College’s Raquette Lake Camp Becomes SUNY’s First National Historic Landmark

The U.S. National Park Service officially designated Camp Pine Knot, now known as Huntington Memorial Camp and the site of the College’s Outdoor Education Center since 1948, as a National Historic Landmark, on Aug. 18, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton signed the document making Camp Pine Knot the first and only National Historic Landmark owned and operated by a SUNY institution.

“National Historic Landmark designation is the highest level of designation afforded to historic resources in the United States,” said William Krattinger, a historic preservation specialist with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. “Fewer than 2,500 national Historic Landmarks have been designated nationwide.”

“It’s wonderful news for our College that the Department of the Interior has formally recognized the importance of Camp Pine Knot, which we now call Camp Huntington, in American architectural history,” said SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, adding that the College will celebrate this new designation with a special event during the academic year.

The birthplace of the Adirondack style of architecture, Camp Pine Knot was the first of the Great Camps of the Adirondacks.

“Begun in 1877 and designed primarily by William West Durant, an innovator in the field of Adirondack camp design and one of the first promoters of the region, Pine Knot formed the prototype for the decentralized-type Adirondack camp and proved a landmark architectural essay in the form’s development,” explained Krattinger.

The structural design represented a blend of Durant’s experiences in Europe and his exposure to the vernacular architecture of the Adirondack region.

“Camp Pine Knot, with its rustic, interrelated buildings developed sensitively within a remote and secluded location on Raquette Lake, offered the prototype for the American Adirondack Camp,” added Krattinger. “The influence of these camps, which formed both architectural and social expressions of the patrons who financed their design and construction, extended well beyond the Adirondack region, and remains clearly readable in much of the rustic architecture of our larger National Parks in the western United States.”

Durant’s ownership was transferred to Collis P. Huntington in 1895. Huntington

College to Host Communiversity Day To Showcase Area Non-Profit Groups

SUNY Cortland will host its first Communiversity Day on Saturday, Sept. 18, when Cortland County non-profit organizations will be showcased during a trio of sporting events at the Stadium Complex.

Area non-profit groups have been invited to display their materials in designated spaces inside the stadium’s main entrance and to interact with the students, parents and other spectators who will be attending three SUNY Cortland athletic events that day.

The nationally ranked Red Dragon field hockey team hosts Hamilton College at noon on one stadium field, while the Red Dragon football squad plays Kean College of New Jersey at 1 p.m. on the other field. More fans will filter in later that afternoon to watch the Cortland women’s soccer team take on St. Lawrence University at 3 p.m. on adjacent Holloway Field.

“Too often the hard work of our local non-profit groups goes unnoticed,” said President Erik J. Bitterbaum, who launched the first Communiversity Day using an example shared with him by a former Cortland faculty member.

“I realize that those who volunteer and work in the non-profit sector do so without seeking or desiring any fanfare,” added Bitterbaum. “But I speak for the entire SUNY Cortland campus in saying we are grateful for all you do in our community. We are extremely proud of the unselfish individuals who make Cortland County a special place.”

For more information on Communiversity Day, contact Lisa Scherer, sport management, at ext. 5426.

College Council To Meet Sept. 13

The College Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13, in Miller Building, Room 405. The agenda includes reports by Council Chair Stephen Hunt, SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Faculty Senate Chair Ram Chaturvedi and Student Government Association President Danielle Vegas.

Council members will also receive an update on the 2004 College-Community Appreciation Award and will approve their 2003-04 Annual Report.

The Council will elect its officers, appoint its committees and approve its meeting schedule for the 2004-05 academic year.

For more information, contact Laurie Barton, President’s Office, at ext. 5500.
Eighth Annual Early Childhood Conference Planned for Sept. 18

Storyteller, educator and writer Regi Carpenter of Brooktondale, N.Y., will present the keynote address during the eighth annual Early Childhood Conference on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The conference will feature a wide variety of topical workshops of interest to child care providers as well as students in the early childhood/childhood education program. The event will take place from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Corey Union.

The registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 10. The conference fee covers workshops, refreshments and buffet lunch. The cost is $35 for students, $60 for members of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and $75 for the general public.

To register or for more information, contact the Center for Educational Exchange in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-232 or at ext. 4214.

Carpenter, in her presentation titled “Oh, the Stories We Can Tell,” will share stories from her life as a teacher, performer, child and storyteller in a program designed to inspire individuals of all ages.

