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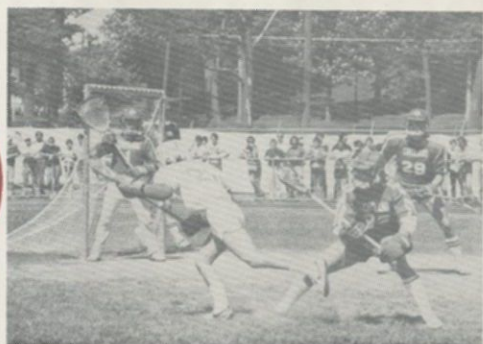
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# CORTLAND STATE SPORTS MAGAZINE

**SPRING  
ISSUE  
1981**

**MEN'S — LACROSSE BASEBALL TRACK  
WOMEN'S — SOFTBALL TRACK LACROSSE**



**SPECIAL FEATURE ON  
BESSIE L. PARK CENTER**

# CORTLAND STATE FACTS

Founded: 1868

Operated: A charter member of State University of New York, established in 1948.

Accreditation: Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; American Association of University Women; Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

President: James M. Clark

Total Enrollment: 6,080  
(5,399 full-time, 681 part-time)

Alumni: 21,000

Colors: Red and White

Nickname: Red Dragons

Campus: 140 acres

Major Buildings on Campus: 34

Adjunct Campuses: Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks; Hoxie Gorge, a natural preserve southeast of Cortland; and Brauer Memorial Field Station south of Albany, NY

Academic Divisions: Arts and Sciences;  
Professional Studies

Academic Departments: 23

Number of Major Programs: 44

Number of Academic Faculty: 296 full-time,  
66 part-time.

Total Number of College Employees: 726 full-time  
77 part-time

Number of Auxiliary Services Corporation  
Employees: 135 (plus 270 part-time students  
during regular academic year).

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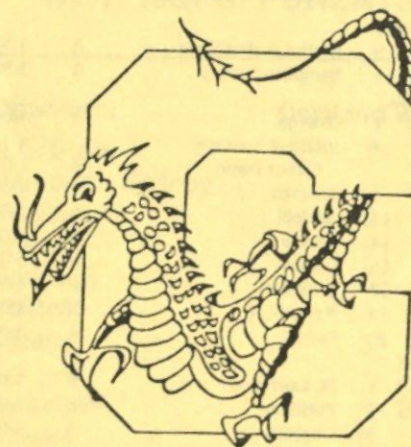
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COVER PHOTOS: Betsy Shillito of Chestnut Hill, Mass., has enjoyed a record-setting career as a distance runner in cross country and track at Cortland. She's a 1981 national qualifier at 3,000 and 5,000 meters. The lacrosse scenes are from the 1980 Cortland-Hobart NCAA Div. III championship game.



# MEN'S LACROSSE

Sticking out his neck and forecasting where Cortland State's lacrosse team will land this season is not in Chuck Winters's makeup. A Red Dragon 'stick up' of NCAA Division III brethren has certainly crossed his mind, however.

Such a feat wouldn't even be considered grand larceny, not with the likes of All-Americans Mark Koetzner and John Distler bolstering the attack and defense, and Mark Leszczynski apparently ready to play up to potential at midfield.

The defense shapes up as strong as in the past, right at the top of the check list composed by opponents wondering where the Dragons did them wrong. Distler, of course, has been a leading heartbreaker, that fact underlined in 1980 when he won the Stiles Award, symbolic of the best defenseman in Division III.

Distler's starting sidekicks are Seth Ohanian and probably Jim Robinson although Winters worries about the latter's inconsistency. Ohanian is a comer. "Seth has gotten a lot out of the program in three years. Fundamentally pretty sound, he's a little more conservative than Distler," notes the coach. Veteran Jerry Demeo is making the switch to close-defense from midfield.

Cortland goalie shoes fit either Jim Braun, a mighty-mite at 5-6 whose 29 saves in last season's championship game is an NCAA record, or first-year player Scott Hayman. Braun's quickness is a plus although Winters feels he needs to become more of a quarterback.

Massapequa senior Koetzner, by far last year's best offensive producer with 29 goals and 32 assists to



MEN'S LACROSSE CO-CAPTAINS: Left to right, midfielder Mark Leszczynski of Henrietta, and defenseman John Distler of Larchmont.

boost his three-year career figures to 71-59-130, will be the focal point of the Dragons' attack. Bob Russo, whose 33 points a year ago are second to Koetzner among holdovers, will join Koetzner and either Paul Wilkinson or Dave Benedetto on the first line of attack.

The imposing 6-3, 205-pound Leszczynski, who Winters feels in the past was hurt by being overly unselfish, has letterman John Koerner and Canton Tech transfer Mike Branski as starting midfield company. Freshman Bill Miller was also impressive in preseason.

Leszczynski, labeled 'the Franchise' earlier in his Cortland career by Winters, has often been reluctant to pull the trigger despite owning one of the team's hardest shots from a middie. Three-year starter Leszczynski entered this season with 73 points.

Good midfield balance comes from a second line of seniors, Kurt Stokes, Steve Winokur and Tim Curran, and a third trio of seniors Bob Brown and Gene Gleeson, and frosh Dan King. Sidelined for a least part of the season is Gary Lovisa, one of the team's 22 lettermen. Lovisa is mending from knee surgery.

"We're trying to make our offense more patterned with more ball control," points out Winters, looking for firepower to replace graduated Larry O'Leary and Terry Davis. They combined for 68 points in 1980.

## LACROSSE - MEN'S

Coach: Chuck Winters

MARCH			
9	North Carolina State	A	3:30
11	Hampden-Sydney	A	3:30
APRIL			
1	Oswego	A	4:00
4	Ithaca at Syracuse Carrier Dome	A	1:00
8	Geneseo	H	4:00
11	Adelphi	A	2:00
14	Albany	H	4:00
15	Cornell	H	3:00
22	Syracuse	H	4:00
25	Nassau C. C.	H	1:00
29	Hobart	A	3:00
MAY			
1	St. Lawrence	H	4:00
2	Potsdam	H	2:00
6	Oneonta	A	4:00
13	NCAA Div. III Opens		
16	NCAA Div. III Semifinals		
24	NCAA Div. III Championship		

## LACROSSE - MEN'S B-TEAM

Coach: Jerry Casciani

MARCH			
28	Canton C. C.	H	1:30
30	Hobart	A	3:30
APRIL			
2	Ithaca	A	3:30
5	Binghamton Club	H	2:00
13	Herkimer C. C.	H	4:00
27	Ithaca	H	3:30
MAY			
4	Hobart	H	3:30

## CHUCK WINTERS MEN'S LACROSSE COACH

SUCCESS. . .could be Chuck Winters' middle name when speaking of lacrosse. Eight post season tourney invitations in eight years. . .three trips to tourney finals with two victories. . .most wins of any Cortland lacrosse coach. . .All-American, All-Midwest and North-South game participant while at Bowling Green. . .head coach of the 1979 North All-Stars. . .appointment to national committees.

