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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Obama campaign director to speak on election today

Jerome Gray, the Obama campaign director of Alabama will be speaking on campus today about the white and black voting patterns in the 2008 election.

His first lecture will be given at noon in Jacobus Lounge and his second lecture will be given at 4:30 p.m. in the Corey Exhibition Lounge.

CSA's 3rd Annual Toga Bash tomorrow night

The Carribean Student Association (CSA) will be holding its Third Annual Toga Bash tomorrow night at 9:30 p.m. after Speed Dating at 9 p.m.

The bash will be held in the Corey Exhibition Lounge. There will be music by DJ Sixx Figurez. Admission is \$4 for Cortland students, \$5 for non-Cortland students and \$6 for faculty.

'Feed the Sexy' charity event held tomorrow night

RHA is hosting a 'Feed the Sexy' event tomorrow night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Corey Function Room.

Bid for a date with fellow students with non-perishable foods or cash donations. All proceeds go to Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

Wellness Wednesday to focus on student hazing

Judge Mitch Crane will be giving a lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Corey Exhibition Lounge.

The lecture, entitled, "Stop Hazing, Build Lifelong Friendships," will speak on hazing and how students can be good role models for their campus.

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Louis C.K. scores big with a packed audience

Brown Auditorium filled to capacity for 'Hilarious' comedian

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The comedy show began with the audience feeling bad for the incredibly nervous girl on the loud speaker who was announcing the lineup for Thursday evening.

However, that quickly changed once it was apparent that Louis C.K. was behind the timid voice. The 784-seat Brown Auditorium in Old Main was filled to capacity, forcing some to stand and sit in the aisles, a scene rarely observed at most campus events.

Audience members started chanting for Louis C.K. multiple times before the show finally began, after it was announced that O.A.R. is performing in this year's



photo by Vicky Paz

Students pack out Brown Auditorium from top to bottom to see comedian Louis C.K.

Spring Fling concert.

The excitement and anticipation for the show was

palpable as the opening comedian Todd Barry came out. Barry captured the audience by bringing

them into his routine, and one student provided him with loads

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Sandwich Seminar discusses 2008 election

Youth vote in 2008 election topic of first Black History seminar

Vicky Paz
Editor-in-Chief

Students and faculty gathered in the Jacobus Lounge last Wednesday for the first of eight Black History Month Sandwich Seminars.

The student panel discussion, "Flexing Their Political Muscle: Empowerment and the Youth Vote in the 2008 Election Campaign," was moderated by Africana Studies Professor Seth Asumah and consisted of representatives from student groups on campus.

Philosophy major Mike Lane, a teaching assistant for Professor Noelle Paley's Hip Hop Culture class, recited a poem he'd written. It noted renowned African American figures, the significance of hip-hop and Black History Month to him individually, and the optimism that Barack Obama's presidency signifies.

Debate Team President Trevor Curry discussed Obama's outreach to the youth through the use of social networking and the Internet. As a result, the youth showed up at the polls in record numbers, Curry said. "If used properly, the youth vote is a game-changing force" as it was "a major factor of [Obama's] win."

Calvin Louis-Juste, president of Men of Value and Excellence



photo by Ben Bolding

Africana Studies Professor Seth Asumah with student panelists Elizabeth Cronin of NYPIRG and Trevor Curry, president of the SUNY Cortland debate team.

(MOVE) discussed Obama's inspiration to urban society. "On TV, we see a black president who is one of us and it gives us hope that we can do it too," said Louis-Juste. "The sky's the limit and it's up to us to reach for it."

Caribbean Student Association (CSA) Vice President Sarah Gentillon, who is originally from Haiti, mentioned the significance that the 2008 election held beyond U.S. borders. "Caribbean politics are a touchy subject" but the Caribbean youth actively partook in this election by wearing shirts and making music, she said. To them, Obama's victory indicated that hope is indeed alive.

Andrea Villa, treasurer of La

Familia Latina (LFL) said voting is a citizens' right to be heard and it is an obligation "for us to vote for our great-grandparents" who were unable to. "It gave me great honor to vote for the first time and my vote made history," Villa said.

Elizabeth Cronin of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) discussed her involvement in voter registration for the 2008 election.

Cronin and fellow NYPIRG members went door-to-door and helped more than 1,300 students register to vote last semester. "I've never been more impressed with my generation than I have in this election," said Cronin.

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Global Warming Teach-in

Cortland participates in national teach-in on global warming

Lauren Schutt
Staff Writer

Looking at the snow that covers the ground and feeling the cold as it bites your face, it's impossible to think that global warming could exist. But it does.

The signs may not be here in Cortland, but other parts of the world are feeling the heat. The increase in the earth's average atmospheric temperature is one a significant concern happening during President Obama's first one hundred days in office.

To discuss this pressing topic, there was a National Teach-In held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, in Sperry Center.

The Teach-In was held on more than 670 campuses across the U.S. Launching the discussion was a 30-minute webcast produced by the National Wildlife Foundation. Then students, faculty and staff put their heads together to find ways to change the fate of the U.S.

The webcast featured

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Global warming

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different speakers, but focused on the first 100 days of the Obama administration. Those who spoke went over the policies that Obama plans to set in motion in order to change the problem of global warming.

The recommended policies for the new administration are to cut carbon emissions 40 percent by the year 2020, restoring this nation's economy and leading the world in renewable technology.

By doing this, millions of green jobs will be created and the nation will be carbon neutral.

Speaking from Cortland's faculty were Brice Smith, Assistant Professor and Chair of the Physics Department, John Suarez, Coordinator of Service-Learning, Linda Lavine, Associate Professor of Psychology, William Skipper, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Kathryn Russell, Professor and Chair of the Philosophy Department and Jamie Dangler, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. Each spoke of what they know about global warming and how to go about fixing it.

Dr. Smith gave an introduction to global warming. His PowerPoint presentation showed what global warming is all about and what is causing it. Smith claimed that our carbon emissions need to be cut 96 percent, instead of 80.

Dr. Suarez discussed the climate change's effects on the poor. He talked about "global weirding" more than warming.

This is more sudden changes in climate, like what we see in our

area. The climate changes mostly impact those who rely on the earth for their survival. The poor are being affected by higher sea levels, flooding, storms, droughts and a diminishing biodiversity. As a result, the poor move to the city and are contributing to environmental biodegradation.

Focusing on the advertising and consumerism aspects of global warming, Dr. Lavine informed the audience on how our culture has turned wants into needs and how this has affected our economy.

Dr. Skipper addressed the political aspect of global warming and how it will affect everyone. He explained the UNFCCC, or United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the Kyoto agreement.

Skipper felt that a new economic and environmental plan needs to be put into effect.

Dr. Russell covered "Market Solutions and Creating Social Movements". She says it is our duty to create a revolution and a social movement against global warming.

The last speaker, Dr. Dangler, informed us on how to change our personal values to fix our climate problem.

What we are doing now is not enough and our nation needs to come to terms with having limits set on our consumption, Dangler explained.

Get yourself to Washington D.C. from February 27 to March 2 to rally at Congress to begin the change now.

First 'Inequality' lecture of semester held

Philosopher lectures on entering a new age of global citizenship

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

Students, faculty and community members braved bitter, sub-zero temperatures to attend the first "Inequality" lecture of the semester, the yearlong theme.

The lecture, held in the newly re-opened Old Main Brown Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, featured Kwame Anthony Appiah, a professor of Philosophy at Princeton University.

Appiah discussed themes from his novel, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*.

Born to a father from Ghana and a British mother, Appiah was born in England and raised in Ghana. Learning about openness to other cultures from his parents, Appiah began to explore the philosophical ideas of openness.

Through several witty quips, which received laughs from the audience, Appiah traced the idea of being a citizen of the world from the ancient philosopher Diogenes.

Diogenes essentially, Appiah said, taught people the ideas of caring about our fellow humans, that we need to listen to each other because there are many gains through conversation and that there is no need for a single world government.

