



SUNY CORTLAND

Exercise Physiologist Edward Zambraski '71 Directs Army's Military Performance Division

By Peter D. Koryzno
Editor

NATICK, Mass. — Several colleges and universities dot the picturesque New England landscape surrounding Boston. Viewed from across Lake Cochituate, the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM), with its cluster of brick buildings, shaded walkways and idyllic peninsular location, might easily be mistaken for one of these quaint-looking schools.

That perception, however, changes as one approaches the entrance, where armed guards thoroughly inspect each visitor. Their presence provides a stark reality check that underlies the unique mission of this world-class research facility.

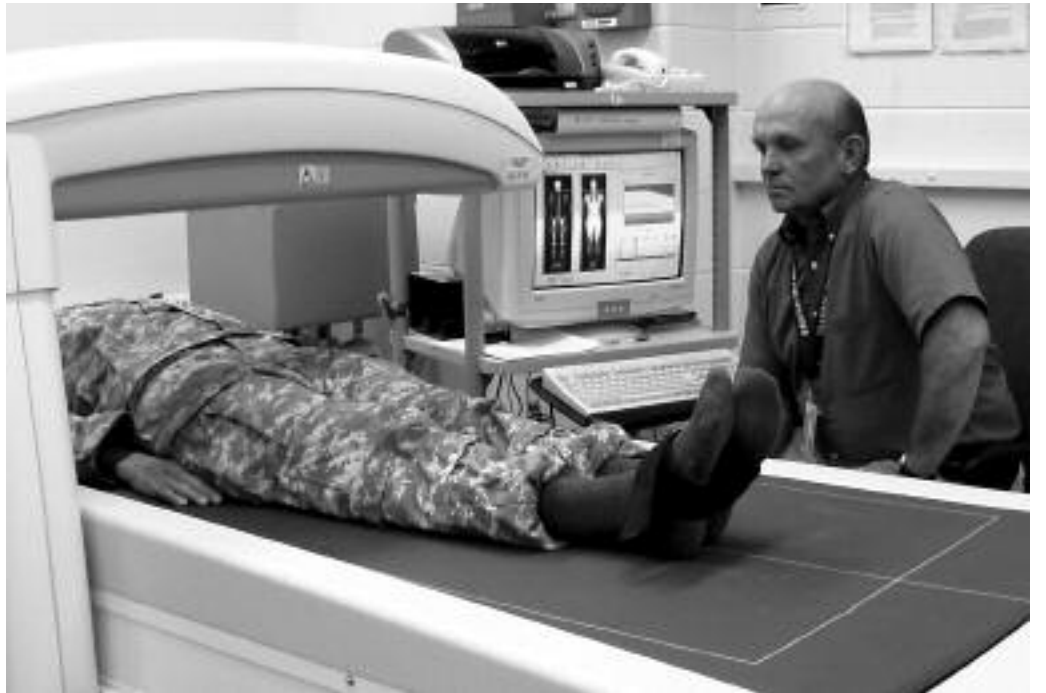
"Anything that the Army equips the soldier with or feeds the soldier, USARIEM is involved in early on, in terms of the formulation, the intent, the need and the health risk appraisal," explains Dr. Edward Zambraski '71, a SUNY Cortland Distinguished Young Alumnus Award winner in 1981 who heads the Military Performance Division, one of four different research divisions located here.

Specifically, his division's mission is to protect, sustain and enhance the health and performance of U.S. war fighters through its basic and applied research in environmental physiology and occupational medicine.

"We have four different research groups within the division — performance physiology, injury epidemiology, biomechanics and cognitive performance," said Zambraski, who was an accomplished exercise physiology professor and department chair at Rutgers University for 27 years before joining the USARIEM in 2003.

Zambraski, who had been pondering retirement, was lured to the USARIEM by a commander who wanted him to revitalize its Military Performance Division that had "sort of been on hold for several years."

"We had just gotten into Iraq," said Zambraski. "There were a lot of important issues with regard to soldier injury and



Edward Zambraski '71, chief of the USARIEM's Military Performance Division, observes a soldier receiving a whole body scan with a Dual Energy X-ray Absorbsiometry (DEXA). The U.S. Army has very specific body weight/height and body fat standards. This DEXA has the capacity to measure an individual's total body fat and muscle tissue with a complete scan that takes only two to three minutes. Ongoing studies are using the DEXA to assess changes in soldiers' body composition as a result of physical training and prolonged deployment.

performance that were coming up. I was given the challenge, authority and resources to come in and retool this group and bring in new people who were needed. I've been doing that for four years and we've made tremendous progress."

Some 45 scientists and support personnel report to Zambraski.

"About 40 percent of those are soldiers in uniform — from flight surgeons to doctors and other medical personnel," he said. "Some have been trained by the military and are on active duty. This is important because many of them have been deployed. They know what the problems are. Since the institute is under a military command, I report to a full colonel and I have a number of military personnel reporting to me."

"Working for the Army and the government is very different than for a university in that it is much more structured. At a university,

depending upon your appointment, you balance your teaching and your research. You sort of decide the area you want to work in as long as you can get funding to do it. Time is a lot more flexible. The deadlines are relatively soft."

Not so at the USARIEM, where often the exigencies of battles being fought around the world dictate the issues studied by Zambraski and the division's scientists.

"If there's some soldier problem in the military, we are essentially the basic scientists and applied scientists who are supposed to direct our attention to that problem," he continued. "I'll give you a very recent example: blast injury and soldiers exposed to blast from the IEDs — improvised explosive devices. It's a big concern and not just to soldiers who are exposed to blasts and that have sustained other injuries, but to soldiers who are knocked down

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Six Examples of Boundless Excellence



Four recipients of the 2007 State University of New York Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence attended the College's Honors Convocation on April 21. The award winners, standing from the left, are: David Hamilton, a recreation major from Freeville, N.Y.; Rose Graham, a physical education major from Central Islip, N.Y.; René DaSilva, a childhood education major from Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Joseph Agovino, a political science major from Wantagh, N.Y. Lindsey Marranca and Glen Odalbraski, both December 2006 graduates, did not attend the ceremony.

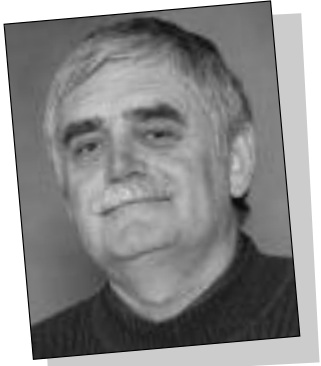
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ALUMNI Perspective



By Gordon Valentine '68
President, Alumni Association

Helping Chart the Path from Student to Alumnus

Students form the lifeblood of any college. They were the reason that the Cortland Normal School was created 139 years ago and they are the bedrock for a vibrant Cortland that remains a strong component of the State University of New York in 2007.

One of the concepts I did not understand fully when I first came to Cortland as a student in the 1960s was that I would be an alumnus. Graduation seemed so far away, but my four years went by rapidly.

Today's students, I imagine, are no different from me in this regard. What has changed, however, is the Alumni Association's concerted effort to connect with our future graduates while they still populate Cortland's classrooms.

More than a decade ago, the Alumni Affairs Office, in conjunction with the Alumni Association Board of Directors, created the Student Alumni Association (SAA). This Student Government Association-sanctioned group is comprised of current undergraduates and governed by its own officers working with the Alumni Affairs Office assistant director.

SAA members act as College ambassadors with other students as well as with the community and alumni. The SAA-sponsored Senior Send-Off, an on-campus party celebrating our seniors' last day of classes in May, has become one of the most popular events of the year for the senior class members.

Raising funds last year through can and bottle collections during Earth Day, the SAA provided funds to purchase caps and gowns for graduating seniors unable to afford them. One graduating male and one graduating female student each is awarded money to purchase clothes for a first job through the SAA's Best Impression Program. SAA members made fleece blankets that were distributed to local pediatric units through another program called Crafts for a Cause.

Impressively, all SUNY Cortland clubs and organizations are doing something special and giving back through community service and civic engagement. These concerned students make me even prouder of my alma mater. But SAA maintains a unique position with regard to the Alumni Association because it has a seat at our table. Two SAA representatives serve on the Alumni Board. We value their voices and the ideas forwarded.

This summer, our Student Relations and Young Alumni Committees are preparing activities for the incoming freshman during the summer orien-

tation sessions. The education of our students to the realization that they, too, will be alumni in the near future needs to start their first day on campus. We also will be working with faculty and staff to assist in demonstrating the importance of our current students to the future of this College.

In recent years, the association has made efforts to be more attuned to the voices of our newest members by adding a few young alumni to our board of directors.

Last November, the Alumni Affairs Office staff coordinated activities for these younger alumni both at the Dark Horse Tavern and at the Alumni House during the Cortaca Jug game. We, as an alumni board, use our chapter structure in helping our young alums adapt to life after Cortland.

Coupled with our SAA initiatives, these activities are ensuring the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will be an even stronger organization in the years ahead.

If you have graduated from SUNY Cortland in the last 10 years and would like to become more involved with the Alumni Association, please send an e-mail to alumni@cortland.edu.

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Summer Interns Wanted

Jennifer Soyke, sophomore criminology major from Oxford, N.Y., waits her turn to talk with Peter Jackson '98 about summer internship opportunities with the U.S. Secret Service in Syracuse, N.Y. Jackson, a secret service agent, staffed a booth in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge on March 21, when the Career Services Office was holding a Summer Job and Internship Fair for students. He's talking to junior criminology major Chase Harper of Lansing, N.Y., pictured on the left.

Koziol Selected as Associate Director of Alumni Affairs

Nicholas J. Koziol, a residence hall director at SUNY Cortland for the past two years, joined the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association as its associate director of alumni affairs on April 23.

He replaces Michelina Gibbons, who moved within the College to work as a career resource specialist in Career Services on Jan. 2.

In his new position, Koziol oversees SUNY Cortland's 13 alumni chapters across New York State and in Boston, Atlanta and the Mid-Atlantic area. Koziol helps recruit and train alumni volunteers and assists each chapter in organizing two events each year.

Another of Koziol's responsibilities will be working on a new initiative focusing on ways to involve more young alumni in the life of the College, both on or off campus.

"Nick's experience with Cortland undergraduates will make it easier for us to establish the types of programs and services our younger alumni want and need," said Doug DeRancy '75, executive director of alumni affairs.

Koziol began working at SUNY Cortland in 2004, when he was appointed residence hall director of Randall Hall. The following year, he became director of Alger Hall and in 2006 he was



Nicholas J. Koziol

appointed coordinator of Smith and Casey Towers, where he supervised a staff of 18 people. He was responsible for building a positive atmosphere among the 500 students who lived in the towers by advising them and helping plan programs for them.

Besides his work in Residential Services, Koziol completed an internship last spring with the College's Career Services, where he helped students write resumes and cover letters and worked on Teacher Recruitment Days. He has served on many College committees, including the Connections Committee and the Housing Committee, and has also been the club advisor for Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity.

Koziol said he applied for the position of associate director of alumni affairs because he enjoys working with people and traveling.

"As a residence hall director, I was working with current students and getting them ready for their careers," he said. "This position will bring the people back to Cortland and reconnect them to the campus and to their alma mater."

A native of Huntington, N.Y., Koziol earned a bachelor's degree in English at SUNY Fredonia. He received his master's degree in student personnel administration from SUNY Buffalo.

He resides in Cortland with his wife, Lori, a substitute teacher, and their daughter, Madeline.

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Boston

The Boston Chapter of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association had its Boston Movie Tour on April 28, hosted by Bernadette Mackin Graycar '78. Eighteen Alumni went on a two-and-a-half hour tour of the Boston area with Hollywood experts describing behind-the-scene details of each site. Several prizes were given out to Hollywood movie fans who answered trivia game questions. The tour also included video clips of the actual locations that played simultaneously along the route.

Capitol District

The Capitol District Alumni Chapter has scheduled another Day at the Races for July 29. Plans are to have a buffet lunch at the Paddock Tent, which gives access to betting windows, numerous television monitors of the races, and other features. Look for follow-up communications for this event.

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The Cortland Chapter in conjunction with the New York City Chapter enjoyed a day at the ball park where 157 attended a Yankees versus Boston Red Sox game on April 28. Alumni and guests were seated in the Hall of Fame Suites in sections 30 and 32 of Yankee Stadium. President Bitterbaum and his family were there to cheer

along with SUNY Cortland alumni and their families at this truly exciting event. Cortland area alumni rode a charter bus to the game and enjoyed some baseball movies and played a baseball trivia game to win SUNY Cortland apparel. The Yankees beat the Red Sox 3-1 to break their seven-game losing streak. Plans are in the works to repeat this event next season!

New York City

More than 50 alumni and their guests attended the April 28 New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox Game at Yankee Stadium. This event was run in conjunction with the Cortland Alumni Chapter.

Rochester

Come join your fellow Rochester area Cortland alumni at Seabreeze Park on Sunday, July 22, at 11 a.m. for a day of great family fun and making acquaintances. We'll have our very own pavilion and grill area, so bring a dish to pass for the group and whatever you'd like to drink (no alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed in the park). Hot dogs, hamburgers and utensils will be provided. Don't forget to bring your bathing suit, towel and sunscreen too!

Southern Tier

The Southern Tier Chapter enjoyed an evening of hockey fun on March 16. Alumni die-hard fans made their way through the snow and watched the Binghamton Senators take on the Albany River Rats at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena in Binghamton. The huge snowstorm actually closed down Interstate 81 and prevented Cortland alumni and staff from attending. The game featured dinner in the club, games and raffles. The Albany River Rats won 3-2.

The Southern Tier Alumni Chapter is hosting its ninth annual Binghamton Mets game as the B-Mets take on the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. Please join the fun and baseball excitement on Aug. 18. The picnic begins at 5:30 p.m. at NYSEG Stadium. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. In addition to enjoying the evening of baseball with your fellow alumni, you will be entertained by the Blues Brothers Act, modeled after the silver screen duo of John Belushi and Dan Akroyd. Jake and Elwood Blues will have you dancing in your seats with their musical numbers and hilarious antics throughout the ball game.

Syracuse

On March 17, the chapter hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day event at Mulrooney's Pub. More than 35 alumni and friends gathered for great food and refreshments and a front row seat for the annual parade. Some alumni also took advantage of attending the lacrosse game between Springfield and Cortland at the Carrier Dome, which was won by the Red Dragons.



Graduates living in the southwest attended the West Coast Alumni Reunion in Tucson, Ariz., on Feb. 16-18. Pictured seated from the left: Jean McKinnon, Diane McKinnon '68, Nancy Hullar Willis '68, Carol Gardner Sigafoos '60, Lynne Parks Hoffman '68, Ann Allison '56. Standing: SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Dick Sigafoos, David Levy, Wendee Wallach Levy '70, Dorothy Norkus Schiffl '65, Terry Allen '78, Patti Ignagni Allen '78, John Nicotera '65, Dennis Schiffl, Marilyn Glezen Ticknor '64, James Sellars '59, Pam Christina '78, George Ampagoomian '65, Barbara Ampagoomian, Sara Sellars, Serge Ticknor, Carole McCrindle and Ronald McCrindle '56.



Alumni Gathered at the Duke of Edinburgh Pub on Feb. 20 in Cupertino, Calif. Sitting in the front row: Madeleine Lieblein Kasof '60, Lisa DeCurtis '92; back row: Leadership Gifts Manager Michael Katz, Joel Kasof, James Benham '67, Alex Minder '72, Edward Sully '64, Matt DeCurtis and Mike Friedman '72.

Come join the Syracuse Alumni Chapter for a night full of baseball excitement on Friday, Aug. 10. The Sky Chiefs take on the visiting Pawtucket Red Sox at Alliance Bank Stadium in Syracuse. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a social/dinner in the picnic area at the ballpark.

Western New York

The Western New York Chapter will hold its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 16. The event takes place at River Oaks Golf Club in Grand Island, N.Y. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun

start. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Western N.Y. Chapter Scholarship fund which is awarded annually to a deserving Western New York student attending Cortland. Western New York will participate in the Loughran's Alumni Run on Saturday, July 9, at 7 p.m. The 5K Race in Snyder, N.Y., offers awards to the schools with the largest alumni contingent and the fastest team based on overall and age group finishes. Later that evening, a group photo will be taken beside the alumni banner. All entrants receive a commemorative T-shirt and enjoy a post-race party.

Harry's Alumni House Wish List

SUNY Cortland's loyal alumni have once again come through for their College by donating to the Alumni House two items included in the original "Harry's list" in the spring edition. This wish-list of necessities for the recently acquired house is named after Harry Bellardini '56, an Alumni Association board member whose countless volunteer hours transformed the facility into a beautiful and inviting place for graduates to reunite. Harry thanks two donors, including Louise DaMassa Sessa '58 who donated the washer and dryer, for their contributions. He has identified several more furnishings that some kind-hearted soul might consider offering as a gift. The new items appear in red below. If you are interested in making one or more of these wishes come true, please contact either Harry at (607) 423-2143 or Doug DeRancy '75, executive director of alumni affairs, at (607) 753-2516 or derancy@cortland.edu.

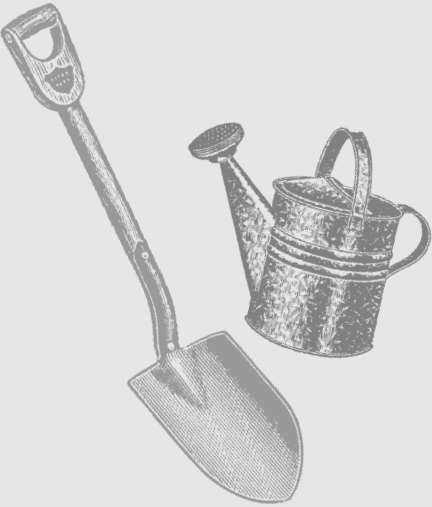
HARRY'S WISH LIST

INDOORS

- ☐ Bathroom re-do, have your name added to the Alumni House Donor Registry: **\$3,800**
- ☐ Washer and dryer: **\$2,000**
- ☐ Chaise lounge with chair re-upholstery: **\$1,200**
- ☐ House linen fund: **\$1,100**
- ☐ Shelving: **\$1,000**
- ☐ New French doors for the Solarium: **\$990**
- ☐ Air conditioners (three): **\$800**
- ☐ Hot water heater: **\$500**
- ☐ In-line hot water heater: **\$450**
- ☐ Microwave oven: **\$200**

OUTDOORS

- ☐ Beginning garden irrigation system: **\$5,000**
- ☐ Perennial, tree and shrubbery project: **\$2,200**
- ☐ Funding for seasonal flower arrangements, fresh and silk: **\$1,800**
- ☐ Landscape lighting: **\$1,200**



- ☐ Greenhouse: **\$1,100**
- ☐ Assorted garden tools: **\$600**
- ☐ Rhododendrons (10): **\$500**
- ☐ ECHO Edger and Trimmer: **\$200**

ALSO:

- ☐ Garden sections are still available for purchase. The name of a loved one placed on an Alumni House garden section is a priceless compliment: **\$500-\$2,500**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates, check the alumni online calendar at www.cortland.edu/alumni/calendar.html

July

- 9 Loughran's Alumni Run, Snyder, N.Y.
- 13-15 Alumni Reunion Weekend, SUNY Cortland
- 16 Western New York Golf Tournament, River Oaks Golf Club, Grand Island, N.Y.
- 22 Family Day at Seabreeze, Rochester, N.Y.
- 24 Hamilton Picnic, Von Mechow Home, Hamilton, N.Y.
- 27-29 Alumni Board Retreat, Raquette Lake
- 29 Day at the Races, Saratoga, N.Y.

August

- 10 Chiefs vs. Pawtucket Game and Alumni Picnic, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 10 SUNY Cortland Baseball Alumni Reunion, SUNY Cortland
- 18 Binghamton Mets vs. New Hampshire Game and Alumni Social, Binghamton, N.Y.

September

- 1 University of Maryland Football, College Park, Md.
- 7-9 Homecoming Weekend, SUNY Cortland
- 18 Careers in Sport Management Alumni Panel, SUNY Cortland

October

- 9 Careers in Human Services and the Helping Professions Alumni Panel, SUNY Cortland
- 19 Hall of Fame Weekend and Reunion of C-Club Hall of Fame Members, SUNY Cortland
- 19 Western New York Alumni(a) of the Year
- 20 39th Annual C-Club Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, SUNY Cortland

November

- 10 SUNY Cortland Alumni Cortaca Jug Event, SUNY Cortland Alumni House, Cortland, N.Y.
- 10 SUNY Cortland Alumni Cortaca Jug Event, Dark Horse Tavern, Cortland, N.Y.
- 13 International Career Options Alumni Panel, SUNY Cortland

Regional and Special Events

Floridians Reunite

More than 65 alumni and guests attended the March 3 Florida Reunion hosted by Jim Cranfield '61 and Sue Cranfield at the Waterford Country Club in Venice. The event included an afternoon golf tournament in which 26 alumni participated, followed by a meal at the club. Alumni were welcomed by Doug DeRancy '75, executive director of alumni affairs. President Erik J. Bitterbaum offered a short update on the College. Because of the success of the event, the 2008 Florida Reunion will return to the Waterford Club.

Alumni Gather in Hamilton

The 6th Annual Hamilton Alumni Picnic hosted by Hank '49 and Sallie Von Mechow is set to begin on Tuesday, July 24, at 5 p.m. Join other local alumni and friends for a night of great food and wonderful company in the Hamilton, N.Y. area.

Philadelphia Event Held

Brian G. Murphy '83 hosted a golfing and dinner reception event in Fort Washington, Pa., at the Manufacturer's Golf and Country Club on Sunday, April 29. Eleven golfers went out at 11 a.m. and challenged the course. Twenty-six alumni and guests arrived after the golf outing for the dinner reception. During the reception, President Erik J. Bitterbaum gave alumni and friends an update on the College.

West Coast Alumni Meet

Forty-three alumni and friends attended the West Coast Alumni Reunion in Tucson, Ariz., on Feb 16-18. Wendee Wallach Levy '70 and her husband, astronomer David Levy, hosted a Star Party at the Jarnac Observatory located in their backyard. Guests enjoyed telescopic views of the planets, the moon, twin stars, cloud nebulae and other celestial phenomena. President Erik J. Bitterbaum provide an update on the College and participants also hiked, golfed, swam and told stories about Cortland.

Zambraski

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and then they get up and say, 'My gosh, I am lucky that I am OK.' They may not be OK. So they look to the Army Medical Corps and see who knows anything about cognitive function, brain function and exposure to blast injury. We have two people in our division working in that area."

"You take other things that are going on in Iraq. We've got people being deployed multiple times. What is the effect on them with regard to post-traumatic stress syndrome? We are studying that within this division. We are looking at cognitive function before and after they get deployed. We've got people getting deployed with concerns about the MREs (Meals Ready to Eat). Is it enough food? Is it enough calories? Are they losing body weight? Are they losing strength? Are they prone to injury? We're doing studies now before large numbers of troops go over. We do a full physiological assessment. As soon as they come back, we do a repeat assessment to see what changes may have occurred."

Special congressional initiatives frequently allocate large sums of money to individually identified concerns in need of more research, said Zambraski.

"I never realized how much health-, performance- and injury-related type of research was being done outside of the National Institutes of Health," he said.

When the congressional initiatives involve the military, nearly all such funding comes to the Army, which conducts or supervises most of the research. With regard to environmental medicine and heat/cold altitude injury, we're doing the majority of it right here at USAREIM."

The impressive USAREIM facilities at Natick include several environmental chambers, an altitude chamber, and a Doriot Climatic Chamber that can replicate frigid arctic to torrid tropical conditions found anywhere in the world.

Zambraski explained that some research emanates from the talented professionals in his division, such as in the case of a colonel who heads a 10-year-old bone health research program that has garnered \$30 million in research projects being conducted at universities and other military research sites across the nation.

"Our injury epidemiology group quantified the number of injuries/stress fractures in the military," he said. "It's scary. About 10,000 stress fractures a year across all four armed forces, mostly occurring in basic training. They've determined that it's largely an overuse injury. This is having a huge impact on the individual and also on deployability. That's part of our mission here, to ask, 'What's the scientific basis for what you do in terms of how you train the soldier, how you test the soldier.'"

"So we design experiments, study the troops or the situations they are in and then try to essentially come up with solutions," said Zambraski. The USAREIM is governed by the same strict human subject testing regulations that are in place at any American research university, he added.

In recent years, the Military Performance Division has engaged in about 50 research protocols. Its scientists have studied topics ranging from head and neck injuries caused by night vision goggles to the impact of backpack designs and load distributions using a special treadmill fitted with two independent front and rear tracks and sensory data equipment.

For the right person, USAREIM is a researcher's dream.

