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Record Group:
College Buildings

Overview of the Collection

Title:	College Buildings
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Biographical History

SUNY Cortland was originally called the Cortland Normal School and was established in 1868. The Cortland Normal School Building officially opened in March 3, 1869 and lasted until February 27, 1919 when a fire destroyed the entire building. There was no official location of the college until 1923 when Old Main was completed.

During the building period, classes were held in the local YMCA, houses, churches, and other local schools. Old Main stood as the replacement to the original building. It was not until the 1950's when the college really started to expand however. Buildings such as Brockway Hall (student center, later became an administrative building), Moffett Hall (physical education), Bishop, Hall, She Hall, and what would later be called DeGroat and Cheney Halls (all four are dormitories) were built.

In the 1960's and 1970's the college rapidly expanded due to increased enrollment, land acquisition, and curriculum changes. Ten new dormitories were built during this period. Academic buildings such as Memorial Library, Bowers Hall, Dowd Fine Arts Center, Van Hoeson Hall, Park Center, and Sperry Hall were all built. Administrative buildings were created as well such as Miller Building and Whitaker Hall.

Athletic facilities, training centers, and fields expanded over time. Early on, athletic facilities included just gymnasiums or local parks, then expanded into constructed fields after Old Main was built. Physical Education and athletics has been a major component of Cortland historical curriculum and reputation. Thus, introducing such buildings as Park Center, Lusk Field House,

Stadium Complex, various renovated and dedicated fields or gymnasiums, to the most recent development with the Student Life Center in 2015.

While the College continued to create new spaces such as Lynn Parks '68 Alumni House, Education Building, or revamping Studio West into the Professional Studies Building, older structures needed attention. During the 1990's and 2000's, the College started renovating many of the existing buildings on campus. These included Old Main, Bowers Hall, Moffett Hall, and various dormitories. As of 2021, SUNY Cortland maintains 45-buildings.

Scope and Content Note

The materials document the history of college buildings at SUNY Cortland. These include various dedications, few blue prints, interior and exterior photographs, sketches or mock ups, and clippings. Also included are records on new construction and renovated buildings as well as aerial view photographs, and campus maps. There is a small sub-group on miscellaneous buildings with unidentifiable information or local history.

Related Materials

The College Buildings records also exist online at Digital Commons where photographs and dedications can be downloaded. <https://digitalcommons.cortland.edu/buildings/>

Additionally, the non-archival resources can be found on SUNY Cortland's webpage for buildings <https://www2.cortland.edu/offices/facilities-management/building-profiles>

Information on specific buildings and grounds may also exist in other record groups. For example, Memorial Library has its own record group, Hoxie Gorge and Raquette Lake materials are not in this record, but rather in the William H. Parks Family Center for Environmental Education record group. Information on C-Club Hall of Fame room in Park Center may also exist in College Athletics.

Access

While the majority of the content have been digitized, not all materials are online. Travel to Cortland may be required to access the full scope of the materials. Additionally, any multi-media items exist in formats that are not available for use at this time.

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Processing Information

This collection is fully processed and exists within updated folders and boxes.

Finding Aid Information

Created by Zachary Clark, Fall 2020.

Arrangement

The materials are arranged by the record group, then by subgroup, then series. It is processed primarily to the folder level with the exception of a few item level materials. The materials are arranged into multiple sub-groups based on building designation. This includes administrative, academic, athletic buildings, places of worship, residence halls, Cortland Normal School has its own sub-group. Sub-group 7 is based on format including aerial photographs and campus maps while sub-group 8 includes miscellaneous items and folders.