Appiah explained how humans are so connected that it has become easy to spread good and bad ideas, through the global media we know more about each other than ever before and that globalization has allowed us to learn about each other. So, the need for a global cosmopolitan is greater than ever before, Appiah

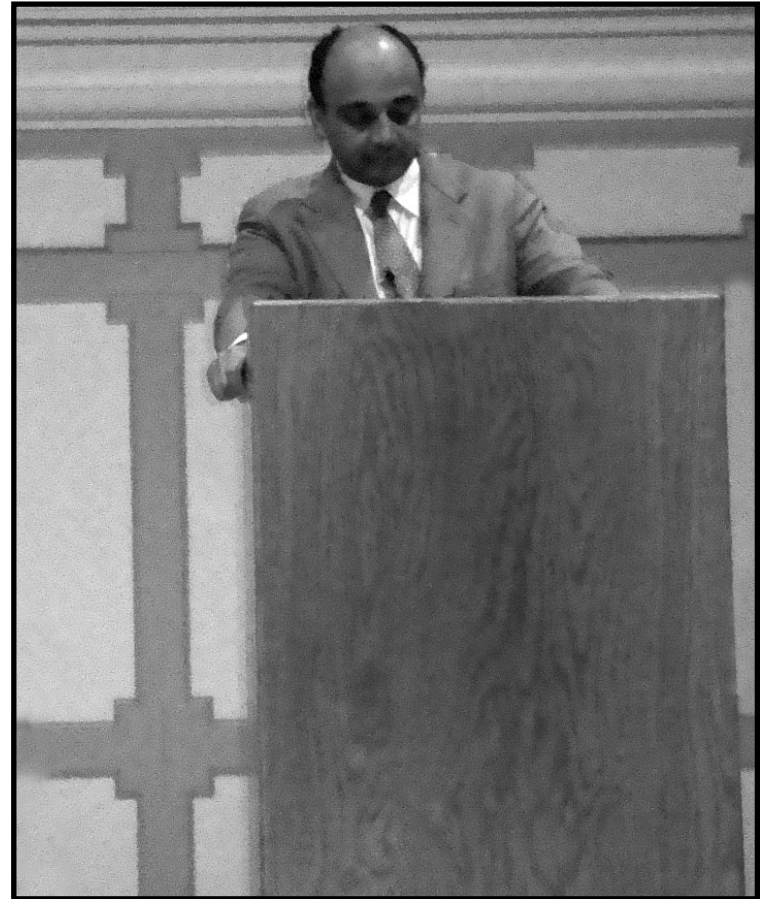


photo by Erica Sanderson

Dr. Kwame Anthony Appiah, seen above, in Old Main.

said.

With all of this global interconnection, the question, Appiah asked, is: How shall we prepare people for a life in this world?

His answer was through education. Learning about bigotry and participating in the contact hypothesis rather than segregation, leads to a reduction in prejudice and discrimination, Appiah said.

To connect with people across nations, Appiah suggested participating in study abroad programs and other cross-national educational programs.

These things allow people to talk and be in contact with people from other nations; thus, leading to acceptance of international cultures.

Appiah stressed that to be a cosmopolitan, one must be open

to the possibility of being wrong and hearing the ideas or side of others, because everyone lives by their own morals and modes.

A cosmopolitan wants to learn about other lives through literature, anthropology, etc. However, Appiah said, this concept isn't about conversion, but about learning.

This roughly 45-minute lecture was then followed by an extensive question and answer portion.

One student who attended, Jenna Troescher, said, "I thought the lecture was going to be a little different but, I enjoyed what he had to say. I agreed with most of what he said because we need to be prepared for the new world that is developing, a global world."

Obama campaign director to speak this week

Director to speak on voting patterns as part of Black History

Jerome Gray, political director of the Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign for the State of Alabama, will discuss the implications of changes he observed in the state's racial voting patterns in the 2008 presidential elections, during two lectures on Thursday, Feb. 12, at Cortland, according to press.

Gray, who is also executive assistant to the Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture, will lecture on "'Old Wine in New Bottles' or 'Real Change We Can Live With?'" at noon in Brockway Hall, Jacobus Lounge.

He will give the same lecture at 4:30 p.m. that day in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is part of the College's commemoration of Black

History Month throughout February. Gray's lecture will address white and black voting patterns in the 2008 election among Alabama voters and their implications for dynamic political change in America.

Known as an effective mediator, creative demographer and expert commentator on grassroots politics in settling redistricting cases, Gray has been a representative for many African Americans and their quest for political equality in America.

In the 1980s and 1990s, he played a major role in organizing and mobilizing black citizens at the county and municipal levels to successfully challenge discriminatory elections systems locally.

For more than 20 years, he participated as a member of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, which investigated such harsh realities as police brutality, church burnings and community relations throughout the state of Alabama.

In 2001, Gray was one of eight selected Americans to monitor the presidential election in The Gambia, West Africa.

In 2005, he testified before the House of Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., to support the renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Gray served as state field director for the Alabama Democratic Conference, the state's black political caucus, for 27 years, before retiring in 2006.

Presently, he plays a critical role in the Alabama Restore the Vote Coalition that seeks to help eligible ex-felons restore their voting rights.

A native of Evergreen, Alabama, Gray holds undergraduate degrees in biology and English. He attended graduate school at Stanford University, studying creative writing on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

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Cortland to offer new Degree for International Sport Management

Cortland is first in the nation to offer the Masters program

Samantha Long
Staff Writer

Cortland is collaborating with the London Metropolitan University (LMU), in London, England, to offer a new dual Masters Degree in International Sport Management.

This degree is offered only a few places around the world and Cortland is the only school that offers it in the United States.

The new dual degree program is designed for professionals in both for-profit and non-profit areas of the sports industry on a global scale.

The new program is for professionals who are looking to advance their careers in a variety of areas.

According to Ted Fay, who is the new program's developer and chair of Cortland's sport management program, Cortland and LMU are working together to recruit and enroll students from all over the world.

The first five students to be enrolled in the program, which includes four Americans and one student from Greece, completed their first semester of curriculum this fall at Cortland. Six new students will join the program this spring and will be studying at LMU.

According to Fay, the hope is that 25 to 30 new students will be enrolled in the program within the next few years.

"We've seen quite substantial and predictable growth in our undergraduate program in the past ten years and the data indicates a similar progression with our master degree programs," says Fay.

Cortland was granted permission by the New York State Education Department Office of Higher Education this summer to start offering the Master of Science program in International Sport Management (MSISM).

In December LMU's Dean of the School of Business, Bob Morgan, and International Student Coordinator Jan Bamford, came to Cortland to sign the programs articulation agreement with Cortland's president Erik Bitterbaum.

Inspiration for the new program came from Fay's 30 years of experience with international

sport organizations. Throughout his career Fay noticed a gap, particularly among American professionals, in "intercultural competence and global awareness."

Cortland has always made a conscious effort to give students an international experience and this new program adds to these efforts. Cortland's James M. Clark Center for International Education aims to "internationalize the campus," and help departments provide the students with, "the broadest possible spectrum of international experience," says the center's director Stephen Burwood.

The MSISM is full-time and meant to be completed in a time of 18 months to two years. In order to complete the dual degree students must split this study time between both the Cortland and LMU campuses. Students may also complete an M.S. degree solely from Cortland.

The MSISM builds on the already existing undergraduate and graduate sport management programs. Cortland's efforts to internationalize its campus is providing students with the best possible experience and creating a model for other institutions to follow.

File your FAFSA now for maximum aid

Students need to file their FAFSA forms early to secure aid

Now is the time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid during the 2009-2010 academic year, according to press. The Cortland Financial Advisement Office, at the beginning of each spring semester, conducts an early filing FAFSA campaign.

"We hope students will be reminded to quickly file their paperwork or seek help from their family or financial aid adviser as soon as possible," said Beth Langhans, senior advisor in the Cortland Financial Advisement Office.

"Despite a growing need for financial aid, many Cortland students will miss their chance for financial aid because they don't file a FAFSA form."