In each of his years as head coach of the Red Dragons, Winters has guided the stickmen to post season play. In his initial year at the helm, he coached



the Hill squad to the USILA crown in 1973, ousting Washington College, in the finals, 13-8. A 14-10 semi-final loss to Hobart in the 1974 NCAA Division II tourney was avenged in the 1975 championship game when the Dragons edged Hobart, 12-11, and won their second national lacrosse title in three years. Unable to survive past the semi-final round in NCAA tournament play from '76 to '79, 1980 marked Cortland's third visit to the finals under Winters' guidance, as

### 1980 MEN'S LACROSSE RESULTS

9 Wins, 5 Losses			
Cort.	Opp.	Cort.	Opp.
16 Ithaca	13	7 Adelphi	16
15 Geneseo	5	4 Hobart	6
22 Oswego	6	12 St. Lawrence	7
31 Brockport	6	29 Potsdam	3
20 Albany	8	13 Ohio Wesleyan*	9
10 Cornell	16	11 Ithaca*	9
7 Syracuse	13	8 Hobart*	11

\* NCAA Division III  
2nd Place

the Red Dragons lost, 11-8, to Hobart in the first Division III championship.

Winters' record shows 68 victories and 39 defeats which puts him at the top of the victory list for Cortland lacrosse coaches. Included in his slate are 14 wins and 7 losses in post season play.

Winters came to Cortland in 1971 from Bowling Green where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. During his playing days at Bowling Green, he was an All-American midfielder and a two-time All-Midwest performer. Winters played in the North-South game as a senior and returned in 1979 to coach the North to a 21-15 victory over the South in the annual all-star classic.

Winters, a member of the physical education faculty, is the associate athletic director for men and directs the Cortland State Summer Sports School. He is presently serving appointments on the Executive Board of the USILA, the NCAA Tournament Selection and All-American Selection Committees. He also is the NCAA Lacrosse Committee Secretary and Rules Interpreter.

### MEN'S LACROSSE COACHES—RECORDS

1947-52	Jack MacPhee	(14-17-1)
1951	Bob Duncan	( 5- 5-0)
1953	Bruce Allison	( 3- 5-0)
1954	John Donati	( 1- 7-0)
1955-57	James Baley	( 5-17-0)
1958-64	Bill Tomik	(29-29-1)
1965-69	Al Pisano	(45-12-1)
1970-72	Jack Emmer	(32- 6-0)
1973-	Chuck Winters	(68-39-0)

### MEN'S LACROSSE RECORD WITH 1981 OPPONENTS

Opponent	Cortland W-L-T
N.C. State	1 - 1 - 0
Hampden-Sydney	0 - 0 - 0
Oswego	3 - 0 - 0
Ithaca	15 - 3 - 0
Geneseo	6 - 0 - 0
Adelphi	14 - 6 - 0
Albany	3 - 0 - 0
Cornell	1 - 24 - 0
Syracuse	9 - 20 - 0
Hobart	10 - 26 - 0
St. Lawrence	7 - 1 - 0
Potsdam	3 - 0 - 0
Oneonta	0 - 0 - 0

## MEN'S LACROSSE RECORDS

### INDIVIDUAL - GAME

Most Goals - 10, Paul Wehrum vs. Brockport, 1970  
 Most Assists - 8, Rich O'Leary vs. C.W. Post, 1970  
 Most Points - 14, Mark Koetzner vs. Oswego, 1978  
 Most Saves - 37, Tony Bromante vs. Cornell, 1958

### INDIVIDUAL - SEASON

Most Goals - 57, Rich Felser, 1967  
 Most Assists - 49, Ken McEwan, 1972  
 Most Points - 85, Mike Hoppey, 1977  
 Most Saves - 209, Pete Graham, 1973  
 Best Save Average - 13.9, Pete Graham, 1973  
 Best Point Average - 6.4, Rich Felser, 1967  
 Best Assist Average - 4.5, Barry Davidson, 1961  
 Best Goal Average - 4.38, Rich Felser, 1967

### INDIVIDUAL - CAREER

Goals - 134, Rich Felser, 1965-67  
 Assists - 105, Mike Hoppey, 1975-78  
 Points - 223, Mike Hoppey, 1975-78  
 Best Goal Average - 4.0, Rich Felser, 1965-67  
 Best Assist Average - 2.7, Ken McEwan, 1970-72  
 Best Point Average - 5.3, Rich Felser, 1965-67

## JERRY CASCIANI MEN'S B-TEAM LACROSSE COACH

A twelve-year member of Cortland's physical education faculty with a rank of assistant professor, Jerry Casciani begins his eighth season with the lacrosse program. He heads a staff of four B-team coaches after having been a varsity assistant for seven years previously. Casciani also serves as an assistant



football coach working with the linebackers, and is a former Red Dragon assistant wrestling coach. Before coming to Cortland, Casciani was the head lacrosse coach at Baltimore Junior College. His stay was highlighted in 1967 when his squad went undefeated and won the "unofficial" national junior college championship.

Casciani lettered in wrestling, baseball and football at Springfield College where he received his bachelor's degree in 1959. He later earned his master's degree from Penn State University and was awarded a Doctorate of Education from West Virginia.

## 50-POINT CLUB—SEASON MEN'S LACROSSE

	Yr	G	A	Pts.
Mike Hoppey	77	48	37	85
Rich Felser	67	57	27	84
Bert Severns	72	34	37	71
Ken McEwan	72	20	49	69
Mike Hoppey	78	30	37	67
Harry Blank	67	46	19	65
John Eberenz	69	51	13	64
Harry Blank	68	31	33	64
Rich Felser	66	51	12	63
Mark Koetzner	80	29	32	61
Mark Koetzner	78	34	26	60
John Eberenz	72	37	21	58
Jud Smith	75	27	20	57
Ken McEwan	71	15	42	57
Jud Smith	73	27	28	55
Bert Severns	71	22	32	54
Rich O'Leary	70	22	31	53
Bruce Casagrande	73	33	19	52
Ernie Olson	75	47	5	52
Paul Wehrum	71	46	4	50

## CAREER 100-POINT CLUB MEN'S LACROSSE

	G	A	Pts.
Mike Hoppey '78	118	105	223
Jud Smith '76	99	98	197
Rich Felser '67	134	41	175
John Everenz '72	114	44	158
Harry Blank '68	86	64	150
Ken McEwan '72	44	104	148
Mark Koetzner '81	71	59	130
Larry O'Leary '80	69	60	129
Paul Wehrum '72	116	11	127
Bert Severns '72	57	69	126
Paul Rose '67	59	57	116
Bill Duford '78	58	58	116
Rich O'Leary	37	64	101

