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**CORTLAND**  
**V.S.**  
**BUFFALO STATE**

**College Gym**

**Dec. 5, 1956**

**8:00 p. m.**

# PRATT-ically Speaking

by Jim Pratt, Student Director of Publicity

After a quick retreat from the gridirons and soccer fields, the Cortland State Teachers College athletes have been dodging snow flakes to get inside the Physical Education Building for daily practices. Once again we find ourselves amidst the basketball courts, wrestling mats, and the swimming pool, which indicates the start of another colorful winter Intercollegiate Athletic program here at Cortland State Teachers College.

Let us extend a warm welcome to Coach Larry Katzman and his Buffalo State Teachers College basketball team, who will furnish the opposition tonight in this initial contest of the season for both teams.

Coach Katzman comes to Cortland with a much improved club from the team the Dragons met a year ago. His team compiled a record of 10 wins against 8 losses last year, six of those wins coming in the last seven games. Backcourt star, Joe Merlo, co-captain along with Dick Stotz, is returning along with seven other lettermen. The Buffalonians will have an experienced and much improved club this year. Reports are that the team has added height, along with good speed and shooting ability. An added sidelight to this Buffalo State team, is the fact that four of their team members are married men, referred to by other players, as the "old" but tough "four". With

all this in mind, the Red Dragons will have their work cut out for them tonight.

Coach Whitney "Pete" Corey will floor primarily an experienced team tonight, with good height and shooting ability. The team has a real challenge confronting them, if they expect to better last years mark of 17 wins against 4 losses, including a decisive victory over Buffalo State. Both Frank Dawson and Wayne Weiss, Corey's big men of last year, will be out there tonight, along with backcourt stalwart, Lou LaGrand. The starting five is very much a question mark at this point. According to Coach Corey, the team looks very formidable in its daily drills but only time and game experience can tell. The Dragons have an exceedingly tough schedule ahead of them in that all of last years opponents have improved tremendously.

A note of interest to you basketball fans is that the Dragons will not be back in their home lair until after the Christmas Vacation. On the road the Dragons will meet Alfred, LeMoyne, Rider, and Farleigh Dickenson, before journeying to Hempstead, Long Island, for the annual Hofstra Invitational Tournament.

At this point, we want to wish Coach Corey's charges the very best of luck tonight and throughout their 18 game season, only seven of which are at home.

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# Cortland State Varsity Basketball Squad



Kneeling — left to right: Axtel, Rathjens, Popelka, Elwell, Parelli, LaGrand, VanEarden.  
 Standing — left to right: Coach Corey, Grace, Weiss, Dawson, Leahy, Lee, Chianese  
 Deger, Mgr. Shaffer

## CORTLAND STATE BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Home Address	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Class
30	Axtell, Don	Bath	23	6'0"	170	So
44	Chianese, Bud	Bronx	20	6'5"	220	Jr
* 50	Dawson, Frank	Pearl River	21	6'5"	225	Sr
* 43	Deger, Bob	Levittown	20	6'3"	210	Jr
32	Elwell, Leo	Hyde Park	21	6'0"	165	Sr
* 42	Grace, Jon	Greenlawn	20	6'2"	195	Jr
* 33	LaGrand, Louis	Yorkville	21	5'9"	143	Sr
31	Leahey, Ed	Hollis	19	6'5"	187	So
* 40	Lee, Dan	Williamsville	24	6'6"	210	Sr
39	Parelli, Ron	Cortland	21	5'9"	155	Jf
* 35	Popelka, Bill	Endicott	21	6'1"	185	So
34	Rathjens, John	Hollis	25	6'2"	180	Sr
* 41	VanEarden, Harold	Clymer	22	6'1"	175	Sr
* 45	Weiss, Wayne	Hamburg	19	6'4"	226	Jr
* Lettermen						

Coach: Whitney Corey

Manager: Bill Schaffer

Assistant Manager: Dick Suprina

Assistant Manager: Larry Vredenburg

**Refresh...**  
*add Zest to the hour*



CORTLAND

No.	Name	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.
30	Axtell, Don			
44	Chianese, Bud			
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*43	Deger, Bob			
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*42	Grace, Jon			
*33	LaGrand, Louis			
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\* Lettermen

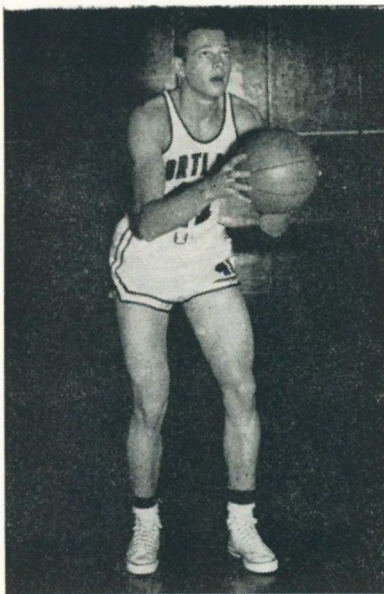
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 Bill Schaffer ..... Manager  
 Dick Suprina ..... Asst. Manager  
 Larry Vredenburg ..... Asst. Manager