"As scientists, we also publish," Zambraski noted. "This division produces about 30



The ability of a soldier to carry loads is an important issue that relates to performance and injury potential. Edward Zambraski '71 watches as a soldier is being filmed to assess his biomechanics while walking on a treadmill carrying a normal soldier's backpack load. This unique treadmill has load sensors that can record the impact forces generated on the feet and lower legs as different amounts of weight are carried. These studies are important to understand and reduce musculoskeletal injuries in warfighters.

publications a year. Many of the people here are on editorial boards, national review committees, National Academy of Science panels and such. Positions here are competitive but you need to be the right type of person. We don't offer the flexibility of a university. You are here to do research. You don't have any students. We minimize the administrative stuff. You're not writing grants all day because that's my job to find the resources. I want the scientists to do the science."

Zambraski keeps his division on task while also frequently traveling to seeking approval and funds for its projects with frequent trips to the Pentagon or Fort Detrick in Maryland, site of the Army Surgeon General under whom his division works.

"That's where having been at a university has really helped," he said. "If you have taught, this helps during a briefing to get critical concepts across."

Growing up in Huntington, N.Y., Zambraski wanted to be a teacher. He moved in high school with his family to Brewster, N.Y., where his interest was in becoming a physical educator. A Regents Scholarship made Cortland his first choice and he took full advantage of all his opportunities on the playing fields, in the classroom and in the community.

"The two sports I wound up playing at Cortland, soccer and lacrosse, I never played in high school," noted Zambraski, whose injuries kept him from continuing in football in college. Red Dragon lacrosse coach Al Pisano '61 encouraged him to try lacrosse. Zambraski used his quickness and coordination to play midfield for Jack Emmer, Pisano's successor, and his powerhouse Cortland teams in the late 1960s and early 1970s. On the soccer field, he earned a starting halfback spot on (T. Fred) 'Prof' Holloway's unit by his senior season.

He received several prestigious awards — The Francis J. Moench '16 Award, the Carl "Chugger" Davis Award and a SUNY

Chancellor's Award as a scholar-athlete.

Zambraski, who was a resident assistant in Shea Hall for three years, was part of a far-sighted group of about 60 Cortland students who started a service fraternity, Lambda Phi Delta. He served as its first president.

"We cut Christmas trees for the poor, we cleaned out streams, we went to the old folks' house one night a week and we started a Big Brother project," he recounted. "This started to mushroom. We bought the old red stone Wickwire House. Our board included the mayor and a prominent lawyer and realtor in town."

"The problem was, after that initial group left, to keep the house economically viable they started having to bring in guys who didn't have that same motivation. The idea of service went down and it collapsed three or four years later."

In 2006, Zambraski and his former Lambda brothers held a reunion at SUNY Cortland. They contributed to the SUNY Cortland Alumni House but also started the groundwork for creating a \$50,000 endowed scholarship for community and school service.

A turning point in Zambraski's life came when he took an anatomy and physiology course from SUNY Cortland Professor Alexander Spence. He did so well in it that Spence asked Zambraski to be his teaching assistant the next two years.

"I really liked the teaching and I really liked the science," recalled Zambraski, who retains those two passions to this day.

Spence, who became a lifelong mentor and friend, encouraged him to pursue a biology minor. Meanwhile, Robert Weber, the Physical Education Department chair, suggested Zambraski study exercise physiology at his alma mater, the University of Iowa.

"He knew that Iowa had a very progressive exercise physiology program," said Zambraski, who connected with the program's dynamic director, Charles M. Tipton, who helped him acquire a National Defense Education Act Fellowship.

"I went out there to learn more physiology," he added. "I thought that I would just get a Ph.D. and teach physiology." But Tipton, his advisor, told him on his first meeting, "I am not here to train people to teach. I am here to train researchers."

Zambraski got in on the ground floor of Tipton's Iowa Wrestling Studies, a 15-year research effort that looked at intentional weight loss in that scholastic sport. A former wrestler, Zambraski offered his own insights to the studies.

"Why don't we look at renal function because if you were dehydrated, this would be reflected in the urine composition," he asked Tipton. Zambraski carried out these studies and it was clear from the changes in the urinary profile that these state wrestlers at the Iowa finals would dehydrate themselves probably two or three days, no food or liquid, and would step on the mat dehydrated. "These studies got me interested in kidney function."

Tipton paired Zambraski with a renowned Iowa School of Medicine nephrologist and physician, Gerald DiBona.

"When I was working with him, we

uncovered something that had never been found, namely, that the control of the kidney was very much influenced by the sympathetic nerves that go to the kidney," said Zambraski. "This had all sorts of clinical implications, because if sympathetic nerve activity is altered, then it changes kidney function."

Zambraski's cutting-edge work at Iowa landed him a faculty position at Rutgers University, where he continued his research on kidney function.

"Along the way, I did work on another control system of the kidney called prostaglandins," he explained. "The main chemical effect of aspirin and all these non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), like Advil and Motrin, is they all inhibit the synthesis of prostaglandins. I worked in collaboration with a colleague who had one of the first assays for measuring prostaglandins."

"In 1980, he and I actually proposed what we thought was going on that explained why when some people took aspirin or Advil they got renal failure and others did not. We implicated prostaglandins as being a protective mechanism of the kidney. If you remove them by taking aspirin or NSAIDs and other influences are there, you can get renal failure."

"At Rutgers, I was concerned about the athletes using anti-inflammatory drugs. Now, with the military, I recently determined that over 70 percent of the active duty Army are on prescription NSAIDs. These are the guys fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and we have concerns. We are starting to look at this now."

As a regional and national board member in the American College of Sports Medicine, Zambraski watched that professional organization grow from a few hundred members to more than 20,000 in 2007.

"Twenty years ago, if you said you were an exercise physiologist, people would scratch their heads and not know what it means," he explained. "Today, with the interest in exercise, performance and health, everybody's an exercise physiologist, not that they know what that means."

"The field has really grown because of the interest in health and the positive effects of exercise on various disease states. We are very much more aware of the mechanisms as to why exercise is positive than we were decades ago. The concern or irony is that despite this new information we don't have any more people exercising regularly now than we had 25 years ago. Only about one in five people in this country are physically active with some regularity and some level of intensity."

Zambraski falls within that group. He sailed the Northeast coast for many years and was a professional whitewater rafting guide in the Pocono Mountains for a quarter-of-a-century before his move to USAREIM.

He and his wife, Nancy, a clinical exercise physiologist working with hospitals and cardiologists, live in Princeton, Mass., but also own a camp on the Maine-New Hampshire border, where they enjoy paddling the lakes.

For now, though, Zambraski puts in 12-hour workdays because he prefers to lead by example and he loves what he does for his country.

"I like making things happen and showing progress," he concluded. "The commander wrote in my evaluation that I took over a military performance division, rebuilt it, and now we are being recognized for what we've done. The American Institute of Biological Sciences reviewed us two years ago and gave us one of its highest possible ratings. Progress and performance creates opportunities."

Senior Reflects Upon Her 15-Year Army Career

By Sherrie Negrea
Staff Writer

Yolanda Powell-Barnett was working as a security guard and dating an Army reservist in Syracuse back in 1989 when her boyfriend asked her to sign up for the reserves so he could get a cash bonus.

The next day, Powell-Barnett walked into a recruiter's office and, after listening to his pitch, decided to skip the reserves and head straight into active duty. A month later, she began basic training in Fort Dix, N.J., launching a 15-year career as a military intelligence officer that would take her to Germany, South Korea and Afghanistan.

When her tour of duty ended in 2004, Powell-Barnett, a 37-year-old divorced mother of three children, enrolled at SUNY Cortland to become a high school English teacher. Now a senior English major who will graduate in 2008, her military experience left an indelible mark on her by giving her a focus in life, an education in leadership skills and an appreciation for world cultures as she rose in rank to become a sergeant first class.

"They always say the military changes a person from a boy to a man or a girl to a woman," says Powell-Barnett, who lives in Baldwinsville, N.Y. "I had responsibilities and challenges. I really enjoyed that."

After completing her training at Fort Dix and Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., Powell-Barnett was deployed to Munich, Germany, where she spent two years as a counterintelligence agent assistant, helping a senior officer as well as cleaning up around the base and cutting grass. Powell-Barnett hated the grunt work but says it motivated her to pursue a promotion.

"It was like a challenge to me," she says. "I'm a very competitive person. So I hurried up and got a promotion."

After the base in Munich closed two years later, she was sent back to Arizona for more training to become a counter-



Yolanda Powell-Barnett, now a senior majoring in English, stands at the army base in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where she was stationed in 2003-04.

intelligence specialist. The position involved conducting personal security investigations of people who wanted to either work for the government or obtain a security clearance. After being promoted to sergeant, Powell-Barnett was then deployed for two years in Frankfurt, Germany, where she also received computer training.

Since she wanted to travel around the world, Powell-Barnett left Frankfurt to undergo more intelligence and surveillance training in Ft. Mead, Md. Then she was off to a military camp in South Korea, where she interviewed confidential informants and analyzed data gathered from sources, a task she would later perform in Afghanistan.

"You would talk to a confidential person who wanted to tell the United States, 'Hey, somebody is asking an awful lot of questions about soldiers at the clubs late at night where they're drunk,' and we would ask, 'What kind of questions? Do you know any particular people?'" Powell-Barnett recalls. "This was even before 9/11 and we

always took everything seriously. In counter-intelligence and human intelligence, we try to neutralize, figure out what's going on, who's the culprit and stop it."

Three transfers later, Powell-Barnett landed in the desert in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in August 2003. Her first impression of the country was the extreme heat: temperatures of 108 to 110 degrees every day. "Forget the snakes and the spiders — the heat was killing me," she says, laughing.

In Kandahar, Powell-Barnett was in charge of a contingent of soldiers and a detainee camp, where up to 50 insurgents were held before being released or transferred to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Her job was to make sure the prisoners were treated properly and among other things, granted their rights to practice their religion, which meant allowing them to pray five times a day.

Her 10 months in Afghanistan earned Powell-Barnett a Bronze Star Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in a combat zone under extreme circumstances.

Powell-Barnett, who has taught more than 3,000 soldiers how to interview and interrogate personnel for intelligence purposes, also received a New York State Conspicuous Service Cross Award for her military service.

But by the time she returned to Ft. Drum, N.Y. in 2004, Powell-Barnett says she had become disillusioned with the military because the new crops of officers rising through the ranks were not "team players."

"It stopped being fun," she says. "I didn't really like where the military was going. I saw a lot of people doing things for themselves, for promotions."

After briefly working in marketing at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino in Verona, N.Y., Powell-Barnett decided to focus on what she really loved — literature and teaching the great authors to high school students.

At SUNY Cortland, Powell-Barnett often performs her poetry at lunchtime seminars and readings on campus. Last March, she participated in a panel at the Discussions about the Teaching of English Conference at the College and offered her insights about incorporating creative writing in the classroom.

"She's just the kind of person that students would respond to as a teacher," says Victoria Boynton, an associate professor of English who does performance poetry with Powell-Barnett. "She's very engaged and you can tell that. She memorizes her poems and she's very much into not only her own experience but the tailoring of process. She's very much into words."

After graduating from SUNY Cortland, Powell-Barnett hopes to pursue a master's degree in education. Her preference is to teach in the inner city, where she says students are suffering because of a lack of quality teachers.

"When you think about it, it's the high school English teacher that you remember," she says. "There's something about English teachers that seems to matter with the young people. They're the people that can make a difference."

Student Government Association Adds Veterans Club

By Sherrie Negrea
Staff Writer

With student organizations at the College for English majors, film buffs and skiers, Andrew Graves, a cadet in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, thought it was time for SUNY Cortland to offer a club for veterans.

In March, Graves and three other students convinced the Student Government Association to approve the SUNY Cortland Veterans Club as a recognized organization on campus eligible to receive funding. The group will serve the 102 veterans and the 22 National Guard members, reservists and cadets who attend the College.

While Graves and his cofounder, Michael Higgins, are both ROTC cadets, the club is not related to ROTC. SUNY Cortland does not have a branch of ROTC on campus, but students at the College can enroll in the program and take military science classes at Cornell University.

"We serve the same purpose as a V.F.W. — a gathering place for veterans and service members," said Graves, a senior history major from Stittville, N.Y. "It's kind of like a uniting action for veterans."

The idea for the veterans club came from one of Graves' instructors at Cornell, Maj. Richard Brown '90, an assistant professor of military science. He said there has been an increase in the number of veterans on college campuses since 2001, when more young people decided to join the military and then enrolled in college after completing their service.

"One common thread for all those people who come from diverse backgrounds is they've been in the military,"

Brown said. "But they're not linked together. A club would do that."

Since both Cornell and Ithaca College already have veterans clubs, Brown suggested to the SUNY Cortland cadets he teaches that they try to start a group on campus. The majority of SGA's members approved the club, despite opposition from a few students who felt the club would be recruiting members for ROTC.

"A lot of people didn't really understand the purpose of it," said Katie Boyes, SGA's president last year. "They thought it was ROTC coming back to campus. This was more for our veterans coming back."

SUNY Cortland had ROTC on campus until 1993, when it disbanded in the face of opposition from students and faculty over the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy. The five SUNY Cortland students who train with ROTC at Cornell nevertheless receive free tuition and books and a monthly stipend ranging from \$350 a month for freshmen to \$500 for seniors. After graduating, cadets must serve four years in the military, either in active duty, the reserves or the National Guard.

One of the projects the veterans club will work on next fall is sending care packages to soldiers overseas. The club, which now has a core group of six members, also may sponsor guest speakers and work on fundraising events with local V.F.W. chapters, said Higgins, a senior exercise science major from Waterloo, N.Y.

"All of us in ROTC will be veterans someday," Higgins said. "It will be kind of nice when we're veterans to see people come up to us and thank us for our help and what we've done for them."



Michael Higgins, a senior exercise science major, left, and Andrew Graves, a senior history major, are cofounders of the SUNY Cortland Veterans Club.

Cathy Van Arsdale '89

Grad Tracks Skeletal Remains for U.S. Army Corps

By Sherrie Negrea
Staff Writer

Months before the trial of former dictator Saddam Hussein opened in a Baghdad courtroom in 2005, Cathy Van Arsdale '89 sat in her office in St. Louis, Mo., meticulously poring over the evidentiary reports of 187 Kurdish men, women and children whose bodies were excavated from two mass grave sites in northern Iraq.

Her task was to double-check the documents prepared in Iraq that detailed the cause of death of each man, woman and child who were slaughtered in the execution. The evidence, later presented at Hussein's trial, showed that the men were sprayed with machine guns while the women and children were shot in the head. It was one of the most gruesome cases Van Arsdale has tackled as a physical anthropologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"It was a humanitarian mission in some respect to see that Saddam Hussein answered to what he was doing to these people," Van Arsdale recalls. "On the other hand, I was extremely emotional at the time because I couldn't imagine what it would have been like to be one of the people who knew what was coming to them. I was in tears on several occasions. It was absolutely awful. It was genocide."

The review of evidence for Saddam Hussein's trial is just one of several high-profile cases Van Arsdale has worked on since 1995, when she joined the Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District, which is often contracted by the federal government to assess skeletal remains.

Her first nationally publicized case was the Kennewick Man, a skeleton found in 1996 by a 21-year-old man hoping to sneak into a hydroplane race on the Columbia River in southeastern Washington state. The skull the man picked up turned out to be part of a skeleton that was 9,000 years old, a discovery that sparked a nine-year legal battle between archaeologists, the federal government and the Native American tribes who claim Kennewick Man as their ancestor.



Cathy Van Arsdale '89, right, a physical anthropologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, reviews the foundation of a house at an archaeological dig in Fort Huachuca in Arizona with a colleague.



Cathy Van Arsdale '89 records information regarding an animal bone from archaeological work in Alaska.

Van Arsdale was assigned to the case after the skeletal remains were moved to the Burke Museum at the University of Washington in Seattle. Since 2002, Van Arsdale and her supervisor, Chris Pulliam, have traveled to the museum twice a year to inventory the skeleton and ensure that the bone fragments are not deteriorating. For the past two years, she also took separate trips to Seattle to safeguard the collection while scientists who won the legal dispute studied the skeleton, which is nearly 97 percent complete.

Another well-known project that Van Arsdale worked on was the inventory of the remains of 419 former African slaves uncovered during the construction of a federal office building on Broadway in downtown Manhattan. At Howard University in Washington, D.C., where the bones were taken, Van Arsdale helped identify the ages and gender of the slaves, who eventually were transported on horse-drawn carriages and reburied at the site on Broadway. An \$8 million memorial and visitor center is now planned at what is called the African Burial Ground in Manhattan.

"There was a whole parade from Howard University," Van Arsdale says. "They stopped at towns along the way from Washington to New York. It was pretty amazing."

Van Arsdale joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1995, while she was still working on her master's degree in anthropology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. After she was hired as an intern, Van Arsdale was appointed as one of five physical anthropologists in the Curation and Archives Analysis Branch.

"We have a professional office of archaeologists and physical anthropologists," says Pulliam, an archaeologist who is acting chief of the branch. "We have a lot of people who are technically competent, but Cathy really is just one of the top. When work comes in and I have to assign it to people, I know when I give her something it's going to be done right and on time."

Most of Van Arsdale's work deals with skeletal remains of Native Americans that have been found either on federal property or are located in museums holding federal collections. As a result of the 1994 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Native American skeletal remains and funerary objects uncovered on federal land or stored in federally funded museums must be inventoried and in some cases sent to their native tribes.

"The ultimate goal is to return those that should be returned," Van Arsdale says. "But if the remains cannot be attributed with a present-day tribe, they don't go back."

Recently, Van Arsdale completed an analysis of a project she supervised that included the remains of 500 Native Americans uncovered near three lakes in the Kansas City area. One woman, who was 35 to 40 years old, was buried with glass beads and trade goods that Van Arsdale estimates date back to between 1600 and 1650, when those types of goods would have been exchanged between the woman's tribe, the Osage Indians, and Europeans in the area.

"The remains were fragmentary because the soil chemistry in this area doesn't really preserve bone very well," Van Arsdale says. "What will probably happen is that they will likely be affiliated through consultation with the tribe and eventually be repatriated to them."

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Van Arsdale moved with her family to the Finger Lakes region when she was an infant and eventually settled in Auburn. After graduating from Auburn High School, Van Arsdale chose to attend SUNY Cortland because of the reputation of the College's Biological Sciences Department.

"The biology curriculum at Cortland is so varied — you take so many different courses — it translates well to physical anthropology because we don't look at any one thing in isolation," she says. "When we're looking at a skeleton, we have to put it in its environment: What were they eating? What kind of botanical remains are there? What kind of plants are there to help me determine what they ate? My biology at Cortland and the widely varied curriculum help me every day."

It wasn't until her senior year, when Van Arsdale took an anthropology course, that she found her life's calling. She also remembers taking a course with a visiting scholar who taught Native American literature, which sparked her interest in American Indian culture.

After graduating from SUNY Cortland, Van Arsdale studied anthropology at Southern Illinois University, though she didn't know what her specialty would be. That changed when she took her first class in osteology, the study of human skeletal remains.

"I just fell in love," she recalls. "What you could tell from bones just fascinated me."

She learned about the job at the Army Corps of Engineers while at Carbondale and started working there while completing her master's thesis, which was an analysis of the sexual division of labor among a

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Joseph Ferrari M '81:

Alumnus Enjoys Distinguished Career in Procrastination

By Jennifer Wilson
Associate Editor

‘Do it when you get around to it,’ read the wooden disks that Joseph Ferrari M ’81 likes to pass out when he gives public lectures. Audience members usually chuckle when they flip the circular gimcrack to its other side to read, “tuit.”

Although he’s quick to declare that procrastination is no laughing matter, Ferrari, the Vincent dePaul Distinguished Professor at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., who is one of the world’s foremost researchers on the subject, does his best to lighten up his discussions.

“Robinson Crusoe was the only person who had everything done by Friday,” asserted Ferrari to his audience of approximately 50 psychology academics, students and buffs in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room on March 29. Friday, to the unversed, was the fictional Crusoe’s equally non-existent and super-efficient assistant.

He admitted that was a bad joke. The audience tittered anyway. Ferrari immediately rattled off to amused listeners a list of famous task-avoiders in history and fiction:

Nero, who fiddled while Rome burned; Isaac Newton, reputed to have discovered gravity while loafing under an apple tree; Jane Austen, whose masterful novels went unpublished during her lifetime; and Leonardo DaVinci, who took 20 years to finish the “Mona Lisa.”

He quotes Will Rogers, who said, “Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there,” and Yoda from “Star Wars,” who proclaimed, “Do, or do not. There is no try.”

“People laugh at these things but it’s not funny,” said Ferrari.

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“Everyone procrastinates but not everyone is a procrastinator. To say, ‘just do it’ to a procrastinator is like saying ‘just cheer up’ to a clinically depressed person,” explained Ferrari, who is a published author and a motivational speaker and consultant on topics such as procrastination, community volunteerism and leisure in America.

Ferrari, who was profiled by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* for a December 2005 edition cover story, earned a Master of Science in Experimental Psychology from SUNY Cortland in 1981 before obtaining both a master of arts and doctorate in experimental social psychology from Adelphi University. He has a bachelor of arts in psychology from St. Francis College of Brooklyn.

He was founder, and director for four years, of DePaul University’s Ph.D. Program in Community Psychology. He currently directs its Master of Science in General Psychology Program. In 2001, Ferrari received DePaul University’s Spirit of Inquiry Award for Excellence in Research for his outstanding and creative scholarship. He has written more than 145 scholarly articles and delivered 380 professional presentations in his area of knowledge. His research has been cited in national and international newspapers, including the *New York Times* and *USA Today*; in popular and academic magazines including *Psychology Today*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Self*, *Health*; and in broadcast media



Joseph Ferrari M ’81, seated on the right, chats with Keuka College student Kelly Lann and SUNY Cortland senior psychology major Anthony Nelson of Marathon, N.Y., before he begins his lecture on “Procrastination: It’s Not About Time” held this spring in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

including NPR, CBS, NBC, ABC, BBC and Australian Broadcasting Radio.

A fellow in both the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science and the Society for Community Research and Action, since 1995, Ferrari has served as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*, published by Haworth Press, Binghamton, N.Y.

During his visit to his alma mater, he confided that he first became interested in studying procrastination while he was a

graduate student at SUNY Cortland. He won’t name the person on campus who sparked his curiosity by showing a hint of being a dawdler, but it probably wasn’t himself.

“I don’t like to do the lawn,” Ferrari admitted. “I wet it, I cut it and I wet it again. But, people who know me know I’m not a procrastinator.”

Associate Professor Paul Luyben, his faculty advisor when Ferrari was a student at SUNY Cortland, and organizer of the lecture sponsored by the Psychology Department, concurred.

“I’d grade his paper, hand it back to him and it would be right back on my desk with corrections the next day.”

“Everybody puts off some tasks they don’t want to do,” Ferrari explained. “For the 25 percent of the population who are procrastinators, it’s a lifestyle. They don’t R.S.V.P., they miss events because they didn’t buy the ticket; they drive their cars with the gas on empty.

“They never come across as looking bad. I’ve been able to show in my research that chronic procrastinators are interested in protecting their social image. They are very concerned with social esteem and impression management. They exhibit perfectionist behavior and are good at making excuses at task deadlines. You may be able to say they lacked effort but you’ll never be able to say they lacked ability.

“Too many people treat it as a time management issue, but for this 25 percent of women and men, that doesn’t work,” he said. “You’re managing meanderers, and you need to set up clear limits for those people and sometimes you’ve got to let them fail.

“As my Italian grandmother used to say, ‘Some people won’t get off the beach until their butt gets wet.’”

Yet Ferrari, who even to his former mentors appears to be a workaholic as he busily passes out surveys before his SUNY Cortland lecture (“I’m always collecting data,” he said), is a strong supporter of the need for people to take a rest from their work.

“Look at Germany and France,” Ferrari said. “They’re economically advanced and they take all the vacation time coming to them. Americans lose four days of vacation a year.” To keep up and keep sane, he encourages people to make use of little bits of time to get things done and to plan extra time in their schedule for predictable project interruptions.

As a master’s student at SUNY Cortland, one day Ferrari met the woman who would become Sharon Caputo Ferrari ’80, M ’84.

“I met this young girl at a party of a mutual friend during my first summer as a student,” Ferrari recalls. “We had our first date seeing the movie ‘Alien’ and the second over left-over lasagna. We’ve been married for 20 years.”

He reconnected with his alma mater again some eight years later.

“My first procrastination study was of students here for my doctoral dissertation studies,” Ferrari said. “I was pursuing the Ph.D. in experimental social psychology at Adelphi University while living near Utica, N.Y. I came to my former professors, Dr. Luyben and Dr. John Lombardo, and asked them, ‘Rather than commute 300 miles to Long Island, can I collect my data here?’ They gave me space and a lab and told me to go ahead. Undergraduates here helped me collect the data.”

