



City of Cambridge

18.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 1992

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

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- WHEREAS: Walter, an archetypal two way performer on the Huskies World War II football squads, has succeeded in a major leadership role for the continued upgrading of all varsity sports at the University; and
- WHEREAS: Walter has served as the only two-term Varsity Club President, during whose tenure major renovations to athletic facilities have come to fruition and the ranks of the Varsity Club have swollen; and
- WHEREAS: During Walter's 1989-90 term, he founded the Stadium Committee which resulted in the current facelift of Parson's Field along with a new football playing surface, lockerroom facilities for the football, soccer, baseball and women's field hockey teams and a press box which has been added; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to being a past Treasurer of the Varsity Club and Chairman of the Banquet Committee, he has the longest tenure as a critical Hall of Fame selector and in 1984 the University recognized his efforts with the prestigious W. Erwin Story Citation for outstanding alumni volunteerism; and
- WHEREAS: He was a scholastic star on both sides of the football line at Cambridge High and Latin where he was Captain in 1944 and excelled as a single wing fullback and also played linebacker; and
- WHEREAS: Walter served his country in an 11 month tour of duty with the Marine Corps stationed in China and later re-enlisted in the Corps as the war in Korea escalated in October 1950 and was involved in "Operation Summit" in 1951; and
- WHEREAS: Walter is married to his high school sweetheart Mary Barrett and together their lives have been enriched through the birth of their children Walter, Janet, Mark, Kevin and Barry; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its heartiest congratulations to Walter Lyons for being elected to the Northeastern Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Walter Lyons on behalf of the entire City Council.

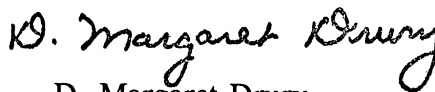
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

c. 18.

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Soccer, baseball and Women's Field Hockey teams and a press box have been added;
and

Whereas: In addition to being a past Treasurer of the Varsity Club and Chairman of the Banquet Committee, he has the longest tenure as a Critic's Hall of Fame Selector and in 1984 the University recognized his efforts with the prestigious W. Edwin Story Citation for outstanding alumni volunteerism; and

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Resolved: That this City Council go on record
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For John Doherty
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Walter Lyons has been elected to the Hall of Fame for his contributions to the Northeastern athletic program, both on and off the field.

Lyons, an archetypal two way performer on the Huskies World War II football squads, has succeeded in a major leadership role for the continued upgrading of all varsity sports at the University. Since earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 1958, he has served his alma mater tirelessly, mostly behind the scenes.

Despite his modest nature, Lyons usually finds the spotlight with the same administrative tenacity that marked his competitive days. One of the most popular figures in the history of Northeastern athletics, Lyons has been the only two-term Varsity Club President, during whose tenure major renovations to athletic facilities have come to fruition.

Varsity Club ranks have swollen under Lyons' administration, which ran from 1979-80 and 1989-90. Alumni athletic contributions have paved the way for a comprehensive improvement of Parsons Field. During Walter's 1989-90 office he founded the Stadium Committee which resulted in the current facelift of Parsons Field. A new football playing surface, lockerroom facilities for the football, soccer, baseball, and women's field hockey teams, and press box have added to the prestige of Northeastern athletics.

In addition to being a past Treasurer of the Varsity Club and Chairman of the Banquet Committee, he has the longest tenure as a critical Hall of Fame selector. In 1984, the University recognized his efforts with the prestigious W. Erwin Story Citation for outstanding alumni volunteerism. He remains an ubiquitous presence at all Northeastern sporting events and for the past five years has been one of the Huskies football statisticians, travelling with the team for road games.

He was a scholastic star on both sides of the football under former Fordham great Adam Elcawyez at Cambridge Latin, where he was captain in 1944. He excelled as a single wing fullback and also played linebacker on the same team with Husky contemporary Jimmy Lakis. His athleticism was also embodied in the unusual combination of track and field dashman/shotputter.

He enjoyed some moments that remain Cambridgeian folklore, including his 80 yard interception return for a touchdown in a 24-11 triumph over arch-rival Rindge as a junior. By coincidence, Lyons happened to pilfer close friend and a Mount Auburn neighbor Kenny Bessler, the Rindge quarterback that afternoon.

An 11 month tour in China with the Marine Corps made for an interesting transition between scholastic and collegiate ball for Lyons, who went from riding trolley trains to guarding prisoner trains forty miles south of Peking. He showed little college rust in September, 1947, when he finally enrolled at Northeastern to study Business and play freshman ball for Herb Gallagher.

He started the very first varsity game he ever played at linebacker for first-year head coach Joe Zabilski. The Huskies received two stellar seasons at linebacker and fullback from the 5'11 185 pound Lyons, before he re-enlisted in the Corps as the war in Korea escalated in October of 1950.

Combat experience started in January of 1951, as Lyons' First Division was involved in the first Helicopter transport of troops to the front line. Lyons and his fellow machine gunners saw war first hand in the critical "Operation Summit" that year. He returned unscathed to wed high school sweetheart Mary Barrett at Sacred Heart Church in Watertown in June, 1952.

Plans for a large family (Walter, Janet, Mark, Kevin, and Barry) necessitated the move to night study and Northeastern's University College, where he completed degree requirements. Several management posts have led him to Semicon Components Inc., where he has been the Director of Manufacturing since 1985.



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Sullivan CONSENT ORDER #18 *S-764*

Councillor Toomey re: Congratulations to
Walter Lyons for his election to the
Northeastern University Hall of Fame.

In City Council,

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Order Adopted