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WHAT'S GOING ON?

National Teach-in on Global Warming today

NYPIRG will be hosting a teach-in on campus today about global warming from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Sperry room 204.

The teach-in will feature six Cortland faculty speakers. The event is free and open to the public and will begin with a 30-minute webcast and will conclude with a question and answer session.

Come see comedian Louis C.K. tonight at Old Main

Stand-up comedian Louis C.K. will be performing tonight at 7 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. The event is presented by the Student Activities Board (SAB).

Louis C.K. is known for his HBO television special and was a writer for the Chris Rock Show and Conan O'Brien.

"Uglify 2 Beautify" RHA contest to be held Monday

Cortland is hosting a "Uglify 2 Beautify" contest to challenge students to turn their Resident Hall Director into the ugliest or funniest hall directors on campus.

The winner receives NRHH Cup points. The contest is from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in the Corey Function Room.

AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed next week

As part of the Wellness Wednesday series, the campus will be displaying the AIDS Memorial Quilt all day in the Corey Exhibition Lounge.

The quilt consists of panels made up by community members and students.

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New semester, new SGA President

Margaret Rainsford replaces Casey Hahl as newest President

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

Welcome the newest face to front the Student Government Association (SGA), Margaret Rainsford. The senior Geographic Information Systems major acquired the position of SGA President after last semester's President, Casey Hahl, left for student teaching in her hometown of Lynbrook.

This is Rainsford's second year at Cortland after transferring from Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, her hometown.

Rainsford has been involved with SGA since her first year here, acting as a Senator last year and Vice President last semester.

Rainsford said her favorite

part of being Vice President was, "working with the clubs and constitutions."

That experience has helped create a "smooth transition" into her new role. Rainsford said she chose to run for President because the Vice President is naturally the next to step up to the position.

Her plans for this semester include, "Focusing on transitioning and making sure we have new people so the organization can be strong next year."

This role comes at a critical time as Rainsford admits the most difficult aspect will be, "What's going to be happening with the budget...the cost for everything is going up..."

But, she is looking forward to gaining a new perspective on the way the university operates. "I get to see a different view of the school, see how the administration works, get more insight into the process and how decisions are made," Rainsford explained.

She also will be attending a



photo by Erica Sanderson

Margaret Rainsford

state conference and several important meetings as President this semester.

A message Rainsford would like to send to the campus is, "In general, you get what you put in so the more you get involved, it will be that much better of an experience for you and you will enjoy school that much more."

If interested in joining SGA, meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Corey Exhibition Lounge.

Black History Month

Cortland prepares an array of events for Black History Month

Kathleen O'Sullivan
Staff Writer

February is Black History Month. The campus has a number of events scheduled throughout the month in celebration of black history that are open both to students and the public.

If students or community members are interested in listening to speakers discuss important issues surrounding black history month, Sandwich Seminars will be held this month every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and every Thursday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Jacobus Lounge in Brockway Hall.

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Students react to 2009 Inauguration



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Barack Obama swearing in as the 44th U.S. President during the Jan. 20 ceremony.

Students react to the inauguration of President Obama

Erica Sanderson
& Kelsey Delmotte
News & Opinions Editors

1.8 million people huddled in the bitter Washington D.C. cold to witness the swearing in of President Barack Obama on Jan. 20.

All across the world people tuned in from 11:30 a.m. EST until

the wee hours of the morning to see the culmination of a long election season.

The 2009 Presidential Inauguration was punctuated with elaborate galas, performances by world-renowned artists, and parades in honor of the new president.

"I think the speech was great, it stuck just about the right tone; I think he is handling it amazingly well. He is so open about everything that he does," said Communications Professor David Hollenback, who attended the

inauguration ceremony.

Hollenback was able to acquire tickets through his daughter who worked for Obama for six weeks in Michigan. With an invitation from his daughter, no classes on that Wednesday, Jan. 21, and being a supporter of Obama from the start, Hollenback went without hesitation.

"The spirit of being there was enough, I don't care that I didn't get to shake his hand...there was this incredible energy that was so

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Another tuition hike?

State legislation deciding on proposal for a tuition increase

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

If the \$310 tuition hike of this semester was difficult to manage, brace yourself: there may be an even bigger tuition increase for next year.

The SUNY Board of Trustees, who set tuition, passed a resolution for a 14 percent tuition increase to \$620 on November 18, 2008.

The board also wants to raise tuition by a little bit each year according to Fran Clark, project director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

However, the additional tuition increase has not been implemented because the resolution is currently in the hands of the state legislature, where it must be approved and calculated into the state budget.

The deadline for the decision and the state budget is April 1.

If the resolution is approved, SUNY will only receive 20 percent of the profits from the tuition increase, while the other 80 percent of the money will be kept to aid the state financial deficit.

NYPIRG is opposing the proposed tuition hike.

"There shouldn't be a tuition hike in general but, if there is it should go to help the quality of

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Could you be right for the Secret Service?

An agent comes to recruit potential students for the task

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

If you have a desire to meet the President but you aren't too sure if politics is the right career path for you, then perhaps you should consider the Secret Service.

Formed during the Civil War to help put a stop to counterfeiting, the Secret Service is currently comprised of two divisions: Special Agent division and the Uniformed Division.

In an effort to get more people to apply, the Secret Service sent agent Bryan Champion to Cortland on Tuesday, Jan. 27 to discuss the service in depth.

Champion, who has been in the service since before 9/11, spoke about the path his career has taken and what went into becoming an agent.

Champion said that the whole process started with the 32 page application, which took him about two years to complete.

Once his application was in, Champion was sent to Glynco, Georgia for 11 weeks of training at

the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

During this time recruits are trained in law enforcement, using their firearms and are also subjected to tests and polygraphs, otherwise known as a lie detector test.

Champion joked that it was the worst day ever, sitting strapped to the machine for upwards of six hours and having to be 100% honest to a complete stranger.

Once the 11 weeks are over, recruits are then sent to the U.S Secret Service James J. Rowley Training Center for 16 more weeks of training.

Champion made a note that the running, diving and shooting seen in movies like S.W.A.T is pretty much Hollywood material.

Even after completing all levels of training, agents are still required to take tests for firearms and physical fitness regularly.

Champion spoke briefly on some of the positions he has held, including security detail at the Vice President's home in Washington D.C., and security for the winter Olympic Games.

While the Secret Service was formed in 1865 to prevent counterfeiting, it is known today for its protection of the President,

Vice President, their families and foreign heads of states that visit America. This level of protection became the divisions' primary mission after President William McKinley's assassination in 1901.

The branch that is directly in charge of protecting the President and other important figures is the Uniformed Division.

In addition to protection, the Secret Service still investigates counterfeiting, in addition to fraud and theft.

The service has many branches besides law enforcement; from computer programmers and technicians to forensics and administration.

There are some requirements for the position: you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old and younger than 40 at the time you apply. You also must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

If anything you have read in this article has peaked your interest, please feel free to contact them by calling (202) 406-5390, or visiting them online at secretservice.gov.

In addition, the service is offering a police officer selection test on Saturday, Feb. 7, in Binghamton. Please register in advance.

Events for Black History

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The seminars topics will range from discussions about African-American women and golf to African-American music, the 2008 election, and many more.

Dr. Samuel Kelley, a professor in the Communication Studies department, is very involved in many of the things going on around campus this month.

He believes that the Sandwich Seminars, along with other events going on are beneficial to the campus and to the community

because they bring people together for a positive and interesting learning experience.

One of Dr. Kelley's favorite parts of this month will be the Gospel Choir Celebration. It will take place at 4 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Old Main Brown Auditorium. He describes the Gospel Choir Celebration as an intellectual cultural exchange of music, dance and culture, and is really looking forward to the event.