“Whether telling a story or teaching, I invite young people and adults to experience how stories connect us deeply to one another and ourselves,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter has been recognized for her ability to convey humor, joy and insight through storytelling. A teacher of both story and drama, she was awarded a Leonard Bernstein Fellowship for Artists in Education in 1994. A New York State-certified elementary school teacher, she weaves storytelling into the entire curriculum while fulfilling the new teaching standards. She has presented her adult workshop, “Bringing Books to Life,” at reading conferences and district-wide meetings.

“Regi Carpenter has a voice that dances,” according to Library School Journal. “It can, at a moment’s notice, be as light as a feather, frisk about playfully, or leap with sudden power. Best of all is the sheer joy she communicates in telling her tales.”

The conference is jointly sponsored by the Early Childhood/Childhood Education Department and Center for Educational Exchange, the Cortland Area Child Care Council, the Cortland Affiliate of the Association for the Education of Young Children and the Cortland-Homer-McGraw Teacher Center.

Levine Named Executive Assistant to the President

Virginia Levine, the associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed executive assistant to the president. She began her new duties on Aug. 23.

Levine replaces Patricia Francis, who became the assistant provost for assessment and academic initiatives with SUNY system administration in Albany.

As executive assistant to SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Levine will serve on the President’s Cabinet and President’s Council and will implement special projects as assigned by the president.

Among her specific duties, Levine will direct the Middle States accreditation and Mission Review II processes; coordinate institutional long range planning and SUNY-wide awards and honorary degree nominations; oversee publication of the College Handbook; work with other groups in planning Commencement and Honors Convocation; supervise the special events coordinator; communicate with System Administration and campus constituencies on behalf of the president; and chair the Committee on the Status and Education of Women.

A native of Worcester, N.Y., she earned a bachelor’s degree with honors in Spanish from SUNY Albany. Her master’s degree and Ph.D., both in Spanish, are from Pennsylvania State University.

Levine joined the College in 1988 as an assistant professor in the International Communications and Culture Department. She was promoted to associate professor in 1993. She was appointed by State Education Commissioner Richard Mills to co-chair the Foreign Language Implementation Committee.

Committee Announces Grant Award to Improve Writing in the Disciplines

The provost and vice president for academic affairs and the College Writing Committee recently announced the availability of a grant to support academic department initiatives to improve writing instruction in courses throughout the major.

Chairs or faculty members may submit proposals on behalf of departments that wish to modify their courses to include more writing instruction.

The award will be $5,000. One grant will be offered each year. The deadline for application is Friday, Oct. 15, for projects to be implemented in spring and fall 2005.

Faculty members will receive applications from the Provost’s Office through campus mail. For additional information, contact Mary Lynch Kennedy, campus writing coordinator, at ext. 2086 or by e-mail at kennedym@cortland.edu.
Film Director Peter Bratt to Speak Sept. 9 After Viewing of Feature ‘Follow Me Home’

Film director Peter Bratt will show and discuss "Follow Me Home," his 1996 critically acclaimed independent feature film presenting contemporary American culture from a native American viewpoint, on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The movie, which Bratt wrote and describes as "an ethnic road movie," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. After the two-hour film, Bratt will discuss with the audience his debut directing effort. The film and discussion are free and open to the public. The unrated film has strong language and may not be suitable for young children.

The brother of Hollywood actor and celebrity Benjamin Bratt, Peter Bratt has come into his own right as a director. With "Follow Me Home," he dared to explore race and identity from the intersecting perspectives of Chicano, African Americans and Native Americans. The defiant, humorous and poetic allegorical tale portrays four young artists who travel cross country to paint a mural on the White House.

"All the main characters in this film carry the 'soul wound,'" said Bratt, who claims a South American Indian ancestry. "The 'soul wound' is a result of the perpetration that was committed against the indigenous peoples of the Americas and also the Africans, who were brought here as slaves."

Among the cast is brother Benjamin (NBC's "Law and Order"), Afre Woodard ("American Quilt," "Star Trek First Contact"), Jesse Borrego ("Mi Vida Loca"), Calvin Levels ("Ragtime") and Steve Reavis ("Dances With Wolves"). Bratt had difficulty finding a distributor for the finished film.

"The film deals with race and you can't help but deal with race issues in getting the film distributed," Bratt observes. "We know there's an audience. We've received so many calls from people who say they need to see the film and ask when it's coming out. In over 80 percent of the places we've screened it, we've received a standing ovation. What we've come up against is institutional racism. Someone at the top of the social structure — and in this case it's most likely a middle-aged, white man — making the determination of whether or not the film will be commercially viable or interesting to the lowest common denominator in the U.S."