Students who file their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov have access to all the necessary

information electronically in a step-by-step process. The Web site also offers the option of saving information and returning later. Electronic passwords and PIN numbers make the Web site secure.

Filing the FAFSA is a first step in determining most forms of aid eligibility, including government-supported loans. Students who fail to file the FAFSA may be passing up aid opportunities. Likewise, students who submit a FAFSA late may be reducing their eligibility for aid simply because the amount of available funds run out. What's the best financial aid advice? File now. Log on, do whatever it takes to remember to file early.

On Saturday, February 21, Cortland will serve as a host site for SUNY Financial Aid Day. Students, parents or community members are invited to come any time between 9 a.m. -12 p.m. in Old Main G-25 and receive help with financial aid questions or the on-line FAFSA application process.

Pre-registration for the program can be done at www.suny.edu/studentevents or by calling 1-800-342-3811.

COR 101 TA positions available

COR 101 Teaching Assistant positions available for students

To learn more about TA opportunity, attend an Information Meeting at 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23, in Corey 209.

Applications are now available in the Advisement and Transition office or online at www.cortland.edu/advisement/COR101. Applications are due Friday, March 6, 2009.

For more information, contact Lori Schlicht, at (607) 753-4726, lori.schlicht@cortland.edu, or stop by the Advisement and Transition office in Memorial Library, Room A-111.

Have you ever wanted to share your college experience and have an impact on first-year students?

You could work with an instructor in planning a COR 101 course, build your interpersonal and public speaking skills and inspire students to reach their academic potential all while earning three credits of a graded internship, according to press.

The majority of hands went down when Swartwout asked if the students paid for them on their own.

The ability to support yourself out of college is a rising concern for many; as a student, it's important to start thinking ahead about how you handle finances.

Swartwout pointed out that we have reached an era of the millennial student.

Millennial students tend to have credit cards and no jobs in college; they are the educated who are experiencing the effects of debt at very early ages.

This Wellness Wednesday program given by Swartwout raised student's awareness about ways to budget in college and how to handle college debt once you've graduated.

She stressed that every student should take advantage of what Career Services offers to learn about a typical pay scale for your desired field of work and how to work towards becoming financially independent.

First Wellness Wednesday offers financial advice

First lecture of the series aims to educate on self-finance issues

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

Have you started thinking about how you're going to support yourself after college?

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, Kellie Swartwout presented, "40 Money Management Tips Every College Student Should Know," as the first Wellness Wednesday program of the semester.

Swartwout has worked for eight years as Cortland's Financial Aid Advisor and Financial Literacy Coordinator.

She recently implemented this

crash-course in money management to help students become financially independent and self-reliant as they continue their education.

"These are things you don't learn in a typical class," said Swartwout. Originally, this class was implemented into the freshman COR classes with hopes to expand in the future.

"Today there are lower rates of students getting financial aid, or "free money"...students are coming out of college in lots of debt," and many aren't prepared for the reality of becoming financially stable, said Swartwout during her presentation.

Swartwout started the program by asking students to raise their hands if they had a cell phone and then asked how many students had credit cards.

Obama director

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for Student Affairs, the Multicultural Life Office, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Political Science Department, the Campus Artists and Lecture Series (CALS), the Africana Studies Department, the Communication Studies Department, the Black Student Union and the Caribbean Student Association.

For more information about Black History Month, contact Distinguished Service Professor Samuel L. Kelley at (607) 753-4104 or at sam.kelley@cortland.edu.

Black History Month

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Student Government Association (SGA) Member Anne Marie Rossi said "the right to vote is underrated and under appreciated." As a child, she felt belittled when her mother picked out clothes she didn't want to wear and has valued her right to have a say ever since. "It's an honor to express your opinion," said Rossi. "If you don't speak out, you'll never be heard."

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Our View

Michael Phelps smoked pot and someone took a picture. Alex Rodriguez used steroids. The actions of role models are constantly in question in the media. However, how do you differentiate between a mistake and a choice that directly affects your performance?

Michael Phelps, eight-time gold medal winner, was photographed hitting the bong in November, following the summer Olympics. He apologized for his actions and was suspended for three months by USA Swimming, even though he was not in violation of any of the organization's "anti-doping" rules. He also lost a major sponsor. Over marijuana? Really?

Regardless of what the laws of the United States are, let's compare a bong hit to three years of performance-enhancing drugs.

Alex Rodriguez, third-baseman for the New York Yankees, admitted to taking anabolic steroids from 2001-2003 while playing for the Texas Rangers. He cited being "young and stupid" as one reason why he took the banned substances. That, or a whopping \$252 million contract made him a little more impressionable than he thought. Rodriguez is now having a baseball field at the University of Miami named after him. Interesting repercussions.

The media has dealt with each situation in similar ways, while they could be viewed as very different as far as severity and impact on the athlete's career. It says a lot about the media when marijuana gets the same coverage as steroids.

New tax attacks snacks

Governor Patterson attacks unhealthy lifestyles in new ways

Eric Dillon
Staff Writer

For those of us who enjoy a nice cold soda now and again, we'll soon have to worry about more than an expanding waistline.

Last December, Governor Patterson proposed a new tax which would slap a hefty 15% price increase on non-diet sugary drinks, including sodas and juice drinks containing less than 70% real juice.

At the same time, drinks deemed "a healthy alternative" such as diet sodas, milk and 100% fruit juice drinks will not be subject to this tax.

Patterson claims that these new measures will not only help the state's obesity epidemic, but the additional revenue from this tax will help close the state's \$15 billion deficit.

However, much like the recent tax hike on cigarettes, many opposed to the tax claim that the government is unfairly punishing people for choosing to live unhealthy lifestyles.

In addition, a 2005 study done by The University of Texas Health

Science Center in San Antonio showed that diet soda drinkers were more likely to be obese or have diabetes than those who chose to drink non-diet sodas. If this is the case, what's the real rationale behind this tax?

This is simply the New York State government trying to solve its problems using the tax payer's dollar.

New Yorkers are being bled dry by taxes and students are paying more than ever to attend CUNY and SUNY schools. It is downright offensive that the government is trying to make a quick buck off New Yorkers who simply want to have a tasty treat.

Whether soda is a leading cause of obesity or not is moot. The fact of the matter is that by taxing sodas and other sugary drinks, the government is discouraging people from living the type of lifestyle they please and removing their freedom of choice as Americans.

At the same time however, I agree that soda is unhealthy. I agree that perhaps people drink too much of it.

However it is up to the individual to decide to stop drinking soda, not the government.

Another aspect of the tax that is frightening is where the government will draw the line. By allowing this tax to be passed, a dangerous precedent is emerging.

If the government can place a heavy tax on drinks it deems "unhealthy," who's to say they will stop there? What if they decide to tax all fast-food places? All your favorite snacks?

With the rationale behind this tax, they could even decide to tax clothes that are over a certain size under the reasoning that only the obese buy clothes in those sizes.

If the tax does go through, there is a final problem, which perhaps many politicians fail to realize.

If majorities of New Yorkers do stop drinking soda as a result of this tax, this will greatly hurt the manufacturers of these drinks.

With the economy the way it is, the last thing we need is for people who work for these companies to lose their jobs.

On Dec. 16, 1773, our forefathers decided they would not allow an unfair government to put ludicrous taxes on their drink of choice.

The Boston Tea Party, as this would later be called, was a showing of how the colonists would not take this unfair tax lying down.

Jump ahead to over 200 years later and now our generation is faced with the same challenge. If you are unhappy with this tax, do something about it. Tell the government we've had enough of these unfair taxes.

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Superbowl ads: Something for everyone

Football isn't the only reason to tune into the Superbowl

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

It seems that more and more people are watching the Superbowl for the ads and not so much the game itself.

That being said, let's take a look at the five best and worst commercials from the big game. Check out <http://superbowlads.fanhouse.com> to see the commercials for yourself.