For more information about Black History Month, contact Dr. Kelley at kelleys@cortland.edu.

Students voice about tuition

NYPIRG questions students for reactions to tuition increase

Alicia Eimer
Contributing Writer

Weeks after being subjected to a mid-year tuition hike, Cortland students gathered on Jan. 29 in Corey Union to speak out against Governor Paterson's proposed cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), community colleges and SUNY operating budgets.

In his Executive Budget the

Governor proposed \$65 million in cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), community college funding cuts amounting to \$270 per student and a \$132 million dollar reductions to SUNY's operating budget.

"Cortland students have to fight this budget because it will undermine the quality of our educations and prices too many students out of the dream of a college education," said Sarah Boeres, a junior at Cortland.

Boeres and others worked with the New York Public Interest

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A Little-Known Historical Connection: The Tale of Brazil and Germany

A lecture reveals the past and present history of Brazil

Samantha Long
Staff Writer

Dr. Ute Ritz-Deutch of Cortland's history department gave a presentation Thursday, Jan. 29, in the Jacobus Lounge, on Brazil, from the gaining of the country's independence to the present.

Dr. Ritz-Deutch has done extensive research on Brazil and its relationship with Germany and

even wrote her doctoral dissertation on the subject.

Her original interest though was in German anthropology and the Americas. When Dr. Ritz-Deutch began researching in Berlin, she came across the extensive file of a man named Alberto Fric, who was an activist for Indian protection in Brazil.

Fric worked for the Royal Museum of Ethnology in Berlin. While in South America collecting ethnographic artifacts in 1905, he accused German-Brazilians of committing crimes against the Xokleng Indians.

According to Dr. Ritz-Deutch,

in order for her to "better understand this case, it became necessary for me to study various groups of people and various angles of the problem." This led to her research on German-Brazilian relations.

Although her dissertation is four chapters long and covers much more than this specific topic, Dr. Ritz-Deutch chose to focus strictly on the relationship between Brazil and Germany for her presentation.

Most people are probably unaware of how many Germans actually live in Brazil. At 12 million people, Germans make up about six

percent of Brazil's total population.

Before 1821 only a few German individuals lived in Brazil. Brazil was a Portuguese colony until after the Portuguese king, Joao IV, fled in 1808. His son, Pedro I, then declared Brazil Independent in 1821. Pedro's wife Leopoldine, the Habsburg Princess, began inviting German farmers to settle in the south of Brazil upon which 240,000 Germans immigrated to Brazil.

Although there was some tension between the two countries during times of war, today they rely heavily on each other for economic and trade purposes.

In 2006, Germany exported six

billion Euros worth of goods to Brazil, and Brazil seven billion Euros worth to Germany. Germany is the fourth largest importer to Brazil. Germany is also the third largest foreign investor in Brazil.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. Dr. Ritz-Deutch's research on German-Brazilian relations is quite extensive.

Her presentation included a very detailed history of the relationship between the two countries.

Her dissertation includes an examination of Indian protection in southern Brazil and it's advocate Alberto Fric.

Inauguration

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hopeful and was palpable; you could feel it in the air."

Fellow students had a variety of reactions to the inauguration:

"It should have been at night...I had to end up watching the speech on youtube," said Junior Dan MacPherson.

"I thought his speech was really good," said Sophomore Cori Bulgrin

"I thought it was good but I didn't think there was anything that was great about it; but, I am excited for him to start," said Freshman Greta Tomeschke.

"I enjoy Obama as a speaker, I thought he made a great speech; he reiterated his points and there was some humor in there," said Junior Rae Smith.

Barbara Green said, "I watched it on the big screen at Neubig and

everyone began cheering and clapping when he was inaugurated."

"I thought it was excellent, especially Yo Yo Ma. It sucks that the Justice messed up the phrasing of the words because it made Obama look bad," said Freshman Alycia Sciascia.

"I think that with the Democratic majority in the Senate and the House and a democratic President, bills will get passed," said Mike Curry.

"His speech was really moving and I think its great we get to experience an African-American for President," said Kristina Lazzaro.

"My English teacher made me watch it; I don't agree with why people are happy about it and why they voted for him," said Freshman Ilanna Scheur.

Tuition

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education," said Clark.

Community Colleges may also be seeing a tuition increase in the fall.

"Now is the one of the worst times to be continually increasing tuition," said Senior Elizabeth Tucker. "People are losing their homes and jobs; the state should look to other options for acquiring money."

"I understand that the state is looking to correct it's economic deficit but, another extra burden of cost after they already increased tuition for this semester, is a bit much for students and families to handle," said Senior Jenna Troesch.

NYPIRG is obtaining testimonials and getting students together for a trip to Albany to demonstrate against the resolution. For more information or to get involved contact your local NYPIRG chapter.

Pay it forward Cortland

A new club aims to spread the good message of

Chris Poole
Academic Computing Services

Remember that great movie "Pay it Forward" that inspired and changed lives and started a huge social movement? Well guess what? Pay It Forward is coming to Cortland.

According to the author Catherine Ryan Hyde, the

"Pay It Forward Movement is the real-life reaction to the release of my novel in early 2000, followed by the creation of the Pay It Forward Foundation, and followed by the Warner Brothers movie. I didn't write the novel expecting a social movement, but it's certainly been exciting to watch it grow."

The slogan of the payitforwardmovement.org website is, "changing the world one favor at a time".

We hope that Pay It Forward Cortland will help to change Cortland, the college, the surrounding community and our world, one favor at a time.

The concept is simple; a "Pay It Forward" business card-sized handout, found on the website reads, "You have received a Pay It Forward favor. Don't pay it back, pay it forward to three more people and ask them to do the same".

The favors range from small to large, from holding a door or helping someone carry something, to a local community or even worldwide project. Although Pay It Forward can be a group effort it may also be an intensely personal action that can be immensely

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Belize Zoo names animal after Cortland

Cortland's work with Belize Zoo gets Margay named for it

Matthew Ianno
Staff Writer

It jumps from tree to tree with the confidence and light-footed demeanor of a squirrel. It attacks its prey with tiger-like ferocity and is decorated in aesthetically pleasing leopard spots.

The creature spoken of is indigenous to Central America and is better known as a Margay.

Slightly bigger than and living on a diet closely resembling a self-sufficient household cat, the Margay is a member of the Felidae (scientific name for cat) family.

The Margay is much like its relative the Ocelot, except far superior in its ability to climb and live amongst trees. This past



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Cortland, the Margay.

August, a female Margay gave birth to a kitten in the Belize Zoo and in honor of Cortland's ongoing project with the zoo, this kitten has been named "Cortland".

For those unaware, Cortland is currently in partnership with the Belize Zoo and offers internships to students that have an interest in political science, ecology,

economics, etc.

Students that decide to participate travel to Belize which is located in Central America, below Mexico, and help build up the zoo. The zoo, which boasts on its homepage that it is "The best little zoo in the world," primarily focuses on protecting and raising local species.

Cortland has made valuable contributions and showed general interest in the zoo's development and now has a living, palpable representation of its efforts.

So if previously unaware that the Margay species even existed, take joy in knowing that these creatures do exist in a place that Cortland is interestingly intertwined with.

"Cortland" the magnanimous margay, the loveable little leopard, the ferocious feline, is currently leaping from tree to tree in a little zoo in Belize and should likewise be leaping into every student's heart.

Self-defense classes offered

Cortland's YMCA to offer self-defense classes for women

Meryl Fish
Health and Fitness Director

The YWCA of Cortland will be holding a one-day, three-hour self-defense course for women. This course will serve the needs of any college woman.

This class may be one of the most important classes at college you will ever take. "Self-Defense for Women" will teach you the essential principles of self-defense.

