

## JOEL E. LORDEN



Joel went to Columbia University and played football there. While at Columbia, he was involved in one of the greatest upsets of all time, with Columbia beating a nationally renowned Army team.

At the age of 26, Joel began his coaching career at Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, Mass. He then coached at the Gilman School in Baltimore, Md., for seven years.

At K-O, he coached the football team from 1961-1984, with three undefeated seasons and one undefeated team that had a tie.

Joel coached 24 teams with nearly 360 players. All this time, Joel missed only one day of school.

Some highlights of his coaching years:

- In the fall of 1974, K-O beat the Amherst freshman team.
- In Joel's eyes, the greatest game ever played was not one that they won, but when you compare the game to the previous year, it was one for the record books. Peddie came to K-O on a bitterly cold Hewett Day. Coach Lorden was always up for the challenge and was happy with the 21-19 score.

Coach Lorden instilled his tremendous dedication and drive into his players. His humor was always a part of the lesson, whether it be a part of his math class or coaching. In June 2003, as Joel retired, Lee Levison thanked him for 42 years of teaching. In 2007, we are constantly amazed by his incredible reputation as a math tutor and thank him for rejoining the faculty this spring when one faculty member went on maternity leave.

Stew Lindsay said that he learned more about football in a couple of meetings with Joel Lorden than he had in his entire life up to that point.

Geo Estes '67 summarized the lessons that he learned from Joel. "Team effort is more successful than individual effort. Enthusiasm, hard work and sweat is 99 percent of every great ball game. A sure four yards up the middle beats the hell out of a flamboyant, but low percentage pass. Real communication is more than trite, pep-talk hype."