Top 5 Best

#5 Doritos

Doritos chose to stick with what works best in commercials: comedy and other peoples' pain. The commercial features a man holding a snow globe and asking if there will be free Doritos at work, only to throw the crystal ball into

the vending machine. At the end, another employee asks if he will get a raise before he chucks the snow globe at his boss's groin. That always makes for a good commercial.

#4 Audi commercial featuring Jason Statham

This commercial snuck into my top five. It didn't have talking babies or dancing lizards, but it made up for it with a great plot and hilarious writing. The commercial, which centers on the tacky dress style of the 70s and the poor sense of everything in the 80s, also features Jason Statham of "The Transporter" as a man just trying to escape the horror. And how does one escape? In an Audi of course. Very well done and to the point.

#3 Bud Light meeting

Bud Light has always had funny commercials and with their new campaign for "drinkability", you knew they would come up with something good. This commercial features a group of people at a

meeting, talking about how to help meet the budget. Some people suggest cutting bonuses or less marketing. Finally, one guy suggests they not buy Bud Light for each meeting. Cut to the next scene outside of the building and the man is thrown out the window, chair and all. As he walks away he yells, "It was just a joke!"

#2 Mr. Potato Head for Bridgestone

Everyone knows Mr. Potato Head and his lovely wife, Mrs. Potato Head. This commercial features them driving through the mountains, as she nags him for going too fast, making faces at him, or the wind messing up her hair.

As he comes to one point in the road, it is blocked by a herd of sheep, causing him to stop short. As he does, Mrs. Potato Head's mouth pops out and falls down the side of the mountain, leaving her unable to speak. Mr. Potato Head

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What do you have to say?

What's your ideal Valentine's Day date?

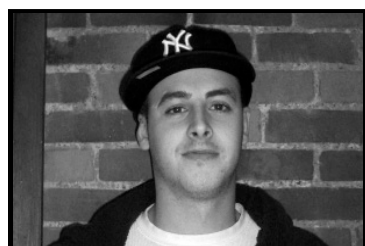


photo by Kathleen O'Sullivan

"If I could go on any Valentine's Day date that I wanted, it would be a romantic candlelit dinner on a space shuttle, and then a slow dance on the moon with the woman I love."

Shawn Kent
Senior
Business Economics



photo by Kathleen O'Sullivan

"To me, the perfect Valentine's Day date would be a night out for a romantic dinner. Flowers at the beginning of the date are always nice. I would also like to go to a movie, not a scary one though. I like cute date movies. I know Valentine's Day is in February, but ideally I'd want to go out for ice cream after, too."

Lauren Giambalvo
Senior
Childhood Education



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"My ideal Valentine's Day date would be taking a girl to my private island on my private jet."

Matt Crean
Senior
Physical Education



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"For me, the perfect Valentine's Day date is a romantic night in watching movies, getting flowers and lots of chocolate."

Marin Westcott
Senior
Business Economics



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"Ideally, we would get away for the whole weekend, maybe to someplace like my house in Connecticut. We would just relax all weekend, eating great food and just being with each other. I think cooking dinner together is romantic for both of us."

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Very superstitious

Friday the 13th is a legitimate fear for some people

Matthew Ianno
Staff Writer

As Stevie Wonder closed out the Grammys Sunday, I found myself singing one of his most popular tunes, "Superstition."

The song pleads that being superstitious is not healthy nor is it the right way to live.

It is easy to overlook the lyrics of the song and become involved with the funky instrumentals that have undoubtedly made the song as popular as it is. However, I find myself a bigger fan of the lyrics than of the supporting musical melody.

The haunted date of Friday the 13th is tomorrow and many people will find themselves suffering from paraskavedekatriaphobia. The word is of Greek origin and includes the mandatory "phobia" at the end of it to mean fear.

For me, pronouncing this word is scarier than the day it gets its power from but for many Americans, a phobia of Friday the 13th is a serious matter.

In fact, the number 13 alone receives a vast amount of negative attention. It's been rumored that many pro teams refuse to assign the number 13 to a player.

If you are a superstitious person, Alex Rodriguez is a great baseball player; he's just wearing a number that is inevitably sapping him of his powers.

There have also been reports that tall buildings sometimes omit the floor number 13 and instead call the floor that is actually the 13th floor the 14th floor.

So if one were to ride in an elevator in such a building, the floor options would read, 11, 12, 14, 15, etc. Does anyone else find this absurd?

I imagine these superstitious people have dreams where the number 13 beats them down, robs them and warns them to stay away.

Letting a number affect your mind to the point where you avoid it completely and to even refuse to get out of bed on the rare occasion it comes up on a Friday is baffling.

I'm sure there are those that agree with me and those that wish I slip on a patch of Cortland ice while walking under a ladder tomorrow.

If I am to slip and injure myself, I will not curse the omnipresent and malicious number 13, but rather damn the cold weather and my own clumsiness.

It may seem as if I am attacking superstitious beings or that it angers me inside to think people are superstitious, but this is not true.

I am siding with Stevie Wonder. I could research the topic, or even interview people to acquire a better understanding but I would rather play Stevie Wonder and laugh at the Jason movies.

For love or money

Lovers' holiday is becoming more commercial

Jeri Adams
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a day of love and romance. However, as the relationship continues, the expectations of boyfriends, fiancés and husbands continues to increase.

Instead of spending time with the one you love over a romantic dinner and maybe the treat of flowers and chocolates, women are expecting something more.

The day of romance has become more materialistic as the expectations increase.

Instead of the typical flowers and chocolates, jewelry and more expensive items have opened the eyes of women. It isn't true in all cases.

There are some women that love the flowers and candy each year. However, there are others that demand more each year. Therefore, it leaves men in the slump and potentially broke trying to beat last year's gift.

But, we can't put all the blame on women. There are men whose expectations are just as high, and whose taste is just as expensive. Men are expecting more than the typical gift of cologne or boxers. They expect more as well.

Valentine's Day should be a day to express your love or likeness towards your significant other or friend.

It shouldn't be about proving how much you love someone by how big and expensive your gift is. Everything done should come from the heart, whether it is flowers or a homemade card.

If you go to the extreme with jewelry, it should be about the expression of love, not materialism.

Superbowl ads

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just smiles and drives away. Instant classic. I can't believe someone didn't do this sooner.

#1 Bud Light featuring Conan O'Brien

Bud Light makes its second appearance on the list, this time with the help of Conan O'Brien. The commercial features Conan being pitched a commercial for Bud Light, which he takes since he is told it will only air in Sweden. The commercial has Conan dressing in drag and calling Bud Light the "Vroom vroom party starter." Best commercial of the Superbowl, hands down.

Top 5 Worst

#5 Cars.com

This commercial tells the tale of David Abernathy, the most confident man alive. He shook the hand of the doctor who delivered him, asked a popular girl that was way out of his league out and didn't get turned down, and he even performed open heart surgery with a ball point pen. The commercial was great up until they made you think someone this confident couldn't buy a car on his own. Oh well, maybe next year Cars.com.

#4 Career Builder

This commercial had some great ideas. It gave you all the reasons you should want to quit. Punching koalas with glasses, riding on seals, men crying and people calling other people "dummy" is always funny, but not when you show the same clips over and over. Good idea, but poorly done.

#3 Heroes football

It's bad enough that NBC gets to advertise their shows for free, but to make a commercial featuring the cast of Heroes using their

talents to play football? Come on.

#2 GoDaddy.com

Somehow, this company had enough money to advertise and they spent it trying to lure you online in hopes of seeing half-naked women. A sad ploy at getting you to visit their website. Not funny at all. In fact, it was annoying.

#1 E-Trade

Just when you thought E-Trade was done with talking babies, they bring them back. This time, the talking and investing baby has a friend who sings. Sorry, doesn't work for me E-Trade.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"**A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.**"

-Ingrid Bergman



RANTS AND RAVES

Some of the likes and dislikes of Cortland students

COLUMN

"I love Randall Hall and all the people in it."

Ben Paquette
Math Education

"Neubig should serve breakfast all day on the weekends. I love the eggs."

Andy Snide
Physical Education

"The weather here is so crazy. One day it's freezing, the next day it's beautiful out!"