"Self-Defense for Women" is a class specifically designed for women and taught by a woman.

Instructor Amy Bond is certified in self-defense, a second-degree black belt in Shido-kan karate as well as the instructor of The YWCA's karate program.

In this class, you will be

educated on the three parts of the defense strategy. You will learn prevention, using your voice, and physical maneuvers on an attacker.

Participants do not need to be physically fit because the techniques do not rely on strength. Rather, they rely on leverage and a woman's physical strengths against the weakness of another's body. These techniques are very easy to learn and use.

This self-defense class will make a difference in your life and safety. Regardless of age, all are welcome to come and participate in this class.

You do not have to take this class alone; in fact when you come with 4 friends the fourth friend is free.

"Self-Defense for Women" will take place from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21. Please pre-register by Feb. 19.

The cost of this course is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information, drop by the YWCA at 14 Clayton Ave., or call (607) 753-9651.

Pay it forward

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rewarding. What follows is a favorite (of mine) story of a young person's Pay It Forward experience from the movement website:

Hello:

My name is Daniel Hilcke. One day I was riding home from church, I saw a young child that was crying, his bicycle had just been run over by a car, and the car had sped away.

I remembered the pay it forward idea and decided to give him my bike, which I just got for my birthday from my grandmother just before she passed away.

I told him about the pay it forward idea and about a week later, he was in the news for saving a bag of kittens that had been abandoned in the local river, he had given the kittens a place to stay and looked after them.

I hope other people find inspiration from this story, as it has changed my life and the life of the young boy.

Yours Sincerely,
Daniel Hilcke

We think that PIFCortland has the potential to change our lives and those of others as it did this young man.

In this digital age we live in, although we stay in touch with our friends and family electronically, we often lose sight of those around us.

Pay It Forward is all about touching and enriching the lives of others.

Please join us at 5 p.m. on Feb. 11, in Corey Room 209, at our first informational meeting and help us get PIFCortland off the ground.

For more information contact ChrisPoole@chris.poole@cortland.edu or Mary Kate Boland at marykate.boland@cortland.edu.

Tales of tuition troubles

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Research Group (NYPIRG) to organize the event.

The Governor's budget would reduce or eliminate financial aid for students with more than one family member in college, students taking 12-14 credits, graduate students, dependents of retired state workers, or students who are struggling with federal student loans or grades.

The cut to community college funding would more than likely lead to significant community college tuition hikes in the fall of 2010.

The cut to SUNY operating aid would shift 80% of the recent \$620 senior college tuition hike away from SUNY.

NYPIRG organized the tabling event to give students impacted by the TAP cuts and the budget cuts a chance to share their stories. Ben Herman, a freshman from Westchester, spoke about how the budget cuts would affect him.

"My mom is frustrated and I'm hearing it all the time. I know it's important for saving for my future that I'm not graduating with even more debt," said Herman.

Tim Rodriguez also spoke at the event about how the funding cuts would undermine educational quality at Cortland. He called on the Legislator to reject the Governor's TAP cuts and direct 100% of the recent tuition hike to the SUNY System.

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Our View

Welcome back Cortland. The editors of *The Dragon Chronicle* would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and the hopes of successful semester.

With the start of a new semester and a new year, we also have a new president in office. On a much larger scale than a college student, Barack Obama will face new challenges and people. But that doesn't mean we can't take a page from his book as someone who has inspired great things in people all over the country.

It is important to remember to stay motivated and work to achieve your ultimate goal, all while making yourself into a person you can be proud of following graduation.

This is the time in our lives where anything is possible. Do not settle for mediocrity. It doesn't hurt to put your schoolwork first. Your friends will be there when you're done.

College is the best four years of our lives, but make sure you take the time to prepare for what happens after to ensure that the good times keep coming.

Good luck, Cortland, and enjoy the Spring 2009 semester. ☺

Washington draws crowds for more than inauguration

March for Life draws more than 300,000 people to D.C.

Tom Lickona

*Professor
Childhood/Early Childhood
Education*

Along with thousands of college students from all across the country, including Students for Life (www.studentsforlife.org), I had the privilege last week of participating in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., just two days after our new president was inaugurated.

The following is a letter subsequently sent to President Obama:

Dear President Obama,

In your inauguration address last week, you set forth this challenge: "The time has come to reaffirm and carry forward the God-given promise that **all** are equal, **all** are free and **all** deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness."

Two days after you spoke those noble words, an estimated 300,000 citizens, women and men, young and old, black and white, families with children, people in wheelchairs, came to Washington for the 36th Annual March for Life.

It was the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, a policy supported by only 9% of Americans, according to a new Harris poll.

Regrettably, as in previous years, there was a near-total media blackout of this event.

We came to ask our government, and especially you, our new president, to grant every child the same opportunity you had, as a baby in your mother's womb, to realize your God-given potential.

We marched because we believe that killing a baby before birth is wrong, just as infanticide is wrong.

We marched because we believe that all Americans, born and preborn, deserve what is promised by the words engraved above the columns of the Supreme Court: "Equal justice under the

law."

We marched because we believe that women deserve better than abortion. At the pre-March rally on the Washington Mall, more than a dozen courageous women stood shoulder to shoulder across the speaker's platform silently holding signs that said, "I regret my abortion."

At the end of the March, on the steps of the Supreme Court, 100 persons, mostly women but also some men who had participated in an abortion, told their abortion stories.

They told of the emotional pain they suffered, their path to healing and the life-affirming alternatives they now encourage others to pursue. You can read their accounts on SilenceNoMoreAwareness.org.

Among the most memorable words at the pre-March rally were those of the Rev. Luke Robinson, the black pastor of an African-American church. He pointed out that abortion is the number one killer of African-Americans.

And then, Mr. President, in a

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Online privacy: an oxymoron?

Questionable content could affect future career plans

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The world we live in supplies us with numerous new technology advances each day, which can be very effective in making our day-to-day tasks easier.

GPS systems show us how to get from one destination to the next, cell phones allow us to communicate with people anywhere, anytime, or any place instantly.

Social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace help us to keep in touch with friends, old and new. We can post videos of things we have experienced, tag our friends in pictures and write messages on each other's walls.

However, not all technology advances are helpful and now, some can even be harmful to you and your success.

One important feature with all these technologies is privacy. Facebook profiles are recommended to be kept private,

cell phones have security codes built in to keep your information private and we are trained to memorize dozens of passwords to keep our online banking accounts safe.

We get to choose who accesses our private lives and only have to accept people we know and trust as friends on MySpace and Facebook.

We are reminded to keep certain things such as drinking, drugs and other questionable content out of our profiles, especially if people who can view these profiles can get you in trouble for it.

But unfortunately, even people who you do not give access to your profiles can now put your career in jeopardy. Is this fair?

Prospective employers, or even your current employers, will not hold back from releasing you from your job, or reconsider hiring you for a new one from information they find on these sites.

Yes, it is crucial to monitor what you post because you are allowing other people access to see it, but should your future be dependent on what you did while in college?

If you make your profile private to everyone other than your accepted friends, you should not

have to worry about your information being passed along to others who you do not want seeing them.

This issue would be irrelevant if "private profile" truly meant private. But people who view your profile can take your pictures, edit them, print them and distribute them to dozens of people.

As previously stated, technology can be helpful, but can also be dangerous at the same time. With photo edit software, your latest profile picture could be the next glamour shot in a fashion magazine or it can be altered and manipulated to give its viewers ideas that weren't intended when the picture was taken.

Such things have even happened on our campus. Several Cortland staff members have been fired due to printing and releasing of private pictures.

Technology has helped us to make our lives easier, but is it fair that others can violate our privacy to make life miserable for us? No; it's not.