Inventory

Sub-Group 1: Administrative Buildings

Series 1: George A. Brockway Hall

(completed June 1951)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 1	Groundbreaking Photographs	1949
Box 180	Folder 4	Groundbreaking Ceremony Documents	1949
Box 9A	Folder 2	Cornerstone Photographs	1949
Box 9A	Folder 3	Dedication Photographs	1951
Box 180	Folder 5	Dedication Ceremony Documents	1951
Box 180	Item	Sound Recording, Dedication of Brockway	June 1951
Box 180	Folder 7	Reports on Brockway Hall	1955
Box 180	Folder 6	Reopening Ceremony Documents	2006
Box 9A	Folder 4	Sketches and Drawings of Brockway Hall	1948
Oversize	Item	Sketch of Brockway Hall	1948
Box 9A	Folder 5	Photographs of Brockway Hall	1950's
Box 9A	Folder 6	Photographs of Brockway Hall	1960's
Box 9A	Folder 7	Photographs of Brockway Hall	1970's
Box 9A	Folder 8	Photographs of Brockway Hall	1990's

Series 2: Fay L. Corey Student Union

(Completed October 1969)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 9	Dedication Ceremony Photographs	1969
Box 180	Folder 8	Various Dedications Documents	1969-1984

Series 3: Nathan L. Miller Administration Building

(Completed February 1967)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 12	Construction Photographs	1969
Box 9A	Folder 13	Computer Center Photographs	1974
Box 9A	Folder 14	Photographs of the Miller Building	1970's-1980's

Series 4: Charles W. & Ida Neubig Hall

(Completed September 1960)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 15	Photographs of Neubig Hall	1960's
Box 9A	Folder 16	Photographs of Neubig Hall	1970's-1990's
Box 9A	Folder 17	College Store Photographs	1970's

Series 5: Katherine A. Whitaker Hall

(Formally infirmary, then residence hall, now houses University Police) (Completed June 1972)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 18	Student Development Center Photographs	1980

Series 6: James M. McDonald Building

(formally the infirmary) (Completed January 1961)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 9A	Folder 19	Exterior Photographs of McDonald Building	1970's
Oversize	Item	Dedication Plaque: James M. McDonald Infirmary	1956

Sub-Group 2: Academic Buildings

Series 1: Old Main

(Completed in August 1923)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 13	Interior Photographs of Old Main	1950's-1990's
Box 10A	Folder 14	Exterior Photographs of Old Main	1920's-1990's
Box 184	Folder 8	Contracts and Legal Information	1922-1954
Box 184	Folder 9	New Site Information Cortland Normal School	1918-1923
Box 184	Folder 10	Maps and Blueprints	1918-1919
Oversize	B-307	Blueprints (tube)	1920
Box 184	Folder 11	Flagpole Dedications	1943-2000
Box 184	Folder 12	Rehabilitation and Anniversaries	1991-2010
Box 184	Folder 13	Brown Auditorium	1989-2017
Box 184	Folder 14	Old Main Fire Clippings	2013-2014
Oversize	B-305	Inventory Log of Old Main	1921

Series 2: Memorial Library

(Completed in November 1961, Renovated in 1973)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 15	Exterior Photographs of Memorial Library	1960's
Box 10A	Folder 16	Interior Photographs of Memorial Library	1960's
Box 10A	Folder 19	Exterior Photographs of Memorial Library	1970's
Box 10A	Folder 20	Interior Photographs of Memorial Library	1970's
Box 10A	Folder 22	Exterior Photographs of Memorial Library	1980's
Box 10A	Folder 23	Interior Photographs of Memorial Library	1980's
Box 10A	Folder 24	Exterior Photographs of Memorial Library	1990's
Box 10A	Folder 25	Interior Photographs of Memorial Library	1990's
Box 10A	Folder 17	Move In Process Photographs	1960's
Box 10A	Folder 18	Renovation Photographs	1973
Box 10A	Folder 21	EMC Apple Lab Photographs	1983
Box 185	Folder 6	Discussions for a New Building on Campus	1955-1961

Box 185	Folder 7	Plans and Proposals	1951-1957
Box 185	Folder 8	Cornerstone and Dedications	1960-1973
Box 185	Folder 9	Clippings on the New Building	1961-1975
Box 185	Folder 10	Blueprints, Maps, and Floor Plans	1921-1961
Oversize	B-307	Blueprints of the Renovation	1973-1974
Box 185	Folder 11	Late Night Reading Room	1980-1984
Box 185	Folder 12	Learning Commons	2006
Box 185	Folder 13	Concept Study	2010
Box 185	Folder 14	Bookmark Café	2004

