Tufts team, and very nearly going to Europe with him in '77 planning to earn our way by giving Frisbee demos and freestyling. Alas, he bowed out of the trip. But in the UK and Sweden I met up with the local Frisbee Associations tied to Wham-O. I was preceded by Buddha (David Meyer), and bolstered by a letter from Stork declaring me the Fastback Frisbee distance champion from my 1976 American Flying Disc Open title. I worked with Jeremy Way the UK Frisbee Association director, providing him

with a source of cheap labor, and allowed to teaching Ultimate at their events. My UK contacts from Buddha, my CHS friend who gave me my nickname who had studied in the UK. My Swedish Frisbee Meisterskopen efforts in Helsingborg though not as successful, were every bit as fun.

My heart has never strayed from Ultimate, even if my priorities have undergone shifts over the years to keep a wife, a job, and to raise two children. I still play in the worlds longest running Ultimate event every Thanksgiving night. I was honored to attend the 40th Anniversary Reunion of Tufts Ultimate in 2012. Twice a week I get to play pick-up Ultimate in my home town of Maplewood. On Sunday mornings I see the Middle School Ultimate rec league sessions setting up as I leave the field, and I am proud of the contribution I've made, knowing that there would be no Sunday rec program, no USA U Hall of Fame, and no Spirit of the Game, without the work that came before by myself and my fellow Johnny Appleseeds.

Geoff West (2014 Johnny Appleseed HoF)

I'd like to recognize my wife, and my sons in absentia, for tolerating this little nonstop, Ultimate apostle. I really do seldom shut up about the game!

Looking back on the largely Boy Scout-driven connections and synergies from the mid-sixties, it was almost destined that we Maplewood-South Orange kids would build something together. And I'll always be indebted to my old tossing buddy, Ed, for wisely suggesting this Frisbee thing on a parking lot as a way to get over my sadness at resigning from football that summer. A bewildering mix of Math nerds, former Scouts, Bandies, and refugees from more conventional HS sports...I was all those things! Interestingly, the legendary "core group" of pot-smokin' Ultimate players was actually a minority.

Building a HS league, caravanning across the country to proselytize at Guts tournaments, and planning for the next step, we were on a mission, because we knew we had something worth building...and we were having a BLAST!

That first day at Rutgers, my roommate, Gary, and his best friend, Frankie, both sophomores, roared with laughter at my solemn declaration that I was there to start a Frisbee team. Gary became a passionate teammate and ultimately the most devoted, comprehensive curator of Rutgers Machine memorabilia I never even realized existed until a 2009 Alumni gathering!

And Frankie? After witnessing Rutgers' inaugural win over arch-rival Princeton, the not insubstantial coverage by Jim Bouton's WABC Eyewitness News crew, the NY Times and other media, the organic enthusiasm of the ever-growing number of spectators, initiating Dan as "Stork" and cheering us on? Frankie was no longer laughing.

When he went before Student Government a few weeks later to seek funding for the Tae Kwan Do Club, of which he was President, he suggested this new Frisbee Club should be eligible for every dollar his was...and we soon learned the fledgling Rutgers Frisbee Team had \$900 to spend. We weren't even in the room!

That money rented a tour bus that became Rutgers' first-ever away games, three in fact: Rensselaer, Tufts, and Hampshire. All started by Irv's and my former CHS teammates, and our three victories

that weekend planted the seed for "The Streak." Decades later, Dave, another old bestie from Jr High who founded Hampshire told me, "When we watched you guys rolling down off a bus...that was intimidating!" And so was born the Machine mystique. Alas, my last game as a sophomore had me catching a floater in the end zone only to land badly, snapping my fibula, ending my college career.

I spent some time coaching and mentoring the upcoming Columbia kids, and after marrying Karen and relocating to AZ, was delighted to discover the Thunderbird Graduate School in Glendale had a team who I played with from the mid-eighties into much of the nineties. I was intrigued at the reports of disparate, non-academic, levels-deep club teams that returning alums described, and thrilled to have a regular place to play close to home. I taught the game to my sons' fifth grade classes, and organized games with my own Jr High Math students.

I started reconnecting with Rutgers Machine and its Alumni in 2009, actually joining the team in Cincinnati in 2014 for their first return to Nationals since 1976!

When one of my youngest son's good friends organized a weekly pickup game that also included our eldest, it was wonderful having that shared experience with my sons and their friends and still being capable of making an impact. They call me "Pops"!

