

# THE DRAGON CHRONICLE

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### Modern Terrorism discussion held next week

The History Department will be holding a discussion entitled "Modern Terrorism: Anarchist Wave, 1880s-1920s."

The lecture will be held by Terrence Corrigan from Syracuse University. The lecture will be from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23 in Bowers Room 51. All are welcome to attend.

### Sandwich Seminar on African American music

The Black History Month Sandwich Seminars continue with "Music of African-American Composers for Piano and Voice," by Professor Ed Moore and Soprano Anne Shelly.

The seminar will be held Wed., Feb. 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Jacobus Lounge.

### Teach-in on Women of the Congo to be next week

"Hearing the Women of the Congo" will be a campus-wide teach-in next week to educate students on the violence against women in the Congo.

A film will be shown, followed by an open discussion. The teach-in will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

### Speaker and Candlelight Vigil to be held for BAW

As part of Body Appreciation Week, there will be a special candlelight vigil and guest speaker Makenna Moriarity, a student who is recovering from an eating disorder.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in the Corey Function Room.

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## Obama's campaign director visits Cortland

### Jerome Gray discusses Alabama's racial voting patterns

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Editor-in-Chief

Jerome Gray, Alabama's political director for the Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign, gave two lectures last Thursday regarding state racial voting patterns he's encountered both in the past and in last year's presidential election.

The lecture, entitled "'Old Wine in New Bottles' or Real Change We Can Live With?" was given as a part of Cortland's tribute to Black History Month.

Gray, 70, began by discussing past disparities and biased voting practices that "disfranchised blacks from voting," such as grandfather clauses, poll taxes and literacy tests, which had been outlawed by the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Despite the passing of the Act, however, black voter

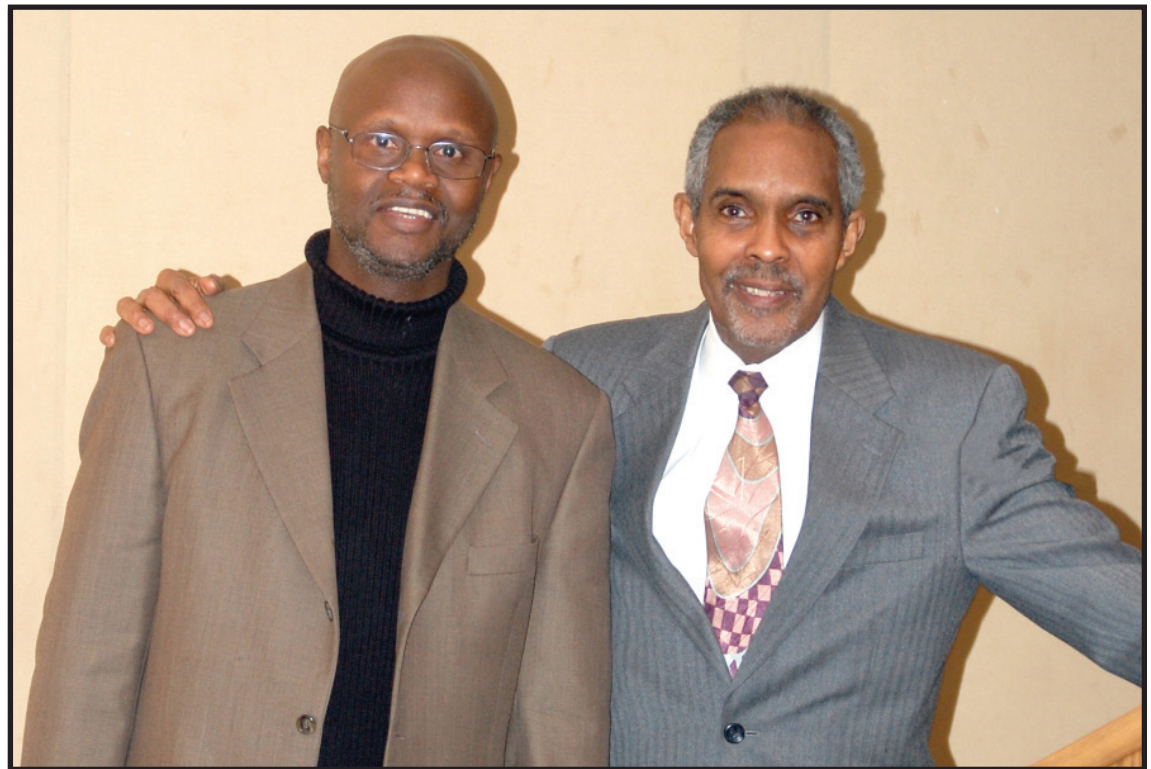


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### Professor Sam Kelley and Jerome Gray, Obama's campaign director in Alabama.

participation still continued to falter in Alabama.

"Blacks weren't elected to local positions, school boards, city councils," and voting was "racially

polarized...designed to make it hard for [blacks] to win," said Gray. At one point, there was not one single black poll worker in the entire state and racist poll workers were

reluctant "to provide assistance to black voters."

Gray, an advocate of political

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## 'Body Appreciation Week' kicks off next week with a multitude of events



photo by Bryan Zavitz

### Students express themselves in a variety of manners for Body Appreciation Week.

### Cortland participates in the nationally recognized week

Rebecca Job  
Staff Writer

Every year, Cortland recognizes the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, a nationally-recognized week during

the last week of February. This year's events on campus will take place Monday through Thursday, February 23-26.

The Cortland campus has recognized National Eating Disorders Awareness week for the past 11 years.

In efforts to give the week and its events a more positive image, it has been named "Body Appreciation Week." The theme of the week this year is: "The Many

Expressions of You."

Body Appreciation Week was started at Cortland 11 years ago by Billie Jean Goff. Goff is Cortland's Certified Eating Disorder specialist and has worked to make this week possible with the help of the campus offices and organizations.

"The ASC grant has really provided the financial foundation to go forward with these events for

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## Spotlight: IAC President

### Meet the International Awareness Club's president

Rebecca Greenland  
Staff Writer

Meet Erica Frerking, the President of the newly formed International Awareness Club.

Frerking is in her second year at Cortland but has enough credits to be considered a junior.

She loves to knit and crochet and when asked if she plays any sports, she responded "Only if you consider yoga a sport!"

Frerking is double-majoring in International Studies with a concentration in Africa, and Economics with a concentration in International Political Economy and Public Policy. Her favorite class is Arabic 102.

Along with holding the office of club president for IAC, Frerking is also the treasurer of Model United Nations and holds a job as an RA in Smith Tower.

The International Awareness Club is dedicated to internationalizing the campus and to getting students thinking about things going on outside of the small community.

"We want students to be exposed to different people and different cultures, and we also

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## Gray discusses black and white voting patterns

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equality, helped gather the data necessary to take cases of injustices such as these to court, thus revolutionizing black voter participation and government involvement in Alabama. In 1971, there were only 90 black elected officials in contrast with 375 in 1990s, he said. By the end of the 1990s, there were 870.

Gray then proceeded to discuss several results from Alabama's 2008 Presidential

Election exit polls, which consisted of 1,070 respondents. In terms of race alone, 98% of black voters and 10% of white voters surveyed cast their ballots for Obama. In terms of both sex and race, 96% of black women and 100% of black men and 12% of white women and 9% of white men surveyed voted for Obama.