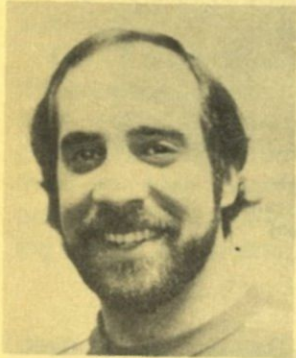
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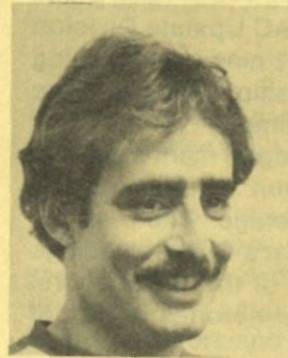
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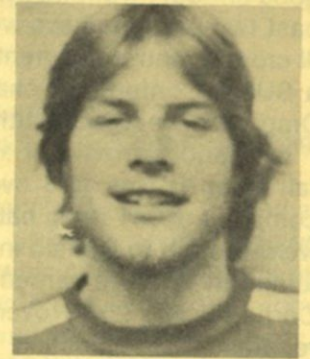
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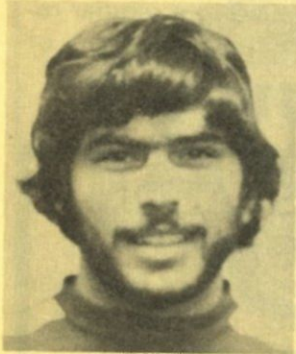
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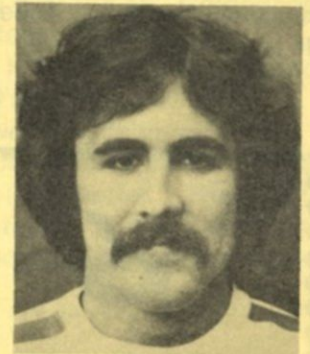
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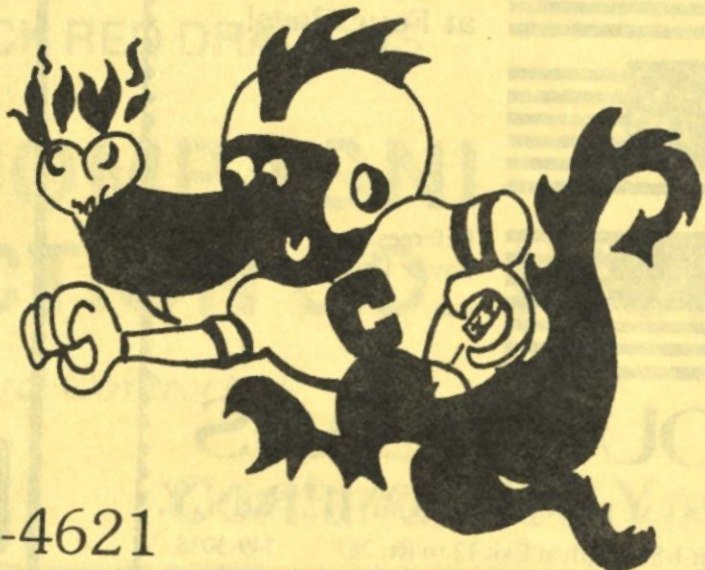
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# BASEBALL

When Bob Wallace speaks, baseball people listen.

So the 23-season commander-in-chief's prognosis that he thinks his current diamond fortunes form "as good a team as I've seen around here," sends out a loud clear message: The Red Dragons will be heard from this spring!

Past "Sparky" Wallace teams have been plenty good enough, winning 312 of 493 games. Each of his past two editions have worn ECAC Upstate Division III crowns, and the current 1980-81 nine is threatening a SUNY Conference championship runaway. The Dragons have won the title nine times.

Cortland carries over a 10-0 league mark from last fall when it was 13-3 overall, won 11 straight, and compiled a .341 team batting average. The Dragons were second to Buffalo in last year's SUNY standings although Wallace earned Coach of the Year honors. Cortland was 25-13 overall, the victories a school record.

What makes the second half of this season so much more promising is pitching — the key to any successful program, especially at Cortland's Division III level, Wallace feels. Mound optimism centers



DOUG MOONAN  
1981 Baseball Captain  
Senior, Left Field  
Pulaski, N.Y.

around support for senior aces Ray Gadd, 12-1 over the past 1½ seasons, and Dan Hoey.

And Wallace is so confident of other prospects on a 10-man staff that he's contemplating a regular rotation. "It's something I've never had the luxury of



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doing before. We've always had to save our best for conference games."

Of course, such a pitching setup would start with SUNY all-stars Gadd and Hoey. The lefty Gadd won all five of his decisions last fall including a one-hit job against Albany, and had an 0.71 earned run average. Hoey was nearly as effective.

Seton Hall transfer Mike McNamara is a big, strong southpaw, and former Ithaca College hurler Eric DeSimone is another welcome addition along with Jim Sergeant, a transfer from Canton Tech. Rocky Alianiello is an established reliever, while Mark Vercruysse and Jeff Cram picked up valuable experience during the fall slate. Lefty Tom Airey arrives with good scholastic credentials.

The offense could be considered lethal. Just ask Ithaca College, whose defending NCAA champions were 19-17 Dragon victims last fall when Doug Moonan crashed a school record three home runs and drove in seven. Also a contact hitter, Moonan is a pro prospect as is Alex Colondona, one of last season's leading hitters but sidelined by a knee injury most of the

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### DRAGON SUNYAC BASEBALL TITLES

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1959	1964	1976*
1960	1967	1977**
1961	1975	1979

\* Co-Champions with Brockport

\*\* Co-Champions with Oswego

fall. Yet Cortland bats still boomed.

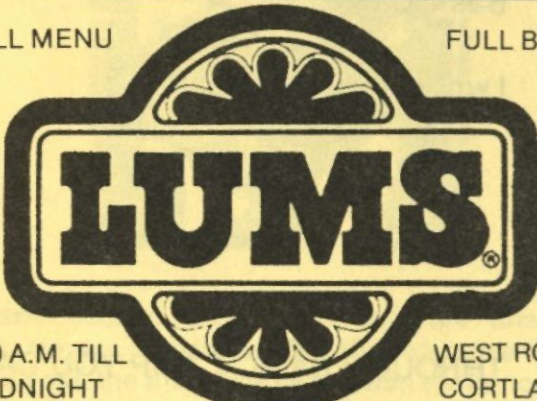
Ed Redmond hit .479 in the fall, Dick Verderese .469 in the league.