How can private details of a person's life be taken into account and interpreted by those seated higher above us?

A picture may say a thousand words, but not every one of those words is always correct.

What do you have to say? *What is your favorite band?*



photo by John Passmore

"The Red Hot Chili Peppers are the best band I have ever listened to. They have so many different sounds and moods. They have an album for whatever mood you are in. Also, I like them because they are in it for the music not the money and they feel the music they make."

Benjamin Botelho
Freshman
Undeclared



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"Jimi Hendrix because he was an innovator and he took the guitar to levels that it had never been before and everything about him was unorthodox. His style and sound was really unique."

Xena Holzapfel
Junior
New Media Design



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"The Smashing Pumpkins. I enjoy the variety of music that they make; and how with each album they seem to re-invent themselves."

Gerald Grapevine
Junior
Political Science



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"Coldplay is my favorite band. I like the soft music and Chris Martin's voice is very soothing. It is relaxing to listen to them and they make good melodic sounds."

Rachel Schoonover
Junior
Childhood Education



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"I am really liking the Barenaked Ladies right now because they are really upbeat and crafty. They are fun to listen to and I am usually in a happy mood after I listen to them."

Erica Thigpen
Junior
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Leaving a legacy

Student Legacy Fund helps future Cortland students and projects

Kerry Linden
Contributing Writer

The first classes at the Cortland Normal School began in March 1869, located in Courthouse Park, with a total enrollment of 135 students.

Twenty years later, a consulting architect pronounced the school's single building, "the worst lighted and worst arranged of all the schools of the kind which he had ever seen." Yikes.

The school responded by requesting a donation of land from the City of Cortland to build Old Main. This contribution allowed Cortland to open the door to expansion in 1923.

Today, facilities at Cortland are among the best in the SUNY system.

Look around at all the building projects underway on campus. You can see the progress being made that will make our campus safer and more modern, while accommodating a growing student body.

A new Student Life Center will provide more places to work out, eat, study, shop, socialize and hold events down the hill.

Did you know students attended Cortland tuition-free until 1963, when they had to pay \$400 per year?

Today Cortland continues to rank among Kiplinger's Best Values in Public College in the United States, as well as one of America's Top 50 Best Buy Public Colleges and Universities.

Still, according to *Consumer's Digest*, we all feel the crunch when it comes time to pay for tuition,

books, gas, and extras.

Maybe you have heard friends at private colleges assume that a SUNY school must get all its funding from state tax dollars, so there is no need for individuals to give back.

You can tell them that New York State support now stands at less than 25% of Cortland's operating budget, and this number is dropping. That's why private support, especially from alumni, is important to keep tuition affordable for every student.

In 2008, 89% of Cortland undergraduates received scholarships, financial aid and grants in order to attend this top-ranked school.

Cortland boasts the largest teacher education program in the Northeastern United States. Whatever you major in at Cortland, you know how important gifts from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, and students are in helping to finance your education.

Of those of us who will be receiving a degree from Cortland this May, some will be heading to graduate school and some will be entering the work force.

To the tasks ahead, we will all bring new skills and qualifications, gained from an exceptional educational experience.

Approximately 1,000 students are expected to graduate on May 16. If we can each make a gift of just \$20.09 to the Senior Class Gift of the Student Legacy Fund, the Cortland Class of 2009 can contribute \$20,090 to the Senior Legacy Gift this year.

While each one of us strives independently to balance our personal concerns of family, friends, work, studies, and future plans, here is a chance for us to come together as a group to give back to Cortland.

You can strike up some

friendly campus competition. You can work with members of your sports team, professional club, fraternity, sorority or special interest group to see who can contribute the most to the future Cortland students.

Our gifts will go directly to a fund for facilities, scholarships, financial aid and grants that have helped many of us fund our education.

This fund also helps support technology, research, cultural arts programming, athletics and faculty development to benefit the entire student body.

Whether you are graduating in four months or in four years, as future alumni, we all stand to benefit professionally and personally from the enhanced offerings and increasingly competitive reputation of our alma mater.

Cortland's good name will continue to strengthen the value of our hard-earned degrees well into the future.

As an extra perk for those who will be attending commencement ceremonies this May, donors to the fund will be recognized with a special check presentation to President Erik Bitterbaum.

The fastest and easiest way to make a gift today is to visit www.cortland.edu/giving and make your contribution to the Senior Legacy Gift.

For questions and ideas about how to involve your campus organization in leaving a legacy, you can call our Student Legacy advisor, Jonni Campbell at (607) 753-5571.

By making an investment in our thriving campus, we can ensure that students will continue to benefit from the exceptional educational experience provided by Cortland.

Greek is in the air

Cortland Greek life gears up for Spring recruitment

Sandra Wohlleber

Assistant Director of Campus Activities & Greek Affairs

It's that time of the semester. Time for all of our recognized Greek organizations to officially invite undergraduates to join their chapters.

All of our chapters are eager to meet you and answer any questions you might have.

Take the time to check us out and come to an event or two. Greek life stresses the importance of community service, philanthropy and academics. It also provides social opportunities for everyone. We believe we have a lot to offer and we hope you will too.

Our recognized sororities are Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon, Nu Sigma Chi, Sigma Delta Tau and Omega Phi Beta, which is Latina-oriented.

Our recognized fraternities are Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma, and Pi Kappa Phi and Lambda Upsilon Lambda, which is Latino-oriented.

And don't forget about Alpha Phi Omega, our co-educational service fraternity!

Recruitment/Rush is already underway but there is still time for interested people to get involved and learn more.

We encourage you to consider joining our growing numbers. Anyone participating in Recruitment should do so with an open mind.

Every organization will reflect the personalities of its members. The final decision on whether or not to join a group rests with each potential new member.

Choose wisely. Here are a couple of interesting tidbits from this past Fall.

1. The All-Sorority GPA was higher than the All-Female GPA.

2. The All-Greek GPA was higher than the All-Undergraduate GPA.

Want to learn more about the recognized Greek chapters here on campus? Look for posters and/or e-mails about upcoming events.

Contact a brother/sister that you already know and ask how you can learn more and how you can get involved.

Contact the Recruitment Chair of each chapter for more information.

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Unfortunately, there are also other groups that are either permanently banned or unrecognized.

Delta Kappa Beta (Kappa) and Beta Phi Epsilon (Beta) have permanently lost their affiliation privileges.

College policy states: "Students found to pledge, be a member of, or live in any residence of a permanently banned group will likely face a lengthy suspension or permanent dismissal from the College."

Omega Delta Phi (Omega) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) are not recognized by the College. They have no charters or official connections with the national organizations of the same name and, in fact, those who claim to be associated with these groups are members of nothing.

Over the past two years, there have been numerous incidents of police involvement at local addresses allegedly connected with the unrecognized and banned organizations.

Parties and other events reportedly sponsored by these groups and/or their supposed individual members have endangered the physical and psychological well-being of our students.

People have wound up in the hospital and/or a local jail cell. Make a wise choice. Stay away from these groups. Do not join. Do not attend their parties. Do not endanger your future. These are not legitimate fraternal organizations.

Questions about Greek life and how to get involved can be addressed to Sandra Wohlleber, Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs. Sandra can be reached at 607-753-5769 or via e-mail at sandra.wohlleber@cortland.edu.

March for life

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ringing, impassioned plea, he invoked Martin Luther King's dream and urged you to carry it forward:

"On Monday, Jan. 19, we celebrated the dreamer. On Tuesday, Jan. 20, part of the dream came true. We come here today, Jan. 22, because we have unfinished business.

"We are calling on the President of change, President Barack Obama, to be an agent of change as it relates to the lives of over one million children who will be slaughtered in this, his first year as President, by a horrible practice called abortion.