Series 3: Donovan C. Moffett Center

(Completed in November 1953)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 9	Exterior Photographs of Moffett Hall	1950's-1970's
Box 10A	Folder 10	Interior Photographs of Memorial Library	1950's
Box 184	Folder 5	Ceremonies	1950's

Series 4: Ruth E. Dowd Fine Arts Center

(Completed in August 1967)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 6	Exterior Photographs of Dowd	1970's-1980's
Box 10A	Folder 8	Interior Photographs of Dowd	1960's-1980's
Box 10A	Folder 7	Construction Photographs	1966
Box 184	Folder 4	Programs	1967

Series 5: Elmer A. Sperry Lecture Hall

(Completed in August 1967)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 1	Construction Photographs	1965
Box 10A	Folder 2	TV Studio and Media Center Photographs	1980s'
Box 10A	Folder 3	Exterior and Interior Photographs of Sperry	1973-1991
Box 10A	Folder 4	Renovations and Dedications	1967-2007

Series 6: Ross E. Bowers Hall

(Completed in September 1963)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 26	Exterior Photographs of Bowers	1960's-1980's
Box 10A	Folder 4	Interior Photographs of Bowers	1970's
Box 10A	Folder 5	Greenhouse Photographs	1970's-1980's
Box 184	Folder 3	Time Capsule	Undated

Series 7: Education Buildings

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 10A	Folder 11	Cornish Photographs	1966-1987
Box 184	Folder 6	Cornish Hall Floor Plans	1960's
Box 184	Folder 15	Van Hoesen, Cornish, Concept Plans	1999-2006
Box 10A	Folder 12	Child Care Center Photographs	1990's
Box 184	Folder 7	Child Care Center Clippings	2007-2011

Series 8: Professional Studies Building

(Formally Studio West) (Prof. Studies Completed in 2011)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
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Box 184 Folder 1 Clippings (Studio West and Professional Studies) 1998-2011

Sub-Group 3: Residence Halls

Series 1: Dragon Hall

(Completed in 2013)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 23	LEED Gold Rating	2013

Series 2: Maria W. Bishop Hall

(Completed in September 1959)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Photographs of Bishop	1960's-1980's

Series 3: Lawrence J. Fitzgerald Hall

(Completed in September 1963)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 26	Clippings and Ceremonies	1965-2009
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior Photographs	1990's

Series 4: James M. Shea Hall

(Completed in September 1959)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior and Interior Photographs	1960's-1990's
Box 180	Folder 27	Clippings and Ceremonies	2007

Series 5: Smith Tower

(Completed in 1972)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 28	Dedication	1989

Series 6: Casey Tower

(Completed in 1972)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Interior and Exterior Photographs	1970's

Series 7: Francis J. Cheney Hall

(Completed in June 1951)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 25	Clippings	2011
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior Photographs	1950's-1980's

Series 8: Harry D.W. DeGroat Hall

(Completed in June 1951)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior Photographs	1960's-1980's

Series 9: William H. Clark Hall

(Completed in September 1967)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior Photographs	1970's

Series 10: Minnie M. Alger Hall

(Completed in September 1967)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 1	Exterior Photographs	1970's

Series 11: Glass Tower

(Completed in 2006)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Item	Poster of Sponsors for Construction	2004
Box 11A	Item	Poster of Sponsors for Construction	2004
Box 180	Folder 29	Groundbreaking	2004

Series 12: Miscellaneous/Unidentified Materials

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 2	Unidentified Photographs	1950's-1990's
Box 180	Folder 30	Group Clippings and Cornerstones	1949-1955

Series 13: President's Residence

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 12	Exterior Photographs	1950's-1980's

Sub-Group 4: Athletics**Series 1: Bessie L. Park Center**

(Completed July 1973)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 9	Dedication of HPER	1974
Box 180	Folder 10	Dedication of Park Center	1980-1981
Box 180	Folder 11	Corey Gymnasium	1983
Box 180	Folder 12	Sciara Training Room	1994
Box 180	Folder 13	Harriet Holsten Pool	1981
Box 12A	Folder 5	PER Center Photographs	1970's