When no major studio would distribute the film, Henri Norris, an African American female malpractice attorney, created New Millennia Films so that Bratt's film and its message could reach a significant audience.

Released as an official selection at the 1996 Sundance Film Festival, the film also earned a Best Feature Film at that year's San Francisco International Film Festival's Audience Award. Bratt was named the 1996 Best Director at the American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. He was honored with a 2000 Rockefeller Foundation Film/Video/Multimedia Fellowship, reserved for individuals poised to join the 21st century's major film-makers.

"Bulging with social and spiritual references and imagery, but never redundantly polemic or preachy, the movie follows the ensemble as it comes to understand the power of collective experience and memory," a New York Daily News reviewer wrote.

In 1988, shortly after dropping out of film school at New York University, Bratt returned to his native San Francisco area and began writing screenplays. Four years later, he was frustrated at the lack of Hollywood support for "Walkman," the story of a contemporary Native American struggling to overcome substance abuse. So he and brother, Benjamin, founded Chacras Filmworks to produce films with indigenous themes, histories and stories. After receiving $7,000 from Eduardo and Bonnie Duran, the brothers began work on "Follow Me Home."

For more information, contact Dawn Van Hall at ext. 4890.

International Faculty Committee Formed

A joint labor/management committee, established by the President's Office and SUNY Cortland's chapter of United University Professions (UUP), has been formed to address issues and concerns specific to international faculty that are hired or hosted at the College.

This committee was created for the purpose of reviewing the College's policies and practices related to hiring international faculty, identifying best practices at other institutions, and making recommendations that will facilitate the transition of international employees to SUNY Cortland.

The committee is co-chaired by Henry Steck, political science, and Joanne Barry, human resources, and includes the following members: Lara Atkins, international programs; Heather Bridge, childhood/early childhood; Virginia Levine, president's office; and William Shaut, finance and management.

Early in the fall semester the committee will meet with faculty and staff to gather information and provide a forum to share ideas and concerns. Any faculty or staff member who wishes to provide input to this process should contact Steck at ext. 4807 or Barry at ext. 2302.

Grant Awarded for Conservation of Campus Sculpture

Dowd Fine Arts Gallery was recently awarded a grant for $6,750 from the Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums (LHC) for conservation treatment of the William Sellers outdoor painted steel sculpture "Four Square."

With the funding, the yellow steel sculpture, created in 1969 and located on the main campus near Bowers Hall, will be stabilized from deterioration, said Gallery Director Barbara Racker.

She applied for the conservation treatment grant on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA), which has primary stewardship responsibility for the piece of art.

Miller Metal Fabricating of Rochester, N.Y., will complete the project in consultation with the artist and with conservator Richard Sherin.

The piece badly needs maintenance so the public can enjoy it in the future, Racker said.

The College was among only 25 organizations for treatment procedures by professional conservators and to aid in stabilizing and preserving a wide array of unique objects in collections of museums, historical and cultural organizations in New York State. The grant awards are made for prioritized, urgently needed conservation of objects that, once treated, will impact on public interpretive programs, exhibitions and education.

Not-for-profit organizations with stewardship responsibility for cultural collections but lacking in-house conservation staff were eligible applicants for the grants. Collections owned by state or federal agencies were not eligible for support.

For more information, contact Racker at...
Employees Asked to Update Directory Information Online

All SUNY Cortland employees are asked to review and update their information on the electronic campus directory. This directory lists name, title, department, phone number, office location and e-mail address for each College employee.

To ensure accuracy in the printed 2004-2005 Faculty/Staff Directory, which will be available on campus in mid-October, employees are being asked to review their information electronically as follows:

From the home page at www.cortland.edu, click on “Faculty/Staff Resources” and then “Faculty/Staff Directory - Directory Maintenance” or use the Personal Information Menu on Banner Web.

Once a Cortland ID or Social Security number and birth date are entered, access to personal information is granted. Checking for accuracy is encouraged. All changes made by Wednesday, Sept. 15, will be reflected in the printed directory. State employees can enter changes directly to this online record. There is also an option to include a home address and/or telephone number in the printed directory.

ASC employees should submit directory changes to ASC Human Resource Manager Michelle Brackin via e-mail at brackinn@cortland.edu. Research Foundation employees should submit changes to Assistant Fiscal Officer Pat Catterfeld by sending an e-mail to patc@em.cortland.edu.

For more information, contact the Information Resources Office at ext. 5942.