"I think those numbers say a lot about race relations between blacks and whites in Alabama," said freshman Diana Carlisi. "I almost wonder if [voters] considered the

candidates' views on issues or simply just voted for their color equivalent."

Mum was the word in many local weekly newspapers, which contained no coverage of Obama's win, said Gray. "School kids were elated at Obama's win [but] teachers complained that students were disruptive and told [them] not to talk about it." Gray also expressed disappointment with Democratic state officials, many of whom didn't publicly identify with Obama's campaign.

"I thought how sad it was that the Democratic leaders in Alabama kept silent. So even if they were for Obama, they were afraid to say so. That makes change even slower," said Psychology Professor Linda Lavine.

Despite Alabama's electoral votes going to John McCain, "Obama ran a heck of a campaign," said Grey.

"He went after voters who weren't in anyone's camp. He acknowledged infrequent voters and created a new base of them."

## Faculty award nominations

### Students nominations for faculty award now being accepted

On May 7, 2009, the Student Affairs Faculty Connection Award Committee will present a deserving faculty member an award for having established positive connections with students inside and outside of the classroom, according to press.

Last year, Dr. Caroline Kaltefleiter was the recipient of this award and the committee is looking to recognize another deserving faculty member this year.

Nominees considered for this award hold full-time teaching faculty positions on campus and exemplify excellence in providing positive connections with students.

This award allows the perfect opportunity for anyone to nominate a faculty member that has directly impacted their lives in a positive way.

If you know someone that "goes the extra mile" in order to serve students, do not miss this opportunity to recognize their contributions to our college community.

Nominations for this award are being accepted now through February 23.

Please check out the direct link on the Connectivities Blog to nominate a full-time teaching faculty member today.

## Club President Spotlight: IAC's Erica Frerking

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want to make them aware of things they can do to help those in need," said Frerking.

Frerking has been involved in the club since it was formed last semester. Sharon Steadman, an Associate Professor in the Sociology/Anthropology department, approached her with the idea for the club.

Frerking said she was excited to get involved and do what she could to get the club established.

"I think that having a club like this is important on our campus. We try to encourage students to take a step back from their lives and think about what is going on in the rest of the world."

As club president, Frerking helps come up with ideas for different events the club is going to be involved with.

She runs the weekly meetings and provides assistance to the other officers when they need help.



photo by Rebecca Greenland

**International Awareness Club President, Erica Frerking.**

Last semester, IAC hosted an event called "I'm Aware: Darfur,"

where they showed a video and used other forms of media to raise

awareness on campus about the crisis in Darfur.

This semester the club plans on putting on an international professor lecture series, where Hyder Assad, Lauo Xu and Ute Ritz-Deutch, will each be giving talks on their lives and how they were influenced by the countries they are from.

The club will also be co-sponsoring "A Taste of the World," an event usually put on solely by the Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Committee, in April.

Lastly, IAC will be collecting medical supplies for clinics in Malawi and Honduras.

When asked if she plans on being involved in the International Awareness club next semester, Frerking responded, "Absolutely."

IAC meetings are every Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Moffett 2125, the new location for the Brooks Museum.

### Missed last week's paper?

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## Student and staff justice positions are available

### Judicial Affairs offering spots for new justice positions

**Michael Pitaro**

*Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs*

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in what goes on at Cortland?

Have you always wanted to be part of an important decision making process? If so, then Judicial Affairs wants you.

We are looking for student, faculty and staff justices to serve on the Judicial Review Board (JRB)

and College Hearing Panel (CHP) for the 2009-2010 academic year.

This is a great way to get more involved in the college community. As justices, members of the panel listen to respondent and witness testimony, review evidence provided to the hearing board and ultimately decide whether or not a student is in violation of school policy.

Justices hear cases dealing with all aspects of the *Code of Student Conduct*, from alcohol and drug policy to physical assault.

If a student is found in violation, the justices decide what educational sanctions will be imposed to ensure the safety of the campus community.

While student justices gain valuable experience and understanding of how the college judicial system works, they have the opportunity to receive one credit for each semester of their involvement.

Student justices attend monthly training sessions and participate in about three to four hearings a semester involving alleged violations of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

As members on the panel, faculty and staff are provided an opportunity to positively interact with student justices and also have a role in educating students outside the classroom or office.

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## Body Appreciation Week

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the week,” said Goff.

Back in 1999 it was a one day event with a keynote presenter, and today it has developed into a week-long event.

As the issues surrounding disordered eating became more evident on campus, it became a week-long, annual event.

The success of the weeks’ events is attributed to “the energy of the students, support from campus offices, faculty, and staff who recognize this as an important issue,” said Goff.

The week’s schedule is as follows:

At 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24, there will be an “Express Yourself” coffeehouse in the Corey Union Function Room.

This coffeehouse is welcoming any students to sing, dance, read poetry, play instruments and show off special talents.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Corey Union Function Room, Tom and Doris Smeltzer will be sharing the story of their late daughter, Andrea, in a presentation titled “Andrea’s

Voice,” in conjunction with the Wellness Wednesday series.

The Smeltzers have been inspired to travel across the nation to raise awareness about disordered eating since the loss of their 19-year-old daughter to Bulimia in 1999.

The Smeltzers will be speaking on topics surrounding disordered eating, body image, self-esteem and related issues. There will be a reception and book signing following the event.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Corey Union Function Room, there will be a Candlelight Vigil with guest speaker, Makenna Moriarity.

Moriarity is a second semester freshman who is recovering from an eating disorder and will be sharing her experiences with the audience.

A showcase of student art, presentations, displays, collages and informational tables will be showcased in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge Monday through Thursday, February 23-26.

The exhibits pertain to “The Many Expressions of You” theme of body image and will be open for the campus to view from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

## Justice positions

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The voluntary participation of faculty and staff members is vital to the judicial process and it also provides them with a great opportunity to become more involved with campus and student life.

Current student justices participate because they have an interest in the judicial system and want to ensure a fair process for all respondents.

Being a student justice is also a great resume builder and the communication skills attained in the group setting are an asset to any future employment.

Students of all majors are encouraged to apply.

And if being a part of the judicial process here at Cortland is something that interests you, applications can be found at [www.cortland.edu/judaffairs](http://www.cortland.edu/judaffairs) by clicking on the leadership opportunities link.

Applications are due at 4 p.m. on March 2. If you have any questions, please contact Judicial Affairs at x4725 or stop by Corey Union 409-B for more information.

## Africa fundraiser being held



provided by Sarah Voorhees

RN Nurse Karen Marsh, General Surgeon Ho Woon Lee M.D., Erica Frerking and Sarah Voorhees.

### Students and the community team up for Africa fundraiser

Rebecca Greenland  
Staff Writer

The International Awareness Club has teamed up with Cortland Regional Medical Center to get necessary medical supplies shipped to Malawi, Africa, Honduras, and Central America.

The Operation Room has been collecting supplies that are no longer usable in the hospital to donate to clinics in need, all over the world.

So far, three large boxes have been collected, and the project has just begun. The Medical Center is the first step in helping these clinics; the club will be asking pharmaceutical companies for donations as well.

If students or faculty members are interested in helping the cause, please contact: Erica Frerking, club President or Sarah Voorhees, Vice President.

## Spring into action this semester with NYPIRG

### NYPIRG looking to recruit new students to get involved

Alicia Eimer  
NYPIRG Coordinator

Welcome back, those of us at the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) are excited to be hitting the ground running this semester with a range of campaigns.