For the first time in Wallace's memory, he had a starting lineup set well in advance of the regular season. It included glove whiz Mike Cummings at first base, the cat-quick Verderese at second, Tom Moore at short and Redmond at third. A speedy, strong-armed veteran outfielder listed Moonan, John Johnson and Mark Dembrow. Catcher Bill Carson hit two homers in the fall bash over Ithaca. Colondona is being primed for designated hitter duty.

Besides Gadd and Hoey, Moonan, Colondona and Dembrow are returning SUNYAC all-stars.

"It's one of the hardest working teams I've had," Wallace says. "It's also one of the better senior groups. Each year they've come along better." Nine last-year players are on the roster, all of them regulars. Wallace also has eight juniors, one sophomore and seven frosh.

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## BOB WALLACE BASEBALL COACH

The winningest coach in the history of Cortland State is Bob Wallace, now in his 23rd year as head baseball coach. During his distinguished career, Wallace has guided Red Dragon diamond fortunes to a won-lost record of 312 wins, 180 losses, and 1 tie, for a .634 winning percentage. A 9-6 win against Cornell in the second game of a spring doubleheader last year gave Wallace a memorable 300th victory. Since SUNYAC baseball competition began in 1959,



Wallace-coached teams have won the title nine times. He was named the 1979-80 conference Coach-of-the-Year, the third time he has won the honor.

Wallace teams also have won ECAC regional tournament titles in 1979 and 1980, a Quantico Marine Base Tournament in 1969, and a Florida Baseball School Tournament in 1978.

Wallace graduated from Cortland State with a major in physical education in 1953. He also has a master's degree from the College. As an undergraduate, he played football for three years and baseball for a year. As a senior, he was a member of the varsity football coaching staff.

Before joining the Cortland faculty in 1956, Wallace taught at Painted Post High School where he coached football, wrestling, track and volleyball. In addition to his baseball coaching at Cortland, Wallace has served as an assistant coach in football, coach of freshman football and basketball, and filled in as varsity basketball coach for a year.

In 1973, he was the recipient of the Cortland County Sports Award for his contribution to athletics. Last year, he was inducted into the College's C-Club Hall of Fame in recognition of his athletic achievements as a student at Cortland and in honor of his professional success.

## BASEBALL

Coach: Bob Wallace

APRIL			
7	Cornell	A	4:00
8	Cornell	A	4:00
9	Ithaca	H	3:00
11	Hartwick*	H	1:00
15	LeMoyne*	H	1:00
22	Cornell*	H	1:00
24	Ithaca	A	3:00
25	Oneonta*	H	1:00
29	Binghamton*	A	1:00
MAY			
4	Colgate*	H	1:00
7	Oswego*	H	1:00
9	Albany*	A	1:00

\* Doubleheader

## BASEBALL RECORDS SET IN CORTLAND'S 19-17 WIN

The date was Oct. 1 and Cortland's baseball team hosted Ithaca College with the Dragons seeking to extend an eight-game win streak. The only loss of the fall season was to the IC Bombers, 4-5, in the opening game.

The nine inning game turned out to be "one of the finest games in terms of fan excitement, suspense, team offense and desire ever played by a Cortland team — in any sport." These words by Coach Bob Wallace reflect the intensity of both squads in a memorable clash eventually won by Cortland, 19-17.

There was only one inning in which the Dragons didn't score as they opened up an early lead of 7-0 after two innings. A three-run home run by Doug Moonan, senior outfielder from Pulaski, did the most damage in the opening frame. Moonan also hit a two-run homer by sophomore catcher Bill Carson of Liverpool. Carson also added a second two-run homer in the seventh.

A six run outburst by the Bombers in the top of the eighth tied the score at 17-17. With one out in the home half of the eighth, DH Harry Hillson of Stamford, tripled. The next better homered. It was Moonan again and that was the ball game as IC went out in order in the 9th.

Moonan's three homers put his name in the record book as the first Cortland batter to hit three round-trippers in a single game. The team total of five homers in one game also is a record. Other records set in the game were the combined run total - 36, and the combined total hits - 18 for Cortland and 17 for Ithaca. The linescore:

Ithaca	0	0	4	1	2	2	2	6	0	-	17
Cortland	4	3	2	3	3	0	2	2	-	-	19



BASEBALL TEAM, SPRING 1981 — First row, left to right: Bill Carson, John Johnson, Tom Moore, Dick Verderese, Rocco Alianiello, Doug Moonan, Ian Whalen. Second row, left to right: Trainer Marc Meadows, Bob Capreol, Dick Serpe, Ed Redmond, Mark Dembrow, Mike Cummings, Mike McNamara, Mark Vercruyse. Third row, left to right: Coach Bob Wallace, Glenn Polasky, Chuck Haven, Jim Sergeant, Ray Gadd, Harry Hillson, Jeff Oram, Eric DeSimone, Mike Sorrentino, Tom Airey, and assistant coach Stan Bujacich.

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# PER CENTER NAMED IN HONOR OF BESSIE L. PARK

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In January 1980, the College Council of State University College at Cortland recommended that the Physical Education-Recreation Center on the Cortland campus be named in honor of Bessie L. Park, who died Feb. 25, 1979 at the age of 97. The recommendation moved forward to the State University of New York Board of Trustees which approved the action Feb. 27, 1980.

The "PER Center," as it has been known since its construction in 1972, provides offices and facilities for the Departments of Men's and Women's Physical Education and Recreation Education and the Intercollegiate Athletic Offices for Men and Women. The ten million dollar building will be formally renamed in honor of Miss Park at ceremonies on Alumni Day, May 9, 1981.

The College Council committee which was charged with the task of reviewing names for the facility was chaired by James H. Sarvay. The committee included Mrs. Esther Twentyman and Dr. Ralph A. Brown. Mrs. Jerrene Woods, chairman of the Council, participated as an ex-officio member.

Sarvay's committee had requested nominations from faculty and staff members in reviewing possible candidates who were deserving of such recognition. "Of the recommendations we received, none matched the credentials or the support that Miss Park's name generated from a variety of circles," Sarvay said.

A review of Miss Park's career is published here as a testimony to her many contributions to Cortland and higher education.



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## BESSIE L. PARK 1881 - 1979

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Miss Park joined the faculty at Cortland as director of physical education in September 1915 and stayed 25 years in teaching, administrative and public service roles.

Founded in 1868, the Cortland Normal School was the forerunner of State University College at Cortland as it is today. Miss Park graduated from the Normal School in 1901 and also had attended the New Haven School of Gymnastics and the Chautauqua School of Physical Education. She obtained Ed.B and M.A. degrees from Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and did additional study at Harvard University and Boston University. Before joining the Cortland Normal School faculty, she taught in public schools in Cortland, Kansas, West Virginia, Texas and Nebraska.

A State education law passed in 1916 required that physical education be taught in the public schools of New York State. There was a great demand for trained teachers and Cortland under the guidance of Miss Park, took an early lead in helping to provide qualified people.