Every day, Mr. President, people with your ethnic background and my ethnic background die in astounding numbers."

Pastor Robinson concluded:

"Lincoln came to see that our nation could not endure as a house divided over the issue of slavery. And we cannot endure as a house divided over abortion."

President Obama, we join Pastor Luke Robinson and the hundreds of thousands of other people who marched down Constitution Avenue on Jan. 22 in praying that you will act on the words you spoke at your inauguration and work to fulfill the promise of life, liberty, and justice for all Americans, without exception.

The economic recovery you rightly seek for our country must rest on a moral foundation: a culture of life that respects the dignity and worth of every human being at every stage of development.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"
We're so busy watching out for what's just ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are.
"

-Calvin & Hobbes



Comedian Louis CK performs tonight in Old Main

**“Louis C.K.:
Hilarious” tour
comes to Cortland**

Katie Rosenbrock
Entertainment Editor

If you've had a rough start to your semester or maybe you just feel bombarded with more work than you can handle, perhaps a good laugh could cheer you up.

If that's the case, then today is your lucky day because tonight, Thursday, Feb. 5, critically-acclaimed comedian, Louis C.K. will bring his National Tour, “Louis C.K.: Hilarious” right into Cortland's very own Brown Auditorium.

Since the start of his career in stand-up comedy clubs, Louis C.K. has gained much success as a comedian, making his way to larger theaters and landing an hour-long special on Showtime, called “Louis C.K.: Shameless,” in January of 2007.

His previous tour, “Louis C.K.: Chewed Up,” encompassed the US as well as London and was released on CD and DVD in December 2009.

Aside from his two successful tours, “Chewed Up” and “Shameless” Louis C.K. has been featured on two HBO half-hour specials, “One Night Stand” and a “Comedy Central Presents” special.

You may have also seen him as a regular on “The Late Show with



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Louis C.K.'s critically acclaimed hour special, “Louis C.K.: Chewed Up,” premiered on Showtime in December.

David Letterman” and “Late Nite with Conan O'Brien.”

On top of all of this, Louis also created and starred in his own HBO series titled “Lucky Louie,” which dealt with the struggles of his first time parenthood.

Besides Louis C.K.'s background as a comedian, he is also well recognized as a filmmaker for his spoof of “Pootie Tang” which he both wrote and directed.

In addition he has also wrote, produced, and directed multiple films such as, “Tomorrow Night” and “Ice Cream,” which both premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Recently, he has been seen in “Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins” with Martin Lawrence, Mike Epps, and Cedric the Entertainer, as well as “Diminished Capacity” with Matthew Broderick, Virginia

Marsden and Alan Alda.

He is also currently producing a sitcom for CBS with Pamela Adlon who played his wife on “Lucky Louie.”

It seems that 2009 will be another notable year for Louis C.K. as he will star alongside Jennifer Garner and Rob Lowe in the new Ricky Gervais film, “This Side of the Truth.”

Whether or not you have had

the chance to see one of Louis' hilarious performances yet, there is no doubt that you'll want to come down to Brown Auditorium tonight and witness the fearless honesty that he brings to the stage.

The show starts at 7 p.m. sharp and it's sure to fill up fast so make sure you get there early. This is definitely a show you won't want to miss.

Classical music performance coming to Dowd Theater

**Pianist Albert
Mühlböck featured in
classical recital**

Tom Hischak
Professor of Performing Arts

The Department of Performing Arts will present guest pianist Albert Mühlböck in a recital of classical pieces on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

The Austrian-born artist, currently at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, will perform Franz Schubert's “Soirées de Vienne,” W.A. Mozart's “Piano Sonata, K. 570 in B-Flat,” Johann

Strauss Jr.'s “Arabesques on An der Schönen Blaune Donau (The Blue Danube),” Franz Liszt's “Serenade,” and other works.

Mühlböck studied at the Bruckner Conservatory in Linz and the University of Vienna, as well as with such instructors as Andrei Jasinsky, Paul Badura Skoda, Ludwig Hoffman, Luiz Carlos de Moura Castro, and others.

He has performed as soloist with orchestras in Beijing, Taipei, Hanoi, Kyoto, as well as across Europe.

Mühlböck has won piano competitions in France, Italy, Austria, and the United States and has recorded works by Schubert, Liszt, Mozart, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, and Prokofiev.

The concert is open to the public free of charge and all are welcome.

Guns N' Roses: *Chinese Democracy*

**The long awaited
album has been 13
years in the making**

Antonio Mancilla
Contributing Writer

REVIEW

It's finally here. The album 13 years in the making – one of the most hyped, controversial and enigmatic projects in the past decade: *Chinese Democracy*. Axl Rose's long-awaited opus has finally arrived.

After many studios, demos, band lineup changes, and legal issues, *Chinese Democracy* has finally hit stores. Whether you want to believe it or not, this album has certainly been worth the wait.

Rose's brainchild has been delayed so many times – to point where it has become something of urban legend.

Rose had a vision that his band mates didn't quite share and decided to recruit other musicians into Guns N' Roses after every member except Dizzy Reed left the group, including the guitar hero, Slash.

Rose did, however, recruit fine musicians for this project. Buckethead – the mask-wearing, eccentric, guitar virtuoso with a bucket on his head – replaced Slash as the lead guitarist for Guns N' Roses, and he delivers a stellar performance unheard of in mainstream rock.

Okay. Now, to the music. All the songs sound complex and layered. Buckethead does a great job of lending a magnificent lead guitar to all but two tracks.

Rose provides solid multi-tracked vocals and piano to nearly all of his songs. And the band performs well behind Rose and Buckethead.

At times the songs feel like they drag on for too long and the entire album may feel like its traveling at a snail's pace.

However, there are plenty of gems on this album including “Shackler's Revenge”, “Better”, “If the World”, “Scraped”, “Riad N' the Bedouins” and “This I Love.”

Known more for his outrageous and aggressive performances and grinding vocals, Axl Rose never sold himself as a musical genius.

On *Chinese Democracy*, we see a boldness to venture outside the realm of traditional rock into a more avant-garde genre – much like Guns N' Roses' *Use Your Illusion* album.

Fans of *Appetite for Destruction* may not find comfort in *Chinese Democracy*. But fans of Guns N' Roses can take comfort in seeing its leader, Axl Rose, continue to kick butt.

Want to get away?

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The world's chaos continues as the gates of the inferno open.

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

COLUMN

I know that I apologize to you, dear reader, for jumping around the story so often.

I know I should be more direct in the relation of this tale, what with the fate of the world hanging in the balance with Dr. Faust and the other Guardians onboard.

The Flying Dutchman with the rake, Tony about to cross blades with the devilish Azrael, and the Author's current state of beastliness brought on by his own battle with Gebler.

However, if you will remember I last left off with the child Emanuel, the Second Coming himself, face-to-face with the murderous Iscariot priest. (I will understand if you have forgotten though, the absence of both of these characters from the story has been long indeed).

Allow me to recapitulate on the important points of the story thus far. The world is in chaos as the prophesized will of the Heavenly Father has left humanity to be subjected to a test of worth.

The gates of the Inferno have been opened, allowing the dead to arise from their graves and devils to wreak havoc on the innocent.

Humanity's only hope of survival lies in the hands of the child Emanuel, the Son reincarnate, who must make a journey to the City of Atlantis on the Isle of Thul to retake his throne in the Celestial

Height and renew our world.

Thirteen humans chosen by the Father have been named as the Guardians of the child as he makes his journey.

Unfortunately, the Guardians are scattered and many are half the world away from their protective charge.

Now, if you remember, one of the Guardians was a dark priest with a bandage-covered face who just so happened to be a descendent of Judas Iscariot, the prime betrayer of the Son upon his first coming.