As you are probably already aware, NYPIRG is New York State’s largest non-profit, non-partisan, student directed advocacy organization.

Last semester, students working with NYPIRG at Cortland and throughout the state registered a record number of their peers to vote.

In addition to participating in last year’s historic election, students with NYPIRG organized food drives, took part in a statewide bike tour to raise awareness about global warming and energy use and advocated for accessible, affordable higher education in New York State.

For 35 years, NYPIRG has been working to empower students on campuses all across New York. With the looming climate crisis, the economic downturn and the current multi-billion dollar budget deficit, there is no better time than now to get informed, get involved and act.

This semester, students working with NYPIRG are organizing to raise awareness about global warming as part of the national ISky initiative.

NYPIRG’s ISky Teach-In will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5, in Sperry 204 to engage students and faculty in the issues of global climate change

and what Cortland can do to make a difference.

In addition, students working with NYPIRG will host a series of workshops this spring that will help their peers navigate and manage their credit cards and student loans. NYPIRG will continue to fight for higher education funding in the face of one of the worst budget deficits New York has ever seen.

Members will work as environmental advocates, run clothing and food drives to benefit the local homeless community and organize campaigns and events with student leadership development at their core.

To learn more about how to make a difference while building your skills and your resume, contact NYPIRG at (607) 753-4815 or [Cortland@nypirg.org](mailto:Cortland@nypirg.org), stop by the NYPIRG office in 215 Corey Union to learn about how to get involved.

### CORRECTION:

The correct time for the COR 101 TA positions interest meeting is at **4:30 p.m.** on Monday, Feb. 23 in Corey Union Room 209.

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## Our View

The Dragon Chronicle would like to extend its condolences to those who may have been affected by the recent tragedy that took place in Buffalo.

It is during times such as this when it is important to recognize just how fleeting life can be, and to remind people of how much they mean to you, even if they are just going to class.

While we're away at school, it can sometimes feel like there is no one to turn to when you're at your lowest. But if you are having a hard time, whether it's coping with a death or you're going through a rough patch, there is always someone at Cortland who is willing to help.

If you need to talk to someone, the Counseling Center "provides short-term therapeutic services to facilitate students' personal, social and educational adjustment." They can be reached at (607) 753-4728.

Grief Support starts Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. in B-40 Van Hoesen Hall.

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## Juicy Campus will gossip no more

### Popular website shuts down; free speech questioned

**Danielle Eckert**

*Staff Writer*

Although all citizens are allowed freedom of speech and a right to voice their own opinion by the first amendment, there are certain rules and regulations we must follow.

For instance, you can't scream fire in a crowded room because you could get arrested for placing a false threat on people.

The government and other organizations have policies regarding books, magazine articles and sometimes newspapers that may be harmful or too sensitive for some to read.

In school settings, the criteria seem to be much stronger, and administrators try to protect students from inappropriate content.

One controversial source of gossip comes from a popular college website called Juicy Campus.

Many college students are already familiar with the site and its content, but for those who aren't, it is a place to post anonymous information about anyone and anything you chose at the college campus of your choice.

Instead of being a place for

students to reveal secrets about themselves, it has become a source of some outrageous gossip stories.

They include the best looking professors, the best looking students, and information about many members of sports team, fraternities, and sororities.

The site has recently been shut down for apparent financial reasons.

It is stated that censorship policies have been trying to shut down the site for several months.

Why can newspapers publish stories without finding out all the facts, but stories that are posted anonymously with one's own opinion can be shut down?

There is no difference between college students trying to find humor and reports jumping to conclusions and giving the public wrong facts.

Many agree that Juicy Campus can be humiliating, and rumors about people spread through campus like wildfire.

Juicy Campus can cause a lot of pain for an individual who has had false information, but it takes a mature person to understand the concepts of posting on sites such as this.

If people cannot use the site in its intended form, then certain posts should be edited and controlled. The entire site should not be jeopardized and go under censorship.

The government and other censorship organizations should be spending more time on sites that are truly offensive to all people.

Sites that promote racial sexual or religious discrimination, not sites that are a place for others to discuss their thoughts freely and openly.

This does not mean that censorship should not exist. Articles that implant disturbing thoughts into the reader's head about murder, suicide or other illegal things should not be made available freely on the Internet.

People make arguments that Juicy Campus should have been shut down a long time ago, and criticize the people who write as having too much time on their hands and being immature.

But it is a free choice for those who view the site. Students look at the site knowing that they could see something they won't like to read or something they know is not true, but they look at it anyway.

The government should be more concerned with things such as advertisements that people can't control when they will see them or how they will be portrayed.

Juicy Campus being shut down may have helped people who felt intimidated by such postings, but it shows that we are now taking things too seriously, and letting stupid rumors that immature people spread too seriously.

We are getting worked up over things the majority of the population knows is not true.

We need a reality check and need to accept that rumors are always going to be spread and that we have to do our best to know who and what to trust.

## Cultural differences: East meets West

### Exchange student reflects on American experiences

**Qinshu Zu**

*Staff Writer*

It is common knowledge that cultural differences exist between eastern and western countries. Not until I came to United States and lived here for several months did I come to understand how different they really are.

Unlike in China, where the dishes are placed on the table and everybody shares, people have their own plate of food here.

Chinese people are proud of their culture of food and will do their best to give the guests a taste of many different types of cuisine.

For instance, I invited two of my American friends to my house and had some traditional Chinese food. They loved the cooked

vegetables and fried potatoes with some special Chinese seasoning instead of American cheese or salad dressing.

Of course, it was hard for them to use the chopsticks and they could not finish all of it because I prepared too many dishes for them.

Chinese custom says that the host should make at least one more dish than the number of guests; five dishes for four people.

I made rice, dumplings, vegetables and chicken, all of which were hot.

In China, people consider that only food that has been cooked or fried is acceptable because the high temperature kills any bacteria.

However, when I went to a restaurant or dining room here, I was offered cold and even frozen raw vegetables.

No wonder they are high in calories. Before I came here, I didn't even know people could eat raw vegetables and that they think that "fresh" broccoli or lettuce is

much better for people to digest.

The American way of greeting and parting have also confused me.

When I meet my friends, we greet each other, and there are certain expressions that we use, such as, "Have you eaten yet?" "What are you going to do?" or "Where have you been?" They are said to show consideration.

In America my friend will say, "Good morning/evening/afternoon," "What's up?" or "How is everything going?"

There is a conversation that takes place before the final parting. People always try to sound reluctant to leave by finding some reasons to go, and apologize to make their leaving acceptable for both parties.

They concentrate on the "I" perspective. For example, they say, "Well, it's nice to see you. I do enjoy talking with you but I have

# What do you have to say?

What is something healthy that you do that makes you feel good about yourself?



photo by Rebecca Job

"I exercise four or five times a week. It boosts my energy levels and makes the winter months more bearable."

**Lizzy Santana**  
Senior  
Health Science



photo by Rebecca Job

"I do 45 minutes on the elliptical and I'm going to do Yoga."

**Lauren DeMinico**  
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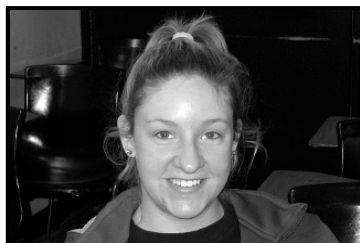


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"I like to go to the gym to attend the workout classes and go for walks with friends on nice days."