Because of other research the Psychology Department faculty had going at the time, he limited his study to female students. For three days a week during his doctoral

studies, he lived in Homer, N.Y., in the home of Audrey Cocco Lewis ’80 and Randall Lewis ’80. Audrey had been Sharon’s college roommate.

“It just goes to show, when you graduate you still can come back home again,” said Ferrari, introducing Randy and Audrey at the lecture and noting that he has very fond memories of Cortland.

“At Cortland, everyone helped me. In so many ways, Cortland was helpful to my long-term work in procrastination.”

Ferrari taught at Mohawk Valley Community College and Cazenovia College before moving to the Chicago area with Sharon, a nationally board-certified teacher. They have three children.

According to Ferrari, procrastination is prominent in Western society, where as many as five percent of normal women and men may be considered chronic procrastinators. He has coined the term “sloth technology” to refer to man-made items that encourage folks to delay decisions and actions, including the extremely popular La-Z-Boy chair, personal computers, e-mail and cell phones. Different countries experience the phenomenon uniquely. In Peru, the behavior is so common-place there’s no word for it, yet the country’s president asked people to stop using the derogatory term “Peruvian Time.”

Actually, the problem knows no artificial, international boundaries, although in America, generally it’s the late bird that gets the worm for sales promotions and the like, Ferrari noted.

“Culturally, in American we reward people for being late,” he said.

Professionals have written little for the general public about procrastination in recent years, he notes. The author of three scholarly texts on the psychological condition, Ferrari is currently working on a book that targets a mass readership in collaboration with Bill Knus, a clinical psychologist for more than 30 years who wrote earlier landmark works on this subject.

“I wish there had been more clinical studies done on procrastination,” he told the audience at his lecture. “The clinical side of the psychology field doesn’t have that kind of research data I’ve wanted, which is a message to students that we have not cornered the market on research on this area. There is a lot that hasn’t been done.

“There are two ways to succeed in graduate school,” he advised the students during his presentation. “You can join the bandwagon or take an area that hasn’t been studied, which is harder because you can’t fall on the shoulders of other people.”

Ferrari is much less well known for also having studied effective models in substance abuse control, including a self-governed, international program known as Oxford House, in which addicts recover with surprising success without government assistance or a resident therapist. He is a co-principal investigator for a research project focused on this communal-living program, which is supported by two National Institutes of Health (NIH) federal grants totaling more than \$4.2 million.

More recently, he has investigated a nonprofit organization in Tanzania called Southern Cross Care, in terms of its ability to support caregivers to the elderly. Adult workers are being surveyed about their job stress, job satisfactions and public service motivations.

“I’m studying how to bring about change, social engagement,” Ferrari said.



Four SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members received the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence during the 2007 Undergraduate Commencement on May 19 in the Park Center.

The honorees were:

- **John L. Cottone**, associate professor and chair of kinesiology — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service;
- **Joy Mosher**, associate professor of childhood/early childhood education — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching;
- **Catherine A. Smith**, health educator — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; and
- **Michael P. Toglia**, professor of psychology — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

The Chancellor's Award process begins at each of the 64 SUNY campuses with nominations submitted by the respective presidents. The SUNY Committee on Awards then reviews the nominations and makes its recommendations.

John L. Cottone

Cottone, who joined the Physical Education Department in 1985, becomes the fourth SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

In addition to his teaching duties, Cottone has undertaken numerous leadership roles at SUNY Cortland. He has served since 2001 as chair of the Kinesiology Department, formally called the Exercise Science and Sport Studies Department. The Program Director for Athletic Training since 1985, he was responsible for bringing the program up to national certification standards.

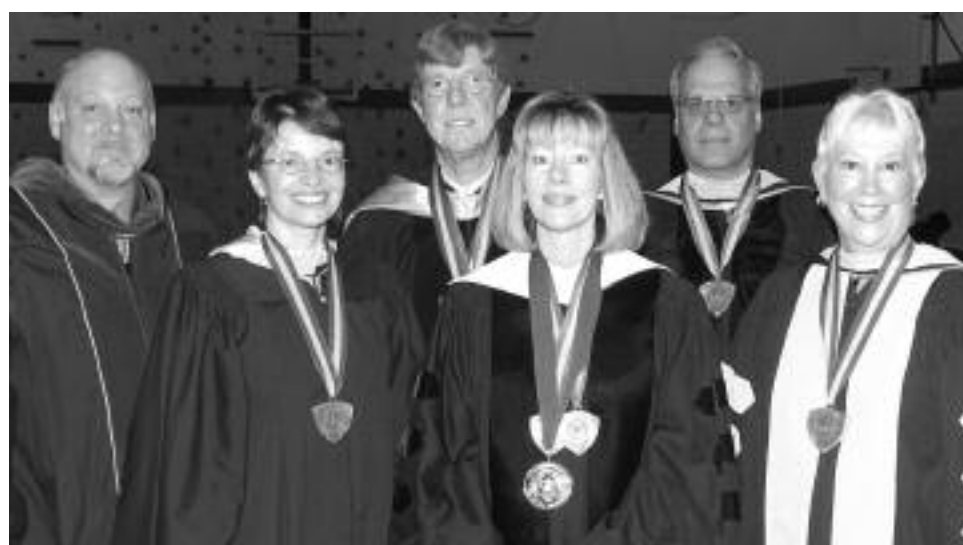
"John Cottone has been instrumental in setting up an athletic training program that services our athletic teams and is second to none within or outside the conference," states SUNY Cortland's athletic director, Joan Sitterly.

Cottone has served on more than 30 committees at SUNY Cortland, many of which address critical components of the College's mission, including the College Curriculum Review Committee, Faculty Senate and Student Health Advisory Committee. His leadership led to his appointment as chair of the Educational Policy Committee and of the Curriculum Task Force. He also shared his expertise in health and safety as a member of the SUNY Cortland Emergency Squad Advisory Board and the Automated External Defibrillator Task Force.

Since receiving his doctorate in education from Syracuse University, Cottone has been a manuscript reviewer for Human Kinetics, a publishing company. He wrote the instructor's manual for the textbook, *The Examination of Musculoskeletal Injuries*, 2nd Ed. (Human Kinetics 2005). He has also written articles for several athletic training journals and presented papers at athletic conferences in New York, the Northeast region and in Baltimore, Md.



Cottone, Mosher, Smith and Toglia Receive SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence



Four 2007 Chancellor's Award recipients — Catherine Smith, Michael Toglia, John Cottone and Joy Mosher — were honored during the SUNY Cortland Undergraduate ceremonies on May 19 in the Park Center. Also recognized were SUNY Distinguished Professor Timothy J. Baroni and Distinguished Teaching Professor Denise Knight who has honored for last year's promotion. Pictured at the event are, left to right: Baroni, Smith, Toglia, Knight, Cottone and Mosher.

Cottone is a consultant for program development in athletic training education and advises colleges that are developing new programs in the field. He also is an external reviewer for the reaccreditation of athletic training programs at the college level. In 2006, he was elected president-elect of the New York State Athletic Trainers Association and will serve as an officer for six years.

He began his professional career as an assistant professor of physical education at Castleton State College in Vermont in 1979.

Cottone resides in Virgil, N.Y., with his wife Brenda, who works at Citadel Communications. They have two children, Nicole and Caitlin.

Joy Mosher

Mosher, who joined the College's Education Department in 1987, becomes the 48th SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

During her 20 years at SUNY Cortland, Mosher has taught more than 120 courses to undergraduate and graduate students in what became the Childhood/Early Childhood Department. She has supervised hundreds of student teachers, coordinated elementary education practicum courses and mentored students through independent study projects.

Mosher uses a constructivist teaching philosophy that is student-centered with an emphasis on reflection, multi-modal instruction, the importance of teaching self-efficacy and the need to find what motivates students. Her courses require students to engage in a variety of learning experiences including lectures, hands-on activities, oral

presentations, application of technology and extensive writing assignments.

Although her "writing intensive" courses are considered challenging, her students give her the highest rankings on course teacher evaluations.

"Her attention to detail, commentaries and expectations encouraged me to hand in the highest quality of written work I could," one student wrote in a letter supporting her nomination for the award. "She is an exemplary role model for teaching," another student wrote.

Colleagues note that Mosher's expectations of excellence, integrity and professionalism in her students motivates them to think and expand their perspectives. One colleague wrote that the students who had taken Mosher's classes appeared better prepared for their student teaching placement.

"It was apparent that Dr. Mosher's ability to motivate was a great strength, for those student teachers were consistently able to present new materials in a way that captured their students' attention as well as adapting their teaching for all students."

Mosher began her career at SUNY Cortland as an adjunct supervisor in the former Education Department in 1987. She became an assistant professor in 1990 and an associate professor in 2002.

Since 1993, she has been the editor of the *Yellow Brick Road Children's Literature Newsletter*, which circulates nationally and internationally. For the past three years, she has edited the *English-Version Korean Journal of Human Development*. She is the co-author of two books: *Becoming a Teacher in Florida* (2005) and *Becoming a Teacher in*

New York State (2003). She has written many articles for scholarly journals and presented papers at conferences across the country.

Mosher earned her bachelor's degree in English literature at the University of California at Los Angeles. She earned her master's degree in teaching and her doctorate in education at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

She resides in Cortland and is married to Stephen Mosher, a professor in sport management and media at Ithaca College. They have four children, David Current, John Current, Chasity Mosher and Edmund Mosher.

Catherine A. Smith

Smith, a health educator at SUNY Cortland since 1991, becomes the 19th SUNY Cortland staff member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The first officially designated SUNY Cortland health educator, Smith created the College's health program from the ground up, developing initiatives dealing with alcohol, sex and drugs as well as a peer education program. Smith, a Freedom from Smoking Clinic Facilitator of the American Lung Association of Central New York, has coordinated programs addressing smoking cessation, nutrition, eating disorders and stress.

Smith has initiated several other innovative programs on campus, including the Wednesday Wellness Series, which each semester offers students a variety of informative workshops on key health issues. She started the Handkerchief Project, a memorial to those killed in alcohol-related accidents, and the "Connections Coffee Houses," weekend alternatives for students aimed at combating college-age drinking.

As the campus spokesperson for health emergencies, Smith was assigned the responsibility of creating SUNY Cortland's Emergency Infection Control Plan in 1994. The College implemented the plan just after it was developed during a meningitis scare, when about 5,000 students, faculty and staff were immunized. The policy was so well-written it later became a model for several other SUNY campuses.

For 10 years, Smith has co-taught a three-credit course on "Peer Health Advocacy: Sex Drugs and the College Student," and each semester has facilitated peer grief support groups for students experiencing the loss of a loved one. She also helped develop two educational videos used in the College's first-year programming on the risk of predatory drugs and alcohol abuse.

She has won numerous SUNY Cortland awards, including the Excellence in Service to Students Award in 2006, the Leadership in Civic Engagement Award in 2005-06 and the Outstanding Staff Person in 1999-2000. The SUNY Cortland Student Government Association honored her twice for outstanding service and dedication to students.

On the statewide level, Smith served as president-elect of the New York State College Health Association for 2000-01, as

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Timothy J. Baroni Named Distinguished Professor

Timothy J. Baroni, a SUNY Cortland professor of biological sciences who is an international expert in the field of mycology, has been appointed a Distinguished Professor, the highest academic rank in SUNY.

Baroni becomes the fifth SUNY Cortland faculty member and the first in eight years to receive the honor. The Distinguished Professor designation, conferred by SUNY's Board of Trustees, is a rank above that of full professor.

A SUNY Cortland faculty member since 1980, Baroni specializes in tropical mycology and is one of the world's leading experts on the diversity and systematics of macrofungi. In the past 30 years, he has described five new genera, 63 new species and varieties and since 1980 has proposed 27 new combinations of fungi.

His book, *How to Identify Mushrooms to Genus VI: the Modern Genera* (Mad River Press, 1988), written with David L. Largent, Baroni's mentor while at Humboldt State University, is considered one of the most significant references in the field.

"It is truly exceptional that he has described more than 60 new species and made 25 or so new combinations," wrote Donald H. Pfister, Asa Gray Professor of Systematic Mycology and Curator of the Farlow Library and Herbarium at Harvard University, in support of Baroni, who worked as a

cryptogamic botanist at Harvard from 1979-80. "To describe the previously unknown one must know the group of organisms well through extensive museum studies and fieldwork, have an excellent knowledge of the descriptive literature, and construct the descriptions, including Latin text, to assure valid publication. This is precise, detailed and scholarly work and Baroni excels at it."

Since his appointment at SUNY Cortland, Baroni, along with his colleagues, have obtained nearly \$1 million in grants, primarily from the National Science Foundation, for tri-continental research projects in the Caribbean to inventory over 4,000 species, approximately 15 percent of which were new to science. He also has received grants from the SUNY Research Foundation, the Buffalo Science Museum and the New York State Museum.

Baroni has received many national and international awards and honors for his scholarship. In 1987, he was one of only three professors worldwide to be selected to receive the Hesler Visiting Professorship of Floristic botany at the University of Tennessee. In 1984, he was invited to participate in the People to People Applied Microbiology Delegation in the People's Republic of China.

"Dr. Baroni is a leading figure in mycology," wrote Gregory M. Mueller, curator of fungi at the Field Museum and current president of the Mycological Society of America.



Timothy J. Baroni

"He is an outstanding researcher who is making critical contributions to our understanding of fungal diversity, an amazing teacher and mentor who is playing a key role in building capacity in both Latin America and the USA, and dedicated member of the scientific community who is facilitating the growth and outreach of mycological research through his leadership."

Baroni's first book, *A Revision of the Genus Rhodocybe Maire (Agaricales)* (Beihefte Nova Hedwigia, 1981) was the publication of his doctoral dissertation. Amy Rossman, director of the U.S. National Fungus Collections, explained that this "198 page book (published) in 1981 remains the definitive account of the genus *Rhodocybe*."

The author of 51 peer-reviewed articles, Baroni has conducted field research throughout North America and the world, including, Austria, Switzerland, Tasmania, Thailand, Trinidad, Venezuela, Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and St. John, United States Virgin Islands in the Caribbean. He has conducted extensive research on the floristic survey of mushrooms in New York State, particularly in the Adirondack region.

A strong advocate of undergraduate research, Baroni has involved his students in his research and mentored them in the field; more than 40 Cortland students have completed independent study or research projects under him. He has served on numerous academic committees at the College and is the director and head curator of the SUNY Cortland Herbarium (internationally recognized as CORT). Baroni has continued to develop the herbarium, which now houses over 8,000 fungal collections and is cited in the online international reference *Index Herbariorum*, published by the New York Botanical Garden.

Baroni was born in Fort Bragg, Calif., and was raised in nearby Mendocino. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. He received his doctoral degree in botany and mycology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst under the mentorship of the late Professor Howard E. Bigelow.

Past Distinguished Professors at SUNY Cortland, their fields and appointment years include: Terrance D. Fitzgerald, biological sciences, 1999; Steven Barbash, art emeritus, 1984; Van Akin Burd, English emeritus, 1973; and John Corso, psychology emeritus, 1973.

Timothy Baroni Recognized by Mycological Society of America

Timothy J. Baroni, a SUNY Cortland professor of biological sciences who has specialized in mycology, which is the study of fungi, was named a 2006 Fellow of the Mycological Society of America (MSA).

Baroni's recognition was announced during recent international joint meetings of the MSA and the Association for Plant Pathologists in Quebec City, Canada. His formal installment as an MSA Fellow will take place during the society's Annual Meeting July 29-Aug. 2 in Quebec City.

The MSA, an international organization, has bestowed this prestigious honor among its ranks since 2001. MSA Fellows are nominated as candidates without their knowledge from among members who have completed at least 11 years of service after earning a Ph.D. Honorees

are selected for their solid record of mycological research, successful teaching and development of teaching materials for mycology, significant service to the society, or for a combination of those accomplishments.

Baroni was among four senior-level mycologists who received this coveted award in 2006. Others represented the New York Botanical Garden, the United States Department of Agriculture National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., and the University of Alabama.

A past MSA president, Baroni met the society's criteria in all three areas of strength, observed the sitting president, Professor James B. Anderson of the University of Toronto.

"This is richly deserved for your many contributions to mycology and for your dedication to the MSA over the years," Anderson asserted

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president in 2001-02 and as past president in 2002-03. She has served as a panelist around the state, speaking on key health education issues and sharing her expertise on a range of topics such as peer empowerment, grief counseling and wellness in the college setting. She has served on more than 10 committees at SUNY Cortland and has advised the Non-Traditional Students Organization, the SUNY Cortland College Relay for Life and the Cortland Against Another Rape (CAAR).

A lay minister for St. Mary's Church, Smith coordinates confirmation instruction and marriage preparation for the church. She has served on the Newman Foundation Board since 2001 and is a member of the Cortland County Health Educators' Network.

Smith earned her bachelor's degree in religious studies at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., and her master's degree in health education at SUNY Cortland. A resident of Cortland, she is married to Stephen J. Smith, a senior counselor in the College's Counseling Center. They have two grown daughters, Christine and Danielle.

Michael P. Toglia

Toglia, who joined the College's psychology department in 1978, becomes the sixth SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in

Scholarship and Creative Activities.

A nationally known authority in the fields of human cognition and information processing, Toglia is frequently called on to testify in court as an expert in eyewitness identification and testimony, particularly with regard to children. He has also participated in the signing of several amicus curiae briefs presented to courts around the nation.

As a result of years of extensive research, Toglia this year co-edited two cutting-edge volumes in his field: *Handbook of Eyewitness Psychology: Memory for Events, Vol. 1* and *Handbook of Eyewitness Psychology: Memory for People, Vol. 2*. He has co-edited seven other books, ranging from *Children's Eyewitness Memory* (1987) to *Autobiographical Memory: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives* (1998). In addition, he has contributed 11 book chapters on repressed memory, false memory and eyewitness psychology and has written or co-authored more than 30 articles in scholarly journals.

"Based upon his research, he is in the very top echelon of memory researchers," said Charles Brainerd, a professor of human development at Cornell University. "His work is recognized and valued throughout the field."

Toglia has presented his research findings at 125 conferences, including international psycho-legal conferences in Scotland, Belgium, England, Sweden and Canada. He was a founding member of the international Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition and has been its executive director

since 2003. He serves on several editorial boards of scholarly journals and was recently nominated to be the next editor of *Psychological Bulletin*.

His dedication to teaching is exemplified by his Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1986. As a result of his leadership on the Council on Undergraduate Research, a national organization, Toglia helped initiate the SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Research Council, which he has chaired since 2005. He has involved his students in his own research, with many of them co-authoring conference presentations. He has also mentored approximately 100 research and teaching assistants at the College.

Toglia has received several grants for his research. From 2002-04, he served as consultant for a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grant on "Generative Processing: Reducing False Memory in Individuals with Mental Retardation."

Promoted to professor in 1991, he served as chair of the psychology department from 1997-2000.

Toglia earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He received a master's degree in experimental psychology and a doctoral degree in experimental (cognitive) psychology from the University of Colorado in Boulder.

He resides in Homer, N.Y., and is married to Cathleen Toglia, a math teacher at Tully (N.Y.) High School. They have two grown children, Brian and Jessica.

Van Arsdale

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population of 500 people who lived in southern Illinois 5,000 years ago.

Though the work is often "cut and dry," Van Arsdale says she loves her job, especially traveling around the world to analyze skeletal remains. She has worked on projects all over the country, and a few years ago was assigned to a special project in England that used documentary sources to assess cultural aspects of various countries for the military.

"I'm never doing the same thing twice," she says. "I get to meet people in different cultures. I get to travel and see places I would have never seen on my own. Each day brings something different and someone different that you have to work with. It's a challenge and it's always rewarding."

When Van Arsdale isn't analyzing bone fragments, she enjoys relaxing with her husband, Blaine Jeffries, an airplane mechanic supervisor, and their 2-year-old son, Tucker. The family lives in Edwardsville, Ill., a suburb of St. Louis.

"I really just spend time with family and friends," she says. "I don't have time for anything else, between work and my 2-year-old."

Faculty Retirements

Robert M. Pierce

Robert M. Pierce, a member of the SUNY Cortland faculty since 1974, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He will earn the designation of professor emeritus of geography.

A native of Coronado, Calif., Pierce graduated from Montclair (Calif.) High School and attended Chafee Junior College in Alta Loma, Calif. He earned a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of California, Santa Barbara. After serving two years in the U.S. Navy, Pierce earned both his master's degree and his Ph.D. in geography from Michigan State University.



Robert M. Pierce

Pierce, whose background was in urban geography, joined SUNY Cortland in August 1974 as an assistant professor of geography. He was promoted to associate professor in 1981 and to full professor in 1988.

His funded research at SUNY Cortland included a study of the burn care facilities at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira, N.Y. and a geographical analysis of racial variations in abortion. In 1984, he received national attention for his paper, "Rating America's Cities: A Perceptual Analysis of Objective Measures," presented at the 80th Anniversary Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Washington, D.C.

Pierce's most recent research has focused on understanding the French and Americans through the physical expression of their beliefs, values and behaviors imprinted upon their occupied natural setting. He has conducted research in both France and the U.S. and has produced several thousand photographic images that augment his findings.

He has published several articles and reviews in professional journals, and has presented papers at regional and national professional conferences.

Pierce chaired the SUNY Cortland Geography Department for eight years during the 1980s and 1990s. In 1992, he was named coordinator of the New York Geographic Alliance, a state organization of nearly 3,000 teachers and government officials, dedicated to revitalizing the teaching and learning of geography in K-12 classrooms.

He and his wife, Sally, will reside in Madison, Wis. He has three children, Christopher, Mark and Melissa.

Rita M. Rosenberg-Barber

Rita M. Rosenberg-Barber, director of SUNY Cortland's Field Placement Office since 2003, will retire on July 9. She will be awarded the designation of director emerita of field placement.



Rita M. Rosenberg-Barber

As director of field placement, Rosenberg-Barber coordinated the placement of college students in pre-kindergarten through high school classrooms for all teacher education programs. During her tenure, the number of placements for field experience and student teaching increased to 3,000 annually in more than 1,500 schools across the state.

One of her main objectives was to establish stronger ties with the SUNY Urban Teacher Education Center in New York City, offering student teaching opportunities in an urban and multicultural setting. This initiative grew from five participants to a high of 24 students per semester, drawing from all of the College's teacher education programs.

Rosenberg-Barber was involved in coordinating two international student teaching initiatives. She helped launch and promote a student teaching program in Queensland, Australia, through the University of the Sunshine Coast. She also directed the student teaching program in London through London Metropolitan University.

Another of her accomplishments was designing and directing SUNY Cortland's Summer Teacher Institute in Environmental Studies and Culture in Belize, which brings together American and Belizean teachers and education students to learn pedagogical techniques at a nature reserve. Now in its fourth year, the program will send 15 American teachers, undergraduate and graduate students to Belize in June.

In 2004, Rosenberg-Barber organized the first SUNY Field Placement Office Conference at SUNY Cortland. As an outgrowth of that conference, she helped form the SUNY Field Experience Administrator Consortium, which meets every semester. She also established a semi-annual Education Field Placement Fair at the College, which allows students to meet with administrators from area elementary schools and to arrange their own placements for one of their pre-student teaching experiences.

Rosenberg-Barber was appointed interim director of SUNY Cortland's Field Placement Office in 2003 and promoted to director in 2004. She was the coordinator of field experience in 2002-03 and facilitated student teaching placements for childhood/early childhood and special education majors.

She began her career with SUNY Cortland in 1995 as a lecturer in the Education Department, supervising student teachers, teaching classes in childhood education and serving as the director of the Ithaca Student Teaching Center.

A native of Newport, R.I., Rosenberg-Barber attended Middletown (R.I.) High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in childhood development and family studies from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. She received her master's degree in elementary education and a certificate of advanced study in educational administration from SUNY Cortland.

Rosenberg-Barber was a teacher in the Ithaca City School District from 1975-95 and taught pre-kindergarten through third grade at the Belle Sherman and Caroline elementary schools. During the 1985 school year, she took a sabbatical to supervise the development and implementation of a district-wide curriculum in environmental education with the Cayuga Nature Center.

At SUNY Cortland, Rosenberg-Barber serves on the SUNY Cortland Childcare Board of Directors and is chair of the Board and Resource Development Committee. She is a member of SUNY Cortland Professional Development School Steering Committee and the SUNY Urban Teacher Center Advisory Board. She also volunteers with the Family Reading Partnership in Tompkins County.

Rosenberg-Barber is married to Don Barber, the Town of Caroline supervisor and owner of Sunny Brook Builders. The couple live on a 60-acre farm in Caroline that they work with draft horses. They have three daughters: Cara, Megan and Jenna.

Nancy L. Sternfeld, M.D.

