

## 143 Enrolled at Cortland State In Class of '47

### Upperclassmen Greet Frosh Entering from Diverse Parts of State

**General Course Freshmen**  
From diverse corners of New York State, we welcome the class of 1947. Sarah Baildon, Venice Center; Leona Betts, Jamesville; Jean Brennan, Auburn; Barbara Burger, Smithtown Branch; Doris Carl, Fabius; Elsie Clark, Auburn; V. Gene Clark, Moravia; Bernice Cohen, Long Beach; Mary C. Evans, Cortland; Irene Ezick, Earlville; Eleanor Fahey, Cortland; Elizabeth Fowler, Endicott; Patricia Fuller, Cortland; Esther Gardner, Binghamton; Dorothy Glover, Cortland; Mary Gorman, LaFayette; Elizabeth Hakes, Groton; Estelle Harris, Cortland; Marion Holmes, New Woodstock; A. Louise Jamieson, Patchogue; Joyce Jennings, Moravia; Anna Jones, Kingston; Beatrice Kass, Smithtown Branch; Eloise Kimpland, Cortland; Jeanne L'Homme-dieu, South Otselic; Margaret Lathrop, Cortland; Mary Jane Layton, Oyster Bay; Ruth Lewis, Cortland; Nancy Mangam, Oyster Bay; Marie McMahon, Endicott; Meredith Miner, Sherburne; Catherine Murphy, Little Fall; Mary Lou Nye, Jamesville; Helen Pierce, Cortland; Patricia Powers, Rome; Dorothy Rees, Milno; Shirley Reeves, Endwell; Loretta Ryan, Cazenovia; Alberta Siebold, Rhinecliff; Muriel Sloatman, Cortland; Dawn Smith, Millville; Lila Smith, East Hampton; Margaret Stafford, Homer; Winifred Stafford, Cortland; Nadine Teter, Williston Pk.; Pauline VanPatten, Preble; Marian Van Wagenen, Lee Center; Matilda Vormwald, Cortland; Mary Ward, Marcellus.

**General Course Transfers**  
Etheline Haviland, Endicott; Audrey Odell, Mt. Vernon.

**Physical Education Freshman Women**  
Mary Alexander, Sonyea; Ann Bacon Dansville; Della Bailey, Lynbrook; Mary Joy Bauer, Rochester; Sha lotte Beck, Buffalo; Margaret Bohling, West Copake; Helga Buss, Oceanside; Dorothy Carpenter, Plattsburg; Veronica Carroll, Halcomb; Jean Cerilli, Solvay; Evelyn Churchill, Middletown; Mary Alice Dady, Cazenovia; Gwendolyn Davis, Elmira; Helen Davis, Georgetown; Jean DeGraff, Oyster Bay; Ruth Dikeman, Newark; Antoinette Dzwonkas, Westmoreland; Estella Eckler, Walden; Carol George, Buf-

## Cortland Graduate Receives D.F.C. In Overseas Action

One of Cortland's former football stars has received the highest honorary medal which can be tendered to a member of the Army Air Force. Twenty-four year old Lieutenant Frank S. Rathbone, who graduated from Cortland State Teachers college in 1941 has received the D. F. C. for feats in Africa as bombardier of the Flying Fortress, Mickey Finn. He was credited with sinking the Italian heavy cruiser, Trieste last April.

Lieutenant Rathbone married Mary Hull, a former member of the Alpha Delta sorority, shortly after his graduation. Mrs. Rathbone was a physical education student and would have been a senior this year had she remained in school.

When Lieutenant Rathbone received the medal, he was asked how he felt concerning this great honor. He replied that he was very proud. The announcer then asked if there were anything else the young hero would rather do. The young hero immediately answered that there was one thing and that was to return to the good old U. S. A. to see his six months old baby daughter.

Cortland students can well be proud of Lieutenant Rathbone, who like many of our other former students has performed heroic deeds.

**Calendar**

**Friday, October 1:**  
Gang date

**Saturday, October 2:**  
Splash party

**Tuesday, October 5:**  
Hilltop Press  
Glee Club  
Play rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 6:**  
Sketch club  
Play rehearsal  
Dance

**Wednesday, October 13:**  
Masquers business meeting

**Friday, October 15:**  
Murray dancers

## Season's First Play, "The Old Maid"; Kiely, Cooney Leads

**Elections Held for Officers;  
Initiation Ceremony Planned  
For Freshman Candidates**

The Hilltop Masquers held their first meeting on Thursday, September 23, at which time gold bars and pins were awarded for participation and service last semester.

