

In the late 60's and early 70's the dominance of the CBA track teams was reaching legendary status. Hall of Fame coach Jerry Riordan had quietly built a dynasty in Cross County, Indoor and Outdoor Track. Anyone who attended CBA from 1962 through 1982 understands that Riordan's Raiders were recruited from inside the four walls of Room 201. Each student was given the promise of future success in Earth Science in return for a commitment to one of the track teams. David was no exception. When he came to CBA he had hopes of becoming a baseball star. After being with Coach Riordan for a few short months he now looked forward to the day that he could follow in the footsteps of stars Ken Moliski and Ed Weinheimer and carry the torch of success so many others that had worn the gold jersey had done before him. Little did he know that by the time that he graduated he would become the most prolific distance runner in the school's storied track history.

After some initial prodding, Dave competed in track all year long. The names of the sports changed from indoor track to Outdoor track to Cross Country, but the training remained the same. David found that he had a gift of endurance that would bode well for him in long distance races: the longer the better. As with most athletes in the track program at that time, Dave spent his first two years learning from the upper classmen and training. In Indoor track, the longest distance contested was the two mile run and Dave embraced it. He won back to back Central New York Cities League and Section III Championships in that event. As a senior he finished first in the Bishop Loughlin Games and at the Eastern States Championships and was clocked with the fastest time in New York State in that event. For his efforts, he was named as a third team, all state selection in 1975.

In Outdoor track his accomplishments were equally as impressive. The two mile run that he excelled in during the indoor season, he dominated in the spring. In his junior and senior years he won that event in the CNYCL and the sectional championship meets. In the Intersectional championships, he finished third and second respectively and was named as a first team all state selection as a senior. He last represented the Brothers when he joined future Olympian Don Paige as they became the first two Central New York runners to be invited to the Golden West National Invitational in Sacramento. There he finished second in the three mile run, where he set a New York State High School record that still stands today.

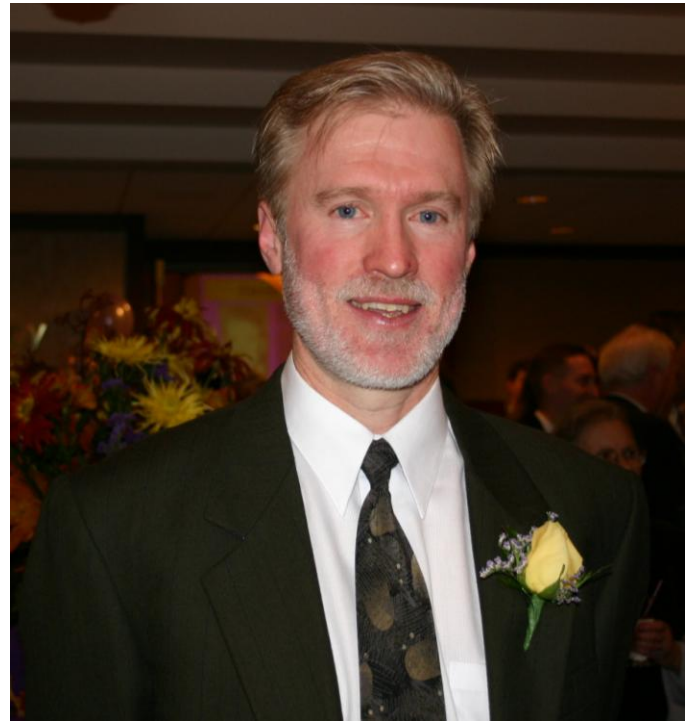
With all those accomplishments and accolades, it is easy to see why we are honoring Dave tonight. Oh, we forgot one thing: His best sport was Cross Country. When he began his junior year, it seemed that the Brothers cross country dynasty may have been coming to an end. Hit hard by graduation, it seemed that CBA had finally



come back to join the rest of the pack in the CNYCL, but someone forgot to tell the Brothers. That year not only did CBA win the CNYCL and Section III Championships but achieved what may have been the biggest feat in CBA track history. The Eastern States Championships are arguably the most prestigious event for high school teams on the east coast. Until 1973, CBA had traditionally done well but never won the event. That changed when Dobrzynski's 6th place finish led the Brothers to the championship and CBA Cross Country had reached its' pinnacle. After the meet Coach Riordan was quoted by the Post Standard as saying "this is by far my greatest thrill.", and in his usual understatement "we could always say that we were consistent, now we can say we are good." And good wasn't nearly strong enough to describe Dobrzynski. Try dominant. By his senior year, Dave was considered one of the best runners in the New York State and, for that matter, one of the best runners in the country. It would be impossible to list all of Dave's Cross country achievements, but suffice it to say that the 5'11, 127 pound dynamo won just about every race in sight. That year he finished in first place in every race that he ran except one and that was the Eastern States meet where he was

nosed out at the finish just 4 days after being involved in a severe car accident. The list of wins is impressive..... Manhattan, McQuaid, Chenango Valley, Sectional Championship, State Championship and Federation Championship most of the wins in course record times.....not bad for a 5'11 127 pound tothead from Manlius. For his efforts, Dave was named as a first team all state selection and honored by being selected as an All American. His athletic prowess did not take away from his achievement in the classroom. Dave was a member of the Brother Adolphus Honor Society for all of his years at CBA. This combination of athletic and academic achievement earned Dave a scholarship to Georgetown University.

In college, not surprisingly, Dave made an immediate impact on his college team. As a freshman he received the Rev. Edward Bunn Memorial Award given to the Most Outstanding Cross Country Runner, unheard of for a first year team member. In his college career he was a four time all East team selection, qualified for the NCAA cross country Championships three times, and was named team captain from 1976 through 1978. He ran all three seasons for the Hoyas and set school records for the 10.000 meter run and the 10 mile run. Even today his times remain in the top 15 all time at Georgetown.



Dave, your accomplishments have brought much pride to the CBA Community. Whether you were on the Cross Country course, the track or the classroom, you always would strive to do your very best. Tonight, we are proud to put you in your well deserved place among CBA's finest. Ladies and Gentleman, David Dobrynski