Nancy L. Sternfeld, M.D., who has served as SUNY Cortland's college physician since 1986, will retire on May 31. She will be awarded the designation of college physician emerita.

When Sternfeld accepted the position, SUNY Cortland's Student Health Service had just ended its contract with Cortland Memorial Hospital for clinical services and was recruiting its own medical staff. During Sternfeld's tenure, the staff increased from six to nine and has served nearly 5,000 students each semester. The health service also received its first national accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Over the past two decades, the types of services the office provided expanded to include testing for HIV/AIDS, immunizations for travel medicine and mental health care. New state regulations also required college students to receive immunizations for measles, mumps, rubella and meningitis.

"I think the complexity of the issues that we deal with has increased through the years," said Sternfeld, "When I first came here, if you had a mental health disorder, you came to see a psychiatrist. That's no longer true. It's just the expectation these days that primary care clinics can take care of more routine mental health problems."



Nancy L. Sternfeld

A native of West Irondequoit, N.Y., Sternfeld graduated from West Irondequoit High School. She earned a bachelor of arts in sociology and anthropology from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. She received her medical degree from Columbia University and completed her residency in internal medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

In 1982, Sternfeld went to work as an attending physician in the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University Medical Center, a teaching hospital in Lafayette, La. She was promoted to program director of the residency program in 1984.

After moving to Cortland with her husband, John M. Sternfeld, who is a professor of biological sciences at the College, Dr. Sternfeld went into private practice. She took the job as SUNY Cortland's college physician two years later.

"I was a young mother trying to do part-time medicine and I was having difficulty juggling all of it," she said. "When this position came up, it was a nice fit for me."

In 2004, Sternfeld received a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. She was honored in 2003 with the College's inaugural Excellence in Service to Students Award. In 2002, the College designated the Student Health Service unit as a Best Practices Assessment Unit.

Since 1989, Sternfeld has served as a clinical assistant professor with SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y., supervising medical residents doing month-long rotations at the College's Student Health Service.

Sternfeld was a past president of SUNY Health Services Council, a statewide panel serving all SUNY campuses. At SUNY Cortland, she was chair of the Student Health Advisory Committee and a member of the Automatic External Defibrillator Committee. She was a member of the Cortland County Board of Health, the YWCA Board of Directors, the Cortland County Hospice Quality Assurance Committee and the Jacobus Center for Reproductive Health Advisory Board.

Sternfeld and her husband live in Cortland and have two children.

Donald R. Wright

Donald R. Wright, a member of the SUNY Cortland History Department faculty since 1976, will retire from the College on Aug. 31. He will earn the designation of Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus of History.

A native of Richmond, Ind., Wright earned his bachelor's degree in history from DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., and both his master's degree and his Ph.D. in history from Indiana University. His education was interrupted between 1968 and 1972 by service as an officer in the United States Air Force. In a tour of duty with Air University, in Montgomery, Ala., Wright designed a race-relations curriculum for Air Force ROTC that was implemented nationally, earning him an Air Force Commendation Medal for his efforts. He also taught history at Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala. for two years.

His exposure to the struggle of African Americans in Alabama during the 1960s became the catalyst for his academic interest and expertise in African-American history.

Wright received a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship in 1974-75 to reconstruct the pre-colonial history of a small Mandinka state, Niumi, through oral traditions in The Gambia and Senegal. His doctoral dissertation charted that history from the 14th century through the 19th century. The wooded savanna of Niumi is where Africans and Europeans met to trade slaves.

In September 1976, Wright joined the SUNY Cortland History Department as an assistant professor. He taught African and African American History, and he was one of a team that introduced the teaching of World History to

Robert Antin '72, Sylvia Earle Receive Honorary Degrees

Renowned oceanographer Sylvia Earle was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science and veterinary center visionary Robert Antin '72 received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the State University of New York at the SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Commencement exercises on May 19 in the Bessie L. Park 1901 Center.

Sylvia Earle

An explorer-in-residence for the National Geographic Society and a 2000 inductee into the National Women's Hall of Fame, Sylvia Earle has conducted more than 60 expeditions worldwide that have involved more than 7,000 hours underwater in research.

The honorary president of the Explorers Club and the executive director for Global Marine Strategies for Conservation International, she monitored the health of the U.S. waters during the 1990s as the chief scientist of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

In 1992, she founded Deep Ocean Exploration and Research to design, operate, support and consult on manned and robotic sub sea systems. From 1998 to 2002, she led the Sustainable Seas Expeditions, a five-year program to study the National Marine Sanctuary System.

A native of New Jersey, Earle moved as a teenager with her family to Clearwater, Fla., where she fostered her lifelong interest in marine life and the ocean. She earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State University and both her master's degree and Ph.D. from Duke University.

Her doctoral dissertation, "Phaeophyta of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico," was a trailblazing first-hand study of aquatic plant life that Earle has continued to update.

Earle was a research fellow at Harvard University and then was a resident director at the Cape Haze Marine Laboratory in Florida.

In 1968, a four-month pregnant Earle traveled 100 feet below the Bahamian waters in a submersible Deep Diver. In 1970, she led the five-member, all-female Tektite II research expedition that spent two weeks living in a small structure 50 feet beneath the ocean surface. An out-



The State University of New York awarded famed oceanographer Sylvia Earle and veterinary hospitals visionary Robert Antin '72 with honorary degrees at the SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Ceremonies on May 19 on campus.

spoken advocate of undersea research, she has written 100 publications about marine science and technology, has produced numerous television programs, and has presented technical and general interest lectures in more than 60 nations.

During the 1970s, Earle participated in scientific missions to the Indian Ocean, the Galapagos, and to waters off Panama, China and the Bahamas. She and undersea photographer Al Giddings investigated the battleship graveyard in the South Pacific's Caroline Islands. They also followed the migration of sperm whales throughout the Pacific Ocean. Their journeys were recorded in the 1980 documentary film "Gentle Giants of the Pacific."

In 1979, Earle became the first and, to this day, the only human being to walk untethered along the sea floor at a depth of 1,250 below the ocean's surface. Wearing a pressurized, one-atmosphere garment, Earle spent two-and-a-half hours with only

a communication line connecting her to the submersible that brought her to the ocean depths off Oahu, Hawaii. Her 1980 book, *Exploring the Deep Frontier*, describes that experience.

In the 1980s, she served on the President's Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere. Earle and engineer Graham Hawkes started two companies, Deep Ocean Engineering and Deep Ocean Technologies, which design and build undersea vehicles capable of unprecedented maneuverability at great ocean depths.

Earle led research expeditions to study the impact of oil spills during the Gulf War and following the spills of the ships, *Exxon Valdez* and *Megaborg*.

A member of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and the World Wildlife Fund Board of Directors, Earle has balanced her married life and raising three children with her scientific research over the past four decades.

Robert Antin '72

SUNY Cortland alumnus Robert Antin '72 revolutionized the veterinary care industry in the United States in 1986 when he and his brother, Art, created Veterinary Centers of America, Inc. (VCA), a national network of centers aimed at providing consistent brand name care.

From a single hospital in Los Angeles, VCA Antech expanded into 360 freestanding animal care facilities in 37 states. VCA Antech is the leading provider of diagnostic laboratory services in the country and a national pacesetter in veterinary postgraduate teaching programs. VCA Antech operates 28 clinical laboratories that provide testing and diagnostic services to 15,000 independent animal hospitals.

Antin, as the VCA Antech chairman and CEO, directs nearly 10,000 employees, including 1,400 doctors in the hospital division, and another 180 employees at corporate headquarters in Los Angeles.

Born in New York City, Antin attended Seward Park High School until he was recruited to play basketball at exclusive Trinity School as a junior and senior. A teammate, Jimmy Carroll, wrote about his experiences on that scholastic team in his book, *The Basketball Diaries*, that was made into a movie.

Antin chose SUNY Cortland because he could voluntarily play basketball but focus on academics. A standout player on the Red Dragon squads for four years, he admittedly developed self-confidence that would serve him well throughout his professional career while earning a bachelor's degree in economics.

After earning an M.B.A. in hospital administration from Cornell University, Antin worked briefly with the National Cash Register Co. in Dayton, Ohio, before taking a position with American Medical International (AMI) in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Antin launched his own firm, Alternacare, which featured outpatient surgery in facilities independent of hospitals from Alaska to Florida. He sold the highly successful company after two years and used the experience gained to establish VCA.

He and his wife, Patti, have three children.

Retirements

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the College in 1978. An interim department chair for several years, Wright was promoted to associate professor in 1979 and to professor in 1984. The State University of New York awarded him the title of Distinguished Teaching Professor in 1990.

Throughout his career at SUNY Cortland, Wright used sabbatical leaves, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and SUNY Cortland Faculty Research Grants, to continue his studies in West African history, culture and traditions. His two volumes of *Oral Traditions from The Gambia* were published by Ohio University in 1979 and 1980, respectively.

During the 1980s, Wright shifted his research focus from West African history to the Atlantic slave trade and, by extension, early African American history. In 1990, he wrote *African Americans in the Colonial Era: From African Origins Through the American Revolution*, a best seller in the Harlan Davidson American History series. He followed that in 1993 with *African Americans in the Early Republic, 1789-1831*, which shed light on the movement of slaves in the South throughout the early 1800s.

Wright returned to his earlier African interests in the mid-1990s, writing *The World and a Very Small Place in Africa*



Donald R. Wright

outstanding performance and superior service to the State University and to the State of New York."

In 2003, Wright received a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Residential Fellowship, which allowed him to spend a month as a scholar-in-residence at the Bellagio Conference Center in Italy working on information he gathered earlier that year in The Gambia for a new edition of *The World and a Very Small Place in Africa*. In the new edition, Wright shows how globalization has affected the daily lives of men and women in The Gambia. Labelled as "One of the best books for teaching about Africa in the context of world history," the book is used widely in African and World History classrooms across the United States.

in 1997, which a decade later inspired Chinese historians to invite Wright to China as a visiting scholar at the Center for Global History in Beijing. His most recent book, this one co-authored, *The Atlantic World: A History, 1400-1888*, was published by Harlan Davidson in 2007.

In 1990, he received a New York State/United University Professions Excellence Award for his "sustained

Over the years, Wright has presented the results of his research at conferences in the United States and in the Netherlands and Senegal. His scholarly articles have appeared in *Africana Journal*, *African Economic History*, *History in Africa*, *Muslim Peoples*, *American Heritage*, *Journal of General Education* and *the Journal of American Ethnic History*. In 2003, he spoke to an invited audience at the United States Embassy in The Gambia, and in 2005 he was invited to Washington to brief the new U.S. Ambassador to that country.

While in graduate school, Wright was an editorial assistant for *The American Historical Review*. In 1982, he assisted in collecting and curatorial work at the National Museum of The Gambia. In 1994, he was lead scholar for the Alabama Humanities Foundation Institute: Integrating Africa into the Alabama Social Studies Curriculum.

During the summer of 2000, Wright was a visiting lecturer at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he introduced a course in African American history. In the 2006-07 academic year, he held the Mark W. Clark Distinguished Chair of History at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., where he taught the first course in African History.

Wright resides in Homer, N.Y., with his wife, Doris. He has two sons, John and Ben.

Reunion Weekend 2007

Alumni Association to Honor Distinguished Alumni

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award, to two graduates during the Alumni Reunion Weekend luncheon in Corey Union on Saturday, July 14.

The association will present the Distinguished Alumni Awards to Louis E. LaGrand '57, an international authority on after-death communication, and Christopher Leadbeater '67, executive director and head of the technology faculty at Newham College in England.

Since 1968, 103 SUNY Cortland graduates, including this year's honorees, have received the Distinguished Alumni Award for achievements in their careers and for outstanding service to their community and their alma mater. In addition, 16 alumni have been recognized with Distinguished Young Alumni awards and six have been named Honorary Alumni.

Louis E. LaGrand '57

LaGrand began his career as a college basketball coach but later decided to focus on grief counseling and what he came to call the extraordinary experiences of the bereaved.

The author of eight books, LaGrand is now one of the world's leading authorities on after-death communication and gives lectures and workshops on the subject in the United States, Canada and Europe. LaGrand also directs Loss Education Associates, an education and counseling service in Venice, Fla.

LaGrand's interest in after-death communication began in 1978, eight years after he started teaching the first course on dying and death at SUNY Potsdam. Hired to coach basketball, he was teaching a course on human ecology when he met a nurse who told him about a lecture she had attended on dying and death. When LaGrand devoted a section of the class to the topic, the students were so fascinated by it that he decided to create a course on the subject.

After class one day, a 64-year-old grandmother named Sylvia told LaGrand that before her daughter had died, Sylvia had asked her to send a sign that she was okay in another existence. Four months later, Sylvia reported that she was babysitting her 4-year-old grandson when the boy saw an image of his aunt (her deceased daughter) smiling. Having never heard an after-death communication story before, LaGrand told her it was "possible" that the image was a sign from her daughter.

The woman's account led to a 25-year search by LaGrand for people who have had spontaneous contact with loved ones after death. He concluded that Sylvia's experience was not an isolated case.

"I began to realize that many people who were mourning had these unusual experiences that they didn't want to share with anyone because they thought that people would think they were crazy," LaGrand recalls. "I was convinced they could help other people deal with their losses. Who am I to judge whether this person is hallucinating or has had a bona fide experience? If they feel they've had a sign from a deceased loved one, let's let them use it."

Over the next 28 years, LaGrand wrote four books on the topic: *After Death Communication* (Llewellyn Publications, 1997); *Messages and Miracles* (Llewellyn, 1999); *Gifts from the Unknown* (iUniverse.com, 2001); and *Love Lives On* (Berkley Publishing, 2006). He has written 19 published articles



Louis E. LaGrand '57

in academic journals, more than half of them about death and reactions of the bereaved.

"The many books he has written on death and dying have been extraordinary," says Carol S. Wittine '59, a SUNY Cortland

classmate who nominated LaGrand for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

LaGrand's other books include: *Changing Patterns of Human Existence* (Charles C. Thomas Publishers, 1988); *Coping with Separation and Loss as a Young Adult* (Thomas, 1986); *Discipline in the Secondary School* (Parker Publishing, 1968); and *Coach's Complete Guide to Winning Basketball* (Parker, 1967).

In 1989, LaGrand was named a distinguished service professor at SUNY Potsdam. After leaving his post at the college, LaGrand served as a member of the debriefing team for the Nassau County Medical

Examiner's Office on the TWA Flight 800 disaster, which killed 230 people in 1996. He was also one of the founders of the Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley, Inc. in Potsdam and was president of the board of directors.

A native of Utica, N.Y., LaGrand graduated from Whitesboro High School and earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at SUNY Cortland. He earned a master's degree in guidance from the University of Notre Dame, a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University and a doctorate in administration from Florida State University.

LaGrand and his wife, Barbara, live in Venice, Fla., and have four sons, Christopher, Gregory, Scott and Steve.

Christopher Leadbeater '67

As a college administrator in England for nearly 25 years, Leadbeater has developed several initiatives aimed at serving disadvantaged students who might not have been able to complete their education.

A native of Hartford, England, Leadbeater was aware of the cultural differences that sep-



Christopher Leadbeater '67

arated him and his classmates when he arrived at SUNY Cortland as a freshman in 1963. This realization had a long-lasting impact on Leadbeater, who has tried to help refugees and underprivileged students obtain an undergraduate education in Britain.

Leadbeater received a full scholarship to study at SUNY Cortland after Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English Van Akin Burd spotted him and his classmates cycling to Sir John Deane's Grammar School each morning in Northwich, England. Burd, who was in England researching the 19th century critic and social theorist John Ruskin, decided to offer one of the boys a scholarship to SUNY Cortland. Leadbeater applied and was selected.

"The whole Cortland experience was a very seminal one for me," Leadbeater said. "For although we seemed to speak the same language, we often didn't understand each other. There are cultural differences that you are not aware of until you live in a place for awhile."

At SUNY Cortland, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physics, Leadbeater lived at the former fraternity on Tompkins Street, Gamma Tau Sigma, which offered him free room and board. After earning a master's degree in physics from the University at Buffalo, Leadbeater returned to England to teach physics, astronomy, mathematics and electronics at Sir John Deane's Grammar School, his former high school.

Following a stint as a manager of a textile company, Leadbeater became the head of physics and electronics at Llandrillo College in Colwyn Bay, England, in 1983. During his 10 years at the college, Leadbeater developed a national diploma in electronics and computer technology that offered an alternate route toward higher education for students who were not admitted into the formal college system. The diploma allowed students a two-year course of study that addressed university entry requirements.

"We had a very elitist system and it was failing a lot of good people," Leadbeater recalled. "I could see that we were trying to make people fit into something that they weren't going to fit into very well. I looked to a different qualification."

In 1993, Leadbeater moved to Solihull College near Birmingham, where he became head of the Technology Division. He has served as executive director and head of the technology faculty at Newham College since 2000.

To further the education of disadvantaged students, Leadbeater located volunteer groups and ethnic organizations in London to train the students so they would develop the skills to succeed at the university. Of its 30,000 students, Newham now has 7,000 who take courses through organizations franchised through the college.

"We've got people who've been born into very deprived circumstances — houses that haven't got a book and people who haven't worked for generations," Leadbeater said. "Breaking out of that cycle is not an easy one because there are drug problems and family problems and housing problems. All those sorts of things drive people down and you've got to find a way to break the cycle."

Leadbeater lives in London and has two children, Sarah Jo and Thomas William.

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Nomination Form

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2008

Nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Alumni and the 2008 Distinguished Young Alumni Awards are now being accepted by the SUNY Cortland Alumni Affairs Office.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards are the highest honors that the Alumni Association can bestow upon graduates of SUNY Cortland. Established in 1968, the awards have been presented to 103 graduates. In 1977, the Distinguished Young Alumni Award was introduced and, to date, 16 such graduates have been honored.

These awards seek to recognize Cortland alumni for distinguishing themselves in their careers and communities, and/or rendering outstanding service to the College or Alumni Association, thus bringing credit to the alumnus or alumna and honor to the College.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award winners must be under 35 years old and must have graduated in the last 10 years. Those alumni nominated since 2005 who have not received awards do not have to be re-nominated. Nominations are active for three years inclusive of the year of initial nomination. Distinguished alumni and young alumni awards will be presented at the Alumni Reunion Weekend Luncheon on Saturday, July 15, 2008.

Nominations will be accepted by filling out and submitting the form below or on the Alumni Affairs Website at www.cortland.edu/alumni and clicking in 'Distinguished Alumni.'

I wish to nominate:

Nominee's Address:

for the (check one):

☐ Distinguished Young Alumni Award

☐ Distinguished Alumni Award

Nomination submitted by:

IMPORTANT: Please include with this nomination form a letter of recommendation that strongly emphasizes how the nominee has distinguished himself or herself. If more than one nomination is submitted, please attach the extra names and supporting documentation to this form. Please submit nominations by Feb. 1, 2008, to: Alumni Affairs Office, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045.

John Selvaggio '05 Named 2007 Australian Teaching Fellow

After spending 14 weeks on a study abroad program in Australia two years ago, John Selvaggio, a 2005 SUNY Cortland graduate, dreamed of returning to teach on the continent between the Indian and South Pacific oceans.

In January Selvaggio, 23, boarded a plane headed for Queensland, Australia, to begin a yearlong fellowship program at a school district where he teaches physical education to primary, middle and high school students.

"I honestly didn't think it would happen and now I'm back," Selvaggio said, a month after starting his fellowship. "It's hard to leave a place when you're having such a great time."

Selvaggio, who earned a bachelor's in physical education from the College, left a teaching job at St. Patrick's of Bay Shore, a Catholic school in Long Island, to pursue the one-year paid fellowship. He is teaching at the Chancellor State College campus, which includes a primary, middle and high school, through December. His schedule follows the 215-day Australian school calendar — 35 days longer than the school year in New York.

Selvaggio, who is from Bayport, N.Y., is SUNY Cortland's second Australian Teaching Fellow, the result of a collaborative effort among the College, Education Queensland and the University of the Sunshine Coast. The fellowship is open to SUNY Cortland alumni who have at least provisional or initial teaching certification in New York State.

"We think it will prepare them to be better teachers," said Marley S. Barduhn, associate dean of the College's School of Education. "They gain a sense of global confidence. They become citizens of the world."

Barduhn said the partners involved in the program are considering establishing a fellowship for Australian teachers that



John Selvaggio '05 teaches physical education to high school students at Chancellor State College in Australia shortly after beginning a year long fellowship there in January.

would be offered in school districts in the Cortland area. The exchange with Australian teachers could start in 2008 if the details can be worked out and a local school district wants to be a partner, she said.

Australia was selected for the fellowship program because it is a popular destination for SUNY Cortland students. The College

also has ties with the University of the Sunshine Coast, which has offered a student teaching abroad program for SUNY Cortland students since 2003. Students in the program take six credits of course work at the University of the Sunshine Coast and then complete their first student teaching experience in Australia.

This summer, Selvaggio will work with the fourth contingent of SUNY Cortland students participating in the study abroad program. While in the program in 2005, Selvaggio took two courses at the University of the Sunshine Coast — Australian Education and History and Sports Coaching — which certified him to be a level one coach in the country. He also spent eight weeks teaching in the city of Maroochydore.

Barduhn said Selvaggio's undergraduate experience in Australia helped his application stand out in the selection process. She said there were more applicants this year than during the first year the fellowship was offered. Alumni interested in the 2008 Australian Teaching Fellowship must send in an application to the College by Sept. 21 (see form below).

"John represents the finest of our graduates in that he has shown outstanding professionalism and commitment to the field," Barduhn said. "He is open and receptive to the learning that he will get through this experience."

After one month in Australia, Selvaggio said he has already noticed how teaching physical education in Australia contrasts with the methods used in the United States. In Australia, physical education is taught in the classroom from a theoretical perspective and then students test the theories out on the playing field, he said.

"Physical education is different here because I'm focusing a lot of my time on theory, which is something I wouldn't do in the United States," he said. "I'm teaching in the classroom, with PowerPoint and giving tests. I really enjoy this type of system."

After he completes his fellowship, Selvaggio plans to pursue his master's degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland. He has started taking classes for his graduate degree at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Australian Teaching Fellowship

The University of the Sunshine Coast, in partnership with Education Queensland and the State University of New York, are offering an international teaching fellowship opportunity beginning in January 2008 in Queensland, Australia.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduates of SUNY Cortland's elementary or childhood education programs who have at least provisional or initial teaching certification in New York State are eligible to apply for this fellowship.

Teaching Fellowship

The fellowship begins with the Australian school year on Jan. 28, 2008 through Dec. 17, 2008. Teaching fellows will be assigned to grades four or five at a Chancellor State Primary School in the Mooloolaba District of Education Queensland. The teacher will be part of a planning team with two other teachers and will have a teaching partner next door to provide assistance. Assistance with the Immigration Visa Application will be provided by the University of the Sunshine Coast. Airfare, living expenses and accommodations are the responsibility of the applicant. Information to assist with this process will be provided. The salary will be \$43,000 in Australian currency plus an additional \$2,000 for every year of prior teaching service up to a maximum of \$59,000.

Application Process

Candidates for the fellowship must complete an application and submit their vitae, transcripts, copies of certification documentation and three letters of recommendation from faculty or employers to SUNY Cortland Dean of Education Office, Cornish Hall, Room D-205, P. O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045, by Sept. 21, 2007.

Applications will be reviewed by a Fellowship Recommendation Committee and forwarded to Principal John Lockhart and Education Queensland for final consideration. The Queensland Board of Teacher Registration will approve teaching fellows. Notification of acceptance will be provided to the successful applicant by Oct. 1.

An online application will be available later this summer. For more information, contact Marley Barduhn, associate dean of education, at (607) 753-5431.



Raymond Franco '72 Leads Institutional Advancement

Raymond D. Franco, a long-time SUNY Cortland staff member and administrator who has served as the College's interim vice president for institutional advancement since July 2006, was permanently named to the position. College President Erik J. Bitterbaum announced the appointment, effective March 8, following a national search.



Raymond D. Franco '72

Franco, who had served as vice president for student affairs since 1994 until the interim appointment, is a 1986 recipient of a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. He replaces John Mosser, who resigned last June to accept a position as a major gifts officer at Cornell University.

The Division of Institutional Advancement encompasses the offices of Alumni Affairs, Publications and Electronic Media, Public Relations, and the Cortland College Foundation.

The division serves as the College's primary source for communicating with external audiences, as well as within the campus community, by articulating and promoting the College's mission to the general public, with a special emphasis on students, parents, alumni,

benefactors, faculty and staff. The division's goals focus on building support, assisting in marketing the College to students, raising funds and strengthening bonds with graduates.

"Being appointed to the position of vice president for institutional advancement has given me another wonderful opportunity to

serve my alma mater," Franco said. "I look forward to working with the talented staff in the institutional advancement division, colleagues from across the campus and the dedicated alumni and foundation board leaders to make our campus even stronger for future generations of students."