Series 2: Student Life Center

(Completed 2015)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 14	Clippings	2003-2012

Series 3: Stadium Complex

(Completed Summer 2002)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 15	Grand Opening and Dedication	2002
Box 180	Folder 16	Stephen J. Hunt VIP Lounge	2004
Box 180	Folder 17	Karel Horak Training Facility	2005

Series 4: Clayton Lusk Field House

(completed July 1973)

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 12A	Folder 1	Interior and Exterior Photographs	1960's-1970's

Series 5: Athletic Fields

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 12A	Folder 3	Holloway Field Dedication Photographs	1987
Box 180	Folder 20	Holloway Field Dedication Program and Documents	1987
Box 12A	Folder 2	Davis Field Photographs	1980's
Box 180	Folder 18	Davis Field Dedication	1980
Box 12A	Folder 4	Old Athletic Fields Photographs	1914
Box 180	Folder 15	Wallace Field Dedication	1996

Sub-Group 5: Cortland Normal School Building

Series 1: Early Development

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 21	Contracts	1867
Box 180	Folder 31	Cornerstone Dedication Documents	1922
Box 13A	Folder 1	Cornerstone Photographs	1867

Series 2: Photographs of the Building Downtown

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 13A	Folder 2	Exterior Photographs	1880-1914
Box 13A	Item	Exterior Photograph (Loose)	1914
Box 13A	Item	Exterior Photograph (Loose)	1880
Box 13A	Item	Gymnasium Photographs	1900
Box 13A	Item	Sketch of the Building	1867
Box 13A	Item	Sketch of the Building	1867
Box 13A	Item	Sketch by Ross Bowers	1924
Box 13A	Item	Drawn Map of Cortland	1904
Box 13A	Folder 6	CNS Library	1895-1914
Box 13A	Folder 4	Classes and Classrooms	1895-1914
Box 13A	Folder 3	Other Normal Schools Photographs	Undated

Series 3: Fire

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 180	Folder 22	Clippings on the CNS Fire and Boiler Explosion	1919-1969
Box 13A	Folder 5	1919 CNS Fire Photographs	1919

Sub-Group 6: Places of Worship on Campus

Series 1: Interfaith Center

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 13	Sketches	1960's
Box 11A	Folder 13	Photographs	1960's-1990's
Box 185	Folder 1	Early Development	1964-1975
Box 185	Folder 2	50 th Anniversary Records	1998-1999

Series 1: Newman Hall

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 14	Newman Hall Photographs	1970's

Sub-Group 7: Aerial Photographs, Maps, and Models Campus Wide

Series 1: Aerial Photographs

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 3	Aerial Photographs	1940's
Box 11A	Folder 4	Aerial Photographs	1950's
Box 11A	Folder 5	Aerial Photographs	1960's
Box 11A	Folder 6	Aerial Photographs	1960's
Box 11A	Folder 7	Aerial Photographs	1970's
Box 11A	Item	Aerial Photograph	1960's

Box 11A	Item	Aerial Photograph	1960's
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Series 2: Maps

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 8	Campus Maps	1970's
Box 11A	Item	Campus Map	1970's
Box 11A	Item	Campus Map	1970's
Box 11A	Item	Campus Map	1970's

Series 3: Models

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 9	Architectural Photographs of Building Models (Aerial Views)	1960's
Box 11A	Folder 10	Architectural Model Drawings and Sketches	1960's
Box 11A	Folder 11	Architectural Photographs of Building Models (Individual Buildings)	1960's

Sub-Group 8: Miscellaneous and Unidentified Materials

Series 1: Group Buildings

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 185	Folder 3	Group Dedications	1949-2005
Box 185	Folder 5	Group Building History	1950's-2000's

Series 2: Beard Building Downtown

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 185	Folder 3	Clippings	2005-2006

Series 3: Unidentified Buildings

Container 1	Container 2	Title	Date
Box 11A	Folder 15	Unknown Buildings	Undated
Oversize	Item	Tin Box (Possibly Time Capsule) Inscription on Bottom Reads; "Robert N. Neal 5/23/1962"	