

The Corson Symposium: Strategy for a Great Research University

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A symposium was held in December 1999 to examine fundamental issues at the beginning of a new century facing research universities, such as Cornell, and to honor Cornell's 8th president, Dale R. Corson. This DVD captures that salute, which included an 18-minute video tribute, the speeches at a gala banquet and a luncheon (71 minutes) and the audio for more than 13 major addresses presented at the Symposium - for a total DVD running time of about 10 hours, including thoughtful and provocative presentations by the 9th and 10th Presidents of Cornell University - Frank Rhodes and Hunter Rawlings. In addition to the news stories about the Symposium, included are photos of the Corson family and many of their friends who attended the Symposium. These presentations are musically enhanced with Cornell presentations by the Glee Club and chimes masters.

Corson: Cornell Center for Material Research Luncheon

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On December 1, 2004 President Emeritus Dale Corson was inducted as the second member of the new Hall of Fame being created by the Cornell Center for Materials Research in Clark Hall. Corson, who joins the founding Director Robert L. Sproull in the Hall of Fame, was instrumental in the creation of the Center. Also present for this event were President Lehman and Presidents Emeriti Hunter Rawlings and Frank Rhodes.

The video includes speeches by President Lehman and Vice-Provost for Research Robert C. Richardson, whose Nobel Prize work in low-temperature physics was done in the Center. Professor Neil Ashcroft, former Center Director, was moderator for the ceremony.

The Legacy of Dale R. Corson

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The Legacy of Dale R. Corson captures some significant markers in the life and times of Dale Raymond Corson and his imprint upon Cornell University. His is a unique and remarkable journey.

This story is told through three videos: 1) “[Dale Corson: Cornell's Good Fortune](#)” 2) an [overview](#) by two of Cornell's most distinguished faculty members, Walter LaFeber and M. H. Abrams 3) a [wide-ranging interview](#) of Dale Corson by another former chair of the Department of Physics, Kurt Gottfried

This story is also told through [the book](#), a collection of historical documents and speeches by Corson and by many friends. This collection assembles numerous noteworthy documents and the transcripts of “[The Corson Symposium: A Strategy for a Great Research University](#)”. Enhancing this collection are numerous photographs, including two collections by the late [Sol Goldberg](#), archival images from University Photography, the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections and George Gull.

The documents reprinted here provide insight into a renaissance in engineering and in biology at Cornell. They include thoughtful essays on issues of contemporary importance - essays about the future of higher education in general and at Cornell in particular. They illuminate the remarkable career of a brilliant, yet kind and humble man who provided able and insightful leadership for Cornell and for the nation. Corson's leadership was marked by a profound respect for those whom he led by being an astute and thoughtful listener - a concept he articulated as his principle of fences and bases.

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The book and the DVD were produced by J. Robert Cooke

• *Specific Corson Legacy links:*

Newspaper/Magazine articles

Cornell Chronicle Sept 4, 2009

Cornell Chronicle: Legacy of Dale Corson recounted in book, DVD

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Sept09/CorsonLegacy.html>

A review by Jim Roberts in the Sept/Oct 2009 issue of the Cornell Alumni Magazine

http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=540&Itemid=64&ed=13

Slideshow summary provides a brief (11-minute) overview.

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The 440-page book: The Legacy of Dale R. Corson

<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/13197>

The 2-disc DVD: The Legacy of Dale R. Corson

<http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/13182>

An additional paper (Dale's role in developing and deploying airborne radar during WWII) begins a second collection:

The Legacy of Dale R. Corson (Supplement One)

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