**Alissa Kennedy**  
Senior  
Communications



photo by Rebecca Job

"I sit on a stability ball, go to the gym, and I'm on the Cortland Dance Company."

**Angela Calvano**  
Senior  
Sport Management



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"I love to run. I'm not into the gym too much so I enjoy outdoor activities to keep in shape. I also enjoy health foods, which is a plus."

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## Culture

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to leave now,” or “Say hello to Rose for me.” Those words indicate that they will leave soon.

In China, we use the “you” perspective. Such expressions include, “You are so busy, I don’t want disturb you any more, hope you have some break or rest,” or “You must be tired, please go and have a rest, I’m leaving now,” etc.

My friends don’t understand why I always apologize for hanging out together, but in China, apologies show respect.

The greatest challenge might be the different way of thinking. I prefer to think in a spiral, casual way. I express my thoughts with a tactful method rather than saying something directly.

Americans, more often than not, are fond of a linear way of thinking. If there are choices offered to solve a problem, they like to choose the simplest one.

When I was shopping in the Syracuse, the clothes I purchased cost \$123.30.

I found I had \$200 and three dimes. I gave the cashier \$203 and the three dimes so that she could return me \$80, which I thought was more convenient for both of us.

But the cashier looked at me with a strange face. She thought I made things much more complicated than if I just gave her \$200.

I don’t intend to tell which is better or which is worse. I don’t believe that any cultures could be compared in order to reach a conclusion that one is the best.

What I have learned in China might not be suitable for using here.

I will get acquainted with the customs while living here. Like the saying goes, “While you are in Rome, do as Romans do.”

## The bong hit seen around the world

**Michael Phelps apologizes; sponsor drops Olympian**

**Lauren Schutt**  
*Staff Writer*

We’ve all heard the stories and we’ve all seen the Bumper Stickers on Facebook: the ones about our eight-time Olympic gold winner smoking a bong.

The picture of Michael Phelps was first seen in the British paper *News of the World*. It was taken in early November at a party at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Our nation’s swimming champion was not charged with anything, but USA Swimming suspended him from competitive swimming from three months and his endorsement contract with Kellogg was not renewed.

Phelps acknowledged his “regrettable” behavior and “bad judgment”, but the photo was seen as inaccurate.

The controversy is whether or not America should really care about what Michael Phelps does.

In a way, I can see how Phelps should just be seen as an average guy who can do whatever he pleases with his life.

It really is nobody’s business what Phelps does outside of the pool, even if he is doing drugs.

Since he claims that it doesn’t happen routinely, I don’t see why we should make a huge deal out of his one mistake.

However, despite what we should think about Phelps, he is seen as a national hero. I oppose all recreational drug use, which makes me think that Michael Phelps is a disgrace to his country.

Phelps competed in the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing and received a record amount of gold

medals. Almost every man, woman and child looks up to Phelps and his determination. But when word got out about his recent drug use, I was disappointed.

To think that this champion would turn his back and do something this disgraceful is almost unbelievable. But, this wasn’t his first drug offense.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in 2004 and was on probation for 18 months. He was also fined \$250 and had to speak to high school students about drinking and driving.

You would have thought that Phelps would have learned his lesson and realized that this would be a mistake he would not want to make again.

All the young Americans that strive to be just like Michael Phelps are now getting the idea in their heads that drug use is acceptable, when it’s not.

They may be starting to think that if Phelps succeeded so well while using drugs, that they can also smoke pot and still be able to achieve greatness.

While there is no proof that shows marijuana is addictive or that it leads to failure, I think it is disgusting.

Phelps may have thought that he looked cool when he walked into that college party and showed everyone that he knew what he was doing when he lit up, but a lot of people, including me, find it to be a turn-off.

Even though Phelps apologized for his mistake, it cannot be completely forgiven. He got off easy.

A little public humiliation is all he got, which shows that celebrities, or more importantly sports heroes, often get cut some slack.

## RANTS AND RAVES

**Students of Cortland sound off on their loves and hates**

“We need more laundry machines in the dorms. If you get unlucky with them you’ll end up waiting all day.”

**Allie Lee**  
**Sociology**

“I love my sorority and all the girls in it.”

**Nicole Horak**  
**Psychology**

“I hate the strict residence hall policies regarding overnight guests.”

**Ryan Cox**  
**Communications**

“There’s not enough diversity on campus. Everyone looks and dresses the same.”

**Allison Keiser**  
**Elementary Education**

“I hate the limited seating at Hilltop. It’s always so crowded.”

**Brittany Minnoe**  
**Criminology**

“I wish there was more student parking on campus closer to the classrooms.”

**Katie Greene**  
**Psychology**

“The sidewalks are way too slippery when the weather is bad. They need to shovel and use more rock salt.”

**Aisha Lashley-Thomas**  
**Health Science**

“When are they going to finish all the construction already? It makes the campus look terrible.”

**Katie Allen**  
**Geographic Information Systems**

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## Did I miss the memo?

**Texting becoming more than just a fun distraction**

**Eric Feuer**  
*Staff Writer*

With everyone back in the swing of things and classes have moved past “syllabus week” and re-acquainting students with learning, I’ve noticed something, an epidemic of sorts. People are attached, even addicted, to their phones.

I see people texting as they walk around campus. They walk with their heads looking down at their phones, not paying attention to what is going on around them.

Girls text away in class like their lives depend on it, as if the whole world will end if they don’t get that one last text sent.

I’m not saying that you shouldn’t carry your phones with you, or that texting while your walking to class is a problem.

However, the amount of time

that people spend racing their thumbs across the keypad is kind of scary.

A girl in one of my classes was caught texting in class. You’d think that she wouldn’t text again right? Wrong. We watched a movie, and she texted the whole time.

When the movie was over, she continued to text through the remainder of class. I just couldn’t understand it.

Maybe it’s a girl thing, but I’ve seen plenty of guys who can’t keep from texting.

I’ve come to notice that texting has even made its way to the gym, which just makes things worse.

To me, the gym is about distancing yourself from the world for a small amount of time.

You focus on the music playing either from the speakers or your iPod, and concentrate on lifting, running or doing whatever it is you do in the gym.

Yet I see one phone after another in girls’ hands while they run or bike, and even some of the guys text in between sets.

To me that just ruins your concentration. But to each his own I guess.

If it sounds like I’m anti-texting, I’m not; I think it’s a great use of the phone.

But there is a time and place for it, and to me texting in class is as rude as sleeping. You clearly aren’t paying attention, and you are just wasting your time and the teacher’s.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“  
**Happiness can exist only in acceptance.**”

- **George Orwell**

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## Cortland's Gospel Choir's 2009 Cultural Celebration

Cortland plans Music Celebration for Sunday, Feb. 22

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Cortland's Africana Studies Department will present a "Gospel Choir 2009 Cultural Celebration," featuring the Cortland Gospel Choir, on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The admission price is \$2 for students; \$4 for faculty, staff and senior citizens; and \$5 for general admission.

The program will begin at 4 p.m. in Old Main's Brown Auditorium.

This performance is something that you will not want to miss. Cortland's Gospel Choir never fails to present the campus with an outstanding presentaion of spiritual music.

Within minutes of each performance the audience is out of their seats clapping and singing along to the music.

February's concert will be no exception, as the choir will be feaurting many special guests along with an array of returning performers.

Distinguished Teaching Professor of Political Science Seth Asumah, chair of the Africana Studies Department, will offer a welcome to open the program.