College Handbook Changes Outlined

Copies of the SUNY Cortland 2004-2006 College Handbook that were recently mailed to campus offices do not reflect some changes to Chapter 330: Student Judicial System. Please make note of the following changes in your copy of the handbook.

• Under the heading Code of Student Conduct, on page 48, the date for the most recent edition of the Code of Student Conduct should be 2004.

• Under the heading Violation of Law and College Discipline (Section Five of the Code) on page 49, delete the last sentence under part A — “In such cases, no sanction may be imposed unless the student has been found guilty of a violation of law in a court of law.”

• Under the heading Due Process Rights (Section Ten of the Code) part C, on page 49, delete “with Certificate of Mailing” and in part H, on page 50, delete the second sentence — “The number of witnesses who may be called will be determined by the board or administrator hearing the case.”

The 2004-2006 College Handbook online accurately reflects these changes.

Nominations Sought for Brooks Teaching Award

The Rozanne Brooks Dedicated Teacher’s Award Committee is seeking nominations for the Brooks Award for the 2004-05 academic year.

The award recognizes a faculty member who devotes a major portion of his/her time to teaching and spends a significant amount of time with students outside the classroom. Involvement in campus life, such as cultural events, athletics and committee work, will enhance one’s candidacy. Publication and research will not be an emphasis of the award.

Nominations should be submitted by Monday, Oct. 11, to the Division of Institutional Advancement in Studio West. The nomination form was sent via e-mail to all faculty and may be accessed online at cortland.edu/sociology/award.html.

For more information, contact Melony Warwick, institutional advancement, at ext. 2518.

The award recipient will be presented with a $5,000 stipend at the Spring 2005 Honors Convocation. The award money may be used for appropriate professional expenses, such as experiments, purchase of books and special materials, and for travel or other items that recipients believe would enhance their ability to teach effectively. At the end of the academic year following the award issue date, each recipient must present to the Brooks Teaching Award Committee and the president of the College a one-page report stating how the award was spent and how the awardee felt his or her teaching was enhanced.

Distinguished Teaching Professor Brooks, founding chair of the Sociology Department, was a dynamic force on the SUNY Cortland campus for many years. She died in 1997 after a long and distinguished career. In her own words, “This award is for people who are outstanding teachers in the classroom, who spend considerable time with students and are very student-oriented, who go to all the events on campus, who do committee work, who are really a force on the faculty, and within the academic community. These are often the people who are not rewarded enough. It is my intention with this award to do something about that.” Professor Brooks did just that by establishing the award named in her honor.

The Brooks Award is open to teaching faculty who possess continuing appointment and have been employed at SUNY Cortland for a minimum of five years. Candidates must be teaching a full-time course load as defined by their department for the fall and spring semesters. Nominators should pay particular attention to this requirement and should direct any questions about eligibility to the Division of Institutional Advancement.

With the exception of publication, the committee will use the same criteria used to identify nominees for the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Nominees will be expected to provide the committee with a variety of materials in support of their nomination, such as CTE grade distribution, a current resume, letters from colleagues and former students, course materials and statements of teaching and grading philosophy. Committee members will visit candidates’ classes unannounced during the fall and spring semesters to observe and evaluate candidates in a number of different teaching situations. Members of the committee are Donna Anderson, professor emerita of performing arts, Mary Lee Martens, professor emerita of foundations and social advocacy, and Timothy Baroni, biological sciences.

The Brooks Teaching Award Committee will consider the names of individuals suggested by faculty or professional staff. Self-recommendations will not be accepted. Faculty may win the award one time only. Those nominated but not winning the award must wait three years before being nominated again. In the event that the awards committee receives only one nomination in any given year, the committee reserves the right not to give the award for that year. If this occurs, the requirement that the nominee must wait three years to be nominated again is waived and, if he or she wishes, will automatically be placed in nomination the following year.

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SUNY Cortland Child Care Center Reaccredited by National Association

The SUNY Cortland Child Care Center earned re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals.

“We’re proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Johanna Hartnett, executive director. “NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences.”

More than 8,000 early childhood programs, serving nearly three-quarters of a million children, are currently accredited by NAEYC. SUNY Cortland Child Care Center is currently the only NAEYC-accredited program in Cortland County, and has been reaccredited for the third time.

“In recent years, we’ve seen a growing number of child care and preschool programs earning NAEYC Accreditation,” said Mark Ginsberg, executive director of NAEYC and 1975 SUNY Cortland alumns. “By earning re-accreditation, SUNY Cortland Child Care Center has become a leader in a national effort to raise the quality of early childhood education and to give all children a better start.”