Not believing in the mission ordained to him by the Father, the Iscariot betrayed his fellow Guardians to their doom.

Having used his assistant, Carmen, to eliminate the last of the Guardians in his path by slaying the Author (hence the Author's current presence in Heaven), the Iscariot now stands before Emanuel with his blessed sword at the ready.

This seems like as good a place as any to continue...

The Iscariot stepped carelessly over the Author's body as it surrendered its final twitches of life.

The dark priest held his blade to his face, resting his forehead in the blood-groove near the hilt.

Holding the sword in one hand, he crossed himself with the other, muttering:

"Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name..."

The child Emanuel did not stir at the approach of his executioner.

The frail dark-skinned boy stood up, his eyes affixed upon the bandages that covered the brow of the Iscariot as disinterestedly as if he knew he was only imagining the evil priest stepping toward him.

The Iscariot raised his blade, ready to strike. "...In the name of the father, and of the son, and of

the holy spirit..."

The shriek of a woman pierced the ending of the Iscariot's prayer as the dark priest's own assistant, Carmen, rushed to Emanuel and embraced him on her knees.

"Stop." She sobbed, looking back pleadingly at the modern-day Judas with his sword prepared to taste divine blood.

The Iscariot lowered his blade. One could imagine that his face would have shown some emotion were it not hidden by the bandages.

He placed a hand on Carmen's shoulder. "My child, why do you protect this heathen imposter?" He asked calmly, compassionately.

"He is no imposter" Carmen exclaimed, holding the child closer.

"I believed that he was when you first told me, and that is why I joined you."

She looked into Emanuel's eyes. "But that was before I came to know him for the Prince he is." She wept into the child's shoulder. "Forgive me, my lord."

It was then that the Iscariot heard another voice, one far more ghastly. "It looks as if the boy shall receive a stay of execution after all." It seemed to come from right below his left ear.

Suddenly the dark priest felt a sharp pain in his neck, as if a pair of tiny knives was shoved a few centimeters deep into his flesh.

The Iscariot grunted in shock at the pain and grabbed the fresh wound with his hand. He was indeed bleeding.

"That voice... I know it." The Iscariot seethed. "It seems I shall have to end your damnable life personally. Cursed vampire Alucard!"

To be continued...

Get caught up with the past chapters. E-mail the author at: Andrew.hamilton@cortland.edu

Horoscopes

Aries

Even if you're in a sharing mood, you should try to keep all of your private things private today. So when you feel a secret start to bubble up to your lips, clam up, pipe down, and then put a lid on it.

Libra

You're filled with a good buzz today and that energy can be used for almost anything. Your mental powers are sharper than ever, so if there's been a tough puzzle in your life, now's the time to solve it.

Taurus

Being the good friend you are, you usually give a friend the benefit of the doubt if they say something that sounds rude or weird.

Scorpio

Something small but interesting catches your eye midday and might turn into an obsession by evening. You might not quite be equipped to figure it out yet, so keep collecting data for now.

Gemini

It is time to get totally flirtatious today. You've been making eye contact and smiling wide with that cutie for a while now, and where has it gotten you?

Sagittarius

Today, if you can be more flexible, you can be more powerful. Refusing to budge in your position or move your schedule around closes you off to too many things.

Cancer

Your to-do list might feel a bit out of control today, but that just means you need to prioritize and prune it back down to a manageable level.

Capricorn

You've got to say something today — even if the time seems totally wrong. You're not in the best of moods, but you've got a firm grip on what people need to hear and how to get the best response.

Leo

You share common goals with a very important person, and you should let them know that they can count on you today.

Aquarius

It's not a good day for moving around. Wherever you try to go, you can expect long lines, bad traffic, and unpleasant conditions. If you can stay close to home today, then do it.

Virgo

It's vital that you stick to logical reasoning today, no matter how cold-hearted it makes you feel inside. Emotional thinking only gets you in deeper and right now you need to separate yourself a bit.

Pisces

You may feel a little crazed at the press of obligations that come your way today, but you can get help — all you have to do is ask! People are surprisingly open to collaboration and delegation.

According to Astrology.com

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Wrestling starts off home season with win



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Peppy Cabrera was impressive in a win against Oswego.

Red Dragons prevail in home opener against Oswego 31-6

Dan Harding Jr.
Staff Writer

The Red Dragon wrestling team stepped onto the mat for their first home match of the season to face their Conference rival, Oswego State.

The team has faced off against some of the toughest competition in the nation and although riddled with injuries they were determined to prove they belonged at the top. After a long and grueling winter session of training, the wrestlers were eager to put their hard work on display in front of a home crowd.

Out of the gates, both Peppy Cabrera and Dave Colagiovanni showed the talent of seasoned wrestlers as they defeated their opponents.

Cortland accepted a forfeit at 141 pounds and went on to lose a close decision at the 149-pound weight class. Cory

Mahoney went on to win his bout by a score of 9-3 with slick technique.

Following that were juniors, Will Brodfuehrer and Mike Ciaburri, whose work ethics were evident as they outworked their opponents and were victorious. Heavyweight Joe Murphy, who has stepped into a pivotal leadership role this year, led by example as he defeated a strong opponent with a score of 6-2. Cortland dominated Oswego and won with a final score of 31-6.

While happy with the win, the team refused to become complacent and immediately refocused their attention to the Jamestown Open and their dual against RIT the following Wednesday. It was that same drive for perfection and desire to achieve their goals that drove the wrestlers to the weight room early the next morning.

The Red Dragons will compete at home again on Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm against cross-town rival, Ithaca, for the much-coveted Conference title.

College basketball's top rivalry renewed

Carolina and Duke will fight for supremacy in NCAA

Mark Hogan
Contributing Writer

Next Wednesday the class of the ACC will collide. The Blue Devils of Duke will host bitter rival North Carolina. These two schools are separated by just 8 miles on what has become known as Tobacco Road.

North Carolina came into this season with only one goal, a National Championship. The talent on this team is outstanding led by Senior Tyler Hansbrough who will almost undoubtedly become the ACC's all-time leading scorer by the end of the season.

The man he will pass is an alum of their rival Duke, the Orlando Magic's J.J. Redick. Hansbrough averages 21 points a game, but it is a part of a well balanced scoring attack.

Point guard Ty Lawson, Guards Wayne Ellington and Danny Green along with big man Deon Thompson all average double figures.

UNC has dropped two games in conference play, but remain ranked in the top ten nationally, as for Duke they have only one conference loss at the hands of Wake Forest.

Duke is led by two extremely talented scorers in Kyle Singler and Gerald Henderson. Henderson has been red hot since the start of ACC play and he is averaging just under 20 points per game during that span.

His productivity has made up for the lack of production from starting shooting guard Jon Scheyer. Scheyer was their most

consistent scorer early in the year but his average over the past 4 games is under 10.

This game will be a tough matchup for the Blue Devils. They are greatly undersized, and that will put them at a huge disadvantage going against Hansbrough who is 6-9 and Thompson at 6-8.

Brian Zoubek is a 7-footer, but he lacks the quickness and skills to consistently stop Hansbrough.

Their other two big men are Lance Thomas 6-8 and David McClure 6-6. Both of these guys are hustle players who have a lot of heart, and they will need it to have any chance of stopping UNC.

Duke does have one advantage. Duke can shoot from four of the five positions on the floor.

They will try to spread the floor with Smith, Henderson, Singler, and Scheyer. Expect them to drive and kick all game long.

All four of these guys can shoot the three and they can also penetrate off the dribble to draw the defense and create open shots for their teammates.

Defensively Duke is one of the strongest teams in the country; they only give up 60 points a game on average.