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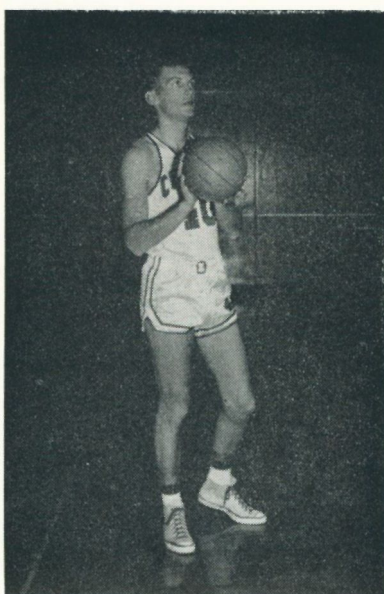
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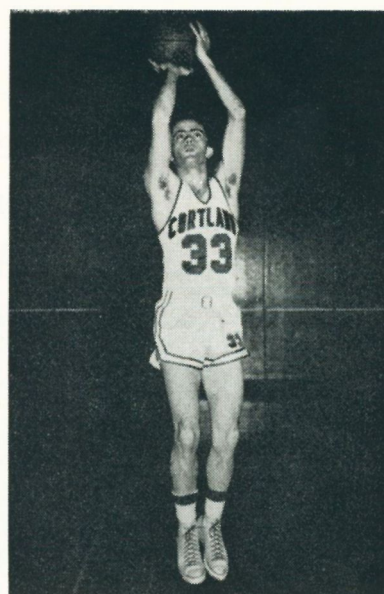
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Harold VanEarden

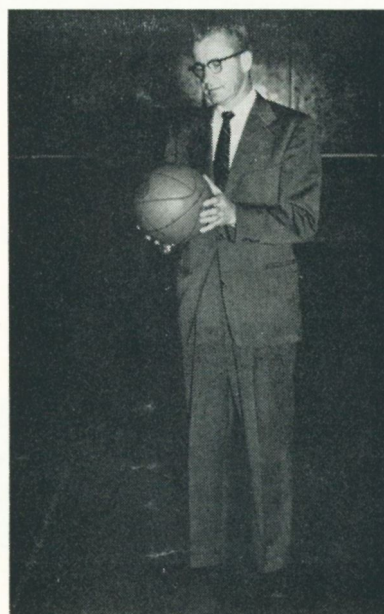


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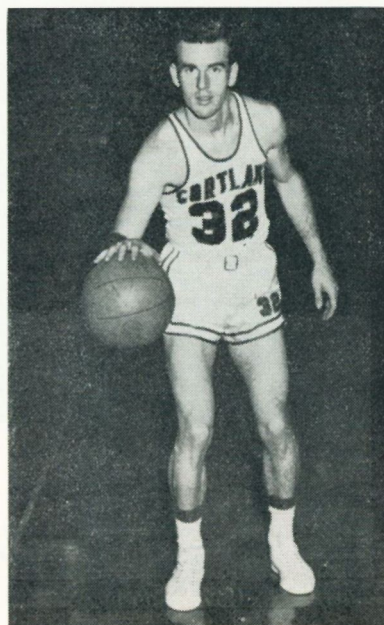
Louis LaGrand

# Red

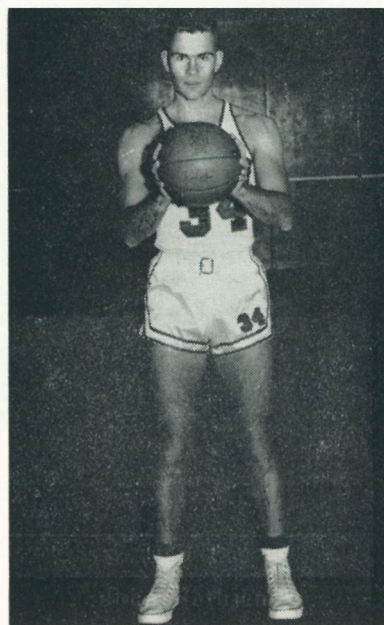


Whitney Corey, Coach

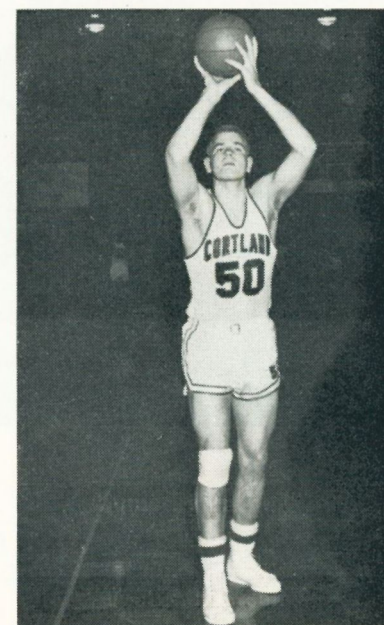
# Dragons



Leo Elwell



John Rathjens



Frank Dawson

## BUFFALO STATE BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Home Town	Class	Age	Ht.	Wt.
* 17	Austin, Sam	Buffalo	Jr	21	6'5"	185
* 10	Brown, Jim	Gowanda	So	23	6'6"	220
* 11	Cappola, James	Watertown	Jr	19	5'10"	165
14	Ellis, Don	Buffalo	So	18	5'9"	155
* 21	Hains, Ray	Woodlawn	Sr	21	6'0"	160
18	Lockman, Ron	Buffalo	So	20	6'2"	175
20	Luczak, Paul	Buffalo	Jr	19	6'0"	180
* 12	Manspeaker, Si	Amherst	Sr	21	5'5"	140
* 23	Merlo, Joe	Buffalo	Jr	21	5'10"	180
26	Meyers, Howard	Buffalo	Jr	25	6'2"	175
* 19	O'Shea, Fran	Buffalo	Jr	24	6'5"	185
13	Sinnigen, Al	Ravena	So	19	6'1"	170
* 15	Stotz, Dick	Buffalo	Sr	27	6'2"	175
* Lettermen						

Coach: Larry Katzman

Assistant Coach: Don Michalak

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