Chelsea Hall
Premajor

"I hate how there aren't many campus food places open on the weekends."

Alicia Dott
Physical Education

"I love my Macbook. I couldn't live without it."

Rachel Schlossberg
Childhood Education

"I love Greek Peak! I love to ski there!"

Greta Tomaschke
Childhood Education

"The staff at Neubig are always so nice and friendly."

Kim Vocco
Premajor

"They definitely need to put more salt on the sidewalks here."

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Louis C.K. garners lots of laughs

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of material by bringing in a “jizz” sign that Barry was able to roast him for.

As expected, both comedians were ready to remind everyone in the stands that we attend a college in the middle of nowhere.

Barry was very funny, but Louis C.K. stole the show with his borderline dirty rants.

From his jokes about Cortland and the struggles of being a single parent, to his jokes about killing strangers and the possibility that he might enjoy the homosexual lifestyle for the second half of his life, he had the crowd in stitches.

By dropping the F-bomb several times and touching on some obscene topics such as raping animals and dead children, Louis shocked and surprised even college students.

Gasps and screams were heard from the audience between fits of uncontrollable laughter at his racy and, at times, vulgar material.

Louis C.K. even got into a fight with the crowd over whether or not to eat meat, which resulted in him screaming “F-you!” to the audience.

His comedy is based on the things people are thinking but usually would not say out loud, which works great because people love to be able to relate with the material.

And relatable it was, such as jokes on the impatience of our younger generation with cell phones and airport delays to awkward bar meetings.

The only bump in the road was when Louis C.K. thought his personal microphone was stolen.

But, once the mystery was solved, the performance was back on track and the packed Brown Auditorium was quickly refilled with laughter.



photo by Matthew Taormino

Louis C.K. shared side splitting jokes about being a single parent, killing strangers, and even Cortland.

Louis C.K. is a big time name and he was able to live up to that by delivering a big time performance, which ended in a standing ovation by the local fans.

He has had his own comedy special on HBO called “Hilarious” and has starred in an HBO series called “Lucky Louis,” which was a show based on his comedy.

Louis C.K. was also a writer for

the Conan O’Brien and Chris Rock shows and has recently worked with actors such as Matthew Broderick and Martin Lawrence.

In 2009, he will be working with Jennifer Garner and Rob Lowe in the movie, “This Side of the Truth.”

He is even famous enough that other comedians have been accused of stealing some of his

material.

It always seems that the more respected comedians are the ones whose material is accused of being stolen, while the more annoying comedians are the ones accused of stealing it.

Louis C.K. stormed through Cortland leaving the crowd smiling and gasping for air as we all found ourselves downtown later that

night talking about the event hoping to relive the good times.

The only disappointing part of the whole night was that we did not run into the duo at the bars that evening.

Days later, people are still repeating his witty remarks to their friends and talking about his hilarious act.

Ugandan musician Samite inspires Cortland audience

Samite travels the world sharing his inspirational music

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Cortland’s third Art and Lecture Performance of the year welcomed Samite, a Ugandan musician who inspired his audience with his moving, expressive music and unique instruments.

Samite was born and raised in Uganda where his grandfather first sparked his interest in music by teaching him to play the traditional flute.

At the age of 12, he took

lessons on the western flute and was soon on his way to becoming one of East Africa’s most acclaimed flutists.

Playing alongside Samite in the Corey Function Room was Charlie Shoe on the guitar and Jeff Hayes on drums.

When put together, all three men created a flowing sound that guided the audience through the stories Samite conveyed.

“It’s automatic when the three of us get on stage,” commented Hayes during the performance, further showing how tuned into one another the musicians really are.

Samite played a few different types of Kalimbas, which are

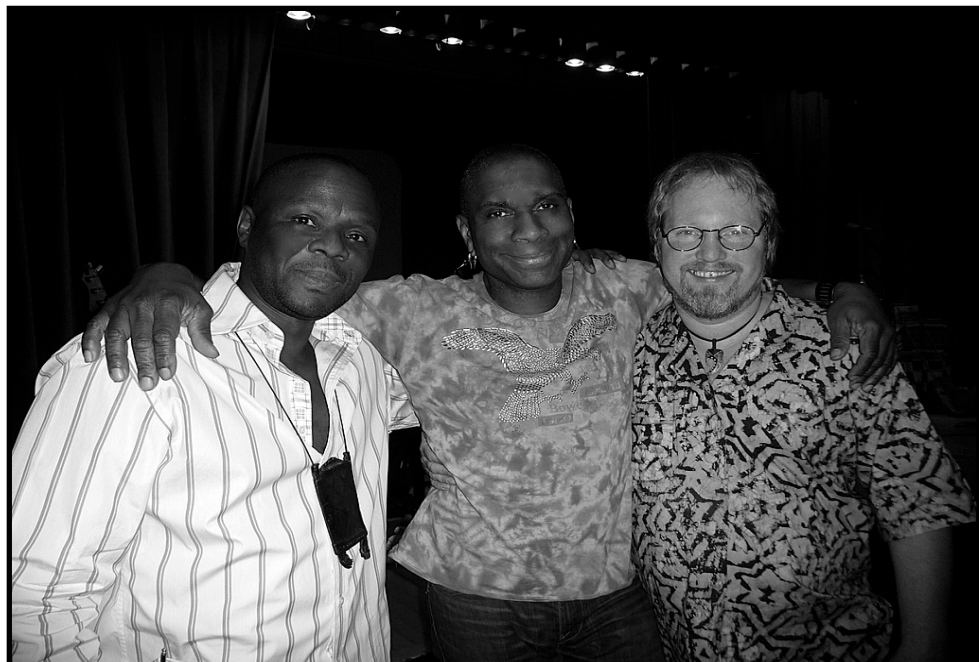


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From left to right: Ugandan musician Samite, Jeff Hayes and Charlie Shoe.

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Samite

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described as "finger pianos," and are generally small wooden boxes with metal keys that are plucked with the thumb or fingers.

They are very special instruments because every Kalimba is unique to the village and maker, and can have from two to 30 keys.

The instrument gives off a beautiful sound when amplified and mesmerized the audience.

Growing up in Uganda, Samite told the story of how he always wanted to see New York City. He joked about how he thought it would be very clean and friendly, but when he got there the image he had painted in his mind did not match the urban jungle he was faced with.

The amount of homeless people especially surprised him, so he wrote a song titled, "My Name is Not Homeless, My Mother Calls Me Baby," and performed it for the audience.

Samite also told a story about how his father used to play the flute to wake him and his siblings.

He remembered the sounds of the jungle he lived in and the different types of birds and bugs which contributed their own music to his father's.

After being forced from Uganda during a time of political turmoil and dictatorship, Samite

decided to return to visit his homeland. He was shocked and upset to see trees cut down and houses in place of the jungle where he once lived.

He composed a song to remind himself of the sounds he heard as a child, using many different types of flutes to imitate bird callings.

In this song, he was also describing a hike he had taken on that same visit to Uganda to see some mountain gorillas.

Samite showed projections of the pictures while on the hike, they were displayed on a large, white screen behind the three band mates while they played.

The audience soon felt as if they were really in the jungle as the sounds of the drums, rattles and flutes which built on one another, created a full, earthy sound.

The projection showed pictures of the jungle trees, rivers and gorillas that Samite encountered while on the hike.

Samite's music has a deep and moving sound that has been described as having a healing power when heard.

He went to the Congo and played for 150 women who were victims of rape and sang for 70 child soldiers.

His music helped these people grieve and begin to feel what it's like to live happily again.

Along with his beautiful music and noble causes, Samite had the audience laughing with his good humor and amiable personality.

He made the show personal by encouraging the audience to ask

questions and sing along with the music.

One person asked why he decided to come up here, and Samite jokingly replied, "My friends brought me.... They were not very kind!" a clear reference to the biting cold of Upstate New York.

He said that Ithaca was a very welcoming and pleasant place, "as long as you can pretend to be vegetarian and like tofu!"