NAEYC created its accreditation system in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education and to help families identify high-quality child care and early education programs. To earn NAEYC accreditation, a program conducts a self-study to determine how well it meets the association’s standards, which encompass all areas of the program, including health and safety, physical environment, educational levels of staff, program standards for children and parental satisfaction. After any necessary improvements are made, the program is observed by independent, professional validators and reviewed by a national panel. Programs are accredited by NAEYC for a five-year period.

For more information, contact Hartnett at ext. 5955.

College Writing Committee Hosts Reception for Faculty Development Initiatives at New Library Cafe

The College Writing Committee (CWC) invites members of the campus community to a reception at the new library cafe, The Bookmark Cafe, from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17. The event will celebrate the unveiling of the Cortland Online Writing Resource Center and the official announcement of the CWC Grant for Writing in the Disciplines. Refreshments will be served.

This is the first in a series of CWC initiatives for 2004-05 focused on fostering a vibrant culture of writing at Cortland. They are being developed in an effort to reinforce the shared values, goals, and practices that characterize Cortland as a college committed to producing literate, resourceful writers.

Other initiatives include a series of monthly readings by campus writers, including: President Erik J. Bitterbaum – poetry; Dave Miller, geography – personal narrative; and Seth Asumah, political science – nonfiction.

Workshops on the teaching of writing in different academic fields will be offered by David Franke, English and professional writing, and other faculty, Mary Lynch Kennedy, English, will offer workshops on best practices for teaching writing.

The seventh annual College Writing Contest will be judged in the spring. Scholars’ Day sessions will focus on student writing, and other special events are planned for student writers.

For more information, contact Kennedy at ext. 2086 or by e-mail at kennedym@cortland.edu.
Open Recreation Schedule Posted

Park Center Basketball Gym D-305
Monday 8-11 p.m.
Tuesday 8-11 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday 8-11 p.m.
Friday 8-11 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday Noon-11 p.m.

Park Center Racquetball/Squash/
Table Tennis/Pro-Star Fitness Circuit
Monday-Friday 6:30-8 a.m. and
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 4-11 p.m.
Friday 4-10 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday Noon-11 p.m.

Moffett Pool
Monday-Friday 6:30-8 a.m. and
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday/Wednesday 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Moffett Gym
Monday-Thursday 3-11 p.m.
Friday 3-10 p.m.
Saturday Noon-6 p.m.
Sunday Noon-11 p.m.

Equipment Check-Out
Monday-Thursday 4-11 p.m.
Friday 4-10 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday Noon-11 p.m.

*Tomik Fitness Facilities
Monday-Thursday 6 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m.-11 p.m.

*Woods Fitness Facilities
Monday-Friday 6:30-8:30 a.m.
Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday Noon-11 p.m.

Hornibrook Appointed Interim Men’s Soccer Coach

Dwight Hornibrook has been named SUNY Cortland’s interim men’s soccer head coach for the 2004-05 season, according to Director of Athletics Joan Sitterly. Hornibrook replaces Mike Middleton, who coached the Red Dragons the past four seasons.

Hornibrook comes to Cortland after an extensive stint at Houghton College (N.Y.) of the American Midwest Conference (AMC). Hornibrook also served as an assistant coach for the Cornell University men’s soccer team during the spring of 2004.

Hornibrook, who earned NCCP Level Five Certification in 1986 from the National Coaching Institute, held the head coaching position at Houghton from 1995-2003 and led the squad to the AMC North Division title last season, posting a 15-4-1 record. He was named the AMC North Division and the NSCAA/Adidas Northeast Region Coach of the Year for his efforts. The team posted wins over Division II Ashland, Gannon, Le Moyne and Mercyhurst and dropped a 2-1 decision to eventual NAIA national champion Rio Grande during the 2003 season. Hornibrook’s teams captured NAIA regional titles in 1995 and 1996.

Prior to Houghton, Hornibrook was a member of the Canadian National Team staff from 1987-94. He coached in the U-17 World Cup in 1987 and in World Cup qualifying in 1992. Hornibrook served as head coach of the Winnipeg Fury in 1990 and was a player/assistant coach for the Nova Scotia Clippers in 1991 in the Canadian Soccer League. In 1998-99, he was the North American scout for Middlesbrough FC of the English Premier League.