The Cortland Gospel Choir, under the direction of Robert Brown, Adjunct Professor in Africana Studies and Communication Studies, will



provided by Sam Kelley

### The Gospel Choir performs inthe Exhibition Lounge.

perform the opening and closing music for the celebration.

The group will sing "I Will Bless the Lord" and "Faithful Is Our God," by Hezekiah Walker; "Perfect Praise," by Richard Smallwood; "Press Towards the Mark," by Norman Hutchings; and "Total Praise," by Richard Smallwood.

The soloist for "Perfect Praise," will be Sulema Iriarte and for "Total Praise," is Mark Santiago.

The Christ Presbyterian and United Community Church Choir, directed by Marina Gorelaya, will join the celebration as a guest choir.

They will sing two spirituals: "Let My People Go," adapted and arranged by Roger Emerson, and "Ride On Moses," by Maurice Gardner.

Sharon and Bill Holbert, also of Christ Presbyterian Church, will present a duet, "Wayfaring Stranger," a traditional American Folk Spiritual.

Members Dorothy Thomas '77 and Sharon Holbert will

perform "My Tribute," by Andrae Crouch.

Thomas will also present a piano performance of "Colors of the Wind," from Pocahontas.

Noelle Paley, Adjunct Professor of Africana Studies and Philosophy, will sing "Amazing Grace" and "Wade In the Water."

The Cortland Africana Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Yomee Lee, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sport Studies, will present "Kuku."

The Gospel Choir musicians will offer a jazz set. The musicians will be saxophonist Jamie Yaman of Cortland; keyboardist Andy Rudy, bass guitarist Reggie Siegler, percussionist Benjamin Terry and trombone player Robert Brown, all from Syracuse.

Support for the event comes from the Gospel Choir, the Black Student Union, the Caribbean Student Association and the Student Activity Fee.

Gifts to the program will support the Gospel Choir 2009 European Trip to Germany.

## Valentine's Day bash at Red Jug

Students enjoy Valentine's Day at Jug's themed party

Andrew Harrison Staff Writer

### REVIEW

Last Thursday's Valentine's Day themed party at Red Jug was a lingerie and pajama party.

Let's be completely honest, we know that when there is a themed party it generally means that the girls will dress to impress and the guys will enjoy the scenery.

The special for the night was 2-4-1 pitchers, but the price of the pitcher was \$9.25 so you were basically paying for two pitchers anyway.

The real party did not start until about 1am when they brought out the make shift stage and started the competitions for best couple, best lingerie, and so on.

The girls, and sometimes guys, would get on stage and dance around to some hip-hop music trying to draw cheers from the crowd.

It was never mentioned what the prizes were that were given to the winners of each category, but it seemed that the pride of being the winner was the true prize.

Considering that this was a Lingerie party, the contests were pretty tame.

Sometimes when you mix a large crowd and alcohol with a contest that is based on cheers you sometimes find some inhibitions thrown to the wind, but the Red Jug had a very successful and tasteful Valentines party.

It's a great bar to attend on any given night, they are constantly having evening specials and they are very attentive to their customers. My friends and I will typically find ourselves stopping on down there on Friday evenings for happy hour.

The wonderful special of free food and three pints for five dollars on Fridays before nine is very difficult to tear myself away from.

Everyone hates being out and

*"The girls, and sometimes guys, would get on stage and dance around to some hip-hop music trying to draw cheers from the crowd."*

finding yourself waiting for 20 minutes until a bartender spots you looking to get a drink, and the Jug has remedied that

by having a full staff of bartenders behind the bar when it gets busy.

Overall, whether the Jug is having a themed party or not they can usually be counted on to host an evening of fun.

## RHA's "Feed The Sexy" donates canned goods

Student's donate goods in exchange for a raffle to win a date

Samantha Ficken Staff Writer

The Resident Hall Association (RHA) is famous for finding creative and fun ways to include the student body in campus activities. "Feed the Sexy", an event which took place on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was no exception.

"Feed the Sexy" was a charity event, which encouraged students to donate canned goods to local soup kitchen Loaves and Fishes.

Students got involved in the

community by donating a canned good and as a result of their donation they became involved on campus as well by receiving a raffle ticket to potentially win a date.

Once a student donated a can, he or she would receive a raffle ticket, and then the ticket could be used to win a date to the Caleion Room with a lucky volunteer.

Each date walked out on the stage to a provocative song of choice and sold his or herself.

"I thought it was a lot of fun. It's not every day you get to walk down a cat walk, so I just had fun with it," said contestant and RHA

e-board member Nick Battiste.

The contestants submitted three real or fictional facts about themselves to be announced while they were walking down the cat walk.

"Some of the things

*"The event was a lot of fun to be a part of and it was also helping a good cause. I think the contestants as well as the audience members were feeling really good about helping out."*

contestants put down were really funny and helped keep the auction enjoyable. It showed that everyone was there to have a good time and raise money," said Marie Rubio.

250 cans were donated during the event in addition to an

overwhelming amount of monetary contributions.

"It was a good idea of giving food instead of just money. It was really creative, and it was awesome to donate so much to the soup kitchen," said Julie Whittam, an RHA member.

"The event was a lot of fun to be a part of and it was also helping a good cause. I think the contestants as well as the audience members were feeling really good about helping out," said Jerry Iovine, who was also auctioned off for a date.

"I was really excited to help out in such a fun and creative way," said Iovine. RHA coordinates many of the events on campus.

It is an organization that tries

to get the student body involved in new ways.

Last semester RHA hosted a "Call of Duty 4" contest, as well as a carnival in the beginning of the fall semester.

"I would definitely encourage students to participate in RHA events, because you get to meet a lot of people and it is a great alternative to drinking," said Battiste.

"We are always encouraging people to join in and also to join the hall counsels in the resident halls and to pay attention to the many events and fundraisers RHA hosts," said Battiste.

## Grammys 2009: Big winners, big tears, big controversy

The drama filled night led to a whole new artist line up

**Katelyn Byrd**  
Contributing Writer

Broadcasted through CBS, the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Grammy Awards took place at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, on Sunday, Feb. 8.

The Grammys, which are known for its edge in not only nominees and presenters, but also in fashion as well, made no apologies for the rock n' roll personality it displayed throughout the night.

With a full assortment of performers spread out throughout the evening, along with a new batch of fresh faces added to the musical red carpet it was a shame to see that the event was overshadowed by the controversy involving R&B's sweethearts Chris Brown and Rhianna.

Reports began to surface very early on in the night, with rumors swirling that neither of them would be appearing.

Because of this suspected assault and the circumstances it

involved, the Grammy performances had to be quickly shifted around, with Justin Timberlake, Al Green and Boys II Men, taking over Chris Brown's performance spot.

Despite the hurdles that were placed before Grammy coordinators, the show continued forward with attitude and style.

Other performers included, Grammy beloved U2, tween sensations and newly announced best friends, Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus, as well as the unconventional duet of Chris Martin from Coldplay with Jay-Z.

Although most performances were on top of their game, like the very pregnant rapper M.I.A, who collaborated with T.I., Lil' Wayne, and Jay-Z, on their smash hit "Swagger Like Us," there were other acts that made teeth grit and heads shake.

Immortalized by most Disney fans, the Jonas Brothers, who sang "Superstitious" with the great Stevie Wonder, unfortunately left many wondering what happened to the lyrics.

What should have been a dream come true for the three brothers, was damaged by the youngest, Nick, who made up his own inaudible lyrics to the song.