With the encouragement of the late Dr. Harry DeWitt DeGroat, who served as president of Cortland from 1912 to 1943, the school continued to develop its physical education curriculum and eventually was



In 1970, the Cortland College Alumni Association presented a Distinguished Service Award to Miss Park. Pictured making the presentation to Miss Park, left, is Mrs. Norma Riley, who was alumni president at the time. Identifying Miss Park as a "woman of distinction," the accompanying citation noted that her interest in Cortland "remains unabated," 69 years after her graduation. "It is time now for her to realize that her efforts in behalf of Cortland through the years have not gone unnoticed nor are they lacking in appreciation."

selected by the State to offer a physical education major based on available facilities and the high level of instruction which was available.

In September 1923, the first 47 physical education majors matriculated in the teacher training program which only two years before had moved from a two-year to a three-year curriculum. Miss Park assumed the responsibilities as chairman of the Women's Physical Education Department. It also was the year that the School took over a new building on a 30-acre site at the top of West Court Street in Cortland. That building is known today as "Old Main."

A former colleague of Miss Park has said that she "was the guiding spirit" in the establishment of a physical education major at Cortland. "Her vision was one of a curriculum that combined a strong educational program with competence in the requisite skills in physical activities. As the head of the program for both men and women at the time, she insisted on high personal responsibility for moral and ethical conduct for both staff and students."

Another former faculty member said that she was "the real spark plug" behind the development of the physical education program at Cortland. "Miss Park made the single most significant contribution to the establishment and implementation of the program," he wrote.

From the beginning of the program in 1923, Miss Park made a special effort to acquaint major students with state and national health and physical education associations. For many years, Cortland's student membership percentages in national organizations was the highest of any collegiate institution. A stu-

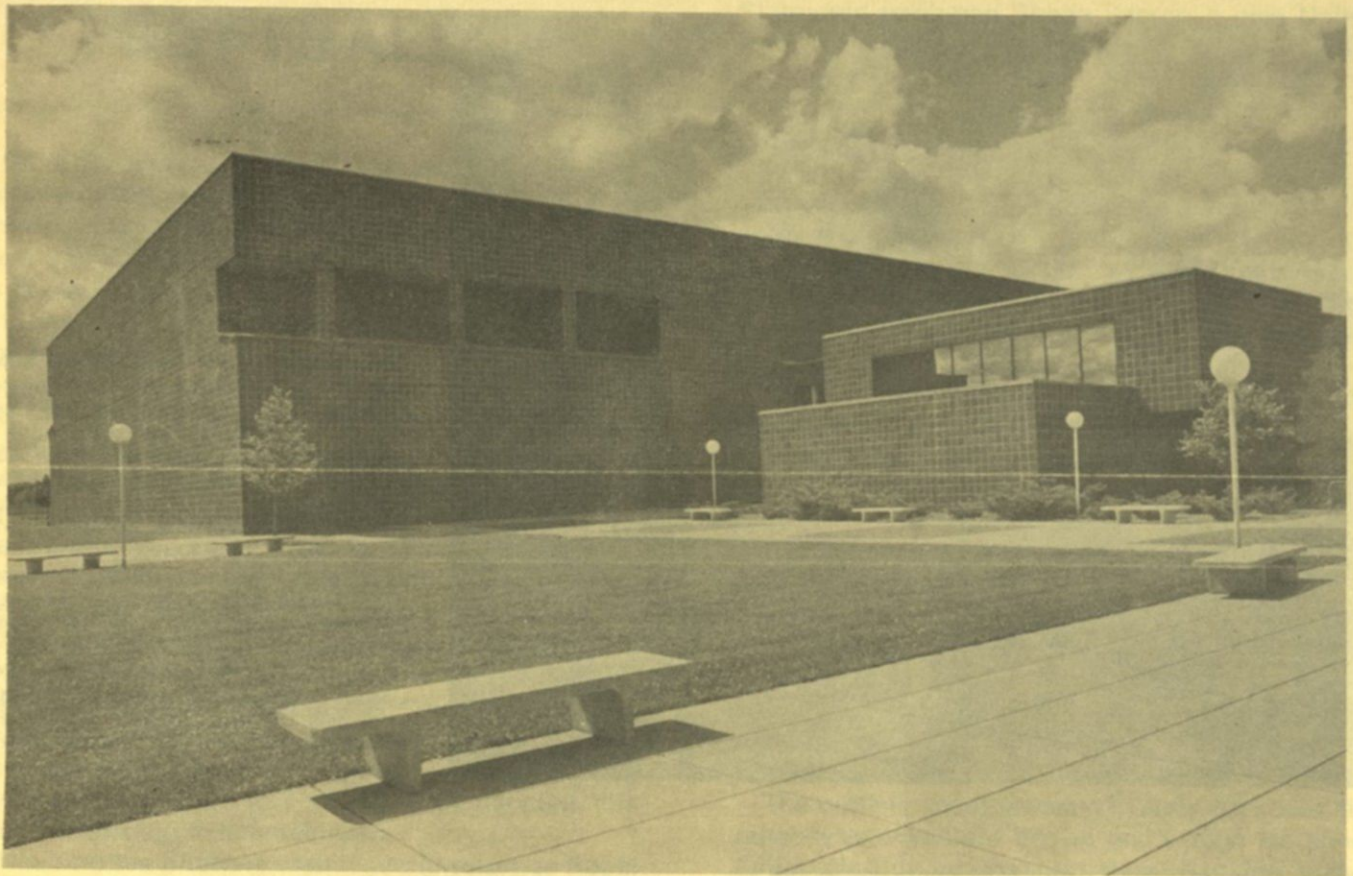
dent branch of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation was formed on campus early in the program.

Miss Park herself organized the Women's Section of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and was instrumental in starting workshop projects which were carried on throughout the State. She often was invited to serve as a speaker or a panelist at professional meetings.

Another innovation introduced by Miss Park was the "Play-Day" program started in 1925. Teams from other Normal Schools in the State were invited to Cortland for athletic competition. Miss Park also organized what may have been the first high school girls' play day in 1929 when 43 high schools in the state sent 250 girls to Cortland for athletic competition. The concept of play days in women's sports was carried on well into the 1950s when women's sports began to become more organized on an intercollegiate basis.

The value of outdoor leadership training for teachers of physical education was recognized by Miss Park who arranged in 1936 for the first group of women students to participate in a two-week camp program at Song Lake. In 1937, a more intensive program was launched, utilizing the resources of Tanager Lodge on Upper Chateaugay Lake in the Northern Adirondacks. Men physical education students became part of the Tanager experience the following year.

It was Miss Park's belief that perhaps one of her most outstanding contributions was the development of the Girls' Secondary School Physical Education Syllabus for New York State, much of which she wrote



## PARK CENTER FACILITIES

and the entire compilation of which she supervised. She also was similarly involved with the Physical Education and Recreation Syllabus for use in physical education courses of the General Education Department at the Normal School. She was chairman of the Committee on Health and Physical Education Courses for Syllabi for the State Normal Schools.