Hornibrook graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Canada, in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in education. He was a five-year member of the soccer team as a midfielder and was a two-time Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) all-star. The team won a national title in 1980 and he was named an Athlete of Distinction in 1982. After graduation, Hornibrook was a member of the North American Soccer League’s (NASL) TorontoBlizzards reserve squad in 1983.

A native of Fredericton, N.B., Hornibrook is a graduate of Fredericton High School, where he earned Rookie of the Year and MVP honors in soccer. His team was crowned provincial champion in 1977. In 1992, Hornibrook was inducted into the city of Fredericton Sports Wall of Fame.

Hornibrook and his wife, Donna, who is the field hockey coach at Cornell University, currently reside in Lansing, N.Y., with their two daughters, Kathryn and Emily.

Woodcock Named Interim Women’s Soccer Coach

Heidi Woodcock has been named the interim head coach of the SUNY Cortland women’s soccer team for the 2004-05 season, according to Director of Athletics Joan Sitterly. Woodcock replaces Laura Ray, who coached the Red Dragons the past two seasons.

Woodcock served as an assistant coach for the Red Dragons during the spring of 2004. Prior to Cortland, Woodcock coached the Liverpool High School girls’ junior varsity soccer team in the fall of 2003 and was an assistant coach for the bronze medal-winning Central Region women’s open soccer team at the 2004 Empire State Games.

Woodcock is a 2002 graduate of Nazareth College, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology and was a starting sweeper for the nationally ranked women’s soccer program. As a senior, she was named a second team All-American and the Empire 8 Player of the Year.

Woodcock was twice all-region and a three-time all-state and all-conference selection.

A native of Liverpool, N.Y., Woodcock graduated from Liverpool High School in 1998. She earned all-state, All Central New York and all-league honors in soccer and was a member of the track and field team.

Formerly Heidi Brown, Woodcock has four siblings who were all athletes at Cortland. Brothers Scott and Ryan were both pitchers on Cortland’s baseball team, while sisters Tori and Molly played field hockey for the Red Dragons. Scott and Tori were All Americans in their respective sports.

Woodcock and her husband, Brett, a former Le Moyne College baseball player, currently reside in Liverpool.
Kevin Sheets Will Lead Team in Designing American History Online Courses for Teachers

Kevin Sheets, history, will oversee a three-year initiative to create and pilot “Crossroads of Change,” a series of instructor-led, online professional development courses on traditional American history for intermediate and high school teachers.

The Wayne-Finger Lakes Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is the lead agency for the nearly $1 million project, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant Program. As well as BOCES and SUNY Cortland, resource partners in the program include the National Women’s Hall of Fame, Women’s Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls Heritage Area and Seneca Falls Historical Society.

Sheets, who is project director and principal investigator, said three online courses will be developed for social studies teachers who either lack an historian’s or an educator’s background or for those who wish to remain current in their profession.

“Our goal is to improve students’ abilities in history by improving and enhancing their teachers’ grasp of history and the skills of historians,” Sheets said.

The three courses will focus on a “crossroads” American historical period from 1825-1861.

“The completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 was a huge transportational advance that had repercussions throughout society,” explains Sheets, whose specialty is 19th century American history. “This period of democratization and geographic expansionism with all its repercussions has become more complex. Teachers must be prepared to present the materials effectively.

The second module, teaching approaches or pedagogy, will include materials master teachers have found to be relevant in teaching history. The “best practices” class will demonstrate how to present the materials effectively.

The third module, on how to impart the skills of an historian, will focus on historical methods.

“This course is designed to teach educators how historians think, for example, about historical causation or the sequence of events,” Sheets said. “It’s about learning how to interpret materials.”

The course development team will engage in 120 hours of lectures, discussions, site visits, research and content development during the summer or after-school symposia. Subsequently, the team will work with course developers to convert material to the three instructor-led online courses. The courses will be peer reviewed and supported by a World Wide Web bank of approved lesson plans.

Whether the project makes a difference in middle and high school student test scores will be determined through a comparison of scores between students whose teachers participated in the online learning and those whose teachers did not participate.

The grant will offset expenses for Sheets as he teaches a reduced course load while working on the project.

Madeleine Hemmings is the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES grants coordinator. Alice Kaminski, BOCES coordinator of online learning, will serve as project team leader. Together, they wrote the successful grant application to the U.S. Department of Education. The National Women’s Hall of Fame will provide an administrative manager to coordinate consultant liaisons, logistics and scheduling. The Seneca Falls Heritage Area and Seneca Falls Historical Society will receive a portion of the grant to fund their roles as resources. Morris Beers, a professor of education and human development at SUNY Brockport, will serve as outside evaluator of the project. Faculty from the University of Buffalo, Keuka College and the Library of Congress will also provide support.