He has joined several organizations supporting college advancement, including the national organization Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the State University of New York Council for University Advancement (SUNYCUAD).

Franco, a 1972 graduate of SUNY Cortland, was president of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association from 1986-88. He also served on its board of directors and its Finance and Long Range Planning Committees.

★ **Milton D. Latimer '37** (DECEASED)

Milton D. Latimer competed on Cortland's legendary undefeated football teams in the mid-1930s before earning national fame for coaching the Bolivar (N.Y.) Central football squads to five consecutive unbeaten seasons in the 1940s and 1950s.

A native of Cortland, N.Y., and a Cortland High School graduate, Latimer arrived on the Cortland Normal campus a year after its new football coach, Carl "Chugger" Davis. During his four years, Latimer helped his Cortland squads win 91 percent of their games and post a combined 22-2-4 record.

The team adopted its nickname "Red Dragons" during Latimer's freshman season and, by his senior year, Cortland drew an unprecedented 5,000 fans to its game in Buffalo against then-powerhouse Canisius College.

Latimer was an important cog on those units. He played halfback and end in his first two years before Davis moved him to quarterback because of his exceptional blocking ability. The 1937 *Didascaleion* wrote of Latimer that he was "a combination of brains, physical ability and experience. A deadly tackler and smart signal caller."

While at Cortland, Latimer also played three seasons of baseball under Davis and was the president of the American Physical Education Association. He was one of the select seniors chosen to participate in Senior Luminaries. He earned his degree in physical education in 1937.

Success followed Latimer to his first teaching and coaching job at Portville (N.Y.) Central, where his football teams went 43-6-2 with three undefeated seasons between 1937-43. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46 and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Latimer took the football coaching job at Bolivar Central in 1946. During the next eight years, his squads were 49-15-4 and won seven straight Alle-Cat Championships. The team did not lose for five seasons. Its 33-0-4 mark was the second longest win streak in Section Five history. The Bolivar Class of 1951 dedicated its senior yearbook to Latimer "whose superior leadership has built character as well as champions." The class members added that Latimer's "name will always be associated with the highest tradition of outstanding sportsmanship."

A new school, Iroquois Central, opened its doors in Elma, N.Y., in 1955. Latimer was hired as its first athletic director and football coach. His teams immediately became competitive in the Erie County Interscholastic Conference. Latimer's total commitment to the school and community, demonstrated throughout his career, made him a legend at Iroquois Central. He opened the facilities to the community on weekends, directed community recreation programs, fostered physical education and athletics by holding Saturday morning basketball games for first through sixth graders, and instantly instilled a school spirit.

Iroquois Central honored its trailblazer by naming its football field in his honor. Latimer, who died in 1966, was the first inductee into the Iroquois Central Hall of Fame.

Latimer is survived by his wife, Helen, and daughters, Karen and Patricia.

★ **Arthur R. Wright '50** (DECEASED)

A native of Oceanside, N.Y., Arthur R. Wright '50 started the high school boys' soccer program there and built it into a perennial Long Island powerhouse during his 27-year coaching career.



C-Club to Induct Eight New Members in October

Eight new members will be inducted into the SUNY Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame during its 39th annual banquet and ceremonies on Saturday, Oct. 20, in Corey Union.

The 2007 honorees are: Milton D. Latimer '37, Arthur R. Wright '50, Francis "Frank" P. Morris '60, Ronald Zorn '61, Peter J. Cahill '66, Robert G. McMurray '67, Robert A. Eddy '82 and Antoinette Tiburzi (honorary).

Established in 1969, the C-Club Hall of Fame recognizes Cortland alumni who competed as athletes at the College and who have since distinguished themselves in their professions and within their communities. Honorary members are recognized for their long and significant contributions to SUNY Cortland athletics.

New C-Club members have been added annually and this year's ceremony will bring the Hall of Fame roster to 195 alumni and 21 honorary members.

From 1953 until his retirement in 1980, Wright was one of the most respected, successful and influential high school soccer coaches on Long Island. His teams had a combined 315-80-40 record, won 18 divisional titles, 11 South Shore Athletic League crowns, 11 Nassau County and four Long Island championships. These figures are all the more impressive because Long Island did not offer championships for 14 years of Wright's coaching career.

Between 1968-73, Wright's Oceanside squads won every Nassau County title and a trio of Long Island championships. His undefeated 1973 unit outscored its opposition 99-4. In 1970, he received the New York State Coaches Honor Award.

A three-time president of the Nassau County Soccer Coaches Association, Wright is remembered for being an exceptional teacher of fundamentals and tactics who emphasized the highest ethical standards among his players.

Wright was an all-county basketball player and championship football competitor at Oceanside High School in the early 1940s. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the *USS Massachusetts* in the Pacific for two years.

In 1946, Wright enrolled in physical education at Cortland. He played soccer for T. Fred "Prof" Holloway and was an All-New York State selection in 1947, 1948 and 1949. He played football as a freshman and basketball for two seasons. He was the recording secretary for the Delta Kappa fraternity.

After earning his Cortland degree in 1950, Wright taught in the Oceanside elementary school, where he started soccer and basketball programs for fifth and sixth graders that would become the foundation for the district's future success. He was also one of the co-founders of the Oceanside Little League program that became a model for other communities.

In addition to coaching soccer, Wright was the freshman and junior varsity basketball coach for 27 years at Oceanside High, where he also helped direct the junior high track and baseball teams.

The community's respect for Wright, who was inducted into the Oceanside High School Sports Hall of Fame, can be further measured by his inclusion among the charter inductees into Oceanside High's Circle of Pride. The members include NBA star Ernie Vanderweigh, who played alongside Wright at Oceanside High, and NCAA Player of the Year Art Heyman, who Wright coached as an Oceanside athlete.

Wright died on Feb. 1, 2005, at the age of 78. He is survived by his daughter, Jeryl Israel. He was pre-deceased by his wife, Dorothy, and stepson, Fearing Ames.

★ **Francis "Frank" P. Morris '60** (DECEASED)

Francis "Frank" P. Morris '60 transformed scholastic basketball on Long Island as the highly successful varsity boys basketball coach at Rockville Centre's St. Agnes Cathedral High School from 1961-87.

"Frank was ahead of his time, applying the pressing tactics he learned playing lacrosse to the game of basketball," noted Lou Carnesecca, the former St. John's University basketball coach whose squads included players from St. Agnes.

"Forty years ago, he was one of the first coaches to employ a pressing man-to-man defense and the fast break offense that is so popular today," added Carnesecca. "His innovative style has left an indelible mark on the game of basketball on Long Island."

During his 26 seasons at St. Agnes, Morris had a 494-101 record. His teams won 18 divisional and 10 league titles. His squads won the 1978 and 1979 state championships and were the runners-up

in 1981 and 1982. Among the many future collegiate players he mentored was Billy Donovan, who played at Providence and has coached the University of Florida to the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Division I Basketball Championships.

Morris graduated from Great Neck (N.Y.) High School and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-55. He entered Cortland in 1956 and played football for four seasons as a halfback for Coach Carl "Chugger" Davis. He earned a degree in physical education in 1960 and later earned a master's degree in physical education from Adelphi University.

He joined St. Agnes in September 1960. In addition to coaching basketball, Morris was the golf coach for 27 years, head football coach for 10 years and assistant for 11 years, and the junior varsity basketball coach for a season.

Working with the Rockville Centre Recreation Department for more than 30 years, Morris organized and operated an immensely popular summer basketball program at Hickey Field for junior high, high school, varsity and adult teams that attracted competitors from across Long Island.

Morris left St. Agnes in 1987 and worked with the RMJ Government Securities Brokerage Firm in New York City for five years. He returned to coaching in 1992 at New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, where his basketball squads had a 67-42 record over four seasons, including the 1994 and 1995 ECAC championships.

In 1996, Morris headed south to Florida, where he became head coach of the Mariner High School boys' basketball team. In seven years, the veteran coach amassed a 150-52 record, four district titles and advanced to the State of Florida elite eight in two of those seasons before retiring in 2003. His famous "numbered break," with his well-conditioned players spreading the court and attempting to get up more shots than the opponents, had earned Morris the same acclaim in the Sunshine State that he achieved on Long Island four decades earlier.

Morris, who died in 2004, was predeceased by his wife, Gail Butler Morris '60. He is survived by their six children: Kevin, Michele, Susan, Debbie, Christine '90 and Michael.

★ **Peter J. Cahill '66** (DECEASED)

Peter J. Cahill '66 was an associate professor emeritus of physical education who was a successful multi-sport coach at SUNY Cortland for 30 years.

A native of Watertown, N.Y., Cahill grew up in Malone, N.Y., and graduated from Franklin Academy. In 1966, he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland where he competed in swimming and tennis. He earned a master's degree in physical education from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and a doctorate from Springfield College.

Cahill taught physical education in the Clarkstown (N.Y.) School District from 1967-69 and was an instructor and coached aquatics and tennis at SUNY Plattsburgh from 1969-71.

In 1972, Cahill joined the SUNY Cortland faculty and became head coach of both the men's cross country and the men's swimming and diving teams. He added the women's swimming and diving coaching duties to his resume in 1978 and coached both squads until 1988.

Under Cahill, the Red Dragon men's swimming and diving squads became a perennial State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) power during his 16 seasons, winning four league crowns.



Sports Injury Healers

SUNY Cortland alumnus Bert R. Mandelbaum '75, M.D., a team physician with the U.S. World Cup Soccer Team, was a keynote speaker at the College's one-day conference on sports injuries. Geared for professionals and students, the March 30 event was held in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Mandelbaum is shown third from the left with, from left to right, Patricia "T'She" Looney Romano '87 and speakers David Boyland, Mandelbaum and Matthew G. Scuderi. Boyland is a physical therapist with Goldwyn and Boyland Physical Therapy in Cortland, N.Y., who serves in the Physical Therapy Education Department at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Scuderi is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery's Division of Sports Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y. The conference on "Contemporary Issues in Sport-Related Injuries" was presented by the College's Departments of Biological Sciences, Health, and Exercise Science and Sport Studies and partly supported by a Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALS) grant.

He was voted SUNYAC Coach of the Year in 1979, 1981 and 1985. On a national scale, he coached 77 qualifiers to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. His Red Dragons placed as high as fifth in the nation in 1981.

Cahill's women's swimming and diving teams dominated the New York State collegiate landscape and finished fourth and ninth in the U.S. in the early 1980s. His teams won three all-division New York State titles in his first four years, then swept four of the first five SUNYAC Women's Swimming and Diving crowns. The Women's Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year in 1988, he coached more than 50 women's national qualifiers.

In 1985, he became the first coach in SUNYAC history to lead both a men's and a women's program to conference titles in the same season in any sport.

Cahill took over as the head women's tennis coach in 1998 and remained the coach after his retirement from teaching in 2002. His teams captured five league championships, while posting a 59-29 record. In 2005, Cortland placed third in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament, its best finish in 21 years. Two Cortland players qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships under Cahill, who was voted the SUNYAC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2005.

Within the Physical Education Department, Cahill served as advisement coordinator and director of racquet activities. An avid tennis competitor and instructor, he was tennis coordinator for the 25th Annual Empire State Games co-hosted by SUNY Cortland in 2002.

Cahill died on Nov. 17, 2006, at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Reome Cahill '66, a physical education instructor at the College, and two children, David and Julie.

★ **Robert G. McMurray '67**
DURHAM, N.C.

An All-America swimmer and school record holder at Cortland during the mid-1960s, Robert G. McMurray '67 has earned acclaim for his research and his teaching skills as a professor of exercise science and sport studies, a professor of

nutrition, and a professor of physical therapy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

McMurray, who is a Hamburg, N.Y., native and Hamburg High School graduate, became a six-time All-America swimmer in the 400-yard individual medley, 500-yard freestyle and the 1,650-yard freestyle at Cortland. As a senior, he held the NCAA College Division 1,650-yard freestyle record.

By the time he finished his Cortland career, McMurray held or tied every school record in nine of 11 individual swimming events, while holding or tying five Moffett Pool marks. He also set SUNYAC and Upper New York State records in the 200-yard and the 400-yard individual medley, 500-yard freestyle and 1650-yard freestyle.

A Dean's List student and a member of the Men's Athletic Association board as an upperclassman, McMurray was a student trainer for the men's lacrosse squad as a senior. He was a Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity brother and listed in *Who's Who Among College Students*.

McMurray earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland in 1967. He received his master's degree in physical education from Ball State University and a Ph.D. in human performance from Indiana University.

In 1968-69, he was an assistant professor of physical education and swimming coach at SUNY Oneonta. He taught physical education at Union College from 1969-73 and at Indiana University from 1974-76. He joined the University of North Carolina faculty in 1978.

He has authored more than 110 peer-reviewed research manuscripts, numerous textbook chapters and two books. Since the late 1980s, his research interest has been in developmental exercise physiology focusing on obesity. He is part of a research team that has obtained more than \$40 million in funding for the University of North Carolina.

McMurray was cited by the North Carolina Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health for his efforts in promoting exercise in children. He received the Henry J. Montoye Scholar Award from the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine for his research on obesity in children.

Within his community, McMurray has

been a youth soccer and softball coach, an assistant scoutmaster and active with Habitat for Humanity. He started a lacrosse program at Hillside High School, where he served as an assistant swim coach.

He and his wife, Marsha, have three children, Robert, Melissa and Matthew.

★ **Ronald Zorn '61**
CHURCHVILLE, N.Y.

An All-America soccer forward on the first-ever Cortland team to compete in an NCAA Tournament, Ronald Zorn '61, a high school physics and chemistry teacher, became an influential catalyst for the growth of boy's soccer in Section Five.

A graduate of Churchville-Chili High School, Zorn was a three-time All-SUNYAC and All-New York State forward for Coach T. Fred "Prof" Holloway's soccer squads at Cortland. A senior co-captain, he earned All-America honors when there was only one division for all college and university soccer teams in the U.S. His prolific 0.92 goals-per-game scoring average is still a school record nearly a half-century later.

Zorn helped lead Cortland to the 1959 and 1960 SUNYAC and the 1960 New York State Intercollegiate championships. Cortland was one of only eight teams in the nation invited to play for the 1960 NCAA Soccer Championship.

While at Cortland, Zorn also played junior varsity baseball and soccer. He was involved with the House of Delegates, Cardinal Key, the Masquers, Dorm Council and Gamma Tau Sigma fraternity. He was his junior class vice president, the 1961 Winter Carnival King and head resident in Hendrick Hall. He was listed in *Who's*

Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Zorn earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Cortland. He later received a master's degree from Antioch College and completed post-graduate studies at a number of institutions. Zorn taught junior high science briefly at Rush-Henrietta and Spencerport Central Schools before teaching high school physics and chemistry at Spencerport from 1964-96. He was the Science Department chair for 21 years.

He coached freshman boys' basketball, varsity boys' volleyball and freshman and junior varsity boys' soccer at Spencerport. He was the varsity assistant at Spencerport when it captured five Section Five soccer titles and the 1972 state championship.

Zorn became active within Section Five boys soccer as its coordinator from 1980-92 and Advisory Committee member from 1986-88. He served on the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Soccer Committee from 1980-2001, all but two years as recording secretary, and was its chair for the last nine years of that term.

A former college and high school soccer and high school basketball referee, Zorn received both the Honor Award and the Distinguished Achievement Award from Section Five for his contributions to the development of its boys' soccer. In 2003, the Section Five boys' soccer Player of the Year Award was renamed in Zorn's honor.

Zorn also has received The Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year Award from Rochester Institute of Technology.

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C-Club Hall of Fame

NOMINATION FORM

***Purpose:** The Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize and honor those men and women associated with SUNY Cortland athletics who, through their efforts and accomplishments both as student-athletes and later in their professional lives, have brought great honor and distinction to the College. On special occasions, non-alumni have been recognized as honorary inductees into the Hall of Fame for their outstanding devotion and loyal services to the College athletic program.*

C-Club Hall of Fame nominations may be submitted by anyone. In order to be considered by the C-Club Board of Directors the nominator must send a detailed letter of recommendation with the nomination form.

Nominee's name _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

If a Cortland graduate, list class year _____

☐ Check here if an honorary nominee

Nominator _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

If a Cortland graduate, list class year _____

1. Once an individual's Hall of Fame Nomination Form and nominator's letter of recommendation has been received, the athletics director will send the nominee a **Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame Candidate Information Form**.
2. Send the Nomination Form to: Athletics Director, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045 by Jan. 15, 2008.

College Offers 'Life In the Woods' Program Geared for Adult Learners

The College's Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education will offer its first "Life In the Woods" program to alumni from Sunday, Sept. 23-Friday, Sept. 28 on Raquette Lake in the Adirondack Mountains.

The program will take place from Antlers, part of the College's Outdoor Education Center complex of camp facilities on the shores of Raquette Lake, which also include Camp Huntington and Kirby Camp.

"Life In the Woods" is a carefully designed adventure in learning for adults wishing to engage in low- to moderate-level activities while experiencing the fabulous history and extraordinary nature of the Adirondacks.

The program somewhat resembles an Elderhostel, according to Rhonda Jacobs, assistant director of the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education.

The inaugural trip will be on the theme of "The Natural and Cultural History of the Adirondacks." Highlights include:

- A behind-the-scenes tour of the Adirondack Museum
- Bog investigations and bird watching at Ferd's Bog
- A trip to the historical Great Camp Pine Knot
- A horse-drawn wagon ride to Camp Santanoni
- A narrated luncheon cruise on Raquette Lake aboard the W.W. Durant
- Canoeing and kayaking on Raquette Lake
- A foray to the Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center in Paul Smiths or Newcomb, N.Y.
- An optional hike on Blue Mountain

Judy Thaler and Wayne Robins, partners in Nature Ed-Ventures, will lead the activities, Jacobs said.

"Instructors at all venues are the best professional teachers and educators to be found," Jacobs said. "All are highly qualified, ensuring consistent quality programming. They are sincere and enthusiastic."

Thaler, an administrative partner, has developed and led other similar adventures, including study tours with students and adults to Alaska while also serving as camp director for their company's residential camp programs. She was the director of education for 16 years at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Robins, the lead naturalist, is well versed in the natural history of the Adirondack region and possesses a wide range of outdoor skills. He has worked extensively in developing and leading programs at Camp Allegany in Allegany State Park for family weekends, residential summer camps. Robins serves as assistant camp director and conducts teacher training sessions. He has worked as a senior staff naturalist at the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Participants will be housed in comfortable lodges and cabins with indoor bathroom facilities. They will need to provide bed linens or a sleeping bag.

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Directions to Antlers will be mailed to all registrants. Nature Ed-Ventures staff will meet participants at Antlers mid-afternoon on Sunday.

All meals are included in the fee, beginning with dinner on Sunday and concluding with breakfast on Friday. Meals will be prepared and served family style at Antlers. Participants will share kitchen patrol (KP) responsibilities for assisting with meal setups and cleanups.

Additional information on emergency and telephone communication, dietary restrictions, insurance, equipment for rooms, and partial refunds can be obtained by contacting the center.

The special alumni rate of \$350 includes lodging, meals, equipment use, all program fees and services of naturalists and instructors.

Registration is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. A non-refundable \$80 deposit is required at the time of registration. A registration form must be completed and submitted along with the deposit. All registrations will be



accepted in order of receipt and validated when accompanied by the required deposit. Balance of payment is due by Aug. 15. A late fee of \$50 will be charged for payments not made on time. Telephone and e-mail registrations will be held for five days, at which time they must be secured with a deposit.

For more information, contact Jacobs at (607) 753-5485 or by e-mail at jacobsrk@cortland.edu or visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/outdoor/raquette.

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He is a member of Section Five Boys Soccer, the New York State Soccer Coaches Association and the Spencerport Central School Halls of Fame.

He has been active in his community with the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department, the Town of Riga Recreation Commission and the Union Congregational United Church of Christ.

Zorn and his wife, Alice, have two children, Chris and Jennifer.

★ Robert A. Eddy '82 CANTON, GA.

An All-America wrestler at Cortland, Robert Eddy '82 after graduation moved to Georgia, where he became an award-winning physical educator, wrestling coach and scholastic director of athletics.

Eddy, a native of Van Etten, N.Y., was an All-America wrestler and a National Honor Society member at Spencer-Van Etten High School.

At Cortland, he wrestled under his mentor, Coach Vince Gonino, for whom he later served as assistant coach and assistant director for the 1982 NCAA Division III Wrestling Tournament.

Eddy won two SUNYAC titles, one New York State crown, and was an NCAA All-American as a senior. The two-time captain was both a Most Improved Wrestler and the Red Letter Award winner during his Cortland career.

He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cortland, a master's degree in health and physical education from North Georgia College, and education leadership certification from the University

of Alabama. He is completing his doctorate at Samford University in Alabama.

Eddy has taught physical education at Canton (Ga.) Elementary School, at Moore Elementary School in Waleska, Ga., at Etowah High School in Woodstock, Ga., and at Sequoyah High in Canton, Ga., where he also chaired the Physical Education Department and was assistant principal and athletics director. Between 2002-05, he was principal of Dean Rusk Middle School and, since 2005, has been the principal of Creekview High, both in Canton.

As a wrestling coach, he led Etowah High to a regional title and Sequoyah High to four regional and two Georgia state championships. He has a 186-41-1 overall record and has coached 20 state finalists. A five-time regional Coach of the Year, Eddy has twice been named the Georgia State AAAA Wrestling Coach of the Year and the USA Team Georgia State Coach of the Year. He was the 1999 National Wrestling Coaches Association State Coach of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year at Moore Elementary School in 1989, Eddy was the Georgia State AAAA Athletics Director of the Year in 2001.

He has been inducted into the NYSPH-SAA Section Four and the Cherokee County (Ga.) Sports Halls of Fame.

Eddy is a past chair of the Georgia State Games wrestling competition. He assisted with the wrestling venues at the 1996 Olympics and the 1995 Fila World Freestyle Championships both in Atlanta.

He has been active in his community with the Hickory Flat Optimist Club, the Cherokee County March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Canton.

A former Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Authority board member, he

currently serves on the Kennesaw (Ga.) State University Health and Physical Education Advisory Board.

Eddy and his wife, Yvette, have two sons, Aaron and Grant.

★ Antoinette Tiburzi (Honorary) HOMER, N.Y.

Antoinette Tiburzi, professor emerita of physical education and an accomplished Cortland coach and administrator, was a leader within New York State women's athletics organizations and has been, for nearly 40 years now, a strong proponent for Cortland student-athletes.

She retired from Cortland in 2003 after 33 years of service and was awarded the additional honor of associate provost emerita of enrollment management. Tiburzi came to SUNY Cortland in 1969 and, except for her two-year doctoral degree residency at the University of Georgia from 1977-79, spent her professional career at the College.

A native of the Bronx, N.Y., Tiburzi grew up in Cheektowaga, N.Y. She earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Buffalo, a master's degree in physical education/statistics from The Pennsylvania State University and an Ed.D. in measurement/curriculum from the University of Georgia.

She was a physical education teacher and coach at Clarence (N.Y.) Senior High School prior to joining the SUNY Cortland Physical Education Department faculty in 1969 as an instructor. She was soon promoted to assistant professor, then to associate professor in 1979 and professor in 2003.

As the Cortland women's gymnastics coach between 1969-75, Tiburzi directed the Red Dragons to four New York State titles. She also coached the tennis squad in 1969-70.

Tiburzi was the gymnastics secretary for the New York State Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NYSIAIW). A national official in volleyball, basketball and softball, she chaired the committee coordinating officials in New York State. She was the first president of the New York State Council of Women's Sport Officiating Board and chair of the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women to serve on its first Basketball Officiating Committee charged with upgrading collegiate officiating in that sport.

She served as associate chairperson for academic affairs in the SUNY Cortland Physical Education Department, coordinated the student teaching program within the department, served as women's athletics director for one year, and was a staff coordinator of the College's Physical Education program at Raquette Lake.

From 1989-95, Tiburzi was associate dean in the School of Professional Studies. She served briefly as interim associate vice president for academic affairs during the summer of 1995 before becoming associate provost for enrollment management. She guided SUNY Cortland's resurgence in admissions during the late 1990s. In Spring 2001, she was the acting provost and vice president for academic affairs.

A charter member of Phi Kappa Phi at SUNY Cortland, Tiburzi was honored by the Chapter in April 2003 with the creation of the annual Antoinette "Toni" Tiburzi Award for Academic Achievement.

In retirement, Tiburzi is president of the local State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) Committee and serves on the Cortland C-Club Board, the Cortland College Foundation Board and the YWCA Golf Committee.

College Forges Closer Ties with Syracuse District

By Jennifer Wilson
Associate Editor

SUNY Cortland plans to award future four-year scholarships to selected Syracuse City School District graduates who want to become teachers and who successfully complete a mentoring program in which college students serve as tutors.

