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# Press Release

## Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame Elects Class of 2014

Dr. Everett J. Phillips and Walker Smith are elected to the Class of 2014

**Rochester, NY:** The Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame proudly announces their Class of 2014. The members of the Class of 2014 are **Athlete** Walker B. **Smith** (Cornell University, posthumous) and **Coach** Dr. Everett J. **Phillips** (Fredonia State University).

The members of the Class of 2014 will be inducted into the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame at our annual awards banquet to be held at the Radisson – Rochester Airport in Rochester, NY on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

With the election of the Class of 2014, the number of members of the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is 73, consisting of 62 men and 11 women. There are 57 athletes (46 male, 11 female), 12 coaches, and 4 contributors in the Hall.

### Members of the Class of 2014:

- 1920 **Cornell University** graduate **Walker B. Smith** was one of the top hurdlers of his era. He finished fifth in the 110 meter high hurdles at the 1920 Olympic Games. Smith is a two-time US National Indoor Champion in the 70yard High Hurdles (1919 and 1920), setting the US Record with his win in 1920. Smith was also the IC4A Champion in the 120 yard High Hurdles and in the 220 yard low hurdles in 1919. He finished second in both events in 1920. Smith regularly competed in the top indoor and outdoor meets while he was at Cornell University. He finished second in the 120 yard High Hurdles at the Penn Relays in both 1919 and 1920. Smith was also the 1918 US National Junior Champion in the 120 yard High Hurdles, setting the US Junior Record. Smith was inducted in to the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978 (Inaugural Class), was named as a member of the 1920 All-American College Track Team for 120-yard hurdles and of the 1919 All-American College Track Team for 70-yard hurdles. Smith was also named as a member of the 1917 All-

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American Interscholastic team. The **Walker Smith Award**, first awarded in 1958, is presented to the year's top male and female hurdler ("Most Outstanding Hurdler") at Cornell University every year.

- **Dr. Everett J. Phillips**, was the Men's Cross Country coach at **Fredonia State** from 1971 through 1994 while serving as the Chairman of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Athletics, and Dance (1971-1995). His Men's Cross Country Teams won eight State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Championships (including six straight from 1978-1983, and 1988 and 1992) and three New York State Collegiate Track and Field Conference (NYSCTFC) Championships (1978, 1979, and 1981). Phillips also served as the Assistant Track and Field Coach from 1974 to 1995 where his distance runners contributed to the 20 consecutive SUNYAC Track & Field Team Championships won by Fredonia State. Phillips coached one NCAA Division III National Champion (Bernard Prabucki in the 1982 5,000 meter run), five Cross Country All-Americans and seventeen Track & Field All-Americans. He served as President of the New York State Collegiate Track and Field Association four different times (1963-1964, 1976-1977, 1985-1986, and 1991-1992). He was named National Coach of the Year in 1965, and SUNYAC Coach of the Year. In 1994 he received the SUNYAC Service Award and was elected to the Fredonia State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. While at Fredonia he also served as Head Men's Track & Field Coach from 1971 to 1974, Women's Track & Field Coach in 1979 and 2002, and Women's Cross Country Coach from 1992 to 1994. Prior to his tenure at Fredonia State Phillips coached at the University of Rochester from 1959 to 1970 and at the University of Oregon from 1969 to 1971. Phillips earned his Doctorate in Physical Education Administration from the University of Oregon in 1971.
- **Smith is** the twenty-eighth person with ties to **Cornell University** elected to the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame joining Herbert J. Mols (Contributor, Class of 1998), John Paul Jones (Class of 1999), Charles H. Moore (Class of 2000), Meredith C. "Flash" Gourdine (Class of 2001), John F. "Jack" Moakley (Coach, Class of 2001), Louis C. "Lou" Montgomery (Coach, Class of 2001), Alma Richards (Class of 2001), Irvin "Bo" Roberson (Class of 2001), John F. Anderson (Class of 2002), Albert W. Hall (Class of 2002), Peter D. Pfitzinger (Class of 2002), John F. "Jack" Warner, Sr. (Coach, Class of 2002), Frank K. Foss (Class of 2003), Robert J. Kane (Contributor, Class of 2003), Tell S. Berna (Class of 2004), Edward T. Cook, Jr. (Class of 2005), Henry A. "Hank" Russell (Class of 2005), Doriane Lambelet (Coleman), Class of 2006), Jon P. Anderson (Class of 2008), Stephanie A. Best (Class of 2010), Harry Franklin Porter (Class of 2010), Walter S. Ashbaugh (Class of 2011), Thomas L. Gage (Class of 2011), David C. Munson (Class of 2011), Stephen M. Machooka (2012), Ivan C. Dresser (2013) and Leander J. "Lee" Talbot, Jr. (2013).
- **Phillips is** the second person, both coaches, with ties to **Fredonia State University** elected to the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame joining James D. Ulrich (Class of 2012).

### About the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame:

- Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is provisionally chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York. The purpose of the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals who made significant and outstanding contributions to the Sport of Athletics (including Track & Field, Long Distance Running, Race Walking, and Cross Country Running) while living within the geographic boundaries (New York State West of and including the counties of Oswego, Onondaga, Cortland, and Broome) of the Niagara Association as athletes (including Masters), coaches, and/or contributors (including administrators and competition officials).

### Nominations to the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame:

- Nominations for the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame close on February 15th each year. Any person may submit nominations for this Hall of Fame. Nomination forms may be available on the Niagara Track & Field Hall of Fame website (<http://www.niagaratrackhof.org/>). In order to be considered, an individual needs to be nominated.

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