While this lyrical confusion

put a damper on the Jonas Brothers, other artists had a much better night.

The main winners of the night, were country singer Allison Krauss and the notorious Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin, who led the pack with five Grammys, for the album "Raising Sand."

Other big winners included Coldplay, who despite their legal matters involving guitarist Joe Satriani, who claims he wrote "Viva La Vida," the song that kept the band on the airwaves this year, won three Grammys.

For British songbird Adele, the night could only give her optimism for her continuing career in the music industry. Her harmonious vocals and range combined with her heartfelt lyrics helped her take home the coveted "Best New Artist" and "Best Female Pop Vocal."

Lil Wayne, who topped the charts throughout the year for his over-the-top beats and personality, also reigned supreme at the show, taking with him four statues for his rhymes.

Despite the drama that plagued the night, the 2009 Grammys truly showed why it is known as the most controversial and notorious event. But isn't that what Rock n' Roll is all about?

## The Poetry Corner

### The Stain

**Sarah Gentillon**  
Contributing Writer

Bulging eyes frozen in place  
moving lips with no sound  
the mind whispers its questions  
coming from all sorts of directions

Beaming eyes signal outrageous curiosity

The stain  
it holds her back with no other choice  
she remains Frozen  
The stain speaks for her  
her language exists no more  
it tells her all she needs to know

even the lies she wants to hear  
foolish  
It laughs  
it's taking over  
weakness is all she feels  
the body she owns is dead  
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The stain shows its strength  
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# Codas Part XL: The Combat Renewed

## Carmen holds a child close to her to protect it from Iscariot

Andrew Hamilton  
Contributing Writer

The dark priest descended from the house of Judas Iscariot whirled around, swinging his sword with terrible violence through the air as he scanned his surroundings for a trace of his hidden foe. "Show yourself, wretched vampire."

At the perverted holy man's feet, his subordinate, Carmen, held a child close to her in an effort to protect him from the Iscariot's wrath. Emanuel, the child, merely looked on passively as the man who would be his executioner continued his heated search for the boy's Guardian vampire, Alucard.

At length the Iscariot looked down to the child, seething viciously. "Very well then..." He growled, raising his blade to deliver the strike of death. "...if you

will not reveal yourself, I will destroy your demonic master."

Emanuel closed his eyes. "Father, forgive this wretched man in service to you as I know you will. He knows not what he does."

Ah, forgiveness, that is the nature of those who have the blessing of the Creator." A gaunt, chilling voice murmured from behind the dark priest.

"What's the greater insult to our Lord is that you are so blinded by your perverted faith that you do not see that you unwittingly serve His enemies in His name."

The Iscariot lowered his sword; strangely, he seemed to calm down at the sound of the gnarly voice behind him.

One could even imagine a smile forming beneath the bandages on his face. "And would you, damned creature, call yourself a saint in serving this child, this false idol of His only Son?"

He said as he turned around to face his enemy. "What place does a chimera of nightmare like you claim by the right hand of power? Have you forgotten your place in the Inferno, vampire dog?"

Alucard replied to the Iscariot with a toothy, yet weakened grin. He appeared paler than usual. Even his gnarled auburn hair seemed to have grayed since earlier that evening.

"As one of the thirteen Guardians, my place is with the child. You have received the call to be a Guardian yourself, and yet you flatter yourself to think that through that title alone you have found the source of the evil on earth and are about to vanquish it.

You near-sighted vermin!" The vampire barked. "In attacking that boy, you merely become Judas, Pontius, and Herod all-in-one reincarnate. Jury, judge, and traitorous executioner of the one who blesses you most."

Seeing the vampire's weakened state, the Iscariot nodded toward the rising sun on the horizon.

"And what guidance have you but that of the Prime Evil? 'Have no fear the heat o' the sun,' those blessed by the Father have nothing to hide from the daylight." His enshrouded grin may have grown wider at this point. "Yet you

can barely stand in the sunshine. So yes, 'holy Guardian,' show me the path of righteousness.

Form the bridge that will lead me back over the troubled waters of deceit that I have fallen through. Ha, no, it is I who stand with Him at my side.

"I believe in the holy ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Amen, amen. Amen."

"And yet there is one thing of which I wonder." The Iscariot continued.

"I blessed the doorways of the church I left you defeated in myself. There was not an unholy presence that could enter or leave that holy shrine without my consent. How did your wretchedness pass through to come here?"

"Let that be the proof to you that we Guardians are to protectors of the Almighty's will on earth, and not the unholy creatures you believe us to be." The vampire replied.

"But if that is the case,

where is your ally? Where is the great warrior and 'Guardian', Beowulf?" The Iscariot spat mockingly.

"He drives and rushes for you now."

The Iscariot quickly looked to his right, where the war-cry came from, just in time to see a hulking warrior in Scandinavian war gear bearing down upon him at great speed with a vicious-looking broadsword.

The Iscariot dove to the side just in time to evade the cleaving swoop of Beowulf's monstrous blade.

The dark priest then launched his own sword forward and struck it into the warrior's back.

However, though blood flowed from the wound he had inflicted, the rage in his foe's fiery eyes showed no sign that the Guardian would concede the fight so easily.

To be continued...

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## The Lantern Festival of China

The Lantern Festival in China occurs in the first lunar month

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Feb. 9 2009 marked the date of the Lantern Festival in China.

It falls on the 15th day of the first lunar month, usually in February or March in the Gregorian calendar.

As early as the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 25), it had become a festival with great significance.

This day's important activity is watching lanterns. Throughout the Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 220), Buddhism flourished in China.

One emperor heard that Buddhist monks would watch sarira, or remains from the cremation of Buddha's body, and light lanterns to worship Buddha on the 15th day of the first lunar month, so he ordered to light lanterns in the imperial palace and temples to show respect to Buddha on this day.

Later, the Buddhist rite developed into a grand festival among common people and its influence expanded from the Central Plains to the whole of China.

Up until today, the lantern festival is still held each year around the country.

Lanterns of various shapes and sizes are hung in the streets, attracting countless visitors.

Children will hold self-made or bought lanterns to stroll with on the streets, extremely excited.

Guessing lantern riddles is an essential part of the Festival.



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The special food for the festival is rice dumplings.

Lantern owners write riddles on a piece of paper and post them on the lanterns.

If visitors have solutions to the riddles, they can pull the paper out and go to the lantern owners to check their answer.

If they are right, they will get a small gift. The activity emerged during people's enjoyment of lanterns in the Song Dynasty (960-1279).

As riddle guessing is interesting and full of wisdom, it has become popular among all social strata.

People will eat yuanxiao (see picture above), or rice dumplings, on this day, so it is also called the "Yuanxiao Festival."

Yuanxiao also has another name, tangyuan. It is small dumpling balls made of glutinous rice flour with rose petals, sesame, bean paste, jujube paste, walnut meat, dried fruit, sugar and edible oil as filling.

Tangyuan can be boiled, fried or steamed. It tastes sweet and delicious. What's more, tangyuan in Chinese has a similar pronunciation with "tuanyuan," meaning reunion.

So people eat them to denote union, harmony and happiness for the family.

During the daytime part of the festival, performances such as a dragon lantern dance, a lion dance, a land boat dance, a yangge dance, walking on stilts and beating drums while dancing will be staged.

On the night, except for magnificent lanterns, fireworks form a beautiful scene.

Most families spare some fireworks from the Spring Festival and let them off in the Lantern Festival.

