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December 3, 1986

Mr. Laing E. Kennedy  
Director of Athletics  
Teagle Hall  
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Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Laing:

Attached find copy of letter from Robert S. Belden, Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo concerning the nomination of Herbert J. Mols to the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame.

I am writing to add my personal endorsement of Mr. Mols to receive this high honor, posthumously.

I knew Herb for many years as a friend, associate, employer, etc. He was "Mr. Amateur Athletics" of Western N.Y., New York State, the United States and the World.

Enclosed find clippings from my files concerning Herb.

I urge that serious consideration be given to the eventual election of Mr. Herbert J. Mols to the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

*Hanley*  
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HANLEY W. STALEY

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enclosures

cc: Robert S. Belden  
John Pennington  
Joseph Bugliari  
Family of Herbert J. Mols ✓

*Ging et al*  
- Sam McNeil - State  
Legislator is pushing this  
nomination - formerly of  
Williamsville (Amherst)  
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# Cornell Club

## of Greater Buffalo

123 Lamarck Drive  
Amherst, NY, 14226  
November 5, 1986

Mr. Laing E. Kennedy, Director of Athletics  
Teagle Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York, 14853

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

The Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo has authorized me to write to you on their behalf to nominate Mr. Herbert Mols to the Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Mols earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Cornell where he participated in basketball, baseball, and football.

Mr. Mols had long been active in amateur athletics in Western New York. He was Athletic Director and coach at The Park School in Amherst. He had been Chairman of the Town of Amherst Recreation Committee and he had been Director of the Niagara District of the Amateur Athletic Union.

Mr. Mols is credited with originating the idea for the Empire Games, the New York State Olympic type competition of state athletes; he was the Western Region Director of the Games. On a national level he had been manager of United States basketball teams that participated in the Olympics and Pan-American Games.

Mr. Mols gave much of his time and talents to the development of young people. His support was broadly given as he encouraged all competitors regardless of skills. He worked to make athletic opportunity available to all.

Mr. Mols died on August 10, 1986.

I have included copies of articles that appeared in the local press at the time of his death.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert S. Belden

copies:

Mr Jack McGowan  
Mr John Pennington  
Mr Hanley W. Staley