The night Andrew asked during warm-ups, "How far *can* you throw an overhand wrist-flip, dad?" changed things, what with the torn rotator cuff that resulted. But it's much better now.

With the Spirit of the Game, the virtual absence of the selfishness that plagues other sports, and the love that grows between teammates and opponents alike... Ultimate appeals to our better nature. I've always known that. The game has given me so much more than I it.

Christy Whitehead Sullivan (Ultimate Pioneer)

Richmond Avenue Gang
CHSVFT

In the Spring of 1969 Christy moved to Maplewood where she quickly joined the Richmond Avenue Gang (RAG) which played on the next corner from her house. She was unable to participate in sports at Columbia HS since there were no inter-scholastic sports for girls and no co-ed teams. This all changed when Title IX was signed into law in 1972. RAG was her first opportunity to play on a co-ed team in Maplewood. The RAG ultimately expanded to CHSVFT Frisbee and she remained on the team until moving to Virginia during the Summer of 1971.

During her high school years, Christy participated in Mariner Girl Scouts, Band as a flutist and twirler, performances at coffee houses, and manager for the boys' track team.

Christy has worked for the Virginia Education Association since 1990. She transferred to the Loudoun Education Association after 18 years with the Prince William Education Association. Christy holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in Music Education from James Madison University. She taught instrumental and vocal music in the Augusta County Public School system for seven years and was the local Education Association President prior to becoming a UniServ Director for the Arizona Education Association. She returned to the VEA in 1990, assigned to the Fairfax EA

office. Christy is a trainer for the NEA Bargaining Behavior cadre and is certified as a True Colors International facilitator.

Christy has been married to Ken, her JMU band sweetheart, for 32 years. They have one son, Devin, a daughter-in law, Heather, and two grandchildren, Owen and Emma.

Candy Jones Johnson (Ultimate Pioneer)

Unlike many of my '72 classmates, my Ultimate Frisbee life after high school did not involve a lot of playing Ultimate. But Ultimate continues to pop in and out of my life. My family left Maplewood for Michigan the summer of 1974. Trips back to NJ were few and far between after that.

1971-73 I taught Ultimate to several groups of Essex County Girl Scouts at weekend camping programs.

1972-74 I started college at Lock Haven State College as a Physical Education major and soon changed to a mathematics major. I also played on the college tennis team. But in a school full of "jocks" (LHSC was considered a phys. ed. school) I couldn't interest anyone in throwing a Frisbee around. 1974-76 I transferred to Gettysburg College, played catch up in coursework to graduate on time and played on the woman's tennis and basketball teams.

Got married May 1976 (still married to the same guy) and settled outside of Philadelphia and started teaching high school Math. Retired from teaching in 2011, but I have continued coaching the HS bowling team from 1997 to present.

Started my teaching career September 1976 and was fortunate to have a wonderful mentor. She became my "work" Mom. She would have us over on holidays when we couldn't get to our families (in Michigan and Florida) and blended our family with hers. Her son-in-law, Rick Christie turned out to be very involved in the Philly Ultimate scene. He was very excited to meet someone who played and knew the history of Ultimate. He encouraged me to join a team, but my knees were already giving me trouble.

My parents moved from Michigan to Greensboro, NC in 1987. My dad, who loved to play golf, used his outings to meet people. While playing one day, a man in his group was talking about his son in college "playing a new sport, Ultimate Frisbee that was invented in California." My dad felt obligated to set him straight. When he talked about Maplewood, NJ and my involvement the other guy was sure there must be a mistake. Dad called me that evening and asked me to send an old brochure or other written material. It was in the mail the next day.

My daughter Bryn was in elementary school in the early '90's when her gym teacher introduced the kids to Ultimate Frisbee. But once again, their teacher told them it was invented in California. Bryn came home and asked for printed info on Ultimate that she could take to her teacher. As a high schooler she attended the Wildwood Ultimate tournament in Wildwood, NJ in summers of 1999 and 2000.

This is NOT a joke. In 2014 my son Eric walked into a bar in Collegeville, Pa. He went up to the bar to ask for a beer and while waiting noticed the guy next to him had a shirt on with an Ultimate logo.

Eric said is that Ultimate Frisbee? Shocked, the guy said what do YOU know about Ultimate? Eric said my mom played in high school in NJ. He said, "Who's your mom"? Candy Jones Johnson. He takes out a business card and says will you ask her to call me? I contacted the guy, John Brogan, who, it turns out, was trying to promote Major League Ultimate while involved with the Philadelphia Spinners. He invited me to a game and gave me tickets for family and friends. I took my daughter, my grandson and Paul Schindel. While watching the game I realized that one of the players for the spinners was a former student of mine!

