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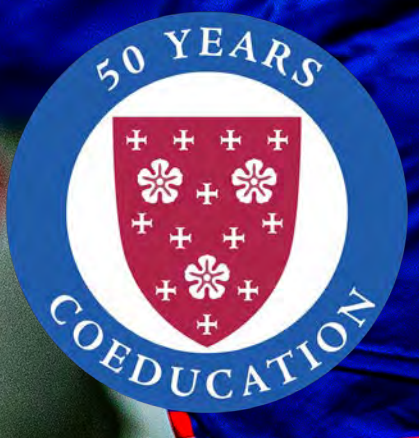


At first,  
cheerleading  
was the  
only athletic  
option for  
girls.

Cheerleaders (1972)



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“ We must either compete on the boys’ teams or all agree on one team sport.”  
- Janice Ruell '75

Holderness’ first girl’s sports team - soccer, using old boy’s team equipment and uniforms (1975)



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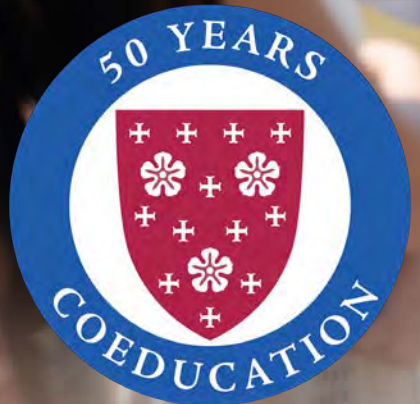
**“I succeeded in college largely because of that year at Holderness, though it was also a year that turned me into a feminist. It was the first place I experienced discrimination just because I was born female.”**  
-Cynthia Crane '71

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Hannah Roberts at Commencement (1971)



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“... in the pulpit there, someone placed a placard so that anyone using the pulpit could read it.

It said ‘Don’t tell these young men they are the hope of the world – they know it already!’ **Now I understand it has to be changed to “... young men and women...!”**

- Rev. Charles F. Hall

Commencement (1972)

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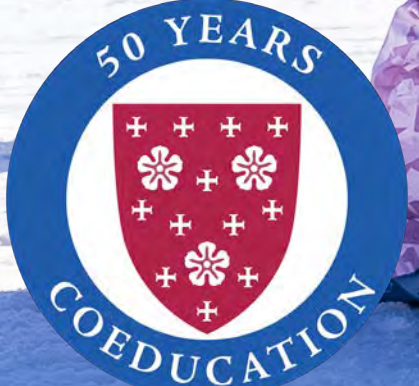
“Holderness was like landing on Mars. One winter we wore pants under our miniskirts.”  
-Janice Ruell '75

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Eastern Girl's Ski Team (1979)



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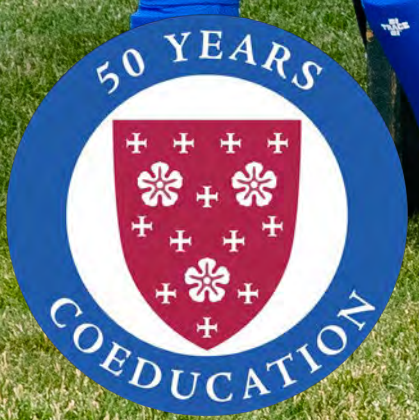


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“If you were a girl and attending Holderness, I think you had to have a little extra in the way of chutzpah or gumption.”  
-Christine Louis '81

Field Hockey (1985)



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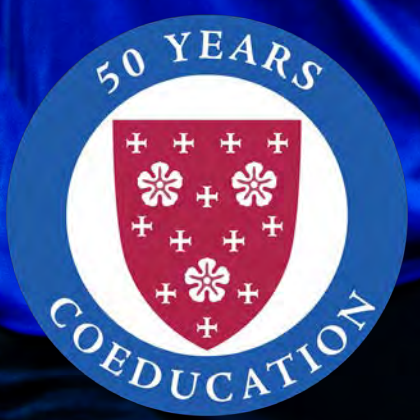


“None of us had ever picked up a stick before, and we were already holding our own against schools like Exeter and St. Paul’s.”  
- Christine Louis '81

Lacrosse (year unknown)



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“Holderness was among the first schools in the country to offer ice hockey to girls [1979]. I loved being part of the unfeminine, marauding women’s ice hockey team.”  
-Kristen Orcutt Singleton '85

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Girls Hockey (1979)



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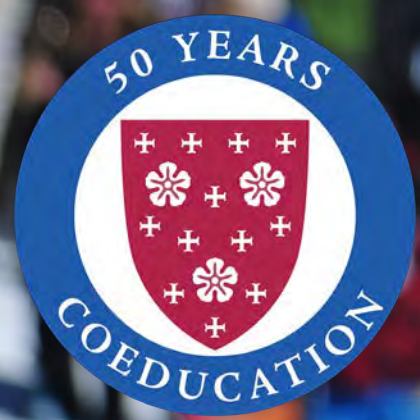
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“ I had interviewed at Holderness [around 1977] and they told me I could come as a day-girl if I could find somebody in Plymouth to live with.”

- Betsy Paine '80

1981 - Yearbook photo



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I struggled off the bus last, dressed in a red and white tie-dye minidress, lugging the bag of soccer balls and the score book, to be met by stunned silence and blank stares. We won that game, if I remember correctly, but **I was not allowed out from behind the scoring bench until the game was over.**

- Cynthia Crane Fisher '71

Bartsch (1970)

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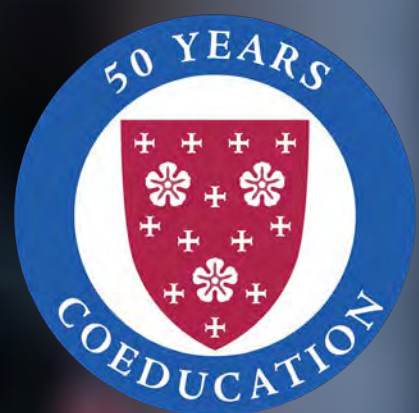


“Female athletes at Holderness have done exactly what Holderness hoped and expected they would: become **life-long practitioners of health and wellbeing, master of many sports, and become leaders.**”  
- Marty Elkins former history teacher and college counselor.

Nancy Henderson & Susan Glidden (1972)



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“Of course we wanted to go. We never even considered not going.”

-Piper Orton '74

Sara Richards '80 (1979)

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