Unfortunately for them they are going up against the best offense in the nation. The Tar Heels are averaging 92 points per game this season.

Most of those games have been against lesser competition, but against Notre Dame they put up 102 and against Michigan St. they scored 98 points. Both of those teams are in the top 25.

It will be an interesting game to see whether or not Duke's defense can hang with UNC's offense and whether Duke can make enough outside shots to hang with the Tar Heels.

Hockey

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Red Dragon junior Patrick Palmisano owned the spotlight Saturday night when Cortland faced off against SUNY Fredonia for the third time this season. Palmisano scored four of the team's six goals in the all-important 6-2 victory.

The forward's performance proved to be a career best. "Players just don't have games like that," said Balderotta. "He played terrific."

Jarrett Gold and senior Mike Maier each scored a goal and had seven assists between them.

Gold collected three assists while Maier tacked on four assists of his own, matching his career-best.

Cortland freshman goalie Mike Reilly recorded 31 saves throughout the night.

Cortland beat Fredonia 5-2 in the first game of the season and then the Blue Devils evened the score with a victory in mid November.

With Saturday's win the Red Dragon's took the season series between the two teams with two wins to Fredonia's one.

With only five games left in the regular season, the Red Dragons are feeling the importance of winning each time they step onto the ice. "Right now it doesn't matter who you play," said Balderotta. "All that matters is getting points and wins."

Cortland will continue its quest for the post-season with a game at SUNY Morrisville scheduled for Saturday.

The Red Dragon's won the first meeting between the teams 6-3 back on Cortaca weekend.

With three of the final five games coming on the road, the Red Dragon's will have to keep up the momentum from this weekend's games.

Cortland's next home games are in two weeks when they are scheduled take on SUNY Potsdam and number one ranked SUNY Plattsburgh, in what may be Cortland's most daunting task of the season.

Mosley defies odds, beats Margarito by KO

Retained WBA Welterweight title in hard fought battle

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Staff Writer

The Staples Center in Los Angeles saw record crowds on January 26 as "Sugar" Shane Mosley squared off against "The Tijuana Tornado" Antonio Margarito. Mosley finally knocked out Margarito early in the 9th round.

Entering the ring Saturday night, Mosley had 4-1 odds against him, and Margarito enjoyed a size, height, reach, and age advantage, as well as a crowd that favored him heavily.

However no fear was evident in Mosley's face or performance as he methodically dismantled his opponent beginning immediately in the first round.

Mosley kept the fight at his

own pace. He refused to allow Margarito the opportunity to throw his regular average amount of punches per round, and Mosley spent the majority of the fight on Margarito's inside, where he couldn't connect with power punches.

Not surprisingly, this fight began in a very similar fashion that Margarito's August fight with then reigning welterweight champion, Miguel Cotto.

In that fight Cotto was defeated after losing his ability to out-manuever the imposing Margarito.

The first six rounds on Saturday mimicked this, as Mosley landed multiple combinations and slipped away before Margarito had the opportunity to answer.

The difference on Saturday however was that Mosley didn't seem to slow down throughout the fight.

Moreover, the smaller Mosley was able to back up Margarito on multiple occasions, which was not

an easy feat.

Ring commentator, Howard Lederman, said it best when he exclaimed that Mosley "hit him with everything but the stool and the referee."

Boxing aficionado and long time trainer, Emanuel Steward, voiced his thoughts that perhaps "Margarito was attempting to break Mosley's right hand with his jaw."

The crowd came out of their seats as Mosley dropped Margarito in the final seconds of round eight. The following round Mosley continued his domination, knocking Margarito to the canvas once more before the referee could stop the fight.

At 37 years of age, Mosley, who has already secured himself a place in the Boxing Hall of Fame, had the fight of his career and accomplished the seemingly impossible by knocking out Margarito.

Now it's a simple matter of who Mosley would like to fight next, as there are multiple fighters who

would love to take his crown as the current number one welterweight in the sport.

The most viable prospects at this time are likely Miguel Cotto, or possibly Paul Williams, the most avoided man in the welterweight division by some fans' claims.

As for Margarito, he faces the charges brought against him by the Boxing Commission for allegedly wrapping a hard plastic, similar to plaster of Paris, into his hands before the fight.

This illegal action was caught by Mosley's trainer and would have greatly advantaged Margarito's already considerable punching power.

It's been suggested that Margarito could have been using these illegal devices the entire time, making his former victories, especially the one over Cotto, very questionable. If Margarito can defeat these allegations it will still be a struggle to regain his crown as he vowed to do after the fight.

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The NFL has become a parody

Salary cap has ended the era of powerful dynasties in football

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COLUMN

Who would have thought that out of all the teams that could make the Super Bowl it would be the Arizona Cardinals?

The Cardinals have the second longest championship drought (61 years) next to the Chicago Cubs of the MLB. (100 Years) It shouldn't be a shock.

Ladies and gentlemen the NFL has now become a showcase for a little thing called parody.

Most people would have thought that the Cardinals were least likely to make the Super Bowl heading into what Bill Parcells calls "the tournament."

They seemed to be limping in. Arizona proved once again that the

NFL playoffs is all about who gets hot at the right time.

It doesn't matter how well you do in the regular season because once you make the playoffs anyone can beat anyone on any given day.

This seems to be a staple of NFL over the last ten years. Parody is at a premium. Teams that have won double-digit games and earn a bye week aren't as strong as many people thought they were.

The salary cap era of the NFL (1994-2009) will do that to you. In 2008 the salary cap was 116.7 million. The 2009 cap is said to be at 123 million dollars. The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) ends after the 2009 season and 2010 looks to be uncapped as of now.

It's very hard to have dynasties in the NFL in the salary cap era. The NFL rose to popularity in the past behind its unforgettable dynasties.

I'm talking about the Green Bay Packers of the 60's; they won five NFL titles in seven years, including the first two Super Bowls.

The Pittsburgh Steelers of the 70's; they polished off four Super Bowls in six years. The San

Francisco 49ers of the 80's; they won four Super Bowls in eight years. The Dallas Cowboys of the 90's; they captured three Super Bowls in four years.

It was extremely impressive to see the Patriots win like they have in the modern salary cap era, despite last year's Super Bowl XLII loss to the Giants.

They collected three Super Bowls in four years. It's virtually impossible, as dynasties have become extinct like dinosaurs.

Many people have grown to love that about the game. It's nice to see different teams make the Super Bowl.

It was nice to see the city of Arizona actually have its' team make the big game.

They deserve it after all these decades of failure. It's good to see all these teams that haven't reached the ultimate stage make it for once. Everyone deserves a chance right?

To some the salary cap is what makes for a fair playing ground in the NFL. It makes everyone feel jolly about how any given team can win on any given day.

We saw three out of the four top seeds go down three weeks ago. These things never occurred in the NFL over the last fifty years. Most tops seeds actually won at least one playoff game. Dynasties were at a premium.

It was a trademark of the NFL. That's why you have so many fans of teams that aren't necessarily around their local markets. These people had interests in other teams, whether they were front-runners or not.

We need an NFL again where those top seeds are a little stronger again because the bye week is becoming pointless. It's been a selling point of the game, but it's not the sport I grew to love.

The NFL use to be about teams that did all they could do to win regardless of money. General Managers built their teams without a cap to make a dynasty.

You should be rewarded for finding the right players to make a run at multiple championships. You should have the right to keep players.

In this modern NFL once you win a Super Bowl you are punching yourself a ticket to lose some of the most important pieces off your roster. You can kiss your chance at a dynasty goodbye.

That shouldn't be the case either. We'll see who the next victim is taken by the vicious wrath of the salary cap.