Most recently, I had a lengthy phone interview and followed later by a filming session for the upcoming documentary *The Sky Is Red*. I'm hoping Ultimate will continue to pop into my life for many years to come. I've already been blessed by the friendships of more than 40 years from Ultimate.

Jan Russak (Ultimate Pioneer)

Jan was introduced to Ultimate by friends who were early RAG members Ed Summers, Christy (Whitehead) Sullivan, Candy (Jones) Johnson), and Larry Schindel in 1970.

She graduated Cornell with a BA in Computer Science, and a Master's in Education and Psychology from Seton Hall. Jan began her career as a Unix expert working with the Unix Application Organization at AT&T Bell Labs and then with Sun Microsystems, both in NJ and California. After the creation of the World Wide Web Jan became an early Java Evangelist. She has worked with Genesis Educational Services, Inc. since its founding in 2002, and is a partner. Genesis is a leader in web-based student record data management for New Jersey schools, serving over 270 school districts.

Jan and her husband Allan Chu (who holds many technology patents) have been married 30 years and live in Martinsville, NJ. They have two children, Michael and Nicole, both graduates of Rutgers University. Michael, a graduate of Cornell Law school, recently passed the New York State Bar, and is a "real" attorney in NYC. Nikki is attending Cornell in the Masters Program for Materials Science and Engineering.

In High School and College Jan's home in Maplewood was the center of gatherings after playing Ultimate at night on the lit CHS parking lot. Bridge and Mahjong, with unlimited soda, were the sources of entertainment, usually lasting until the early morning hours. Jan was attracted to Ultimate Frisbee by its co-ed play because it offered her an athletic outlet that was lacking for girls and young women in team sports prior to the introduction of Title IX.

Anecdote about Jan from Candy Jones Johnson: I remember how quiet she was, which made it hard to cover her sometimes. You'd think you had her covered and realize she wasn't there anymore; she was somewhere else on the field! I'd call it sneaky, but that wasn't her style.

Pat Ashley (Ultimate Pioneer)

My introduction to Ultimate was by Joe Barbanel in Physics at CHS. What I loved the most about Ultimate: it was new, different; I loved being able to get a physical workout, and do sports with boys—pre-Title IX. We had the regulars who always showed up—and we talked others into trying Ultimate, and met new people... diverse and egalitarian. Socially it was a pleasure—bigger than itself.

After CHS I got my BS in Education from University of Wisconsin-Madison. After doing my student teaching in Edinburgh, Scotland, I married Marty Layton (a camera operator) in 1978—Happy 40 years!!! I taught elementary school in Watts for three years. I received my Master in Bilingual-Multicultural Education from California State (LA) while working full-time. I was certified by American Bar Association as a paralegal in 1990. We have one daughter, Rachael.

Being vertically challenged, I knew I finally had made it when my vertical leap was better than Jonny Hines. LOL.

Chris Collins (Ultimate Pioneer)

CHSVFT ▪ Notes from Chris's CHSVFT classmates:

I was a classmate of Chris' through Maplewood Jr High and Columbia HS as well as a teammate on the CHS Ultimate team. We used to burn up the late night phone lines throughout Jr High and I was thrilled when the Ultimate groups and Facebook brought us back in touch after all the years. Chris was a unique and vibrant personality and her passing is shockingly premature. —Geoff West

She was a close friend throughout high school - so close that I was following her through the S curves on South Orange Avenue the day she totaled her car! I had so enjoyed catching up with her after all those years at our last CHS reunion. She will be missed. —John Hadley.

Chris, a longtime resident of Ludlow, Massachusetts, passed away suddenly on Oct. 11, 2010 while on a holiday weekend in Toms River, NJ at the age of 56. She was Don Burrage's loving wife of 18 years and mother of one daughter, Michelle, and had one granddaughter, Isabella Kronick.

She was a well known letter carrier in the North End and Brightwood sections of Springfield, Massachusetts, working for the United States Postal Service since 1984. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield and was a volunteer at their yearly Oktoberfest. For many years each Sunday morning after Mass, she and her husband, Don were often seen walking the Sacred Heart Convent dog, Ginger. Chris enjoyed hiking, kayaking and for the past 10 summers, she especially enjoyed vacationing at Cheticamp, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. She will be forever missed and loved.