“We are excited about this opportunity to design and implement this highly replicable instructional model,” said Joseph Marinelli, BOCES Wayne-Finger Lakes District superintendent.

“Crossroads of Change” brings us together with respected history-based institutions that will add their expertise to not only the content development, but also the methods employed to produce maximum learning. With New York State Learning Standards, history curriculum has become more complex. Teachers must be sufficiently prepared and comfortable with it.”

For more information, contact Sheets at ext. 2060.
News Briefs

Gallery Exhibit to Open Sept. 7

Dowd Fine Arts Gallery will show “Nature Reinvented: Mark Eshbaugh, Jill Parisi and Rosalyn Richards” from Tuesday, Sept. 7 through Saturday, Oct. 23.

The three artists explore the relationship of nature, science and technology to reinvent nature in their prints and drawings. Eshbaugh uses cameras of his own invention to create sublime-landscape photographs, realities of his own invention. Richards’ “topologies of space and time” are influenced by images from scientific sources such as seismology, microrheotomics, oceanography and theoretical physics. Parisi’s purpose for her sculptural etchings is “to create organisms for a fictional ecosystem.”

The exhibition is free and open to the public from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Gallery Director Barbara Racker at ext. 4216.

Choral Union Rehearsals Continue

The Performing Arts Department announces that the Choral Union will hold its second rehearsal at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, in Dowd Fine Arts Center, Room 108. All members of the SUNY Cortland community are invited to join.

The concert will be performed at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, and will feature excerpts from Johann Sebastian Bach’s “Christmas Oratorio.”

Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, is the ensemble’s director. Auditions are not required for admission to the Choral Union and there is no membership fee. Voluntary donations are accepted to help defray the costs of paying the chorus’ professional accompanist.

For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.

UUP Welcome Picnic to be Held

The annual United University Professions (UUP) Welcome and Welcome Back Picnic will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, at Yamar Park pavilion. UUP academic and professional staff, their families, partners and guests are welcome.

The event will be catered by the Dinosaur Barbecue of Syracuse. A vegetarian menu will be available.

All new academic and professional staff are welcome with no charge. UUPers who bring a new staff member to the picnic will have the ticket price waived. A small fee will be charged for those 13 years and older. There is a children’s play area adjacent to the picnic pavilion.

Reservations are requested by Sept. 8 by calling the UUP office at ext. 5991. The office is located in Brockway Hall, Room 130.

Video Marking Griffen’s 50th Year Celebration Available for Purchase

A videotape of the celebration for William Griffen, foundations and social advocacy, is available for purchase. Griffen was honored Aug. 26 as the most senior faculty member in the history of the State University of New York. Griffen begins his 50th consecutive year of teaching this semester.

Ruth Grunberg ’70 had Griffen’s 50th year of teaching celebrated videotaped.

To purchase a copy of the tape, contact: Grunberg; Ruth Grunberg, 70-1/2 Elm Street, Cortland, NY 13045, 756-1880, or by e-mail at startrekruth@verizon.net.

2004 Memory Walk for Alzheimer’s Starts Sept. 19 at Lusk Field House

The seventh annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer’s Disease will take place on Sunday, Sept. 19, at Lusk Field House. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Walkers may participate individually or as a team. T-shirts, sweatshirts and prizes will be awarded based on the level of contribution. Prizes have been donated by local merchants.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the Center for Aging and Human Services located in Old Main, Room 122. For more information, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 753-5060, County Office Building, 60 Central Ave., Cortland.

Half of the funds raised support the Respite Program provided by the Area Agency on Aging. Grants enable families who care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia to purchase respite care so they may have a break from their caregiving responsibilities. In-home respite care, social and medical model day care and institutional respite can be provided with the funds.

The Memory Walk 2004 is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, SUNY Cortland’s Center for Aging and Human Services and the CNY Alzheimer’s Association.

Tennis Awareness Day Planned

The Recreational Sports Office will host a Tennis Awareness Day beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, in conjunction with the women’s varsity tennis match versus SUNY Potsdam.

A variety of contests will be held at the varsity tennis courts, which are closest to Park Center. Attendees have an opportunity to sign up for a newly created co-rec tennis league. A beginners tennis clinic is planned and door prizes will be given away.