She was a frequent speaker before such community groups as parent-teachers meetings, high school assemblies, career day programs, and health and education organizations. In addition, she gave freely of her time, talent and energy to local organizations including the Twentieth Century Club, Ladies Literary Club, and the Cortland Recreation Commission. She was instrumental in starting the YWCA in Cortland in 1915 and was a board member there many years. She was a dedicated member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society and served as Beta Chapter president from 1941 to 1943, was state chairman of publicity, and chaired numerous chapter committees. And she was an advisor to Alpha Delta Sorority and Nu Sigma Sorority.

Before retiring in 1941, Miss Park saw the College's academic program extended to four years and take on a new name, Cortland State Teachers College, and offer bachelor degrees in elementary education

and physical education.

But she did not become inactive in retirement. Long interested in alumni affairs, she became the first executive secretary of the Cortland Alumni Association when the campus opened an Alumni Office in 1944. She served on the Association's Board of Directors from 1946 to 1967 and later was named an honorary member of the board. She was the first editor of the Cortland Alumni Magazine which she founded.

Her most ambitious research and writing project came during her "retirement" years. It was a 337 page history of the College at Cortland from its founding to 1959. Titled "Cortland - Our Alma Mater," it was published in 1960.

In 1944, she was presented the first service award ever given by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. In June 1945, she was honored with a distinguished service award from Cortland College.

Her name has been attached to an alumni scholarship awarded annually at the College to an outstanding woman senior physical education major.

In May 1970, Miss Park was cited "as a woman of distinction" by the College's Alumni Association as a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.



The Bessie L. Park Award is presented annually at Cortland to the senior woman physical education student who has above average scholarship while contributing to college-wide services in her major field and to the campus community. Miss Park often attended the HPER Honors Convocation to participate in presenting the award named in her honor. At one of the ceremonies in the early 1970s, she posed for this photograph with those who succeeded her as chairman of the Department of Women's Physical Education. Left to right, are: Miss Park, who retired in 1941, Lenore K. Alway who served as chairman until 1965, Dorothy Arnsdorf, 1965-66, and Katherine Ley, 1966-77. Dr. Norma Carr is the present chairman.

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## PARK CENTER FACILITIES

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All students at Cortland are free to use the Park Center which serves as the hub for basic instruction programs as well as for broad offerings in intramural, recreational and athletic activities. Located at the heart of the campus athletic facilities, the Center was completed in 1973. It is adjacent to extensive practice and playing fields, tennis courts, Carl A. "Chugger" Davis Field where football and lacrosse are played, the baseball diamond and Lusk Field House. Ample parking for the entire College is available in this area and shuttle bus service joins the Center to the Upper Campus when classes are in session.

The main gymnasium includes three 94 x 50-foot basketball courts side by side. Folding bleachers seat approximately 3,600 spectators; at other times folding partitions are used to create three separate teaching areas. There are two auxiliary gymnasiums, one of which is designed especially for gymnastics. All the gymnasiums have Tartan floors.

The 50-meter swimming pool has six lanes, two one-meter boards, two three-meter boards, two movable bulkheads to separate swimming and diving areas, and a gallery seating 1,200 spectators.

The ice arena has a skating surface of 85 x 185 feet. Adjacent are service facilities including locker, skate rental and skate changing areas. Folding bleachers have a seating capacity of approximately 2,400. The arena is iced from October through March

and is available for recreational skating as well as for classes, hockey and practice sessions. In the off season the arena is used for special events such as conferences and industrial shows. With chairs set up in the skating area the capacity of the facility can be increased to 5,000. Cortland conducts Commencement there.

Corridor areas in the Park Center have been developed as a Sports Art Gallery with more than 1,000 reproductions framed and displayed.

The Center has three dance studios, a fencing room, a training room, an exercise room, a wrestling room, men's and women's locker and shower rooms, 10 handball courts and 8 squash courts. A lecture hall seats 70 students and there are five classrooms of varying sizes. There is a human performance laboratory-classroom complex and a motor learning laboratory.

Two large laboratories are especially important in the Recreation Education Department's professional programs. The Recreation Planning Laboratory is used in planning physical facilities for recreation, as in the design of parks and play areas. The Outdoor Education Laboratory contains the tools for teaching classes in the out of doors. Aquarium, terrarium and incubator equipment are available for use in collecting and studying life in the out of doors. In addition there are woodworking tools and equipment helpful in working with crafts made from natural materials.

The Center also includes a faculty lounge, student reading lounge, and faculty offices for Men's and Women's Physical Education Departments and the Recreation Education Department.



# SOFTBALL

Don't worry about Cortland State women softballers going soft this season, warns third-year coach Gail Chmielenski, optimistic despite an extremely young team listing only three seniors and three juniors on an 18 player roster.

"They've already surpassed my expectations," said Chmielenski. "The preseason trip south was very satisfying. We played eight games in five days and one of our best showings was against strong South Carolina. We almost beat them."

The Lady Dragons' best strides have come on offense. "I think we're much improved there over the last several years. We have a lot of good hitters," notes the coach. "And I'm also confident about our defense. We have sound ballplayers."

Senior captain Sue Lamb of Binghamton, an excellent performer with the bat and with the glove at second base, leads the veterans. The squad's other two seniors are four-year player Joanne Descovich, a utility outfielder, and centerfielder Nancy Koeper, an all-around standout who's "really blossomed this year," according to Chmielenski.

Heading the pitching staff is junior returnee Robin Nadelen, who broke in with the Dragons a season ago after transferring from Springfield. "She's much

improved" in her coach's view.

Sophomore Irene Waters, a transfer from Indiana State, and freshman Sheila Paprocke give Nadelen support. Waters needed longer to find her niche at the season's start since she spent winter months on the basketball team. "Paprocke is improving. She did a marvelous job during our preseason South Carolina trip," Chmielenski remarks.

The bulk of the catching chores will be handled by sophomore Lisa McVey, quite a field general and a teacher if her early work with frosh Heather Wilson and Luana Porter behind the plate is an indication. Both Wilson and Porter possess a tremendous amount of potential.

Infielders include freshman third base prospects Karen Rosenblad and Judy Eide, strong defensively and expected to have an offensive impact. Shortstop Joan Schlachter is a soph in her first year on the team. "Excellent glove, very quick, incredible timing and whales the ball a long way," is how Chmielenski sees Schlachter.

Junior Ann Brown, a utility player last year, is at first base along with Cathy Compton, a Binghamton sophomore who was a catcher during the 1980 campaign when the Dragons qualified for the State Tournament in Division I-II. Returning junior Carrie Doyle is a backup second sacker from Vestal.