Discussion followed and plans were made for a dramatic and novel initiation for frosh interested in joining Masquers. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, at 7:30 p. m., with program planning to be done by Jeanne King, Eileen McCord and Jane Kiely.

Election of officers was held for this semester with the following results:  
President—Jane Kiely.  
Vice President—Barbara Feucht.  
Secretary—Eileen McCord.  
Treasurer—Carol Kirkpatrick.  
Press Representative—Jeanne King.  
Stage Manager—Edith Lux.

The announcement was made that the one-act play *Happy Journey from Camden to Trenton* was to be presented in assembly November 15. The cast includes Barbara Lowerre, Robert Collier, Patricia Brandis, Claire Noller, and Jack Gaylord. Jeanne King is directing.

The famed Hilltop Masquers will produce for their first play of the season, the superb and poignant drama, *The Old Maid*, a Pulitzer prize play by Zoe Akins.

"As produced at the Empire theatre in New York, *The Old Maid* has proved one of the most distinguished dramatic successes that have graced the recent American stage."

Of the forty people who tried out for the production, those chosen for the leading roles are mature and experienced players, who although they have majored in comedy thus far at Cortland, have had much experience in tragedy and appreciate the serious tenor of this play. Jane Kiely will take the part of Charlotte Lovell and Ruth Cooney will play Delia Ralston.

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## Students to Get Aid Thru New Bureau

An Emergency Employment Bureau has been organized which will help both the students and people of Cortland. Due to the shortage of help for many people in Cortland, the bureau has been drawn up to help college students gain extra finances and give aid to people in town.

All kinds of jobs have come in to Miss Barber, requesting anything from stenography to washing carrots. Many housewives need girls to take care of their children, when they go out in the evening. "I would like to have someone come and take care of Johnny tomorrow evening," is the general trend of conversation between Dean Barber and Mrs. Cortland.

Of course, in order to have a successful agency, our girls must be dependable. When a girl is expected to go out Sunday morning and take care of Mary, she should be there. The townspeople will then place their trust in the Emergency Employment Bureau.

For those who are interested, there is a list in Dean Barber's office, from which references will be made. Come to the office and fill out a card. When you are called upon, be sure and go. This is a good chance to make some extra money for yourself and it will also make a good feeling between townfolk and students.

## Sororities Hold Colorful County Fair Students Find School Party Gala Event

"I think it's wonderful," said Peg Lathrop.

"The more the better," remarked Bev Hakes.

"Super way of getting acquainted," declared Babs Overend!

"It's swell; I feel right at home," admitted Mary Stewart.

"Best party ever," exclaimed Shirley Marx.

Yes frosh, all the student body attending will agree with you that the school party last Saturday night from 8:00 to 11:00 was a grand one. Distinction and novelty were gained through a Country Fair. That's right; a Country Fair with its entertainment booths, square dancing, colorful dress and general hilarity. Informality was the dominating atmosphere of the evening. Students and faculty relaxed and really let themselves have a good time. "Let" did I say? I mean just that. A good time was there waiting for you. You didn't have to make it or ask for it if you had the right spirit.

This Country Fair lacked none of the traditional color and gaiety so characteristic of such affairs. Believe me, there were few plaids or stripes alike. These were found in huge shirts, kerchiefs and skirts. Slacks, blue jeans and overalls accompanied this bright array. Flanking these dancing individuals were the dazzling decorations of the entertainment booths. "Jingle, jangle, jingle, a pocketful of pennies!" That was the tune as one

## Have You Addresses?

The Hilltop Press is appealing to the student body and faculty members for their cooperation in bringing its mailing list up to date. Anyone knowing the address of a Cortland graduate or student in the service, please contact Dr. Sawyer, or Frances Fellows or put it in her mailbox at the bookstore. Last year the Press was sent to nearly 150 Cortland men and women and was much appreciated. It not only gave them the college news but the addresses of their friends in service. Please turn in all addresses you have.

## Dr. Suetz Procures New Flagpole for College Grounds

A new sentinel has taken its place before Cortland State Teachers college; it is the steel flag pole which rises so majestically sixty-five feet in the air. From a base eleven and three-quarters inches in diameter the pole tapers to three and one-half inches at the top and is surmounted by a ten inch, twenty-two karat gold leaf ball. The gold leaf ball was purchased because it would not tarnish as easily as would some other metals.