For more information, contact Beth Brunelle, recreational sports, at ext. 5704 or by e-mail at brunelleet@cortland.edu.

2004-05 Parking Permits Available

Parking permits for the 2004-05 academic year are now available through the University Police Department. Faculty and staff 2003-04 parking permits expired in August.

The cost of a permit for employees represented by a union is $15 per year. The cost of a permit for Management Confidential and other non-union full-time employees is $144.90 per year. Parking permits for Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) employees will be available through ASC.

To register a vehicle online, go to www.cortland.edu/univpolice/DPSpark.htm. Vehicles can be registered in person or by mail by sending a check made out to SUNY Cortland via inter-office mail to University Police, Van Hoesen Hall, Room C-17.

All permits purchased through inter-office mail or online will be sent to campus addresses.

For more information, contact the University Police Department at ext. 4123.

CALS Lecture Grant Applications Now Available; Due Sept. 10

The Campus Artists and Lecture Series (CALS) Lecture Grant applications are available in each department office or by calling ext. 2321.

Applications for the fall semester are due by Friday, Sept. 10, to be eligible for a maximum award of $500 for September, October, November and December lecture programs. Applications received after this date may be eligible for any fall semester funds remaining available.

Completed applications should be returned to the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office, Corey Union, Room 406. For more information, call ext. 2321.

Bowlers Sought for Fall League

The College’s Sunset Bowling League will kick off its season on Friday, Oct. 1, at Cort-Lanes. Teams consist of three bowlers, with membership open to all College employees, students and retirees, as well as their spouses, domestic partners and children 18 years and older.

The league coincides with the academic calendar to accommodate breaks and vacations.

Those interested in joining as a full-time bowler or as a substitute should contact Melony Warwick at ext. 2518 or Lynda Baroni at ext. 2715.

An organizational meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, at Cort-Lanes.

Arden Zipp, chemistry, served as a table leader at the advanced placement chemistry reading that was held at Clemson University in June. As a table leader he helped develop grading standards, trained other readers to apply those standards, and monitored their grading. During the seven days of the reading, 70,000 chemistry exams were scored by 170 college and high school teachers.

Coming Events

Monday, Sept. 6
Classes in session.

Tuesday, Sept. 7
Faculty Senate Meeting: Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 1:10 p.m.
Study Abroad Information Session: “Student Teaching in London,” Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8
Organization/Club Fair: Corey Union front steps, 11 a.m. Rain site: Corey Union Function Room
Sandwich Seminar: “From Service to Action: The Future of the American Democracy Project on our Campus,” presented by Richard Kendrick, sociology/anthropology, and members of the American Democracy Project Task Force, Old Main, third floor mezzanine, 12:30 p.m.
Wellness Wednesday Series: “Fishing for Success,” an interactive, motivational presentation presented by J.J. Manley, residential services, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9
Sandwich Seminar: “Public Access Defibrillation Program,” presented by Steven Meyer, exercise science and sport studies, Old Main, third floor mezzanine, noon.
Film and Discussion: Director Peter Bratt will show and discuss “Follow Me Home,” Corey Union Function Room, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10
$ UUP Picnic: Yaman Park, 4-7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11
Tennis Awareness Day: Contests, clinic, door prizes, varsity tennis courts, 1 p.m.
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony: Corey Union front steps, 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 13
Meeting: College Council, Miller Building, Room 405, 4 p.m.
Choral Union Rehearsal: Dowd Fine Arts Center, Room 108, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14
Recreational Sports Roundtable:
Sponsored by Advisement and First Year Programs Office, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15
Sandwich Seminar: “Cortland’s Urban Recruitment of Educators’ (C.U.R.E.) Program: Challenging Inequities in Education,” presented by Michelle Kelly and Stephanie Spina of foundations and social advocacy, Claudia Tracy, C.U.R.E. project director, and C.U.R.E. students, Old Main, third floor mezzanine, 12:30 p.m.
Wellness Wednesday Series: “So You’re in College: Now What?” led by Richard Peagler, counseling and student development, and Michael Holland, residential services, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16
Study Abroad Information Fair: Corey Union lower level, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 17
Women’s Initiative Tea: Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 2 p.m.
Reception: Sponsored by the College Writing Committee at the new library cafe, the Bookmark Cafe, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18
Early Childhood Conference: Corey Union, various locations, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Communiversity Day: Cortland County non-profit organizations will exhibit during sporting events, Stadium Complex, noon.

Sunday, Sept. 19
Memory Walk for Alzheimer’s Disease: Lusk Field House, 12:30 p.m.