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, the College's provost and vice president for academic affairs, attended a parent-student meeting at the district's Nottingham High School on March 20 to announce the new incentive the College will offer for city students to pursue a college education.

The scholarships will be offered to students who have successfully completed the district's four-year-old Advancement Via Individual Determination: Pathway to College Enrollment and Success (AVID) program, modeled on a national program that places 'C' average students in college Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

"This is an example of building sustainable partnerships," observed Michael Robbins M '02, who directs the Syracuse City School District's AVID program. "This has kind of blossomed out of one little meeting we had two years ago. It has been tremendous for us."

In the past two years, SUNY Cortland has sent about 185 of its secondary education-track students to Syracuse to tutor middle and high school students enrolled in the AVID program.

Rita Rosenberg, SUNY Cortland's director of field placement, who retires July 9, explained that the College sends undergraduate as well as graduate adolescent education majors who specialize in one of five programs: international communications and culture, English, mathematics, social studies or science. The college students tutor their assigned AVID students individually in a specific academic discipline and join them in the classroom as mentors.

Starting in Fall 2008, one outstanding graduate of the Syracuse district from the AVID program who wishes to become a teacher will be accepted as a student in Cortland's Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.) program, with most of his or her tuition paid, the provost announced during the visit. In subsequent years, four C.U.R.E. scholars, one from each of the district's four high schools, will participate in C.U.R.E.'s unique, urban-oriented curriculum. The scholarship students who complete this program must commit to spend their first two years of teaching in one of New York State's 12 recognized urban districts.

"We decided to announce the scholarships now to give the first graduating class of about 20 AVID students, who are now juniors, something to look forward to in the next year," Robbins said. "We expect 20 to graduate next year, but almost 90 to graduate the year after that, and even more in the future."

"Ideally, we'd like them to go back to teach in Syracuse, but that is not required," observed Anne Burns Thomas, an assistant professor of foundations and social advocacy, and coordinator of the C.U.R.E. program.

The nine-year-old C.U.R.E. program offers a specialized curriculum featuring intensive fieldwork requirements to prepare its students for urban classrooms, Burns Thomas said. New York State currently has a critical shortage of outstanding teachers who understand the effects of culture, ethnicity, gender, language, poverty and



Left, an eighth grade AVID student at Grant Middle School; below, AVID District Director Michael Robbins M '02, CAS '04, with two students at the Grant School's AVID Dinner.



race on students who attend high-need urban schools.

The College presently offers 12 C.U.R.E. scholarships to high school graduates throughout New York State. The scholarships, supported by a combination of endowed gifts, private foundation grants, College funds, and a New York State grant, target underrepresented groups in the field of teaching, including racial or ethnic minorities or individuals from economically disadvantaged households, Burns Thomas noted. The new partnership will eventually direct one-third of those scholarships to the Syracuse district.

The district adopted the AVID program four years ago to improve average students' preparation for and success in their classroom experiences, by offering academic and social support.

"AVID targets the students who are in the middle, the ones earning the grades in the 70s, and encourages them to take AP courses with support from mentors," Robbins observes.

"The goal is not to remedy the performance of these students, but to challenge them," Burns Thomas added.

So far, AVID has improved student performance in the Syracuse district. Valerie Jones, the College's coordinator of field placement, observed that four years ago, when AVID was launched, only 25

percent of students participating in AP classes were minorities.

"Two years later, 48 percent of the minority student population were taking Advanced Placement classes," and the number is as good or better today in this district composed of 69 percent minorities, Jones said.

"We've increased from offering one class to AVID students four years ago to 48 classes this year," Robbins said. "We didn't have many college students involved in our tutoring programs until we approached SUNY Cortland about it two years ago, when they sent about 50 student mentors."

"SUNY Cortland has really stepped up to the plate," said Robbins, who earned a Master of Arts in history from the College in 2002 and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in 2005.

The secondary education students first participate in training and orientation with AVID district coordinators on the college campus. They then travel to

Syracuse to spend approximately three hours a week helping the budding scholars master a discipline one-on-one.

"Participation in the AVID program helps the students complete their New York State required 100 hours of field experience prior to their semester of student teaching," Rosenberg explained.

Growing numbers of SUNY Cortland graduates who took part in AVID are being hired by the Syracuse district as teachers. Additionally, as part of the new partnership with the Syracuse district, the AVID students are coming to campus to sample college life personally. An Admissions Office team, led by Mark Yacavone, director of admissions, arranged two bus trips to the College in February.

"We wanted to have the AVID students come to campus and interface with their tutors, so they could visualize themselves as a student here," Jones said.

Burns Thomas added, "Students in the C.U.R.E. program gave the tour and presentations in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. The visit is not just for the recruitment of college students, but of future educators who might not have thought of it before."

The field experience has served to motivate the education students about their teaching careers.

"We told the SUNY Cortland students that an AVID student at Fowler High School earned the highest grade on this year's Living Environment exam," Robbins said. "The SUNY Cortland student who was that student's mentor was very excited, and it really sold the program to the other students."

"We're shifting to a culture where our teacher candidates no longer just count the hours they are in school," Rosenberg said. "It's more about the impact they're having on these middle and high school students, working in small groups, nurturing relationships, experiencing urban teaching."

Gerald Porter Named School of Education Dean

Gerald Porter has been named dean of SUNY Cortland's School of Education. He will begin his duties on July 9.

Porter is an associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services at SUNY Oswego, where he also served as assistant dean in the School of Education from 2000-2005. He will report to Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

He replaces Edward Caffarella, who will return to teaching after having served as dean since 2003 of the then-newly created School of Education, which had been formed from a group of academic departments that split from the School of Professional Studies.

As dean, Porter will oversee four academic departments offering degrees at both the baccalaureate and master's level: Educational Leadership, Foundations and Social Advocacy, Childhood/Early Childhood Education, and Literacy. He will supervise the Field Placement Office, the Center for Educational Exchange, the Access to College Education program, the Liberty Partnership Program, the Migrant Education Outreach Program, and the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs.

His responsibilities include helping the school meet its National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education requirements. He will be involved with the College's new School of Education building, on which construction is set to begin this year.

Porter earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Regent's College (Excelsior College) of Albany, N.Y. He has a Master of Science in Educational Psychology and Statistics, a Ph.D. in educational psychology and statistics, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in School Psychology from SUNY Albany. Porter has permanent certification in school psychology from the New York State Education Department and is a certified clinical psychopathologist through the National Association of Forensic Counselors.



Gerald Porter

At SUNY Oswego, he has taught graduate-level courses in subjects encompassing counseling and psychology, including interventions; race, gender and class issues; educational handicaps and learning disabilities; behavior management for disabled students and clients; interventions for aggression; and professional problems in school psychology.

Porter is the author of numerous book chapters and journal articles in his profession and has delivered many presentations and invited addresses on a variety of issues related to diversity and school counseling.

He has served on SUNY Oswego's Strategic Planning Advisory Board, Faculty Council, Faculty and Staff of Color Mentoring Group, Faculty and Staff of Color Coalition, and African American Studies Minor Workgroup. A member of the College's Diversity Committee since 2000, he is the current chair. He was Faculty Council chair from 1999-2001.

Porter is an ad hoc reviewer for three professional publications, *Educational Policy: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Policy and Practice*, *Journal of School Psychology*, and *School Psychology Quarterly*. He is area coordinator for the National Association of African-American Studies and a member of the Alliance for Parental Involvement in Education Consultancies Board of Directors.

Porter received the University of the State of New York, State Education Department's 1992 Certificate of Commendation for Leadership and Student Development. He was inducted into the international interdisciplinary honor society, Phi Kappa Phi, in 2005.



How to Send Class Notes

We enjoy hearing from you and encourage you to continue sending us your news by way of our "Keep In Touch" form, which has moved to page 2, or by e-mail at alumni@cortland.edu.

Photos and Announcements

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REUNION 2007

Classes celebrate Reunion every five years beginning with their 10-year reunion, but the Alumni Affairs Office reminds everyone that Reunion is open to all Cortland alumni regardless of graduation year. Special Reunion celebrations for this year include the Classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997.

1932

REUNION 2007

1937

REUNION 2007

1942

REUNION 2007

1946

Edith Lang Willoughby of Syracuse, N.Y., archivist and curator for the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia, Pa., writes that this 175-year-old institution, only the third school for the blind in the U.S., opened a new museum in February that is devoted to its own history and the history of educating the blind in

the U.S. "The museum is accessible to the blind by touch and Braille and soundsticks," she writes. *The Inquirer* reported that Edith and Overbrook's director, as well as others at the school, drew materials for the exhibits from the institution's records, archives, storerooms, library and file cabinets. There are documents from Overbrook's founding, artifacts from its past and photographs of its daily life. Among other artifacts, the museum contains the nation's first embossed book with raised lettering, and features a complete exhibit on James G. Blaine, the 1884 Republican candidate for president, who taught for a time at Overbrook. Many items can be picked up and handled. The modest museum is located in a suite of rooms in the school's main building at 63rd Street and Malvern Avenue. Edith is the author of the history book about Overbrook (see 'In Print' column on page 23) released in February.



The Southern Tier Chapter of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association celebrated the 80th birthday of Carole "Pudgie" Wilsey Phillips '48 last Aug. 12 when it met at her home in Oquaga Lake, N.Y.

1947

REUNION 2007

1952

REUNION 2007

1954

David Rossie retired as associate editor after 45 years with the *Press & Sun Bulletin*, he announced to readers in the Jan. 14 edition of the Binghamton newspaper. After a brief hiatus, David plans to write columns for the Sunday edition.

1957

REUNION 2007



Barbara "Bobbie" Kilian Bernstein '60 writes that she enjoyed visiting with two former classmates for two days in February in St. Petersburg, Fla. Pictured from the left, at Sam Seltzer's Steakhouse, are Peggy Tolpa Zinsmeister '67, Maryann Tolpa Young '63 and Bobbie. "We enjoyed dinner there and spent the next day at the Florida State Fair," Bobbie writes. "We hope to have a reunion in Cortland on July 16-18, 2010, when the Class of '60 will celebrate its 50th Reunion! Arethusa has encouraged sorority sisters to attend with their Big Sisters and their Little Sisters." Members of the former sorority hope to organize a reunion at five year intervals, she explained.



Top: In June 1951, Gilbert C. Brown '51 and Shirley Haft Brown '51 stood in front of the fireplace in Brockway at their senior prom, an event that also inaugurated the newly constructed building. Above: The couple celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary and Gil's 78th birthday in December in Delray Beach, Fla.

"Many thanks for running the 'Tribute to 2,500 Alumni Couples', writes Gilbert C. Brown '51 of Chapel Hill, N.C. "Thanks for the memories!" Brown recalled when he and Shirley Haft Brown '51 met in an English class in 1947.

"We were married during the Christmas vacation of our sophomore year in 1948. We were both 20, really just out of high school. We are now married 58 years and we are approaching our 79th birthdays." He remembers curfews:

"Before we were married, Shirley lived in the prefabricated barracks type dorm where the current athletic fields are located. I lived in a rooming house on Clayton. In those olden days, women's dorms had a 10 p.m. curfew on week-nights, 11 p.m. on Friday and midnight on Saturday. We men had no curfew. We would take our dates back to their dorms or sorority houses saying our 'goodnights' outside the front doors. One of Shirley's dorm mates was Irene Denisewich Peterson '52 of Long Island, who was usually the last one to say 'goodnight' to her date. As the others of us were leaving, to remind them of the hour, we would sing them the old song, 'Good Night, Irene,' to much good-natured laughter. Yes, there was a serious consequence for coming in late, like being restricted or having to see the dean, a shame!"

His Class of 1951 inaugurated newly completed Brockway Hall and held their prom there in June 1951.

"The entry to Old Main was a circular driveway; By lofty elm trees shaded 'round...'. The elm trees were still there and in the spring we all just loved to loll between classes on the front lawn in front of Old Main. And we knew everyone. There were less than 1,300 of us, only about 185 in the class of '51, and no graduate students yet. Most of all, it was these friendships we still cherish."

Retired after international teaching, educational consulting and book publishing careers, Gil and Shirley enjoy traveling and playing golf and tennis. One son, Gerald, is an executive with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon and the second, Adrian, practices medicine in Washington, D.C.

"Cortland, to us, wasn't a preparation for life. It was life, and continues to be! Whoever among current and future alumni who read this, these two of your colleagues think all of us spent, or will spend, the best years of our lives under those 'lofty elm trees!'"

1960

William Hammond '60, M '62, an assistant professor of ecological and marine sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), was honored in an April ceremony celebrating more than 40 years of contributions to nature study, environmental education and preservation in the Southwest Florida community, the *Naples* (Fla.) *Daily News* reported. Bill, who retired recently, is recognized in the region for his support of nature study, which is environmental and experiential education focusing on the best practices of managing environmental resources. In 2002, he earned the Southwest Florida Horizon Council's Outstanding Achievement for Smart Growth Award. In 2003, he was honored by *Gulfshore Life* magazine as one of the "Environmental Heroes" in Southwest Florida. FGCU gave him the McTarnaghan Outstanding Teaching Award in 2004. He has a Ph.D. in environmental studies from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

1962

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Alden L. "Charlie" Dumas '62 of Keene Valley, N.Y., and his wife, Pauline, have traveled the U.S. and Canada via pickup truck, camping out and seeing well-known landmarks and historical sights. They are Adirondack 46ers, meaning they have climbed all Adirondack high peaks with an elevation of more than 4,000 feet. Alden has busied himself researching his family tree, and has found many delightful relatives. He has survived open heart surgery and is currently recovering from hip replacement surgery. "I love seeing old friends from the Cortland years," he writes. "Please stop if you are in Keene Valley." Details about his latest novel, *Sons of the Double-J: An Epic Western*, appear in the InPrint section of Class Notes on page 23.

1963

Now in his 10th season as the Air Force's head lacrosse coach, **Frederick Acee** continues to pursue his goal of turning the Falcons into an NCAA play-off contender, the United States Air Force's official athletic Web site reported recently. In 2004, he helped lead the team to one of its best wins in school history, opening the season with the team's first-ever win over defending national champion Virginia. It was the first win in school history over a top-ranked opponent. For the previous 30 years, Fred made a name for himself as head coach at Farmingdale, where he

Richard Bianchino '63 wrote his former coach, **Robert Wallace '53**, about a small gathering that took place over the recent holidays in California.

Harry Schwarze '63 and his wife, **Beverly Tuttle Schwarze '61**, were visiting their daughter, Heather, who lives in Los Angeles with her husband. **George Ampagoomian '65** and his wife, Barbara, live in Laguna Beach. Rich and his wife, Brenda, live in Anaheim Hills.

"We all met at Hennessey's tavern in Laguna Beach. Then, we went to the Sawdust Arts and Crafts Festival grounds in Laguna Beach for some shopping; it's a very popular destination. The girls shopped and we guys watched the second half of the UCLA-Southern Cal football game. We went to George and Barbara's home for cocktails and a lovely dinner, which Barbara prepared. The Ampagoomians are always great hosts and we really enjoyed the entire day."



Three Cortland friends met during the holidays in Los Angeles, Calif. Shown, from the left, are George Ampagoomian '65, Richard Bianchino '63 and Harry Schwarze '63 watching the UCLA-Southern Cal football game.

built the Rams into a national lacrosse powerhouse. He has one son, Michael, who played lacrosse at North Carolina, and two daughters, Paulette Pearson and Andreana Hodgini, as well as three grandchildren.

1967

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Elizabeth Fleury Leadbeater is probably best-known for her work in building the economic bridges that have helped turn some Lakes Region vacant mills into thriving centers of business, the (N.H.) *Citizen* reported recently. The longtime head of the Belknap County Economic Development Council, she also has been a teacher, antique shop owner, author, college assistant and even a sheepherder. Eliza most recently was recognized by the *N.H. Business Review* and Laconia Savings Bank as a winner of the 2007 Outstanding Women in Business Awards, which recognizes the significant achievements of female leaders in the Granite State's business community. She came to the Lakes Region in 1992, when the program was little more than a fledgling idea to boost business in the region. Since its start, the economic development outfit has lent upwards of \$6 million to local businesses and has helped facilitate the moves of major companies such as J. Jill into the region. Eliza said she probably is most proud of the effort involving the restoration of vacant mills around a

Belknap County that once thrived with factories as the center of industry. Her focus on vacant mills has centered on her belief that such historic buildings remain important.

Richard Speckmann, the head coach of lacrosse at Nassau Community College, in 2007 began his 37th year at the helm with an overall record of 425-142-1 including 19 NJCAA lacrosse tournament championships. Rich has often said watching the players mature, witnessing their successes and playing a small part in their development has been every bit as rewarding as their victories. Rich joined in 1969 as assistant coach. He has been inducted into three halls of fame: Oceanside High School, SUNY Cortland and the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Rich also serves as a professor in Nassau's Department of Physical Education.

1968

Gary Wilson has retired from coaching after 37 years, the last 21 of them at the University of Minnesota, reported the university in mid-January. While he's stepping down as the head coach for women's track and field, a recent contract extension insures he'll coach the distance runners and cross country team for the next six years. His career highlights include numerous Coach of the Year honors, the University of Minnesota's President's Award for Outstanding Service, and induction into the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse Hall of Fame and the Drake Relays Coaches Hall of Fame. Gary explains his long-ago decision to coach a women's team in an article that appeared on the *Elite Running.com* Web site. "When I was at UW-La Crosse, I took over for a guy who was gone getting his doctorate. I was coaching the men's track and field team then. In 1977, Buck Jones, the coach who was on leave, returned and I was offered the head women's cross country or track and field job. I had never coached women and was very unsure that I wanted to. I looked for other men's jobs that summer, but at the end, it just felt right to stay at UW-La Crosse and coach the women's cross country team. It was the best professional decision I have ever made.

I was coaching women for less than two weeks and I knew that was what I wanted to do the rest of my life. It has been an awesome journey to see just how far the women have come since those very early days." A native of Lyndonville, N.Y., Gary and his wife, Suzy, have three grown children.

1971

After many other occupations, six years ago **Cheryl Weigand Grono** opened the Pennsbury Inn Bed and Breakfast in a circa 1714 house in Chadds Ford, Pa. Already winning awards, the seven-room inn sits on eight landscaped, gardened and wooded acres in the beautiful Brandywine Valley. Innkeeper Cheryl, who is married to **Walter "Chip" Grono**, prepares a gourmet breakfast for guests, who can spend their day visiting Longwood Gardens and other world-class attractions nearby.

1974

Glenn Westfall, athletic director at Watervliet (N.Y.) High School, plans to retire in June after working at the school since 1978, the *Albany Times Union* reported. In between coaching various boys' and girls' sports at the modified, junior varsity and varsity level during the past 29 years, Glenn has taught mathematics and, since 1989, has served as athletic director. He led the junior varsity boys' basketball team to more than 400 victories and also coached modified soccer, varsity soccer, bowling, boys' tennis, girls' volleyball and junior varsity baseball. In his second year as athletic director during the 1990-91 scholastic year, the Watervliet football, basketball and baseball teams all captured state Class C titles, a trio of feats known as the "Year of the Cannoneer." Glenn will continue to work with the Section II Executive Committee and serve as a league representative for the Colonial Council. A testimonial dinner is planned in his honor for June 24 at the Century House in Latham, N.Y.



Christina Lollo Walsh '75 writes that she was reunited with three former classmates on St. Patrick's Day at the wedding of her son, Ryan, in Waterbury, Conn. Pictured, from the left, are Chris, Barbara Rothstein Bandura '74, Joan Mackey McCabe '75 and Sallye Globerman Pecker '75

1972

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Charles Coggin is vice president and chief financial officer of Transoma Medical, a leading provider of implantable wireless diagnostic systems for patients with chronic cardiovascular disease and for biomedical research, *American Venture Magazine* reported recently on its Web site. Based in Saint Paul, Minn., the company's products include small wireless sensors that transmit information from inside the body to a receiver via radio-frequency waves, as well as unique software to condense the data these devices provide into meaningful information. Charles is married to **Diana Jakubowski Coggin**.

1973

Robert C.B. Thomas of Stony Point, N.Y., retires in June after 33 years as an educator, currently in the North Rockland Central School District. Robert will continue to serve as president and broker/owner of Hudson House Real Estate, a company established in 1988. He and his wife, Judith, have two daughters, Kristina, an engineer and Department of Defense contractor who graduated from Virginia Tech two years ago; and Kimberly, a sophomore and Division I soccer player at Binghamton University.

1975

John Bullis, a retired dean at Herkimer County Community College and veteran of the U.S. Navy, was tapped to fill the executive director position of the Cooperstown (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce, effective March 1, the *Cooperstown Crier Online* reported recently. The Chamber represents the business community in Cooperstown and hosts events like PumpkinFest and SnowFest. "It's one of half a dozen world-class centers of tourism in New York State and the northeast," John said. "I'm looking forward to joining the team and helping to keep things moving." Bullis was an employee of the college for 26 years and served as dean of institutional advancement at the college from 2001-06. He worked previously in the field of substance abuse counseling, directing a residential treatment facility in Ithaca, N.Y. John served four years in the U.S. Navy on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Independence. He has a master's degree in counseling from SUNY Oneonta.

BAE Systems of McLean, Va., named **Richard Schieffelin '75** president of the company's Information Technology business in January, according to a *Business Wire* electronic report. The promotion reflects management's satisfaction with his role as acting president, during which time he helped maintain a strong



Anthony "Tony" Gucciardi '64 of Auburn, N.Y., writes that he was recently reunited after 42 years with his former roommates from 46 Maple Ave. They gathered to share some memories in the Endicott, N.Y., home of John Monaco '65. Pictured, from the left, are: Jim Moore, Tony, Anthony Spallone '64, John and Don Olesen.



William Plante '76

After 28 years teaching and coaching at Salmon River Central School near Massena, N.Y., **William Plante '76** writes that he remains goal oriented and still has a few things he'd like to accomplish before calling it quits.

Willie serves as the first president of the newly created Sports Hall of Fame at Salmon River, which will hold its first induction ceremony in June.

He's worked with school, collegiate and professional teams as well as played with teams at all levels in numerous sports, including at the semi-pro level.

Willie has the most varsity wins, 540, of any New York State hockey coach, and holds the all-time record for state championships won. His team has taken 20 league titles and 18 sectional playoff championships.

He started coaching girls' varsity volleyball in 2006 and his team took the first Section 10 championship ever held and competed in Section 10's first ever state championship in Queensbury, N.Y.

He started coaching lacrosse for the first time this spring and his team was off to an 8-0 start.

He was inducted into four halls of fame: New York State Coaches Association, Greater Utica, SUNY Utica and Herkimer Community College (Wall of Honor). Willie serves as the first and only president since 1996 of the New York State High School Hockey Coaches Association, as well as on numerous other professional and youth boards. He has worked with many hockey and youth schools and camps.

Willie has a daughter, Raquel, who is pursuing a doctorate in physical therapy at Russell Sage College in Albany, N.Y.; and a son, Marc, a junior at Salmon River who plays and captains hockey, baseball, football and soccer.



Susan Follansbee Cavaturo '81

Susan Follansbee Cavaturo '81, a mother of six children ages seven to 20, completed her first Half Ironman Triathlon this past August by finishing the 70.2-kilometer Timberman Race at Lake Winnepesaukee and Gilford, N.H., in 6:01.18. She placed 12th out of 49 women in the 45-49 age group and 162nd overall out of 400 women in the field.

Susan represented Team in Training in the event and raised more than \$3,000 from friends and supporters for Leukemia research.

A private exercise physiologist in Greenwich, Conn., she earned a second degree in 1983 from Adelphi University. Susan looks to repeat the race this year and qualify for Ironman Hawaii. Her husband, Nick, is the head coach of swimming and diving at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y.

reputation of performance as one of the federal government's largest suppliers of information technology. As president, Richard will support the rapidly growing federal outsourcing market by providing enterprise IT services to government and other external customers and will focus on continuing in-sourcing of centralized, high quality, highly reliable, cost effective IT services across BAE Systems' U.S. enterprise. Richard joined BAE Systems in 1982 as a quality analyst and subsequently held a succession of positions within financial and business management. He served most recently as senior vice president of the intelligence, defense, federal and civilian lines of business of the IT business unit. Previously, he was vice president and general manager of the company's Enterprise Systems business.

1976

Richard Ryan wrote to SUNY Cortland about **Robert Bookman**, after his friend, a lawyer who represents the New York Nightlife Association, was interviewed by *The Staten Island Advance* for a Sept. 29 article following the violent death of an underage drinker in the metro New York area. Rich writes, "Dear friends, throughout Book's career, he has contributed opinions to the venerable *New York Times*, *Daily News*, *Newsday*, *The New York Law Journal*, and has often been quoted in them,

not to mention *The Hilltop Press* and *The Cortland Standard*. But not until one's words are printed in the *Staten Island Advance* can one claim the gold ring in one's profession."