Some local governments will even organize a fireworks party.

On the night when the first full moon enters the New Year, people become intoxicated by the imposing fireworks and bright moon in the sky.

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## Women's hockey loses twice to RIT

**Red Dragons end home schedule with back-to-back losses**

**Dan Curtis**  
*Staff Writer*

The woes for the women's ice hockey team continued last weekend with back-to-back losses to RIT in the Red Dragons final two home games of the season 5-2 and 7-1.

Julia Fleming scored Cortland's only goal of the game in the third period. The score was Fleming's second of the season.

Cortland senior goalie Melissa Stern did her part in weathering the attack by setting her career high save total Saturday night with 52.

"Melissa did a great job for us yesterday," said Cortland head coach Earl Utter. "Knowing Melissa, I'm sure that she wishes that she had a couple of those goals back; but overall, I think she did great."

Cortland juniors Jeanna Dippel and Maggie Henty scored the teams only two goals on Friday night while freshmen Amanda Maddalena, and Danielle Scharf, along with sophomore Meghan Ward each tallied assists.

With the season's unpleasant turnout, Utter is left pondering the team's accomplishments and failures.

"I am not pleased with the position we finished in, but I am very happy with the direction we have started to move in," said Utter. "I think we will continue to improve; I think we have done well, but I think we could have done better."

Facing off head to head in the past two weeks against, arguably, two of the best teams in the nation (RIT and Plattsburgh) has been a

learning experience for this young Cortland team. "I think our kids learned that you have to do the little things right consistently and at a faster pace," said Utter. "I think they also learned how important being strong is in women's hockey."

Although the team has only three victories to show for the season so far, they have competed in a handful of very close contests throughout the year.

"I think we are very close to getting to where we would like to be. A lot of our development depends on what our returners do over the summer and what new players we can add into our team next year."

Looking toward next season and the future beyond, Utter has made his agenda very clear.

He's very adamant about building the women's hockey program from the ground up. The goals include reaching the playoffs and also bring in solid recruits who can fit the system and help the team reach new heights in the near future.

Utter also mentioned updating the current facilities to meet new standards. "[We should] work towards making our facility a special place for our athletes, where they never want to leave and a place that is as at the same level as the other athletic facilities on campus."

The Red Dragons will be looking to finish off the season strong tomorrow and Saturday with two games scheduled away at Elmira College. The Soaring Eagles are 18-3-1 overall this season and 14-1 in ECAC competition.

"I think we put ourselves into a lot of experience building situations this year that will only help us down the road," said Utter.

## A-Rod comes 'clean'

**Multiple-time MVP admits steroid use in ESPN interview**

**Gabe Schaub**  
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The "steroid era" in baseball received a new revelation last Monday when the New York Yankees third baseman, and three-time AL Most Valuable Player, Alex Rodriguez, admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I did take a banned substance. And for that I am very sorry and deeply regretful," said Rodriguez to ESPN's Peter Gammons in an exclusive interview.

When asked directly by Gammons whether he used PED's from 2001-2003, Rodriguez said, "That's pretty accurate, yes."

This time period of admitted PED use comes during a time in which he played for the Texas Rangers. In 2001 he signed the largest contract in sports history, which totaled \$252 million over ten years.

Rodriguez blamed himself as well as his contract for his PED use. He stated, "I felt a tremendous pressure to play, and play really well...I felt like I had the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day."

He also put some of the blame on playing in the heat of Texas, stating, "Can I have an edge just to get out there and play every day?"

Rodriguez added: "I am very sorry for my Texas years. I apologize to the fans of Texas."

Sources who know about testing results told Sports Illustrated that Rodriguez tested positive for testosterone and Primobolan, an anabolic steroid. In the interview, Rodriguez said that he did not know exactly which substance or substances he was taking.

"Again, it was a loosey-goosey era," Rodriguez said. "I'm guilty for a lot of things. I'm guilty for being negligent, naïve, not asking all the right questions. And to be quite honest, I don't know exactly what substance I was guilty of using."

The confession came 48 hours after Sports Illustrated reported that was on a list of 104 players who tested positive for banned substances in 2003.

The positive test in question was used as part of a survey by Major League Baseball to determine if mandatory, random drug testing would be necessary.

In 2003, there were no penalties for a positive result. According to the Mitchell Report, all of the 104 players who tested positive for a banned substance were contacted in 2004 regarding the test.

Rodriguez said that he was unsure if he had failed the test or not until Sports Illustrated contacted him earlier this week.

Rodriguez claims that Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the MLB players association, told him that he might, or might not have tested positive in a 2004 conversation. There have also been allegations against Orza about tipping off players about upcoming drug tests.

"Any allegations that Gene Orza or any other MLBPA official acting improperly are wrong," said Donald Fehr, the Union Head of the MLBPA.

President Barack Obama, in his first prime-time news conference, remarked, "If you're a fan of Major League Baseball I think it tarnishes an entire era, to some degree...And it's unfortunate, because I think there were a lot of ballplayers who played it straight."

A-Rod averaged 13 more homers, 12 more runs batted in, and 12 more games played from 2001-2003 than the other ten full seasons he played.

## Coston

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about he is that he may be an even better track star than he is basketball player. In his senior year at Rondout Valley, he set the state record for high jump with an astonishing six feet seven inches.

It was his track ability that originally brought Coston to Cortland. The road to the basketball team was not an easy one for him.

The Cortland coaches did not seem interested in him until they saw what he could do on the court. As a freshman, he walked onto the team and hasn't looked back.

Rather than giving up his track career once he reached his goal of playing basketball, he took on the challenging role of a two sport athlete.

He represents Cortland in the triple jump and the high jump. He performed well enough last season to be invited to the ECAC Championships in both the triple jump and the high jump.

Q: If you were able to devote all of your time to track, how successful of a runner do you think you could be?

A: I feel that I could be all-state. Basketball takes up most of my time, and it's hard not devoting all year to it. It's something I do in the spring time, but if I had the chance I would be all-state.

Q: What direction do you see your team going in the near future?

A: We're only losing two players, Carson Niehoff and Juan Miolan. Granted, they're good players, but we have a lot of guys returning and a lot of guys with experience will be back. We should be very competitive for the next few years.

Q: What's your favorite thing about campus life?

A: How diverse it is. There are people from all over the region. Having that diversity around you all of the time gives you new perspectives on things. Kerhonkson is a small town, and there isn't as much of it at home.

Q: As a fan of sports, who are your favorite teams to root for, and why?

A: The Chicago Bulls from 1993-98. There was nothing better than the Michael Jordan era. Once he retired and they changed the intro theme song, I was done with the NBA. Duke has always been my favorite college basketball team to root for.

Q: What are your goals after graduation?

A: I would really like to be a middle school teacher. What I really want to be is a gym teacher so after I am finished with Cortland, I want to pursue a master's degree in physical education.

## Red Dragons honor this week's top athletes

**Zanetti and Spiers both crucial for their teams' success**

**Cameron Daniels**  
*Staff Writer*

Jake Zanetti, a junior on the men's Track and Field team, along with Christina Speirs, a freshman on the Women's Gymnastics team were named Cortland's Athletes of the Week for the week ending February 10.

Christina Speirs (Plainview/Plainview-Old Bethpage) was recognized for her performance in a dual meet Sunday against Springfield College.

Speirs placed first in balance beam and second in the vault on February 5. Cortland held on for the win by three points as they defeated Springfield 184.25 to 181.25.