The outfield, most pleasing in early workouts, finds reliable veteran Barb Brown and Cheryl Hotaling, a junior playing for the first time, flanking stalwart Nancy Koeper in center. Two freshmen flyhawks are Sue Hoffman and Linda Griggs.

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This spring is the third softball season at Cortland for head coach Gail Chmielenski. She's a native of Milford, Conn., and has B.S. and M.S. degrees from



the University of Connecticut. She received NATA certification in athletic training after participating in the Indiana State program.

Before coming to Cortland, Chmielenski coached softball for five years at Connecticut and, as a graduate student, coached one year at Indiana State and one year at Springfield College. She guided both of the latter teams to state titles. In addition, she led her Springfield squad to a second place finish in the first EAIWA Championship Tournament.

Besides coaching in the intercollegiate ranks, Chmielenski coached for six years in the Amateur Softball Association.

**SOFTBALL**

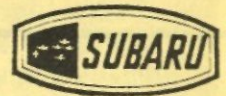
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9	Colgate	A	3:00
11	Penn State	A	1:30
14	Brockport	A	3:00
17	Lock Haven	H	3:00
22	Oswego	H	3:00
24	E. Stroudsburg	H	3:00
29	Ithaca	A	3:00
MAY			
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1981 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM - Seated in front, left to right: Susan Lamb (captain) and Lisa McKey. First row, left to right: trainer Sue Hargis, Robin Nadelen, Carrie Doyle, Sheila Paprocki, Heather Wilson, Joanne Descovich (captain), Susan Hoffman, and Linda Hurley. Second row, left to right: assistant coach Dolores Bogard, Luana Porter, Judy Edie, Ann Brown, Cathy Compton, Linda Griggs, Cheryl Hotaling, Irene Waters, Nancy Koeper (captain), Karen Rosenbald, Joan Schlacter, Barb Brown, Manager Sue Peck, and head coach Gail Chmielenski.

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# WOMEN'S LACROSSE

With 16 veterans taking the field, Cortland State's women's lacrosse team has its sights on a third straight national tournament appearance. The Lady Dragons followed up a third place U.S. Intercollegiate Women's Association finish in 1979 with an eighth place ending a year ago.

Skill, experience and enthusiasm among the ranks have third-year coach Janet Greene optimistic, especially after a productive week of preseason training in Virginia where Cortland defeated Bridgewater and Hollins College, and lost to the University of Virginia Wahoos.

The ambitious Greene has been pleased by the manner in which the Dragons have worked as a unit.

Winners of 11 of 16 matches in 1980, Cortland's current battle-tested attack features center Cori Shaw of Brookline, Mass., one of just four seniors on the squad. Classmates Georgiann Carlson and Maryanne Jules are also on attack along with holdovers Cindy Ferro and Sharon Sarsen. Freshman Julie Lyons is a strong addition.

The defense has senior goalie Alice Dollard and underclass netminders Lori McQueen and Pam Schailer. Returning defenders include Ellen Driscoll, Molly McCarthy, Lucy Guido, Jan Hathorn and Sharon Dicks.

Promising B-team players are veterans Jamie Partigianoni, Rhonda Ballavia, Laura Gove and Wendy Ruff, and first-year players Marybeth Borio, Andrea Dumke, Kelly Gorman, Kelly Champion, Nancy Mauro, Terry Breen, Pam Jones, Robin Simmons, Colleen Doyle and Janine Henrickson.

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**LACROSSE - WOMEN'S**

Coach: Janet Greene

APRIL

4	Alumni	H	1:00
8	Cornell	A	3:30
11	Lock Haven	A	1:00
15	Hartwick	A	3:30
17	Colgate	A	3:00
18	Hofstra	H	1:00
21	Oneonta	H	3:30
23	Ithaca	A	3:30
25	Wm. Smith	A	11:00
26	West Point	H	Noon
27	Wells (B Team)	A	4:00

MAY

1-2	NYSIAAW and EIAAW Div. II
14-16	IAAW Div. II

**JANET GREENE**

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACH**

Head coach of women's lacrosse at Cortland is Janet Greene, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a graduate of Lock Haven State College. While an undergraduate, Greene captained the basketball and lacrosse teams and earned all-star recognition in lacrosse.

Greene served as head coach of the women's



basketball team this year and handled part-time duties in field hockey. She was assistant basketball coach last year.

Before joining the Cortland faculty, Greene was assistant basketball coach at Central Bucks High School in Pennsylvania. She currently is working toward a master's degree in physical education at Cortland.

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## WOMEN'S TRACK

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"With more depth and strength than last year, this could be Cortland's strongest women's track team ever," said Coach Debbie Aitken in an optimistic seasonal outlook. "We've set our goals at being one of the top two teams at the New York State Championships and one of the top three teams in the regional championships.

"We only lose two people from indoor track, Kim Schwickrath and Jan Gregoire, so we'll have a good nucleus," commented Aitken, "and we're expecting to score in every event."

Betsy Shillito, already a 1981 national qualifier at 3,000 and 5,000 meters, will lead distance runners onto the outdoor surface. She has had a record setting career in cross-country and track and recently captured the state indoor crown for the 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs. Expected to help out with the scoring is Ellyn Block, a cross-country and indoor track hold-over.

A host of runners will compete for sprint positions this spring. Debbie Johnson returns following her record breaking 1980 season as one of the top sprinters. She is joined by Rene Sugar, Tracy Grazen and Melody Edwards.

Middle distances will be covered by Debbie Schmitt, a member of the 1600 meter relay team and the best middle distance runner of the bunch. Maureen Shiel joins Schmitt as does Connie Manzer who was Cortland's fastest in the 800 and 1500 meters last year.

Capable of running either sprints or middle distances are four members of the 1600 meter relay team which Aitken hopes can break four minutes this spring. Sue Ehmann, Kyle Berkes, Betsy Jackson and Schmitt are excellent runners and athletes according to Aitken. Ehmann runs hurdles and is also a top threat in the high and long jumps. Berkes holds the Dragon record for the 400 meters and also runs the 880. Jackson has the potential to become Cortland's fastest quarter miler ever. Schmitt fills in at the hurdles and also competes as a pentathlete.

Together they perform as a record setting team. They captured first place at the indoor Eastern Regionals and recently took first place at the State indoor championships with a record showing.

Four people will compete in the high jump with record breaker Judy Ingham leading the way. She set a meet record in taking first place at the 1981 State indoor meet. She is joined by Ann Szary, second place finisher at the '81 States, the versatile Ehmann and Maureen Shiel.

The long jump competitors are Ingham, Shield and Grazen. Aitken feels that Shield could become the top long jumper by the end of the season.

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weight events. Laura Martin is a holdover from indoor who may have the answer to the shotput. She recently became a State indoor titleist with a record setting performance. She is joined by Carol Vanderminde who assumes javelin and discus duties.