Jackie (Miller) Hartley (Ultimate Pioneer)

My first calling to the CHS parking lot was for Ecology Day, when I was handed an implement intended for smashing glass atop a dump truck filled with jars and bottles. No safety equipment was provided for protecting eyes, hands or feet. Just a large, flat square metal stamper with a long handle. No one called Child Protective Services. No legal suits were filed for our cuts and bruises. Yet, somehow, I and my fellow ecologists miraculously managed to survive.

The next calling to the CHS parking lot came from a group of (mostly) guys who were playing Frisbee. Ultimate, as they called it. Seemed like fun. After all, the guys were smart and funny, with a healthy dose of geek mixed in. Perfect for the girl who spent most of her spare time in the biology labs. Not being a "jock," however, and being vertically challenged as well as significantly outweighed by almost everyone else, I spent more time on the sidelines than playing. Still, I enjoyed the camaraderie.

After graduation, I went off to college in Philadelphia, where I never saw a Frisbee. But then, I was only there for one year. Lacking the funds to continue, I returned to NJ, got a job working in the research labs at Schering Plough in Bloomfield, and went to Seton Hall at night. Schering generously paid my way. As a night school student, I never did see a Frisbee. I did participate in a road rally where I met my husband, Rick. We married in 1984 and became somewhat of a formidable road rally team together. Our game of choice now is tennis.

I spent the next 36 years in pharmaceutical research. After my third layoff due to mergers and downsizing, I decided to call it quits and do something closer to my roots. I became involved in several volunteer efforts, from invasive removal to dog rescue. I finally wound up at a small arboretum in Short Hills, where I've been for 10 years. We have 16 acres of beautiful woodlands. But no Frisbee. I do try to engage my miniature schnauzer, Zeus, in a game of Frisbee now and then. However, he constantly reminds me he is most definitely NOT a retriever.

I have many fond memories of my days on the "field." Never thought I would be considered a pioneer, though I'm acutely aware of the precious few women who played in those early days. I thank those who were instrumental in nominating me and my fellow female pioneers. But more importantly, thanks to all those who have kept the sport alive for 50 years. Long live Ultimate!

Jane Lowell Evans (Ultimate Pioneer)

Jane began playing Ultimate the spring of her junior year at CHS. After CHS she went off to Cornell, where she mostly did a lot of throwing of discs on various quads, until her senior year, when she joined the Cornell Buds. The Buds were primarily a male team but there were a number of women on the team. They practiced indoors all winter, and Jane finally learned to throw a forehand. That spring the Buds qualified as the Northeast Region representative to the first five team nationals at Penn State (1979), where the team went 0-4. Also that spring, Jane was part of the formation of Cornell Ladies Ultimate (name later changed to "Roses"), which traveled to Bucknell in May to play a 5 on 5 game, in what may have been the first Intercollegiate women's game.

Jane spent another year at Cornell, then moved to Boston in June 1980, and soon began hanging out on the MIT fields, which was where all the Ultimate players in Boston scrimmaged together in the evenings. It was there that she became re-acquainted with fellow CHS graduate Robert Evans, whom she later married. Jane connected with the growing number of women players in Boston, and was part of Boston Ladies Ultimate (BLU) when it formed. BLU went on to represent the Northeast Region in the first Women's Division competition at the 1981 Nationals in Austin, and took home the trophy. Jane continued to play on various club teams and trained many other players. She also started playing Ultimate with a group of her co-workers. A number of Ultimate club players were playing with co-workers in the summers, and Jane had the idea of forming the Boston Area Corporate Ultimate League (BACUL) so they could all play each other. It started out with 8 teams, grew to 17 teams the next summer, 27 the 3rd summer, and it just kept going. Eventually Jane turned BACUL management over to others, and over time the League was rolled into BUDA (Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance), which continues to organize Ultimate play in the Boston Area. Jane's last Ultimate tournament was at the 1991 Nationals, where she was part of a BLU-and-Friends Masters team called "Ten Years After." It was the first year of the Masters Division competition. Lately she's been out on the Ultimate sideline cheering on her daughter's college Ultimate team. A friend just convinced her to get on the email list for the local pick-up

game, so it's just possible that she'll haul out her knee brace and jog around the field again soon. You never know.