After one last soothing song titled, "Waterfall," composed when Samite was a refugee in Kenya because it reminded him of the lakes and rivers in Uganda, Samite told the audience that they had one last opportunity to get up and dance.

The whole band had been encouraging the room to move along with the music all night, and finally the audience broke free of their seats to dance around to the fast paced finale.

Every person at the show smiled and danced to the music and seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

Many stayed for a few minutes after to talk to Samite, Hayes and Shoe about their wonderful performance and to buy CDs and pictures that Samite has taken from his travels.

The show was from 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 3 in Corey Union.

Tuesday Night Live

Students share their musical talents during the open mic show

Caitlin Brett

Staff Writer

The Student Activities Board Tuesday Coffee Houses are back in action, but with a new name.

TNL, or Tuesday Night Live, is where you can come enjoy talented musicians or show off your musical abilities in the open mic portion of the show.

TNL is hosted by SAB a few nights out of each month starting at 8 p.m. in the Exhibition Lounge in Corey Union.

Four different performers shared their musical talent at this semester's first TNL.

Two young men, who go by, St. Luke and Smoke-a-Latte, hopped right on stage to open the show and shared songs that they had written themselves. Luke and Latte were the only act that performed rap.

Next to perform was a group of Cortland students very familiar to last year's Coffee House.

John Fontanelli, Andrew Widell, Nicole Teknus and John Perrotta, also known as The 37 Project, performed three of their

own songs and two cover songs by the band Dispatch and artist Jason Mraz.

They also incorporated many different instruments into their performance such as the guitar, bongos, harmonica and piano.

Bill Renkas, another very talented Cortland student, was the third act of the night.

Renkas sang three songs that he had written on his own and a cover from the band Filter called "Take My Picture."

Last but not least, was Jake Cohen, an aspiring artist from Ithaca.

He came up at the end and closed out the evening playing original songs on the piano. His act was a great ending to this semester's first TNL.

Next time you're looking for something fun to do on campus, come enjoy some free entertainment and refreshments, or show everyone your own musical talents.

The next Tuesday night live will be held at 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 in the Corey Union function room.

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4 pm-6 pm	"Sunday Evening Hour" w/Daniel Caputo Variety/sports show	Around the Town w/ Erin Adams Local Music Show	Labrynthlan pomp w/Tara Molloy, Krisltin Bantug. Indle/Alternative Show	Into the fire w/Mike Millstein, Steve Cuce, Kelsey Maxon Sports talk show	Haceremos lo que queremos w/Rachel Gorman, Melanie Wetlauffer Hip hop/ R&B show (4:30pm-6pm)	Sean Dolberry Sports/Hip Hop show	
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"Guys & Dolls" cast announced

Thirty-three cast for
Cortland's annual
spring musical

Thomas Hischak
Performing Arts Professor

The Department of Performing Arts at Cortland has announced the cast for its spring production of the musical comedy "Guys & Dolls."

A cast of 29 students and four community members will perform the "musical fable of Broadway" from March 27 through April 5 in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

Students Anthony Festa and Kate Quigley have been cast as gambler Sky Masterson and the Salvation Army worker Sarah Brown whom he falls in love with.

Ryan McDonald and Nicole Alvarez play the comic couple, gambler Nathan Detroit and nightclub singer Adelaide.

In featured roles are students Mitch Thurman, John McAvaney, Jason Schulof, Colin Havener, Deja Sylvester, Rebecca Rozzoni, Skylar Winter, and community performers Tom Fuchs and Robert Spitzer, both SUNY faculty members.

Completing the cast are students Kim Moore, Amy Lamberti, Emily Ellis, Kara Howard, Grace McGeoch, Melanie Tietjen, Marly Myriathpoulos, Doug Robbins, Allison Zack, Angel Golden, Sara Laursen, Jeff Van Damme, Helaina Goldstein, Kelsey Reed, Nicole Herlihy, Keith Golden, Lisa Reid, Natalie Luzzi, and community performers Paul Yaman and Barbara Jo Williams.

Performances for "Guys & Dolls" are Mar.27 to 29 and April 3 to 5. Tickets go on sale at Jodi's Hallmark Shop on Mar. 2.

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From A-Fraud to A-R*D

Why the 2009 season will be a tell all for Alex Rodriguez

Steven Cuce
Contributing Writer

COLUMN

In a sport amongst controversy, Alex Rodriguez was suppose to be the savior. He was the player who fans and analysts could lean on in the fight against cheaters in baseball. The definition of cheater is defined differently by many when it comes to America's pastime, but Rodriguez was suppose to be the one who would take back baseballs all time home run crown the right way.

Now A-Rod will forever be put amongst those who took steroids during baseball's long ball era. (1998-2003) He will join a slew of homerun hitters that include Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and Rafael Palmeiro.

The story reported by Sports Illustrated on Saturday morning was that his name is part of a list of 104 players who tested positive for performance enhancing drugs in Major League Baseball's 2003 survey testing. In 2003, A-Rod was the American League MVP for the Texas Rangers.

The survey was part of a joint agreement with the MLB Players Association. The point of the test was to determine if it was necessary to impose mandatory drug testing across baseball in 2004. If more than five percent of players came up positive, then baseball would think about imposing more drug testing.

The players who were tested were unaware of the test results and didn't expect to ever hear of them.

Although, there are some that debate he knew about the results. The results of the 1,198 players who were tested in the 2003 survey were supposed to remain anonymous under an agreement between the commissioner's office and the players association. However, these things always have a way of leaking out.

Federal agents who were armed with search warrants seized the testing information at

Comprehensive Drug Testing Inc. in Long Beach, California. This lab was one of those used in for survey testing in 2003.

The seizure took place as part of the April 2004 government investigation of 10 major league players linked to the BALCO steroid scandal. The list of the 104 players whose urine samples tested positive is under seal by the government in California.

However two sources familiar with the evidence that was gathered by these federal agents and two others sources who have knowledge of the test results have leaked the information that Rodriguez was on that list. When Selena Roberts of Sports Illustrated last Thursday asked him at a gym in Miami of the test results his response was, "You'll have to talk to the union."

This is all in the same week that Joe Torre's new controversial book, "The Yankee Years," was released. The book is co-written by Sports Illustrated's Tom Verducci and in it Rodriguez drew more headlines.

Tom Verducci reports in the book with the approval of Joe Torre that Rodriguez was known as "A-Fraud," in the locker-room when he joined the Yankees in 2004.

Many, including players and coaches thought he tried to hard to not be himself and many despised him for it.

Alex Rodriguez may have been under huge pressure by New York for not performing in October, but one would think he would of never have dreamed of this happening.

Every fan and media outlet will be all over his every move after the steroid tests have been leaked. Rodriguez makes the most money out of any player in baseball at \$27 million per year.

This will be the toughest money he's ever earned in his career. Will he be able to stand the pressure? These test results were never to be revealed, but when you're baseball's most prominent homerun hitter people will find a way to see if you were cheating.

Rodriguez was always on the chopping block and this was not fair to him. With pitchers and catchers reporting for the official start of the Major League Baseball season, like it or not he will be fed to the wolves.

Tennessee University coach reaches the Summit of women's college basketball

Lady Vols' coach notches career win number 1000

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

Pat Summit, head coach of the Tennessee Lady Volunteers basketball team, became the first college coach in the sport to reach the feat of one-thousand career wins last week; arguably making her the most successful basketball coach in the history of Division I.

The monumental win came against the University of Georgia, Thursday February 5 when the Lady Vols routed the Bulldogs by 30 points in their 73-43 win.

Summit, who is now 56 years old, has been coaching at Tennessee for 35 years and is showing zero signs of slowing down.

With her thousandth win, Summit is now a career 1000-187; a win-to-loss ratio unparalleled anywhere in the sport.

Bob Knight, the former hardnosed coach of Indiana and Texas Tech, is a distant second with 902 career victories, followed by Dean Smith of North Carolina

who has 879 triumphs.