1977

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Arthur Boccaccio wrote to SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum about his experiences while living in China. "Manzhouli is a very different city from most cities in China as it sits on the border between Russia, Mongolia and China and the three cultures intermix here in surprising ways. I am enjoying my stay here very much and I hope to remain in China for a few more years. I would like to live and teach in other parts of the country. And who knows, I may like it here so much I may never leave. I have been writing a series of 'Impressions of China' newsletters to friends and family since coming here."

1980

Reserve **Lt. Col. John Hergert** of Glenville, N.Y., was deployed for a mission that puts him in his third war, the Albany *Times-Union* reported in late March. John, a Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War veteran, arrived on Wednesday to oversee the Marine Corps Logistics Command (Forward) operations at a base in Kuwait in sup-



increasing artistic points, Doug and Rebecca had added a World War II-themed dock segment to their performance. Their hometown newspaper, *The Beacon Journal*, chronicled their victory with an Aug. 28 article and photo spread.

Doug and his wife, Jill, live in Medina, Ohio. Doug directs wellness and administrative services for Akron General Health and Wellness.

Douglas Ribley '82 and his daughter, Rebecca, won the National Doubles Title at the 2006 National Show Ski Championships held Aug. 11-13 in Janesville, Wisconsin.

A picture of a smiling Doug holding the beaming 14-year-old aloft while being pulled along on water skis graces the cover of the October 2006 edition of *The Water Skier* magazine. The magazine reports that in five Nationals' appearances, the duo went from sixth place to third to finishing runner-up the past two years. They scored 17.88 points, just 0.4 points more than the defending champions from Waterford, Mich. To clinch the championship by

port of combat Marines fighting in Iraq. He represents the Marine Corps Logistics Command in Albany, Ga., at its forward position in Kuwait. The command is currently assigned to control logistics operations at a site in Kuwait and a site in Iraq to support the Marine combat units on the ground in Iraq. John is usually on duty at the Logistics Command in Albany, Ga. As a civilian, he is a communications specialist with the state police headquarters in Albany. He first saw combat as an enlisted Marine in the Vietnam War. He has medals to show for the tour. John earned an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal for helping with the evacuation of Americans and others from Phnom Penh, Cambodia, during Operation Eagle Pull. He received another Humanitarian Service Medal for his role in evacuation of Americans and Vietnamese from Saigon, South Vietnam, in April 1975 during Operation Frequent Wind. He also served during Operations Desert Shield and Storm in the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. The Marine also has earned a Good Conduct Medal, a Navy Achievement Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, a Southwest Asia Service Medal, a Saudi Arabia

and a Kuwait Liberation Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Medal for volunteering to serve three years on active duty.

1982

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Hussain Ahmed arrived in the U.S. more than 30 years ago to study at SUNY Cortland, the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* reported in February on natives of sub-Saharan countries who now live in the Rochester area. Hussain is president and CEO of the Center for Change in Rochester, an organization that promotes mentoring and other services, and is finishing a doctorate in educational leadership at the University of Rochester. He is active in the Nigerian Association for Greater Rochester. His wife, Hannah, is also from Nigeria, though they met for the first time when they were students at Cortland. They have three children. "Sometimes when you come here and just focus on education, you don't look at other factors," he says. "Once you're married and have responsibilities, it becomes home."



Janine Hathorn '82 gives a Washington and Lee University women's lacrosse team member a "high-five" after a recent victory.

She has enjoyed similar success in women's soccer, where she served as head coach from 1987-2000. She led W&L to ODAC regular season titles in 1991 and 1998 and a then-school record 12 wins in 1996. She was named the ODAC Soccer Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1996.

Before coming to W&L, Janine spent five successful years at Denison University, where she coached the lacrosse team to five conference titles. She was named the North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year in 1987. She has a master's in physical education from Ohio State University.

1983

Alfred Nolan Jr. of Brookhaven, N.Y., has developed a new game called PlanetBalls, which the sporting equipment distributing company Sportime has accepted and begun selling. "I am receiving some royalties from it," writes Alfred, who has taught for 23 years in the South Country School District. The Sportime catalog, which is distributed throughout the country to physical education and recreation professionals, describes PlanetBalls as "dodge ball substitutes on an astral plain (sic)—a bodily-kinesiology activity that uses eye-hand throwing skills to develop a love for, and understanding of, astronomy."

1984

Brett Marschke has joined Duff & Phelps in New York City as chief operating officer, a role in which he will have oversight of human capital, technology, knowledge management and marketing and communications, according to the PR Newswire. Previously, he served McGraw-Hill Companies as senior vice president of human resources for McGraw-Hill information and media. Before that, he was the managing director of human capital for Standard & Poor's Corporate Value Consulting. He has extensive professional service and consulting experience, having worked in human resource capacities with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Andersen Consulting (now operating as Accenture), Gemini Consulting, and Coopers & Lybrand.

Ann Strojnowski Moore, who has taught for the New Visions Environmental Science and Technology program at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES since 1999, was profiled in the Feb. 22 edition of the Syracuse (N.Y.) *Post-Standard*. The Lockport, N.Y., native, who now lives in Union Springs, has resided in Central New York for 27 years, ever



Kevin Davy '86

Biology. In addition, he has been a member of several grant peer review panels within the American Heart Association and is a member of the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism.

Kevin is an associate professor of human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of the Human Integrative Physiological Laboratory at Virginia Tech. He has a master's degree from Adelphi University and a doctorate in applied physiology from Virginia Tech.

Before returning to Virginia Tech in 2003, Davy was a faculty member at Colorado State University and the University of Mississippi Medical Center. In addition to his role with his department, Kevin is an affiliate faculty member with the School of Biomedical and Engineering Sciences, a partnership between Virginia Tech and Wake Forest University and an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation at Wake Forest University Health Sciences. He is also a fellow of both the North American Association for the Study of Obesity and the American College of Sports Medicine.



Bruce Williams '91 and Jody Lynne Sirota '92 were married on Sept. 29 in Secaucus, N.J. Attending their nuptials, from the left, were: Patrick Cox '90, Christopher Barber '92, Lisa Poter Barber '93, Jody, Bruce, Francine Williams '93, Joni Saperstein Morris '93, Elizabeth Bloom Oberhand '92 and Kevin Dayton '91.

since coming to the area for college. She has two sons, Jason, 18, who is currently a student at SUNY Potsdam, and Zac, 11. Ann, who has a master's degree from ESF in soil chemistry and water resources, explains that New Visions is an interdisciplinary program for high school seniors. "The seriousness of children at play is kind of where I'm aiming my students," she says. "Just to kind of reconnect with their sense of wonder." Before she started teaching in 1990, she served as a geologist with the Onondaga Lake Partnership.

Kevin S. McLaren of Ulster Park, N.Y., recently was promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer of The Stissing National Bank of Pine Plains, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* reported. Kevin, who formerly served as the bank's senior vice president, will be responsible for the financial performance and overall operation of the bank. He has a master's degree in business administration from Marist College, holds securities licenses and is a registered investment representative.

1986
Pamela Munger of Little Falls, N.Y., was selected to receive the Women's Christian Association's Woman of Distinction honor in the education category, the *Evening Times* reported in April. She graduated in 1981 from Little Falls High School and, after receiving a master's degree in education from SUNY Cortland, began her teaching career at House of Good Shepherd on Long Island. Pam returned to Little Falls 20 years ago and has been teaching at her former high school, where she also coaches varsity basketball, modified softball and modified field hockey for the school district. She was a member of the Little Falls Recreation Commission for 15 years. Pam was to be honored during the Fourth Annual Women of Distinction Awards Breakfast on May 17 in Little Falls.

1989
Patricia George was named the new head men's and women's swim coach at Wells College, *The*

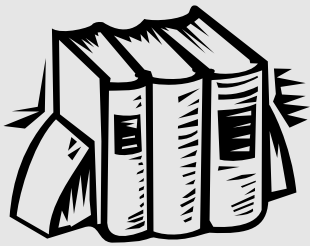
Citizen newspaper of Auburn, N.Y., reported in April. She also will serve as the school's aquatics coordinator. Patricia previously served as interim head coach for both teams this past season from late December to the end of the campaign. In January, she led the Express women to their first victory of the season over Morrisville in her first meet at the helm. She guided one swimmer, Eric Rose Thomas, to All-Atlantic Women's College Conference honors and two second-place finishes at the conference championships. Patricia also led members of the

men's program to several Wells College records late in the season. She swam at SUNY Cortland, serving as team captain her senior season.

1990
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte's 49ers hired **Christopher Redding** as the program's head volleyball coach, the Web site for CSTV, a CBS company, reported in January. UNC-Charlotte qualified for the four-team Atlantic 10 Tournament in each of the last

two years and recorded 20 wins last season. Chris comes to Charlotte, N.C., after four seasons as an assistant with the University of Alabama, which made its only two NCAA Tournament appearances in the past two seasons. Prior to his time with the Crimson Tide, he was the head coach of Appalachian State University from 1999 to 2003, appearing in the Southern Conference tournament three of his five seasons at the helm. Chris has 14 years of collegiate volleyball coaching experience and served as an assistant at the University of

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Edith Lang Willoughby '46 of Syracuse, N.Y., archivist and curator for the Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia, Pa., is also the author of a book released this year about the school's historical impact. *Overbrook School*

for the Blind was released by Arcadia Publishing. The school has been, according to Edith's research, a leader since 1832 in providing educational programs to children and young people who are blind and visually impaired. In America back then, blind children were considered to be uneducable. Julius Friedlander, the school's founder, and other early leaders worked hard to inform people about the educational needs of the children in what was only the nation's third school for the blind. They developed reading materials including the first magazine for the blind, *Lux en Tenebrae*, and pioneered the development of a school-wide technology initiative that provided students with the ability to access the curriculum, communicate and be successful in employment. "Readers will find it interesting that the school's founders, board members and teachers were influential leaders and businessmen in Philadelphia — including James Blaine, a former teacher at Overbrook, who ran against

Grover Cleveland in the 1884 presidential election." The text relates how the school's curriculum has progressed over the past 175 years; features school photos; and explains different tools used by students, from the slate and stylus of the early days, to talking computers today.



Sons of the Double-J: An Epic Western, is the second novel written by **Alden "Charlie" Dumas '62** of Keene Valley, N.Y. Released in late 2005 by AuthorHouse, the suspense-filled book follows Max Jason's four sons and their involvement in the dangerous situation when neighboring ranches are targeted for various acts of vandalism while the Jason homestead remains suspiciously unscathed. To make matters worse, a gang is on a robbing spree while a demonic criminal is hunting down female ranch hands and killing them viciously and slowly. Born and raised in Tupper Lake, N.Y., Alton spent 34 years as a physical education, science and social studies teacher and coached girls' and boys' teams in soccer, basketball and baseball in McGraw, N.Y., and Keene Valley. Earlier, he wrote *Mists of Couchsacrage*, also available through AuthorHouse.



Elena Trongone Champagne '90 is the author of a children's book that focuses on water conservation, titled *Where Do Raindrops Go?* Illustrated by Billy Sarna, the book was published in 2006 by Lifevest Publishing in

Centennial, Colo. Elena is a health educator who has been teaching in New York State public schools for the last 14 years. She earned a master's degree in child and adolescent psychology at Western Connecticut State University. "I am on a quest to send positive messages to children about taking care of themselves and the world around them," Elena writes. "My book focuses on water conservation, environmental protection and the health benefits of clean drinking water in the body, instead of soda or sugary drinks." The book is in keeping with new healthy food and nutrition policies currently being adopted in New York State's public schools, she notes.

Tracy Voorheis '02 has written and illustrated her first children's book, *Nibbles ... A Strawberry Tale*, the story of a tiny bunny who is ready to have a big adventure with her Mamma. The book is published by Joan Mayor, Authors & Artists Publishers of New York, Inc.

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Sara "Stubs" Stabins Freda accepted a job as a city planner in her hometown of Watertown, N.Y. Her husband, **John Freda '85, USMC**, retired recently as a lieutenant colonel after 20 years in the Marines. He is now the Jr. ROTC coordinator for Mexico High School. Sara and John have three children. They stay busy coaching Little League baseball and indoor soccer.



Ulysses ("C.C.") Grant '92 and Susan Stackhouse '95 were married on Jan. 14, 2006, in Rochester, N.Y. In attendance were, first row from the left: Anthony Falco '99, Neer Mesika '97, Ulysses, Susan and Jane Cring Connors '95; and second row, Michelle Celestino Falco '01, Jose Rodriguez '97, Colleen Stathis Rodriguez '99, Shawn Kanaley Hino '97, Lori Bradford Mancuso '95, David Mancuso '89, Shelly Swartele Connors '95, Kathleen Bader Natoli '91, Angeline Codella Faraci '95, Vincent Faraci '95, Marnie Donoghue '91 and Bridget Fisk Toothaker '94; and third row, Stephen Strife '97, Carmine Luongo '98, Jason Pettis '97, Steven Woodard '90, Sarah Linko Woodard '95, Peter Grant, Carlos Morales '92, Christopher Lafferty '90, Lorianne Carlson Falco '91, Frank Christiano '91, David Falco '90, Gregory Sirico '90, Lori Kilian Sirico '91, John Natoli '98, Patricia Hores Mason '73, Melanie Maher '03, Christian Maher '96 and Daniel MacNeill '79. The couple live in Connecticut, where C.C. coaches college football and baseball and Susan teaches health and physical education at a local school.

Florida, the University of North Florida, the University of the Pacific and California State at Bakersfield. No stranger to the national tournament scene, he has been on staff with teams making six NCAA Division I tournament appearances, including a Final Four team with Florida in 1998.

1991

Last summer, **Christopher Berger '91** won the "Mr. Colorado" bodybuilding title, reported the *Daily Times-Call* of Longmont (Colo.). Chris, a personal trainer and owner of Anytime Fitness in Longmont, retired from competitive bodybuilding in 1999 but decided to come out of retirement to try and win the 2006 Colorado State Bodybuilding Championship in Englewood. After defeating more than a dozen younger men, he was motivated to pursue two national-level competitions this year.

The Bank of Akron promoted **G. Douglas Nelson** to manager of retail loans and collections, *The Buffalo (N.Y.) News* reported in its April 30 edition. Douglas, an assistant vice president, joined the bank in 2001.

1992

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Leanne Kinney McDowell of Chesapeake, Va., directs rehabilitation for the Kindred Healthcare Center. Her husband, Steve, is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy currently stationed aboard the U.S.S. Cape St. George. They have two sons, Aidan, three, and Evan, an infant.



Adam Ortiz '99 and Christy Wilson '00 were wed on July 22, 2006, in Syracuse, N.Y. Attending, front row from the left, were: Kerry Cornils, Michael Evans '99, John Suardini '99, Marc Quinlan '97, Matthew Knight, Neil Muscatiello '99; and back row, Brian Halme, Michelle Adema Williams '99, Stacy Williams Masterson '99, Jayne Anderson Chanod '00, Adam, Christy, Amanda Natoli Deinhardt '00, Fred Deinhardt '01, Daniel Cowan '03, Laura Probst Cowan '02, John DiMarco '00, Robert Chandler '99 and Audra Rao Muscatiello '99.



Zane Lamprey '96

American comedian and television host **Zane Lamprey '96** has visited 18 different countries in the past year for the irreverent "Three Sheets" television series on MOJO, renamed from INHD, a high-definition cable network provided through Time Warner Cable, his publicist relates.

In this colorful and unconventional travelogue, Zane offers wry commentaries as he fulfills his job of visiting breweries, restaurants, pubs and watering holes across many cultures in Europe, Asia and the Americas. He winds up in a tub full of beer, encounters snakes and spiders, eats skewered pork knuckle, shares bizarre and exotic cocktails with the locals and learns that hangover cures in some cultures can be worse than the hangover itself.

"Three Sheets" whirlwind tour around the globe, which had its premier season in 2006 with eight countries, continues in 2007 with trips to the Czech Republic; Munich, Germany; Croatia; Venice, Italy; Philippines; Taipei, Taiwan; Seoul, South Korea; Japan; Puerto Rico; and Louisville, Ky.

"If you buy someone a drink, you are no longer strangers," says Zane. "Once you enter a pub or bar, whether in Taipei or Kentucky, the atmosphere is conducive for people to be more familiar and have fun."

1994

Kevin Madden '94 joined the Romney for President Exploratory Committee, Inc., in January, serving as national press secretary, Mitt Romney's Web site reports. The committee is based in Boston, Mass. Kevin previously was the spokesperson for House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) since February 2006. Before that, he was spokesperson for former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas). Kevin has been spokesperson for U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and served as the northeast regional press secretary on the Bush-Cheney 2004 presidential campaign in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. He was the communications director and a senior advisor to Rep. John Sweeney (R-New York) from 2001-03. Kevin earned a journalism degree from the University of Kansas in Lawrence in 2003.

1995

Kolby Flach was recognized by the Rotary Club of Southern Rensselaer County in 2006, writes his wife, **Aileen Ducato Flach**. He chairs the Schodack-Castleton (N.Y.) Community Partnership, an organization designed to foster a safe, substance-free community environment. Comprised of community members, law enforcement, students, parents and school faculty members, the partnership received a Drug Free Communities Grant worth \$500,000 over the next five years. Kolby was instrumental in writing and submitting the grant, and continues to chair the committee. Aileen is assistant director of human resources for the Rensselaer County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc. They have a son, Luca.

Lisa Pfuhrer Wilson writes that she and her husband, **Roy Wilson '94**, recently moved to Louisville, Ky. Lisa is on leave from her teaching job so that she can care for their three children. Roy directs commercial services for Coral Graphics in Louisville.

1996

In February, **Jason Jause** of Hudson, N.Y., coached the 20-4 Ichabod Crane Lady Riders to a Section II Class A champion victory against Holy Names. It's the first time in 14 years the girls' varsity basketball team has made it this far, Jason writes. He teaches for the Ichabod Crane Central School District and is married to **Jessica Reis Jause**.

Brian McKeon, who is married to **Carolyn Murphy McKeon '95**, is an assistant professor of biology in the Department of Natural Sciences in the School of Integrated Studies at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pa. The college writes on its Web page that Brian presented a paper on "Psychological Dialectheism" at the Workshop on Non-disciplinary Philosophy, held on April 14 at Binghamton (N.Y.) University (BU). Brian holds a doctorate from BU.

1997

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2000

Alison Dougall Albright earned a master's degree in counseling services from SUNY Oswego in 2002. Employed as a high school counselor for five years, she has been admitted to the University of Buffalo's graduate program in women's studies.

2001

The Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce planned a ribbon-cutting ceremony to take place on Feb. 22 for Tree of Life Health and Wellness, a chiropractic practice in Ithaca, N.Y., the *Ithaca Journal* reported. Run by husband-and-wife chiropractors **Joseph Morse** and **Laura Prestopnik Morse '02**, the practice uses an integrative approach to detecting and treating not just the symptoms but the underlying cause of symptoms in their patients. Joseph worked at Cornell University in the Biotechnology Department for two years.

2002

Lisa N. Mills is a participant in a reality TV show titled “Fight Girls,” writes her father, **Roger A. Mills ’72**. The series was filmed in Las Vegas during March and April. “Lisa is a Muay Thai kickboxer and the show is scheduled to be aired in eight segments beginning in June on the Oxygen network,” Roger writes. “She has trained in Thailand, New York City, Georgia and Las Vegas in preparation for the competition. In addition to the kickboxing competition, she was filmed while sharing living arrangements 24/7 with nine other women who participated.”

2003

The *Press & Sun-Bulletin* profiled **Jesilyn Bergmann** in its Jan. 12 edition, via a cross Atlantic telephone call to Queensland, Australia, where she was teaching on a one year fellowship brought to her attention through SUNY Cortland. “I loved every minute of it,” she commented. Formerly employed as a teacher in the Family Enrichment Network in Johnson City, N.Y., she is currently looking for a job in an American classroom, ready to offer her international experience and a collection of children’s books from Down Under. The article did not report that her educational opportunity in a school in Sippey Downs, Australia, was made possible by a partnership between the University of the Sunshine Coast and SUNY Cortland, and is available only to SUNY Cortland graduates. Applications for the next teaching fellowship beginning in January 2008 are being accepted until Sept. 21 through the SUNY Cortland International Programs Office.

2004

Michael Bonelli recently joined the men’s soccer coaching staff at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., reported the on line ESPN Sportswire. Michael, who was named assistant men’s soccer coach, is responsible for organizing the scouting, team travel and individual training in addition to assisting with recruiting and camp duties. He previously served a successful two-year stint as an assistant soccer coach at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. There, he helped lead the Leopards to a 13-4-2 record, the 2005 Patriot League Championship and NCAA Tournament appearance in his first season. All told, the Leopards were 24-9-4 the past two seasons, which ranks among the best two-year records in school history. He spent the 2004 season as assistant coach at Gettysburg College, where he helped guide Gettysburg to a 9-7-1 overall record. While there, Michael spearheaded recruiting efforts and assisted in all aspects of the program. He spent one season as the head coach at McGraw High School in McGraw, N.Y. He led the varsity team to the school’s first Central Counties League championship. McGraw posted a 16-2-1 overall mark that year while reeling off an undefeated 11-0-1 conference record. He also served as group coordinator of the Cornell Soccer camp in 2004 and trainer of the Gettysburg Youth Soccer Club from 2004-05.

The Utica Chapter of the American Red Cross appointed **Victoria Turner** in April to the position of director of fund development and public relations. A resident of Remsen, N.Y., Victoria is responsible for monitoring chapter fund development and public relations. She was previously employed by Kaleida Health in Buffalo.

2005

Scott Jeffers was a candidate for central deputy vice chairman of the New York State College Republicans, the group’s Web site reported in an article dated March 14. A member of the SUNY Cortland College Republicans since its inception in Fall 2003, Scott has held almost every position, including parliamentarian, public relations, treasurer and chair. Deciding to stay involved even as a graduate student, Scott has seen to it that the College Republicans are leaders on campus, control a number of important student committees and sponsor a number of speakers and events throughout the year. A native of Johnstown, N.Y., he is a member of the Fulton County Republican Committee as well as the Cortland County Republican Committee and has done volunteer campaign work for State Senator James Seward, State Assemblyman Gary Finch, former Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, former Congressional candidate Ray Meier and Johnstown (N.Y.) Mayor Sarah Slingerland. Scott has worked on a number of Cortland and Fulton County supervisory and legislative races and city council races. Scott resides in Cortland, N.Y., and looks forward to further helping all New York State College Republican chapters and the College Republicans State Committee make a difference one campus at a time.

2006

Jennifer Kane’s legislative scholarship was published in the *New York State Assembly 2006 Session Internship Distinguished Intern Report*. Released by Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver with reports by seven other legislative interns, Jennifer’s 18-page submission was titled “Marsh Madness: The Struggle to Protect New York’s Wetlands.” Prepared for Assembly member Thomas DiNapoli, the report concludes by advocating for the passage of a bill by DiNapoli and Senator Carl Marcellino. The Clean Water Protection/Flood Prevention Act is intended to further protect the state’s wetlands.

Marriages

Ulysses (“C.C.”) Grant ’92 to **Susan Stackhouse ’95** on Jan. 14, 2006, in Rochester, N.Y.
Kim Bilbao ’99 to Shane Burke on March 31, 2006, on Long Island.
Jennifer Novesky ’00 to Nicole Gagnon on Sept. 9, 2006, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.
Adam Ortiz ’99 to **Christy Wilson ’00** on July 22, 2006, in Syracuse, N.Y.
Melissa McGuire ’02 to **Patrick Gray ’02** on July 15, 2006, in Endicott, N.Y.
Jamie Kudel ’02 to **Kyle Achtyl ’03** on July 1, 2006, in Lockport, N.Y.