Andrea Cummis (Ultimate Pioneer)

Andrea played Ultimate while going to high school at CHS. She started the Ultimate team at Carnegie Mellon University while studying Electrical Engineering. During her time at CMU, Andrea became the first Mid-Atlantic coordinator of Ultimate. After graduating with her BSEE, Andrea moved to California to work for Ampex. In 1984 she worked for ABC on the Los Angeles Olympics, and then became the first woman in the US to be the Engineer in charge on a broadcast television truck. Since then she has worked on television events all over the world including 4 Olympics, 2 Goodwill Games

Presently, Andrea is the CTO of WLVT – PBS39 in Bethlehem, PA. In addition, Andrea and her husband, Renard, own AC Video Solutions, a video systems integration company in NJ, and they just started Barnfind-USA, the US distributor of Barnfind Technologies fiber transmission products out of Norway.

Besides her BSEE, Andrea also has an MBA and an EJD in Law and Technology. Andrea and Renard have 1 daughter, Loni, who is a student at NJIT.

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Flanged, all bright colors—red, yellow, blue—the discs
Wheel their parabolas, whirl in ellipse,
Soar, dip, or veer, elusive, elegant.
As for the hand that meets them on their way,
It makes the outfielder who gets the ball
Out by the warning track a blatant lout,
A clumsy oaf; the fruitpicker who reaches
Tiptoe on ladder rung for the highest peach,
Apple, or apricot, on the topmost bough,
Cradling it gently, carefully to basket,
Is a lubberly lummo by comparison
With this deft grace, this ease, this perfect neatness.
Oh, never play this game with ugly clothes on.

— Rolfe Humphries (1894-1969)
COAT ON A STICK: Late Poems

TONIGHT'S PRESENTERS:

David Rafla

I was a history major at the University of Virginia when I first learned about ultimate. My first post-college tournament was a Cuervo qualifier, and on my team was CHS 1975 alumnus Sholom Simon. I don't recall when I learned how special it was (for me) to be on the same team, but it wasn't long before I was learning everything I could from him. We served on the Ultimate Players Association (now USA Ultimate) Board of Directors together, and I followed in his footsteps by serving in some of his former positions. Later on, we would be teammates again (along with his better half, Shana Wallace) on the two-time national semifinalist Blind Date.

In the 16 years before I went to work full time for USA Ultimate in 2012, I played a lot of ultimate and was involved in many other events and projects. In addition to serving on the UPA Board of Directors, I was a regional coordinator, national director for both the open (now men's) and masters divisions, volunteer coordinator for major events and the competition director for 20 events (and for numerous others outside of UPA/USA Ultimate). I was an observer at many events, I coached high school ultimate, and I became a coaching instructor as well. I also co-authored the Leagues 'Take Flight chapter in *Ultimate: The First Four Decades*. I have served on the World Flying Disc Federation (WFDF) Rules and Spirit of the Game committees and am now in my 12th year on the Events Committee. Lastly, I served as the WFDF Tournament Technical Director at the inaugural Pan American Ultimate Championships (PAUC) in Medellín, Colombia, and I have continued to volunteer in that role for all of the PAUCs to date.

Over the last seven years, I have been an events manager for USA Ultimate, planning and executing the world's finest and most elite ultimate tournaments. I headed the project that produced the USA Ultimate Tournament Director's Certification Program (TDCP) and was the main author of both the USA Ultimate Tournament Director's Manual and the upcoming Showcase Game Manual. My other areas of responsibility at USA Ultimate include working with destination marketing organizations to bring ultimate events to their communities and leading the Disc Standards Working Group. This year, I was lucky enough to stage ultimate history exhibits at both the WFDF World Ultimate Club Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio, and the USA Ultimate National Championships in San Diego, California. These exhibits highlighted the growth the sport has undergone over the last 50 years, from a pick-up game in a CHS parking lot to an International Olympic Committee-recognized sport.

Lastly, this year I volunteered as the WFDF Tournament Technical Director and Competition Director for the World Junior Ultimate Championships in Waterloo, Ontario. Included in my remarks was the following charge to our youth players that I once gave myself 25 years ago:

This year, our sport of ultimate celebrates 50 years of history. It was developed just a day's drive from here by people your age at Columbia High School. They were the leaders of our sport in 1968. You are tomorrow's leaders of our sport. I challenge you to further their work and build upon their legacy.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTERS:

Rob "Nob" Rauch (HoF 2006)

I was introduced to Ultimate in 1976 and immediately loved the game and its culture. As a player at the national and international level in the mid-1980s, it seemed to me that the lack of professionalism in the way the sport was being run was greatly hindering its growth and frustrating players, as the UPA was not responding to the rising expectations of the athletes it was representing. My motivation in getting involved as an administrator was two-fold: first, to make sure that the UPA was serving all of its constituencies, including the elite, mid-level, and grass roots players and, second, to provide much needed administrative and organizational direction to help ensure that Ultimate survived and flourished.