Both men are retired from the sport; however, recent reports indicate that Bob Knight may be interested in coaching again if the right opportunity presents itself.

If that scenario were to arise, the idea that Knight could reach the thousand win mark may not be too farfetched.

Some believe that the coach with the best chance to join Summit at 1000 wins is Duke men's head coach Mike Krzyzewski. At 61, Krzyzewski has 815 career wins and could potentially reach the 1000 win mark by 2018 if he averages just over 20 wins per season and decides to coach until he is near 70 years old.

To put into perspective the achievement of winning 1000 games, a coach who averaged 33 wins each year for 30 seasons would still come up ten wins shy of Summit.

Summit's latest accomplishment is just another milestone in her hall-of-fame career.

In the 35 years she has spent with the Lady Vols, Summit has won eight NCAA women's basketball championships; 14 South Eastern Conference (SEC) championships; and 13 SEC tournament championships.

Her eight national titles are

second in college basketball only to Hall-of-Famer and longtime UCLA coach John Wooden, who was able to win 10 championships during his illustrious coaching career.

The Lady Vols have also made an unprecedented tournament run since Summit's first season in, (1974-75). Tennessee has been invited to every NCAA tournament since Summit began coaching.

The team's longest losing streak over the course of her 35 year career was just 3 games.

In 1999 Summit was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall-of-Fame, and a year later she was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Accomplishments aside, Pat Summit has been one of the greatest ambassadors the sport of women's basketball has ever seen. There is no telling how many more wins she will add to her already historical resume.

Tennessee will go for its first win since the record performance over Georgia today as they take on Alabama at 7p.m. ET. The Lady Vols are set to play just six more regular season games before the SEC tournament begins March 5.

Battle of the best in the Big East

UConn and Pitt look to take control of top conference in NCAA

Mark Hogan
Contributing Writer

Next Monday, the Pittsburgh Panthers will visit Gampel Pavilion to face the Connecticut Huskies. This match up features the two highest ranked teams in the Big East conference, which is almost undoubtedly the toughest conference in the country.

Pittsburgh has only two losses on the season and UConn only has one. In fact UConn has not lost in 2009; their only loss was December 29th to Georgetown. Since then, UConn has won 11 straight by an average of 15 points

per game.

Pittsburgh is led by their two big men DeJuan Blair and Sam Young. Young leads the team in scoring for the year, but Blair has been dominating as of late.

In his last three games he is averaging 24.3 points and 14.6 rebounds. He has been helped out by the steady play of his point guard LeVance Fields who is second in the nation in assists with 7.4 per game.

The Huskies are a very well balanced team, but the face of this team has to be Hasheem Thabeet. He stands 7 foot 3 inches tall and has an extremely talented skill set.

Thabeet has worked and improved his game tremendously over the past three seasons. He now averages 13.2 points 10.2 rebounds. Thabeet also averages 4.1 blocks per game which is tops

in the Big East and 2nd in the nation.

After Thabeet, the Huskies don't get much easier. They have three other players who average double figures. Forward Jeff Adrien leads the team in scoring with 14.1 points and he also averages 10.1 rebounds per game.

There is definitely a rivalry that exists between these two schools that are seemingly always at the top of the conference at the end of the year. This game could end up determining seeding in the Big East Tournament.

The winner of this game will also be the front runner to get a #1 seed in the NCAA Tournament as well.

The matchup to watch in this game is without a doubt the big men. Who will come out on top, and take charge of the Big East?

Cincinnati assistant coach, Cortland alumnus to speak

Alexander, '82 to discuss about coaching & teaching

Paul Alexander, a 1982 SUNY Cortland graduate who just completed his 15th season as a coach with the National Football League's Cincinnati Bengals, will present "Coaching is Teaching" tonight, at his alma mater.

Alexander, the Bengals' assistant head coach since 2003, will present "Coaching is

Teaching" at 8 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Geared for interested students aspiring to be teachers/coaches, his talk is free and open to the public. Although many of the stories that Alexander will tell and the principles that he will offer are specific to football, much of what he will have to say has broader applications.

Alexander is visiting SUNY Cortland from Feb. 11-13 accompanied by the noted Austrian-born pianist Albert Muhlbock from the Cincinnati

College-Conservatory of Music. The two visitors, special guests of SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, will also meet with students, faculty, staff, coaches and administrators during their stay in Cortland.

A music minor while at SUNY Cortland who plays piano, guitar and sings, Alexander is currently studying classical piano under Muhlbock, who is completing a doctoral degree in piano performance at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music with Professor Eugene Pridonoff.

Alexander was a cum laude graduate in physical education from SUNY Cortland and a former Academic All-America offensive tackle for the Cortland Red Dragon football squad. He earned a master's degree in exercise physiology from Penn State.

As a graduate assistant, he coached under two legends, Joe Paterno at Penn State and Bo Schembechler at Michigan. He was offensive line coach at Central Michigan, a school whose coach, Herb Deromedi, ranks with Paterno and Schembechler among the

winningest coaches in NCAA Division I history.

"Cortland was a great school, absolutely outstanding," said Alexander. "I thought one of the real strengths of Cortland was the teachers. They really cared about teaching. For a school that turns out as many public school teachers as Cortland does, that's important."

For more information, contact Darci Bacigalupi, special events coordinator for the President's Office, at (607) 753-5453 or darci.bacigalupi@cortland.edu.

Where is the all-star game justice?

Popularity contests rule out more deserving players

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It's the highest honor for a player to be noted as an all-star because it symbolizes their contribution to the game, and rewards them for outstanding play.

The main question to ask, however, is if fan loyalty is overriding their objective judgments of selecting the most deserving player.

In the NHL, all twelve starters came from only four teams (Montreal, Pittsburgh, Anaheim, and Chicago). That is the risk that is run because it is a business, and since it is up to the fans you can't blame teams for marketing their players in order to get more recognition.

That being said, there are times where players are selected on reserve by coaches based on their

past success and not for their previous season.

In these incidences, it becomes more of a popularity contest rather than a true all-star game.

There is no clearer example of this then this year's Pro Bowl selections. Brett Favre was chosen as an AFC reserve despite throwing a league high 22 interceptions.

Favre made it on his hall-of-fame resume rather than his play on the field in the 2008 season. Other quarterbacks such as Chad Pennington, Matt Cassel, and Philip Rivers were all more than deserving candidates to take Favre's spot on the roster.

Players who get slighted in the NFL don't only suffer by not getting the respect they deserve for their play, but they do not receive the financial compensation in which they should have.

All contracts in the NFL have incentives that include players getting bonuses for making the Pro Bowl.

Some players, such as Matt Cassel who was a career backup, need the money because they don't have a very big salary. One

way to insure that the right players are picked in the NFL is to push back the time in which fans are allowed to vote.

In the NFL, you can put in your nominations for Pro Bowl selections after week eight, which is absurd. It is only halfway through the season, and a lot can happen in the remaining weeks. Pro Bowl regulators should in fact wait until the remainder of the season before playoff seeds are determined.

Chad Pennington led his Dolphins to victory on the road against the Jets on the last game of the season to give the Dolphins a playoff birth. The win came against the team who had released him six months earlier, and yet still he was passed over in the Pro Bowl by the player who he was replaced by and defeated.

The league that has the all-star game in complete disarray is Major League Baseball. The selection process is not conducive to the new meaning of the game. Baseball has a rule in which every team in the game must have at least one player taking part of the game. This was done to insure that every fan market would have an interest in the game.

It sounds good in theory, but since 2003 the winning league becomes the league that claims home field advantage for the World Series. If that is the case, then the rosters need to be made up of the absolute best players in the league regardless of team affiliation.

There have been many players who have been deserving of the accolades, but have been disrespected.

The biggest snubs of the all-star games in the past year include Al Jefferson of the Minnesota Timberwolves (NBA), Mo Williams of the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA), Chad Pennington of the Miami Dolphins (NFL), and Jermaine Dye of the Chicago White Sox (MLB).