Births

Matthew Rosenberg ’76 and Karen, a son, Phillip Samuel, on Jan. 9.
Kelly Wilson Kavanagh ’91 and **Charles Kavanagh ’93**, a son, Nathaniel Charles, on Feb. 15, 2006.
Kathleen Sullivan Travers ’91 and John, a daughter, Bridget, on Aug. 3, 2006.
Leanne Kinney McDowell ’92 and Steve, a son, Evan Tyler, on Dec. 12.
Aileen Ducato Flach ’95 and **Kolby Flach ’95**, a son, Luca James, on July 31, 2006.
Allison Fried Ziegler ’92 and Phil, a son, Drew Justin, on Jan. 18.
Tami Neu Farron ’94 and Matt, a daughter, Kelly Ann, on Nov. 13.
Bridget Fisk Toothaker ’94 and Greg, a son, Justin Gregory, on Dec. 13.
Roy Wilson ’94 and **Lisa Pfuhler Wilson ’95**, a daughter, Sarah Grace, on Sept. 14, 2006.
Patricia Islas Monaco ’95 and Stephen, a daughter, Olivia Grace, on July 18, 2006.
Tracy Riley Roksvold ’95 and Robert, a daughter, Riley Mae, on Sept. 7.
Elizabeth Cioffi Dieppa ’96 and Kenneth, a daughter, Abbey Elizabeth, on Sept. 15.
Karey Worontzoff Yanch ’93 and **John Yanch ’96**, a son, John Ryan, on Feb. 16.
Colleen Moyle McCandless ’97 and Christopher, a son, Landon James, on Nov. 20.
Elizabeth Corrao Fields ’99 and **Charles Fields ’00**, a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, on Feb. 2.
Alexia Patch Miller ’99 and Jason, a son, Reilly Matthew, on March 8.
Craig Stueber ’99 and **Bonnie Robertson Stueber ’00**, a son, Aidan Craig, on Dec. 28.
Emily Lee DeTraglia ’00 and Ramiro, a son, Ramiro Michael Joseph, on Oct. 20.
Julie Rapin Tubolino ’02 and Jason, a daughter, Payge Elizabeth, on Jan. 6.

In Memoriam

Aleta Hall ’27
Mary Shea Cathers ’28
Elizabeth McEvoy ’28
Agnes Makarowsky Ratcliffe ’29
Dorothy Aitken Bush ’30
Marion Brooks Barclay ’34
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William Griffen ’50
Martin Marks ’51
William Milhaven ’52
Nancy Light Rheinlander ’52
Margaret Doyle ’54
Alan “Al” Chase Jr. ’55
Katherine Schroeder Rossi ’56
George Matthias ’57
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Phyllis August ’60
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Michael O’Connell ’67
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Robert Haase, Jr. ’75
Nanette Weild ’79
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Christie Campbell ’92
Kevin T. Malloy ’07

Wedding Photo Policies



The editors reserve the right to select wedding photos for publication based on available space, photo quality, timeliness, and the number of graduates named in the photo. Please send your photos when announcing your wedding, as we will not publish a photo for nuptials previously announced in Columns.



Melissa McGuire ’02 and Patrick Gray ’02 exchanged wedding vows on July 15, 2006, in Endicott, N.Y. Attending, from the left, were: Mark Mobus ’01, Mike Rivera, Michael Cournyea ’02, Ryan Hayes ’98, Trish Collins Hayes ’99, Anthony Sprague ’02, Pat, Melissa, Jeffrey Caulfield ’00, Stacy Holmes Tidick ’98, David Tidick ’97, Christopher Fuller ’00, Shelley Morgan Mones, Jennifer Carlson ’02, Colleen Davis Mrva ’04, Kristen Anderson Belfield, Andrea Bellis Whitney ’84, Karen Regan Maione ’82 and Linda Stevens Prutisto ’74. The couple live in Endwell, N.Y., where Melissa is a reading teacher in the Maine-Endwell School District. Patrick teaches science and coaches in the Vestal School District.

Obituaries

Dorothy “Dottie” Arnsdorff of Cortland, N.Y., a professor emerita of physical education who served SUNY Cortland for 35 years until her retirement in 1982, died on May 4.

Arnsdorff was a beacon of professionalism and a caring mentor to the thousands of Cortland women physical education majors she taught at the College.

In 1998, the SUNY Cortland C-Club inducted her into its Hall of Fame as an honorary member.

“Dr. Arnsdorff had a significant impact on several generations of Cortland women who are now working as teachers, coaches and administrators in New York State and beyond,” added C-Club Hall of Fame member Shirley Bowen.

A native of Savannah, Ga., Arnsdorff earned a bachelor’s degree from Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., a master’s degree from Columbia University, and an Ed.D. from Stanford University.

Arnsdorff taught physical education at Randolph-Macon College in Lynchburg, Va., from 1946-47 before coming to SUNY Cortland in 1947, where she attained the rank of full professor in 1960.

“We did not have interscholastic athletics, as we know it today, but she instilled in us the importance of going out into the public schools to establish physical education and after-school programs, including inter-school sports,” recalled Barbara DiPalma ‘62, another C-Club Hall of Fame member and former Arnsdorff pupil, at the time of Arnsdorff’s induction.

Prior to intercollegiate athletics, collegiate women in New York State competed on a limited basis under rules and structures created by the Association of Women in Physical Education in New York State (AWPENYS), the forerunner of today’s New York State Women’s Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA). Arnsdorff was active in the organization’s many committees, in particular, the Dorothy Dietz Scholarship Committee, and earned honorary membership in 1983.

Arnsdorff served on countless campus committees, coordinated student teachers and wrote a student teaching handbook, advised graduate students, edited the *College Bulletin* for a year, served twice as interim department chair, and was active with the College’s Outdoor Education Program. She edited several editions of a camp manual used for years and, in 1978, she received a Special Appreciation Award from the College’s staff at Raquette Lake.

On the occasion of her retirement, the College created an award in her name for an outstanding graduating senior physical education major.

In retirement, Arnsdorff enjoyed traveling, made crafts and personal items for children at the Ronald McDonald House, Special Children’s Center, the Association for Retarded Children, and the New York State School for the Blind. She also assisted the Lime Hollow Nature Center with signage and other projects and served as a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society.

Numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews as well as her “College family” survive her.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dorothy Arnsdorff Scholarship Fund, Physical Education Department, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, N.Y. 13045.

Alden Carlson of Cortland, a professor emeritus of education who served the College for 31 years, died on April 8.

Born in New Britain, Conn., he served in the Navy in World War II and received his doctorate in education from the University of Virginia.

Carlson served as principal of several elementary schools in Virginia before joining the faculty at SUNY Cortland in 1957. Specializing in the historical foundations of Western education, he taught undergraduate and graduate courses both on the main campus and the extension center in Utica, N.Y.

From mid-1964 to January 1966, he was the acting director of the Division of Education. Carlson served on many departmental and College committees and, in 1967-68, was vice chairman of the Faculty Executive Council. In the late 1960s, Carlson was the developer of a “Bill of Rights for Teachers,” which was adopted by the New York State Teachers Association.

Carlson retired in 1988, but continued teaching for the College part time until the 1990s.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Broun Carlson ‘46; and his sister, Margaret Jacobson.

William “Bill” Griffen ‘50 of Tully, N.Y., a professor of foundations and social advocacy emeritus, life long political activist, and the longest-serving faculty member in the history of both SUNY Cortland and the State University, died on Feb. 16.

In 1999, he was honored with the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

A Long Island native, Griffen was a talented shortstop at Mephram High School in Bellmore. He came to Cortland in 1946 intending to be a physical education teacher and coach. While at Cortland, he was a member of the College’s first wrestling team and earned his degree in physical education and health.

He was drafted and served two years in U.S. Army. Returning to Cortland, he earned a certification in English and social studies and began his teaching career at Marathon (N.Y.) Jr. High.

Griffen began his 51-year professorial career at the College in 1955. From his first class in September 1955 through the spring of 2006, by his own accounting Griffen taught 474 classes to more than 11,200 students.

Meanwhile, he earned a master’s degree and a doctorate from Cornell University in 1967. Two decades later, he protested Cornell’s links with apartheid South Africa by giving back the doctorate.

Griffen’s teaching took a dramatic in April 1963, after a former student and friend, Binghamton postal worker Bill Moore, was murdered by white supremacists on a road near Attalla, Ala. Griffen delayed his doctoral studies at Cornell to join a Civil Rights Movement project in Fayette County, Tenn., the fourth poorest county in the U.S. He worked for voter registration and then stayed on and organized adult literacy Freedom Schools in 1964 through 1966. This early political involvement triggered Griffen’s four-decades-long educational and civic engagement that also included years of anti-Vietnam War activism. He founded the Cortland Citizens for Peace in the 1960s and worked with the Syracuse Peace Council, the oldest local peace group in the U.S. He helped found the Cortland County

Ecology Action group in the 1970s to protect the environment in Central New York and became a member of the War Resisters League, American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), and Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Griffen participated in hundreds of discussions on educational and social issues at colleges and universities, professional conferences, churches and synagogues, and public schools. Griffen spoke in every residence hall and most academic buildings at SUNY Cortland on a wide variety of topics from the 1960s.

He also engaged in civil disobedience over the past four decades. Griffen was arrested 40 times on behalf of peace, a protected environment and social justice at the White House and Pentagon, in Syracuse, N.Y., Tennessee and the Seneca (N.Y.) Army Depot. “I moved into civil disobedience if I truly believed I exhausted all other avenues for change,” Griffen once stated.

Griffen also ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1968 and 1990 on an anti-war and social justice platform.

Griffen wrote two books and more than 30 articles and papers on the social, historical and philosophical foundations of education, focusing on social class, gender and racial inequalities; the impact of technology and the ecological crisis; and propaganda for war and patriotism in our schools and universities. His book on the Vietnam conflict, *Lessons of the Vietnam War*, received the support of two of America’s leading intellectual-activists, Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn.

Griffen wrote and lectured extensively about the impact of technology on education. His primary concern was for the social-cultural dimension to all of the technology aimed at students.

After his diagnosis with prostate cancer in 1996, he was asked by the American Cancer Society to serve others by training volunteer cancer survivors for educational programs in Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse. He was on the speakers’ bureau of the Syracuse Man-to-Man cancer support group.

“He challenged his students to think about, act and strive for a society filled with peace, equality, love, and justice,” a former student, Kelly Harrington of Skaneateles, N.Y., recalls. “He touched thousands of lives, making a positive impact that extends on, and will last indefinitely. Dr. Griffen was a marvelous representative of SUNY Cortland, a true humanitarian, an honorable and valuable role model whose memory deserves the utmost respect, and action, from us all.”

Griffen competed for 50 years in local Old Timer softball league and all-star games. Another lifelong passion of Griffen’s was playing the drums. In later years, he occasionally toured with the legendary Newell “Spiegle” Wilcox.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Judy; two daughters, Amy of Clay, N.Y., and Kimberly of Lafayette, N.Y., and one son, Mark of Jamesville, N.Y.; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Alice Walker of Cortland, an associate professor emerita of psychology who served the College for 22 years including her final three years as interim associate dean of arts and sciences, died on Sept. 5.

Born in Chicago, she attended Cardinal Stritch High School and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Mundelein College.

Walker began her professional career as an elementary school teacher in Kentucky and Rhode Island. She continued her education and earned two degrees in educational psychology, a master’s from Northwestern University and a doctorate from Arizona State University. Her scholarly interests focused on child development, verbal learning, language development and elementary curriculum and instruction.

At SUNY Cortland, Walker taught educational psychology. She served on, as well as chaired, numerous College committees. She was director of the federally funded project, “Life and Career Choice for Women,” conducted at SUNY Cortland in the 1970s. She briefly served as the College’s acting affirmative action officer in 1985. From the inception of the SUNY Cortland Child Care Center, she was involved in the planning, organization and creation of that campus facility. She chaired the center’s board of directors.

Following her retirement, she devoted her time to her grandchildren, to travel and to continuing her lifelong tradition of community service.

Within the community, Walker was co-president of the League of Women Voters and a board member and treasurer for the Brewster House. She was a member of the ladies Literary Club; her 2001 paper, “A Far, Far Better Thing,” was selected for the club’s archives. She also served on the United Way Allocations Committee.

A charter member of the Cortland County Youth Board, in 1994 she became the first recipient of the organization’s Eugene Leombruno Youth Service Award. Walker was active with the Cortland YWCA board of directors and received its Volunteer of the Year Award. A past president of the Cortland Chapter of Zonta International, she was named Zonta Woman of Achievement in 1979. Walker was active with the Volunteer Family Counseling Service.

She is survived by three children, David Walker of Livermore, Calif.; Valerie Saul of Ithaca, N.Y., and Carolyn Collins of Bethlehem, Pa.; five grandchildren; a brother; three nephews and one niece.

Dorothy Wiggins of Ithaca, N.Y., an assistant professor emerita in the Institute for Experimentation in Teacher Education, also known as the former Campus School, died June 5, 2006.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., she graduated from Cornell University, where she was a member of the Mortar Board Society. She married the late Robert Wiggins in 1941 and settled on a farm in Poplar Ridge, N.Y., while her husband fought in World War II. Wiggins obtained a master’s degree from SUNY Cortland and joined the faculty.

She served the College for 13 years until her retirement in 1982.

The Aurora (N.Y.) Rotary Club honored her as its Person of the Year in 1994.

Wiggins enjoyed china painting and watercolors. She was active in the Howland Stone Store of Sherwood, N.Y., and wrote histories of Sherwood and Poplar Ridge.

Wiggins is survived by four children, daughters Patricia of Groton, N.Y., Barbara of Locke, N.Y., and Elizabeth of Champaign, Ill., and son, George, of Bowie, Md.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Brian Giorgis '77 Leads Marist Women's Basketball to Cinderella Season

by Fran Elia
Sports Information Director

The women's basketball team at Marist College of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., captured the attention of sports fans nationwide this past March with upset wins over highly regarded Ohio State and Middle Tennessee State in the NCAA Division I tournament. Led by fifth-year head coach Brian Giorgis '77, the Red Foxes' improbable run in the tournament ended with a loss to eventual national champion Tennessee in the "Sweet 16."

Marist finished the season with a school-best 29-6 record and was ranked 22nd in the final *USA Today/ESPN* women's college basketball national poll.

While Marist shocked many with their postseason accomplishments, the run was just the latest chapter in Giorgis' long and successful coaching career.

Giorgis grew up in the Syracuse, N.Y., area and graduated from Cicero High School in 1973. He earned a bachelor's degree in health education at Cortland and took his first job at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie.

Giorgis coached six sports during his 25-year tenure at Lourdes, in addition to serving as athletics director for 10 years. He is the only coach in New York history to lead four different sports – girls' basketball, baseball, girls' volleyball and softball – to the state semifinals, but his greatest successes came on the basketball hardwood. In 19 seasons, his basketball teams were a combined 451-44 with 19 league titles, 15 sectional crowns, nine state titles and nine Federation championships. In his last two seasons, the teams were ranked 14th and fourth, respectively, in the *USA Today* national high school poll.

In 2002, he made the move four miles down the road from Lourdes to Marist. He inherited a team that won 11 games the previous season and has led the program to a combined 107-46 record and three NCAA tournament showings in five years.

An overtime win versus Iona College in the finals of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) tournament earned Marist its most recent NCAA berth this season. The announcement of Ohio State as the Red Foxes' opening-round opponent pleased both Giorgis and his players.



Marist College women's basketball coach Brian Giorgis '77 patrols the sidelines during his team's NCAA "Sweet 16" game versus eventual national champion Tennessee in March. Giorgis led the Red Foxes to a school-record 29-win season that included upset victories over Ohio State and Middle Tennessee State in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament. (Photo courtesy of the Marist College Athletic Department).

"We were excited about playing Ohio State for two reasons. First, we have four players from Ohio. Also, my parents moved to Ohio right after my senior year at Cortland, and most of my family lives out there."

The matchup with Ohio State was held at Stanford University in California, and upon arriving to the site, Giorgis ran into a couple of familiar faces with Cortland ties. Bill Nepfel '73, the senior associate athletic director at the University of San Francisco, was an NCAA repre-

sentative at the site, while Beth Mowins was broadcasting the tournament games for ESPN. Mowins was Cortland's football play-by-play radio announcer on WXHC-FM from 1991-95, and her father, Len, was a coach of teams at North Syracuse High School that Giorgis had competed against as an athlete.

Seeded 13th out of 16 teams in its quarter of the tournament bracket, Marist posted a 67-63 win over the fourth-seeded Buckeyes. Two days later, the Red Foxes earned a surprisingly easy 73-59 win over fifth-seeded Middle Tennessee State, ending the Lady Raiders' nation-best 27-game winning streak.

The media attention grew as Marist prepared for its game the following week in Dayton, Ohio, versus Tennessee and its legendary coach, Pat Summit. Playing such a formidable opponent, however, didn't change Giorgis' approach.

"I'm not a big rah-rah speech person most of the time, especially in games versus teams like Tennessee," Giorgis said. "I ask my players 'if you can't get excited for Tennessee, why are you here?'"

"A lot of my talks like that happened because of playing soccer at Cortland my freshman year. Chuck Winters was the JV soccer coach (in addition to being the head coach of the 1975 Cortland NCAA Division II men's lacrosse championship team on which Giorgis' brother, Dave '76, competed). He would always push you real hard when you played the lousy teams, but didn't push you real hard against better teams. He always said that if you can't work hard for the good teams, how are you going to be able to do anything."

Tennessee jumped out quickly and led 42-21 at half-time. Showing no signs of quitting, though, Marist closed the deficit to 15 points early in the second half and actually outscored the Lady Vols, 25-23, in the second half before falling 65-46.

Afterwards, Summit — the most successful coach in collegiate basketball history with more than 900 wins — had nothing but praise for Giorgis and his accomplishments. "In women's basketball, to see someone go from the high school ranks to the college ranks and do what coach Giorgis has done, it's very, very impressive," Summit told the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

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Winter Sports

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Sophomore Lauren Friedlander of Woodbury, N.Y., won the league title in the 200-yard backstroke (2:11.77). Freshman Katie Molzan of Plattsburgh, N.Y., senior Allie Houseman of Wellsville, N.Y., freshman Kristin Barnoski of Stanley, N.Y., and senior Nikki LaBarge of Morrisonville, N.Y., finished first in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a school-record time of 1:37.56.

Men's Basketball Qualifies for SUNYAC Tournament



After getting off to a slow start, the Red Dragon men's basketball team won five of its last eight regular-season games to earn a spot in the SUNYAC tournament. Under 12th-year head coach Tom Spanbauer '83, Cortland finished with a 10-16 record.

Senior Dave Maggiacomo of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., led the team with 15.2 points per game and made 86 three-point field goals for the second straight season. He earned honorable mention All-SUNYAC recognition. Senior Dave Jutton of Red Hook, N.Y., surpassed the career 1,000-point mark and became Cortland's career leader with 249 three-pointers.

Late Surge Fails to Put Men's Ice Hockey in League Playoffs



Cortland's late push for a spot in the SUNYAC men's ice hockey playoffs fell one game short as the Red Dragons finished 8-14-3 overall and in seventh place in the league with a 3-8-3 mark.

Under sixth-year head coach Tom Cranfield '93, the squad won three games this season versus SUNYAC tournament champion Fredonia and posted 3-3 ties versus both national champion Oswego and SUNYAC tournament finalist Plattsburgh.

Junior forward Barry McLaughlin of Bellport, N.Y., finished fourth nationally in NCAA Division III with 0.92 goals per game (23 goals in 25 games) and ranked third nationally with 15 power play goals. Freshman defenseman Gerard Heinz of Kings Park, N.Y., earned first-team All-SUNYAC honors after recording five goals and 17 assists, while McLaughlin was chosen to the all-league second team.

Nuzzo, Ellis Set Women's Ice Hockey School Records



The Cortland women's ice hockey team, led by second-year head coach Jen Kroleski, finished the season with a 6-17-2 overall record and a 2-10-2 mark in ECAC West play. Cortland fashioned a five-game winning streak late in the season, including four road wins and a 5-3 home victory over Division I Sacred Heart University.

Junior Erin Fleury of Glens Falls, N.Y., led the Red Dragons with 13 goals and junior goalie Olivia Nuzzo of Brooklyn, N.Y., set a school single-season record with 694 saves. Senior Judy Ellis of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., became the school's career leader, since the program was reinstated in 2000, with 40 assists.



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Winter Sports

C. Fred Joslyn Captures NCAA 5,000 Meters Title

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Senior distance runner C. Fred Joslyn of Chenango Forks, N.Y., capped a successful Cortland winter sports campaign when he won the 5,000-meter national title at the NCAA Division III Championships.

The winter also featured three individual national runner-up performances — two in track and field and one in wrestling — along with a successful women's basketball campaign that culminated in an NCAA second-round tournament showing.

Men's Track and Field Earns Best-ever Fifth in Nation



Joslyn's national title was one of three All-America performances for the Red Dragons at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., in March. Cortland finished fifth in the final team standings — its highest finish since the meet originated in 1985 and its second straight Top 10 showing.

Joslyn won the race in 14:31.29, almost two seconds ahead of the next finisher. He placed fourth in the event in 2006. Junior Amaan Siddeeq of Goshen, N.Y., nearly

joined Joslyn on the national champions list. He finished second in the 55-meter dash in 6.34 seconds, edged at the wire by only a hundredth of a second. Senior Andrew Cloke of Elmira, N.Y., placed fourth in the mile to earn All-America honors. He broke his own school record in the event with a time of 4:12.33 and repeated as an All-American.

Under interim head coach Matthew Moran, the Red Dragons won their first State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title since 2004.

Women's Basketball Earns SUNYAC Title, NCAA Bid



Led by ninth-year head coach Jeannette Yeoman, the women's basketball squad finished 26-3, matching the second-highest victory total in school history. The Red Dragons enjoyed a 21-game winning streak during the season and captured both the SUNYAC regular-season and tournament titles.

Cortland earned its eighth NCAA Division III tournament berth and was chosen to host a four-team regional. The Red Dragons defeated Medaille College in the opening round in front of 1,200 fans before losing to the University of Rochester in the second round.

Junior forward Sara Cavanaugh of Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., was named an honorable mention All-American and the SUNYAC Player of the Year after averaging 14.8 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.5 blocked shots per game. She surpassed the career 1,000-point mark during the season. Freshman forward Jessica Laing of Bloomville, N.Y., led the team with 16.5 points and 10.9 rebounds per game and recorded 19 point-rebound "double-doubles." She was named the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year and was the only freshman nationally to earn first team all-region honors from D3hoops.com.

Wrestling Finishes Eighth Nationally; Sair Gets Second



Senior Stef Sair of Huntington, N.Y., fell one point short in his quest for a second straight individual national title at the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in Dubuque, Iowa. The national champion at 174 pounds last season, Sair advanced to the finals at 184 pounds this season before losing 3-2 in the title match.

Sophomore Treavor LeBlanc of Morrisville, N.Y., and junior Phil Archer of Shirley, N.Y., also earned All-America honors with seventh-place finishes at 174 and 197 pounds, respectively.

With fifth-year head coach Brad Bruhn at the helm, the Red Dragons tied for eighth nationally, captured their first Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference team title since 1999 and posted a 16-3 dual-match record.

Acquaviva Places Second Nationally in 55-meter Hurdles



Senior Christina Acquaviva of Utica, N.Y., came tantalizingly close to winning a national title when she finished second in the 55-meter hurdles at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., in March. Acquaviva's school-record time of 8.10 seconds was a hundredth of a second behind the winner.

Acquaviva also finished ninth nationally in the long jump (17' 11") and freshman Fawn Dorr of Akron, N.Y., was ninth in the 400 meters (58.02).

Cortland, under interim head coach Matthew Moran, tied for 22nd at the national meet. The Red Dragons won their first SUNYAC crown since 2002 and 14th overall.

Gymnast French Earns Pair of First Team All-America Honors



Amber French of South Glens Falls, N.Y., earned first-team All-America honors in two events at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Division III Championships in Whitewater, Wis., this past March. French, a senior with one year of eligibility remaining, tied for fifth on vault and for sixth on floor exercise.

Sophomore Christine McAulay of Southbury, Conn., was a second-team All-American on vault after finishing 11th nationally.



Junior forward Sara Cavanaugh was selected as the 2006-07 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Cortland finished with a 26-3 record, won the SUNYAC title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament. (Photo by Darl Zehr Photography)

Ninth-year head coach Gary Babjack's team finished sixth at the ECAC Division III Championships, with French tying for first and McAulay tying for third on vault.

Men's Swimming and Diving Close Second at League Meet



Fifth-year head coach Brian Tobin's '94 men's swimming and diving team finished second for the second consecutive season at the SUNYAC Championships, held in Buffalo in February. Cortland lost to Geneseo by only 9.5 points, with the meet's outcome undecided until the final relay on the third day of competition.

Senior Andrew Chevalier of Chazy, N.Y., received the league's Fulton Award, given to a senior male for athletic and academic prowess. He won his fourth straight league title in both the 200-yard individual medley (1:57.78) and 400-yard individual medley (4:13.02). Junior diver Kevin Stuttle of Dryden, N.Y., qualified for nationals and finished 19th on both the one-meter (359.45 pts.) and three-meter (372.80 pts.) boards. Cortland finished the season with a 12-1 dual-meet record.

Women's Swimming and Diving Places Second in SUNYAC



The Cortland women's swimming and diving team finished the season with a 12-1 dual-meet record and placed second at the SUNYAC Championships in February under fifth-year head coach Brian Tobin '94.

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Senior C. Fred Joslyn won the 5,000 meters national title at the NCAA Division III Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships in Indiana this past March. Cortland student-athletes across all sports have captured at least one individual national crown in each of the last 21 years. (Photo by Darl Zehr Photography)