I've spent a lot of my free time since 1987 doing my best to make a positive contribution to the sport in both the USA and globally. I had the honor of being inducted into this Ultimate Hall of Fame as a contributor back in 2006 but, if anything, I am as busy as ever still serving as President of the World Flying Disc Federation, increasing formal country membership to 80 countries and growing. With our goal of getting into the Olympics in either Paris 2024 or Los Angeles 2028, after achieving official IOC recognition in 2013, the future for our sport is as bright as ever and I am privileged to be playing a small role in helping to guide it along.

Playing Experience: Windy City; Rude Boys; KABOOM!; New York; Red Menace; Rude Boys.

the ultimate code:

joy of movement
joy of play
joy of camaraderie
experiences of competition
memories as takeaways
the depth of intent
going forward
— Junah Boda

do you speak frisbee?

where breath is in the air
the disc is the tongue in action
and everyone is the mouth
to speak with each throw
conversation heard in flight
and punctuated with each catch
— Junah Boda

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WOMEN PIONEERS

**** After receiving award move to opposite side of stage and wait for the rest of honorees ****

Christy Whitehead Sullivan

Candy Jones Johnson

Jan Russak

Jackie (Miller) Hartley

Andrea Cummis

MEN PIONEERS

**** After receiving award move to opposite side of stage and wait for the rest of honorees *****

Irv "Dr. I" Kalb Accepting is Irv's twin sister Tina Jacobs

Larry Schindel

Jonny Hines

Bernard "Buzzy" Hellring Accepting in his memory is Buzzy's sister Heidi Hellring

Joe Barbanel

Steve Frieman

Al Jolley

David Leiwant

Ed "Zoop" Summers

Geoff West

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WHILE ALL ARE ON STAGE.

Exit to "left" (Joe to acknowledge those unable to attend)

(immediately after)

ULTIMATE HALL OF FAME – David Raflo will be leading

**** After receiving award move to opposite side of stage and wait for the rest of inductees *****

Jonny Hines ~ Princeton in 1972

Bernard "Buzzy" Hellring Accepting in his memory is Buzzy's sister Heidi Hellring

Joe Barbanel RPI in 1972

Steve Frieman - Clark in 1972

Al Jolley - Staples High School in 1971

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exit to left

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		<u>minimum</u> <u>time</u>	<u>maximum</u> <u>time</u>
	USE USA Ultimate commercial to help quiet the crowd as program begins		
	Intro of Joe as MC (by Susan B)	1	1
	Joe's welcome- opening comments and introduce our two speakers to present on the past	2	3
	1. Past: Christy Whitehead Sullivan. After speaking, introduce Jonny Hines	2	3
	2. Past: Jonny Hines. After speaking, introduce current team captains Tristan Yarter, Zach Singer, and Izzy Singer to speak about the current State of Ultimate at CHS	3	4
	3. Present: Tristan, Zach, and Izzy 1.5 -2 min each. After speaking, introduce David Raflo from USA Ultimate	4	6
→	4. Present: David Raflo (USA Ultimate). After speaking, introduce future speaker Olivia Woodruff	2	3
	5. Future: Olivia Woodruff. After speaking, introduce Rob Rauch		
	6. Future: Rob "Nob" Rauch, WFDF President. Turn microphone back over to Joe, MC	3	5
	Joe returns to stage	0	0
	Memorial acknowledgment (MC 15-30 secs) ask for names only	1	1
	USA Championship players/coach acknowledged (4 names to be provided)	1	1
	Varsity alumni acknowledged (by decade)	2	3
	Current team acknowledgment (girls/boys)	1	2
	Intro of roots of Ultimate- Schindel Frisbee family	3	5
	Intro of women pioneers by current Sparkle captains Izzy Singer and Skylar Yarter	5	6
	Intro of men pioneers by CHSVFT captains, Tristan Yarter and Zach Singer	8	9
	photos		
→	USA Ultimate Hall of Fame (David Raflo to induct = Buzzy, Jonny, Joe, Steve, Al)	2	2
	photos		
	Thank sponsors and donors in-kind (final list to be provided to Joe on Thursday night)	2	2
	MC final thoughts and closing; reminder that silent auction closes at 8	2	3
	TOTAL TIME	43	58