The pole is set into two tons of concrete in such a way that if the pole is ever damaged, it can easily be slipped out and another put in its place.

This steel pole stood for two years in front of the British Empire exhibit at the New York Worlds Fair. The only reason that we were able to procure this pole so easily was that there was no priority on it, as it was second hand.

There has been placed on the inside of the base a time capsule in which several interesting items are to be found. Among these are Dr. DeGroat's picture, a statement by him describing the growth and progress of the school; a picture and statement from Dr. Donnal Smith, the new president of this institution; a statement from Dr. Higgins, chairman of the local board of information; some information covering the history of Cortland county; the Cortland Historical Society; and a description of the world of 1943 by Miss Carr.

The highlight of all the material placed there is probably the description of the college life of a co-ed, written by Miss Margaret Harter of the class of 1943. Her description along with pictures, describes the school and school life. There are pictures of the girls in bathing togs and one of the boys who have gone into the service.

Along with the other things mentioned above, the description, the procurement of the pole, its history and the cost of the pole are also to be found within this capsule. The credit of this fine work goes to Dr. Suetz and it is because of his work last year with the War department that he was able to procure this pole. Dr. Suetz has all of the information concerning the pole recorded on a thirty-five millimeter film which he intends to show at some future date.

This new pole is the finest flag pole possessed by any of the teacher colleges in this section of the country. It is Dr. Suetz's, and I'm sure all of the rest of college faculty and students', fond hope

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## Our New President



Donnal V. Smith

## Assembly System Planned for Year

### Dr. Smith Welcomes Cortland Student Body

The way for our Wednesday assemblies has been opened by our new president, Dr. Smith, and our new dean, Dr. Barber. In their addresses both expressed the idea of freedom and democracy in our school organization. Dr. Smith pointed out that he has a vision and we should have a vision of what we want our school to be in the future. This vision can be realized by our own efforts to use our freedom wisely. Dr. Barber explained that all freedom must have restraint and that restraint should come from within us. Faculty and students should work together to achieve this objective.

These two assembly programs are only the beginning of the many other inspiring and enjoyable Wednesday meetings arranged for us by the assembly committee. Assisting chairman, Miss Carr, on this committee are Miss Meyer, Dr. Pierce, Miss Elizabeth Smith, Miss Porter, Mrs. Mary Noble Smith, Dr. Bowers and President Smith, ex-officio member. Student representatives are Virginia Jones, Sylvia Larsen and Yrsa Kolding. This committee meets once a month and makes plans for programs it feels will be of interest and value to the student body. The Student Council has allowed it \$300 for outside speakers for this year. However, much of our own faculty and student abilities will be utilized. On September 26 the program is to be a concert by Miss Meyer and Miss Jones. The following week, October 6, we are to be entertained by Miss Ball and her Dance Club. Good programs such as these will follow throughout the year.

## News Brief

The Geography department of Cortland State Teachers college under the supervision of Dr. Olive C. Fish has launched upon a busy semester. With the aid of new equipment, the geography one classes, comprised of sophomores, have begun work with the topographical maps. The juniors and seniors in the geography two classes are working intently on the physical, economic, social, and political histories of their home counties.

## Cortland State Gives Welcome to Dr. Smith

**President Well Known  
Teacher, Author;  
Active in Many Fields**

Dr. Donnal Vore Smith began his first year as president of Cortland State Teachers college this month, succeeding Dr. Harry DeWitt DeGroat, who gave 31 years of admirable service to the college. The president has been active in many fields. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Albany Y. M. C. A. and is one of the leaders in Red Cross and War Chest activities. He is well known throughout New York state as a scholar, teacher, author and speaker.

Dr. Smith began his career in education in the field of physical education. For three years he was coach in the Bloomdale Ohio public schools after studying physical education at the University of Illinois. He received the master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Chicago in the field of history. The Henry Milton Wolf scholarship was awarded to him for research study in 1929.

From 1927 to 1929 he was instructor in the University of Texas. In 1929 he came to the New York State College for Teachers at Albany as assistant professor in the history department. Later he was advanced to professor and head of social studies.

Dr. Smith is the author of a considerable number of publications which have been put out by Scribner and Ginn and Company. In one of his best known works, he collaborated with Charles Beard and with James Harvey Robinson—well known historians.