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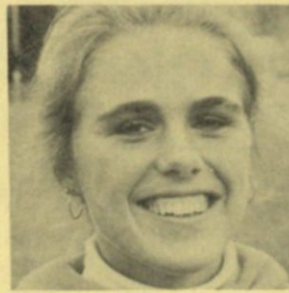
**DEBRA AITKEN**  
**WOMEN'S TRACK COACH**

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Head coach of women's indoor and outdoor track at Cortland is Debra Aitken. She also serves as head coach of field hockey in addition to her teaching duties as a member of the Department of Women's Physical Education.

Aitken came to Cortland after having been a member of the faculty at Frostburg State in Maryland where she coached gymnastics. She had previous experience at Waterville High School in Maine and coached women's field hockey teams there to three straight league championships. In addition, she coached the gymnastics and track teams to league and state championships.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, Aitken holds an M.S. degree in physical education from Frostburg State.



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Coach: **Debbie Aitken**

**APRIL**

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11	U. Mass Relays	A	
15	Binghamton	A	3:00
18	West Point	A	1:30
25	Cortland Invitational	H	9:00
29	East Stroudsburg	A	3:00

**MAY**

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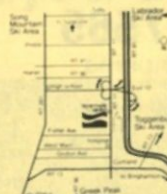
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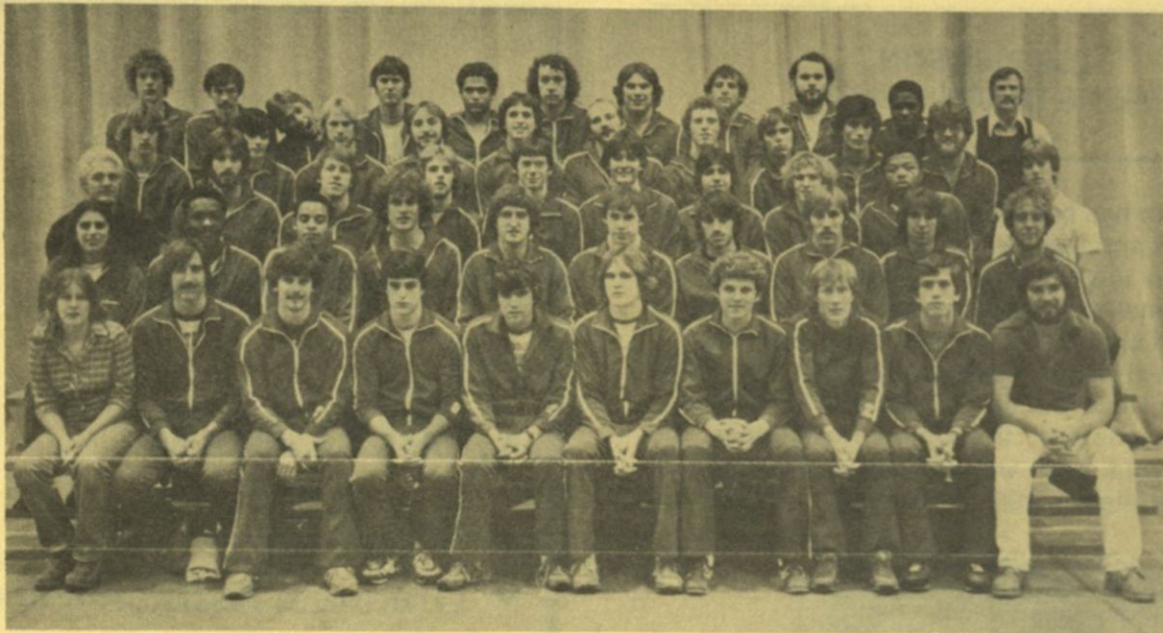
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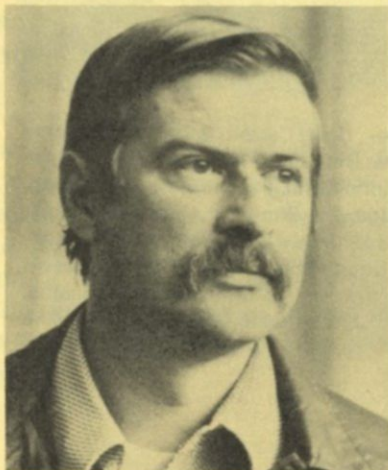


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**JOE PIERSON  
MEN'S TRACK COACH**

Joe Pierson has been coaching men's indoor and outdoor track and field teams at Cortland since 1966. He has been instrumental in placing the College among the small college leaders in track and field at the state and regional level. His teams have won or placed in most major meets throughout New York, including the New York State Track and Field Association Championships, the Union Invitational, the Rochester Invitational, and the Cortland Invitational which he initiated in 1969. From 15 to 20 college



teams are entered in the Cortland Invitational each year and turn Lusk Field House into the indoor track center of the State for the day. Pierson also has guided Cortland's outdoor teams to SUNYAC and state titles.

Before joining the Cortland faculty, Pierson taught and coached at his alma mater, Southern Illinois University, and at Illinois' Carbondale High School. In addition, he has served as a member of the physical education staff at West Point where he worked in physical education research, concentrating on athletic injuries. He also handled the conditioning programs for football and basketball while at West Point.

**OUTDOOR TRACK - MEN'S**

Coach: Joe Pierson

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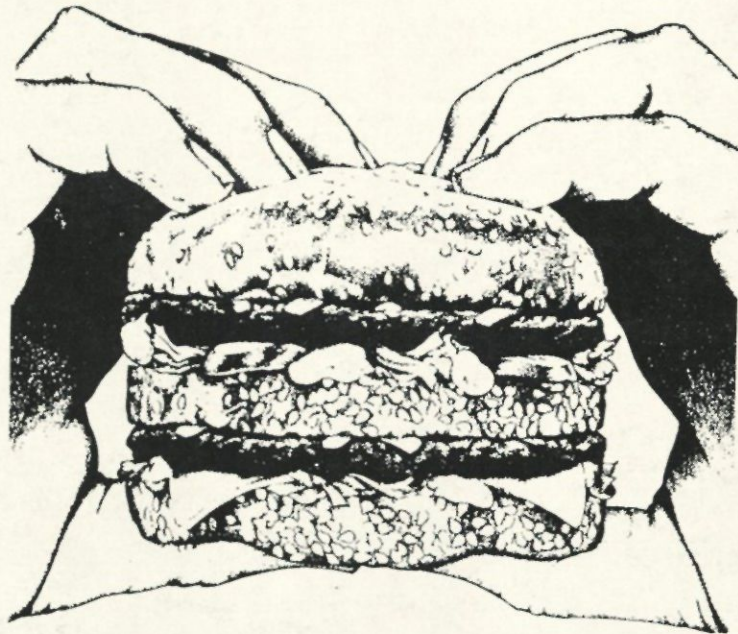
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