Super Bowl more than just a football game

Commercials and music performances enhance big game

Gabe Schaub
Staff Writer

This past Sunday night the Pittsburgh Steelers won their record-breaking sixth Super Bowl Championship by beating the Arizona Cardinals 27-23.

A game that included a go ahead touchdown by each team in the fourth quarter that, "Topped last year's Super Bowl," according to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, is being debated as one of the best in history.

Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald had another great game in the postseason with 127 receiving yards and two touchdowns.

His slant pattern that he took 64-yards for a touchdown with three minutes left seemed to be the game-winner.

If it wasn't for the play of Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and the Super Bowl MVP Santonio Holmes, it would've been.

On the final drive "Big Ben" kept play after play alive by avoiding the pass rush of Arizona. He found Holmes three times for sixty yards and the game-winning touchdown in the back of the end zone with thirty-five seconds left.

As great as the game was, the Super Bowl is not just about the game. The reason why it is an event that people of all ages, genders, and races can enjoy is because of the commercials, halftime show, and Super Bowl

party.

With the "Big Three" U.S. automakers (Chevrolet, Dodge, and Ford) and FedEx passing up on advertising, Anheuser-Busch and Pepsi picked up the slack. They each bought multiple ads at discounted rates.

We saw such classics come back like the Budweiser Clydesdales, the E-trade baby, and a remake of the "Mean Joe Greene" Coca-Cola commercial with Troy Palomalu.

The debate for "best" commercial is up to the viewer itself, but according to the USA Today Ad Meter, there is a "best". The winner of the best commercial was Doritos.

To refresh your memory, this commercial was where two co-workers looked to a crystal ball for wishes, and then throw it into a Doritos vending machine and then into another co-workers groin.

The halftime show featured the legendary E Street Band and a knee-sliding (into a camera) Bruce Springsteen. They played such oldies as "Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out", "Born to Run", and "Glory Days".

Now what's a Super Bowl without a Super Bowl party? A typical party will include an assortment of dips, chips, wings, refreshments, and some harmless prop bets.

For example, questions ranged from how long will the National Anthem last, who will the MVP thank first, or how many food items will John Madden mention during the game?

The Super Bowl experience is one that everyone can enjoy. If the game happens to be great then that is a bonus.

Basketball victories

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unable to hit from beyond the arc and really only converting baskets directly underneath the hoop.

They found themselves in an early hole as Potsdam's (7-11 overall, 4-5 SUNYAC) Brendan Graney drove to the hoop at will and scored his nine points early in the game.

Around nine minutes left in the first half, Cortland turned things around with Chris Milke entering the game grabbing back to back offensive boards and laying them back in.

Chris Milke entering the game was the quiet turn around point for the Red Dragons. In just 13 minutes, he grabbed nine boards and blocked six shots.

Carson Neihoff who was coming off of his best offensive game against Brockport earlier in the week was held scoreless in the first half, but was backed up by his

supporting cast as the rest of the team was not shy about shooting the ball.

To cement the victory, the Red Dragons came out on fire early in the second half as Neihoff got hot hitting back to back three pointers and raising the tempo of the game that Potsdam was not able to match.

Four players found themselves reaching double digits in points. Mike Lewis led the team with a double-double going 8 of 11 from the field scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Potsdam had the height advantage with a player at 6'10" and one at 6'11", but Cortland had the obvious strength advantage keeping the big men out of the paint and imposing their will on the offensive block.

Cortland looks to stay hot against New Paltz Tuesday evening.

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Fredonia 2
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Cortland 76
Potsdam 50
Next: Tuesday @ New Paltz

MEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

Cortland 116
New Paltz 89
Next: Wednesday @ SUNYAC Championships

WOMEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

Cortland 84.5
New Paltz 120.5
Next: Wednesday @ SUNYAC Championships

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Cortland 0
Oswego 1
Next: Saturday vs. Plattsburgh

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland 80
Potsdam 63
Next: Tuesday @ New Paltz

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Stopped 55 of 57 shots

Red Dragons sweep SUNYAC weekend tilts

Balanced offensive attack helps Red Dragons win twice

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In two highly competitive SUNYAC battles, Cortland pulled away with a convincing 72-64 over the rival Brockport, and steamrolled 76-50 over Potsdam.

The win extends Cortland's SUNYAC winning streak to four games making them 5-3 within the conference and 8-9 overall.

Male athlete of the week, Carson Niehoff went off by scoring a career high 34 points against Brockport.

Other big contributions came from big man Paul Oliver's double-double of 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Nick Sutedjo who drained two three pointers off the bench and totaled a career high eight points.

It wasn't smooth sailing for the Red Dragons at the start. After a few questionable calls, Brockport took a quick 7-0 lead.

Two quick buckets by Junior Mike Lewis and Carson Niehoff seemed to weather the storm, but the ball just didn't bounce the Red Dragons' way and Brockport extended their lead to 13-4.

Rather than getting frustrated, Cortland responded due to the one man wrecking crew that was Carson Niehoff.

Carson smoothly scored 12 points in the following 10 minutes of play including a few from 3 point range. That was all the momentum



photo by Paul Dagiolo

Guard Willie Coston takes a free throw in Friday's SUNYAC victory over Brockport.

that was needed as Cortland took a 23-17 lead.

With his team down, the Brockport coach made his frustration well known. He quickly amassed two technical fouls and was immediately ejected for the remainder of the ballgame.

The Red Dragons finished up the half with strong defensive play and took a 36-22 lead at the half lead by Niehoff's outstanding 23 points.

The Red Dragons continued their solid play in the second half. They never surrendered the lead and fought off any attempt by Brockport to make a run.

Nick Sutedjo hit a pair of

three pointers in the half and totaled eight points off the bench. Solid defense continued, including a ferocious block by Paul Oliver and Chris Milke which rocked the backboard and ignited the crowd.

Despite Brockport's efforts by senior Shawn Harris, who led Brockport with 18 points off the bench and senior Mychal Wilkes, who scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds, they could never close the gap that Cortland created in the first half.

This was due to a total team defensive effort that included 10 steals and five rejections by the Red Dragons.

It was a well rounded victory

for the Red Dragons that had contributions from everyone who was given an opportunity.

Starter Mike Lewis shot an efficient four for five from the field and grabbed an additional five boards.

Other starting guards Willie Coston and Juan Miolan combined for 10 assists giving the Red Dragons stability in moving the ball in the half court.

A day after their victory over Brockport, the Red Dragons came out looking to make a statement as they crushed the Potsdam team 76-50.

Cortland started off slow,

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Hockey has strong showing in SUNYAC play

Junior Palmisano has career high four goals vs. Fredonia

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

The Cortland men's hockey team improved its record to 7-11-2 with a Friday night 6-6 tie against Buffalo State and a 6-2 victory over SUNY Fredonia the following Saturday at the Alumni Arena.

Late in the third period of Friday's game, the Red Dragons were down by two scores and on the verge of losing to Buffalo State for the second time this season.

Cortland sophomore Jarrett Gold and freshman Ryan Durocher each had goals within the last four

minutes of regulation to tie the game up at six goals apiece.

"We were glad we could come back in that game," said Cortland Head Coach Joe Baldarotta. "But our goal is to win each game so we can get a home playoff game for the first time in a while. We felt that we could have won the, but we missed some opportunities."

Buffalo State sophomore Joel Sheppard led the Bengals offensively, scoring three of the team's six goals. Senior Jason Hill tacked on four assists and six different Red Dragons scored goals in the 6-6 tie.

Cortland goalie Dan Jewell tightened up his game in overtime, saving all eight of the shots he faced in the extra period. "He was very good in overtime," said Baldarotta. "He made some great plays."

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photo by Ben Bolding

Ryan Markell lines up for a shot against Buffalo State.