Mrs. Smith was a teacher and director of physical education before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have three sons: Donnal, Jr., Charles and Philip, whose ages are respectively fourteen, seven and five.

Cortland State welcomes Dr. Smith and recognizes his ability both personally and in the field of education.

## Howland, DeYoung Welcomed to Staff

Cortland Teachers college welcomes two new teachers to its staff. Mrs. Ivaclere Howland and Mrs. Roberta DeYoung.

Mrs. Howland comes from Battle Creek, Michigan. There she received her education at the Battle Creek college. Mrs. Howland also attended the University of Iowa, and New York university. Her teaching experience has been extensive—having taught in New Paltz State Teachers college, the University of Wyoming, Battle Creek college and Penn State.

Mrs. Howland's book—*The Teaching of Body Mechanics*—is used widely by physical education classes. She also contributes many articles to professional magazines.

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## Extra-Curriculars Offer Numerous Activities

College life, like so many things, is as rich as you wish to make it. In your stay at Cortland, you will neither want to make it four years of work nor four years of play. Among the various extra-curricular organizations and clubs there must be some activity which will interest every entering freshman. These activities offer an opportunity to make new friends, do the things one likes to do, and bring out that hidden talent.

Hilltop Masquers are busy throughout the year with dramatic production of some type. If you are a potential Greer Garson or enjoy "puttering" back stage you will find plenty of action in this organization.

Do you sing? You, then, will be interested in our long outstanding glee clubs. We need your help. Come on, warblers! Sketch club offers outlet for those with artistic interests as it develops a greater appreciation and understanding of art through actual participation. Outstanding skill is not necessary, just bring your interest.

A school paper is an important part of any college. Hilltop Press welcomes all those who have the ability or desire to write.

Dance club is fast becoming a most important part of college life. Membership is limited but everyone is urged to try out. "Junior dancers" is provided for those who need training necessary for eligibility in Dance Club. Concerts and demonstrations are given in neighboring schools and local organizations.

For good times as well as spiritual inspiration, we offer Student Union and Newman club. All students are encouraged to join the group of her religion.

Include membership in at least one of these organizations. You need it; we need you.

paid his respect to the various societies and their inviting contests.

My, those squares seemed small on Theta Phi's "pitch pennies board." Were the squares small or was your arm poor?

You've got to have a better arm than some of you had if you expect to lick the Fuhrer. Of course, beans aren't a very harmful weapon, but they were hard to handle in hitting Agonian's paper faces of the Fuhrer.

It must have been difficult for Arethusa's fortune teller to make predictions for us girls when there are so few men around these days. However "Pinkie" was at her best.

Were you lucky enough to carry home a real live fish from A. D.'s booth. Their motto, "Little fishes in a tent; you can catch him with a cent!" drew much attention.

Clio gave you your one chance in a life time to use a sling shot to good advantage. Did you take this chance and hit the charming target?

We hope you did no damage to some of Nu Sig's lovely faces when you tossed those "heavy" balls of cotton. Good practice anyhow.

Other entertainment was furnished by some of our own students. Did you see everyone swoon when Lonnie Warner sang "Stormy Weather," "My Man," and "St. Louis Blues." Who could blame them with rhythm like that?

Perhaps Tommy Williford and Garfield

Harris could get an audition for their "original" interpretation of "Super Suds." And I do mean original! By the way Tommy got a door prize, too. Did they fit, Tommy? (They were socks, folks.) Jean DeGraf was the lucky girl to receive a gay kerchief as girls' door prize.

Has your heart quieted yet, girls? It certainly was beating extra time when that little boy sang, "Sweet Sue." It seemed that I could actually detect tears when he sang the song about his mother dying. Tears from laughter or sadness??? Maybe Dr. Suetz could tell us. He seemed to be making good use of his handkerchief.

Did you see the alumni back? Babs Snyder tells us that teaching is swell. She agrees with the frosh in liking the party. In comparing ours to the ones they have in her home town every Saturday night, she says that there are more men there, but that doesn't keep ours from being delightful. Also back was Larkie LeClair. She was having such a good time, I couldn't get an interview. Nice to have the kids back, eh?

"Who's that," said everyone when those four good looking soldiers walked in. For the few who didn't find out, it was Irv Smith and friends from Oswego. Always glad to have such visitors at our party, aren't we?

Well, we could go on and on pointing out the glories of Saturday nights, but I think the frosh cover them all when they say, "It was swell."