Basketball prevails against Plattsburgh

Red Dragons use strong start to beat defending champs

Gabe Schaub
Staff Writer

The Cortland men's basketball team were victorious against Plattsburgh this weekend, 74-66. Senior Carson Niehoff scored twenty-four points as the Red Dragons held off the defending league champions at home. Cortland improves to 10-10 overall and 7-4 in the league with the win.

Junior Will Coston joined Niehoff as four Red Dragons scored in double figures. Coston scored twelve points and added four assists.

Mike Lewis just missed out on a double-double, scoring ten points and grabbing nine rebounds, and Junior Paul Oliver finished with ten points and seven rebounds.

Errol Daniyan led the way for Plattsburgh with a double-double, scoring 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds in the loss. Plattsburgh's

Chris Ruiz had a strong second half where he scored ten points, 13 overall.

Cortland started the game off strong, building a 21-point lead when sophomore Ron Evans sank three straight three-pointers in just over a minute span in the first half. Plattsburgh followed by scoring the last five points of the half and trailed 46-35 at halftime.

As the second half got underway, the Red Dragons found themselves up by twenty points with about thirteen minutes to play. Plattsburgh fought back and outscored Cortland 22-5 to trail by just three with fewer than five minutes to go.

With the Cardinals being forced to gamble defensively, Cortland was able to get a comfortable lead. They finished off the game with solid defense as Plattsburgh missed five of their final six shots.

The Red Dragons looks to continue the momentum from their victory this week with games against Oneonta and Buffalo State as they look toward playoff contention in the SUNYAC Conference.

Women's Hockey

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little better and I think all three of our goaltenders are much better this year than they were last year."

"Whether it be going hard to the net, getting pucks to the net, limiting the time spent in the defensive zone and scoring goals. I think that if we focus on the process rather than the outcome, we will get the outcome we are looking for."

The Red Dragons, who are on a six game losing skid, are looking to start a new winning streak with

four games remaining on their schedule. RIT visits this weekend for two conference games, before the team hits the road for their finish of the regular season with a weekend visit to Elmira college on the 21st and 22nd. The ECAC West first round playoff game is scheduled for the 28th. "We need to continue focusing on doing the little things right, keeping the game simple for us and doing the things that all successful hockey teams do," said Utter.

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Cortland 74
Plattsburgh 66
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MEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

Next: Wednesday @ SUNYAC Championships

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Cortland 0
Plattsburgh 7
Next: Friday @ Geneseo

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland 69
Plattsburgh 56
Next: Tuesday vs. Oneonta

Athletes of the Week



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Jake Zanetti Track and Field

Broke SUNYAC and school records in the pole vault at the Syracuse Invitational



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Cristina Speirs Gymnastics

Career-best 9.40 balance beam score vs. Springfield

Women's hockey loses two to Plattsburgh

Red Dragons fall 5-1 and 7-0 in SUNYAC conference play

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

SUNY Plattsburgh came to Cortland this past weekend and showed why they are ranked second nationally in Division III women's hockey. The Cardinals had impressive 5-1 and 7-0 shutout to improve to 15-3-2 and 11-3 in the ECAC.

"I think Plattsburgh was a very good team. There are a number of teams that have the same skill level as Plattsburgh, I think that Plattsburgh just played as a team better than some of the other well skilled teams we have played," said head coach Earl Utter. Heading into the first intermission, Plattsburgh had a commanding 3-0 lead with goals from Danielle Blanchard, Claire O'Connor, and Kate Farefield.

Cortland would respond at the 1:33 mark in the second period with a goal from freshman, Ashley Meyer, her first goal of her young career.

Meyer knocked a loose puck



photo by Ben Bolding

Cortland freshman Julia Fleming fights for the puck in a 5-1 loss against Plattsburgh.

past goalie, Anne Loewen after an initial save on Shannon Hakes' shot. However, Cortland's scoring would end there, while Plattsburgh would score a goal late in the second period and would add one in the third as well.

O'Connor led the scoring for the Cardinals adding two assists to her goal.

Freshman goalie Katie Double stopped a career high 50 shots in the loss while Loewen and Danielle Beattie combined for 15 saves.

Compared to Friday,

Plattsburgh was slow to take a large lead on Saturday but goalie, Mandy Mackrell stopped all eight shots she faced in efforts to a 7-0 victory. Plattsburgh took an early lead with a goal at the 1:22 mark with a wrist shot from the top of the right face-off circle from Erika Shaubel.

This would be the only goal scored in the period with Cortland being in close reach to tie the game. Another goal would be added in the second by Plattsburgh before unloading in the third.

Five goals were scored by the visitors including two from Laurie Bowler. Melissa Stern stopped 26 of the 32 shots she faced in her 54:02 minutes of play before Katie Double took over for the final 5:58 and stopped five of six shots.

Although the Red Dragons lost, coach Utter continues to see improvement in his team. "Our hockey skills and work ethic have improved tremendously. I think our defensive zone coverage is a

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Red Dragons recognize two student-athletes

Cortland hockey players Palmisano and Double honored

Cameron Daniels
Staff Writer

Each week one male and one female athlete are selected as Cortland's athletes of the week. These student-athletes are selected based on their excellence in athletic performance in the past week.

This week's winners are Patrick Palmisano, a junior on the men's ice hockey team, and Katie Double, a freshman on the women's ice hockey team.

Palmisano (Ann Arbor, MI) was recognized for his important role in Cortland's 2-0-1 record in the past week. Palmisano and the Red Dragons began the week with an 11-3 thrashing of Lebanon Valley.

Palmisano recorded an assist against the Flying Dutchmen, as nine different players scored and Cortland recorded 52 shots to

Lebanon's 24.

The Red Dragons returned home and battled Buffalo State to a 6-6 tie on January 30th. Cortland faced deficits of 2-1, 4-3, 5-3, 5-4, and 6-4 in the game but rallied to finish it in a tie.

Cortland's rally began with a goal from Palmisano that made it 5-4 at 4:38 in the third period. Palmisano also had an assist for the Red Dragons in this game.

The very next day, Palmisano led Cortland with a career-high four goals as the Red Dragons routed Fredonia 6-2 at home.

Palmisano's goals were all consecutive, as he helped Cortland increase the lead from 2-1 all the way to the final score of 6-2.

In the win, Palmisano became only the sixth player in school history to score at least four goals in a game.

This feat hasn't been accomplished since the 1992-1993 season.

Palmisano's five goals and two assists for the week also helped earn him the SUNYAC Men's Ice Hockey Player of the Week for the week ending February 2.

This is the second time Palmisano has earned the SUNYAC

Player of the Week Award this year. Palmisano finished the week with two assists on Saturday as Cortland cruised to a 6-1 road victory over host Morrisville.

The Red Dragons are now 8-11-2 on the season and 5-5-2 in conference and have four games left on the season including home matchups against Potsdam and Plattsburgh.

The men's SUNYAC playoffs begin on February 24 and carry on to the 7 of March.

Katie Double (Farmington/Victor HS) has also been selected as Athlete of the Week for her performance in women's ice hockey over the past week.

Double was crucial in goal for Cortland's games in Oswego the past weekend.

She made 55 saves in the two games while only allowing one goal in each game. The Red Dragons lost 1-0 in both Friday and Saturday's games.

Saturday's loss came in overtime as Double made 32 saves in the game before Oswego scored to win with 48 seconds to go in OT.

Double made 24 saves in the Sunday game as Oswego scored on a late third period goal to pull out the win.

In the two games, Double had a 0.97 goals against average and also had a remarkable 0.965 save percentage. Double finished the week by making 50 saves in a 5-1 loss to Plattsburgh. The Cardinals came in ranked #2 nationally.

The 50 save performance was a career best for the freshmen. Double recorded 38 of the 50 saves in the final two periods.

Cortland now holds an overall record of 3-15-3 with a conference record of 2-10-2.

The Red Dragons have four games left on the season with two home games scheduled against RIT.

The team hits the road for two games against Elmira on the 21 and 22 of February. The ECAC playoffs will begin the 28 of February and wrap up on March 8.