The difference in the match for Cortland was the balance beam, outscoring the Pride 46.425 to 42.60.

The Red Dragons outscored Springfield by just less than a tenth of a point on the vault, while Springfield edged Cortland on the bars and floor exercise by a total of .9 points combined.

She was crucial for the Red Dragons in the victory, as her 9.450 was good enough for first in the beam.

Spiers led the Red Dragons in the event as Cortland held the top five spots in the event.

She also finished second in the vault, as she and teammate Christine Haungs each had a 9.60 and only missed first place by 0.05. Speirs' 9.45 on the balance beam and 9.6 on the vault were both career-highs for her.

Speirs, along with the rest of the gymnastics team will have several opportunities to add to their career highs as the Red Dragons have two meets left, one with Brockport on February 21 and a

home meet with Ithaca on February 28.

The season concludes with the ECAC Championships on March 7, and then the NCAA Division III Championships on March 20 and 21.

Zanetti (Saratoga Springs HS) had an impressive performance at the Syracuse Invitational on February 7. Zanetti was one of Cortland's nine top ten finishers in the Invitational.

He was also part of Cortland's first and second place finish in the pole vault. Zanetti took first in the event while junior Joe Keleher finished second.

Zanetti broke his own record by clearing 16' 1", while Keleher finished with a 15' 5" jump. Zanetti cleared his own record of 16' 0.25" by .75 inches. He had set his previous record last season.

Zanetti's 16' 1" vault not only broke his own record, but it also set the school and SUNYAC records.

With their first and second

place finishes, both Zanetti and Keleher have provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships.

The national championships are scheduled for March 13 and 14, one week after the ECAC Championships, which begin March 7. Besides Zanetti and Keleher, Cortland qualified three other athletes for the ECAC Championships.

Zanetti's impressive performance also earned him SUNYAC honors. Besides setting the SUNYAC record, Zanetti was named the SUNYAC Men's Indoor Field Athlete of the Week for the week ending February 8.

Zanetti also earned this honor in December. Zanetti will have chances to improve on his record with two Cornell events on February 14 and 21, before the SUNYAC Championships and then the ECAC and NCAA Championships.

## Red Dragons basketball split conference tilts

**Cortland victorious against Oneonta, but fall to Buffalo State**

**Mark Nader**  
Staff Writer

Cortland was victorious in a 72-64 SUNYAC victory last Tuesday over conference leader Oneonta, and then fell to Buffalo State 77-66 last Friday.

The first half was close throughout. Cortland would take an early 18-9 off of a Carson Niehoff three which capped a 7-0 run. However, Oneonta was quick to respond with a 11-2 run of their off to tie it up at 20-20.

The two teams would continue to battle back and forth ending in a 28-28 score at half time. Mike Lewis and Juan Miolan lead the Red Dragons with eight and seven points apiece respectively.

"Defensively we played well keeping the ball in front of us and holding them to one shot positions," said Head Coach Tom Spanbauer, whose team finished plus five on rebounds.

"Offensively we had good looks, but they weren't going in. But good shots eventually fall," he added.

Halfway through the second half the visiting Red Dragons took a five point lead. Michael Grounds stole Ron Evans' inbound pass and got the ball to teammate Troy Talbot who was fouled by Evans. Talbot would make one of two free throws giving Oneonta a 50-45 lead with 10:20 to play.

Cortland would then go on their second 7-0 run of the game with Chris Milke making a tip in scoring two of his six points, giving the home team the 52-50 lead. Oneonta would take the lead back with a Brian Beckford three which gave Oneonta a one point, 58-57 lead.

The Red Dragons would respond defensively on Oneonta's next offensive possession with a steal from Ron Evans who pushed the ball up to Will Coston who converted a layup while being fouled. He would make the free throw giving Cortland a 61-57 lead.

Cortland would keep the lead from then on with Oneonta unable to knock down their shots as Cortland would hit free throws to

seal the victory. Cortland would make five of their six free throws with less than one minute remaining giving them the 72-64 win.

Coston led the team with 15 points while Miolan, Evans and Paul Oliver all contributed 12, with Oliver leading the team with eight rebounds.

Maurice Lane paced Oneonta, finishing with 17. Cortland moved to 11-10 overall and 8-4 in SUNYAC play while Oneonta dropped to 14-8 and 9-4 in conference.

Coming off of an impressive win at home over SUNY Oneonta, the Red Dragons showed they could close a game out. However, in their loss, Buffalo State showed they could do the same.

Tied at 24, with a little over eight minutes to go, Cortland went on a 10-0 run giving them a 34-24 with 3:24 left to play in the first half. However, the Bengals were quick to take back the momentum, responding by scoring the final seven points of the half cutting the Red Dragon lead to three with a score of 36-33 at halftime.

"We played well in the first half except those last two minutes. Buffalo State was able to play at their tempo and we lost our comfort level" said head coach Tom Spanbauer.

After Buffalo State opened the second half on a 10-2 run, Cortland would come back 54-52 with a three from Carson Niehoff with 10:08.

This would be the last time Cortland would lead as Jamar Gray

hit a jumper less than a minute later tying the game. Down five, Niehoff hit his third and last three cutting the Bengals' lead to one.

However, Buffalo State would continue to score until the end finishing with a 77-66 score in favor of Buffalo State.

Niehoff led the Red Dragons with 16 as Juan Miolan and Paul Oliver added 15 and 14 respectively.

Jamar Gray had a game high of 18 while teammate, James Tyndal contributed 17 in the win. Buffalo State improved to 12-9 and 9-4 in SUNYAC while Cortland fell one game behind Buffalo in conference play with a SUNYAC record of 8-5 and 11-11 overall.

As of Monday, Cortland had three games remaining in conference play against Potsdam, Brockport and Fredonia, all of which are on the road.

These three opponents are currently in the bottom half of the league in standings. "This is a big week for us. We need to continue to improve play and address areas that need improvement. We sometimes lack consistency on both offense and defense and we need to expand this consistency that goes on throughout the game," Coach Spanbauer said.

Spanbauer added there are many possibilities for the playoffs. Cortland currently is fifth in the conference standings but are able to jump as high as the one seed and low as the seventh.

## SUNYAC

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and the 50-yard freestyle (Barnoski).

On the other end of the pool in three-meter diving, sophomore Danielle McCarthy took 8th place and senior Jeannine McNamara and Lauren Kazenowski took 14th and 15th. On the men's side, freshman Travis Burke took 13th and sophomore Mihali Tzetzis took 16th. In one-meter diving McNamara took 8th and McCarthy 11th. On the men's side Tzetzis took 8th and Burke took 11th.

Those who swam NCAA b-cut times on the women's team include Houseman, Bergquist, Barnoski, and Neddo. On the men's team Evans, Hilker, McCabe, VanSickle, Moessinger, and Young all made B-cuts.

"It was very gratifying to see the hard work everyone put in pay off at the end of the season," said Brian Tobin head coach for both teams. The regular season is over but some team members will travel to NYU this weekend for time trials and one last chance to make a national cut.

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# Sports



## Cortland Athletics Scores

### MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Cortland 3  
Brockport 5  
Next: Friday vs. Potsdam

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland 66  
Buffalo State 76  
Next: Tuesday @ Potsdam

### MEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

Cortland: 2nd place out of 9 @ SUNYAC Championships  
Next: Saturday @ NYU Last Chance Meet

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING/DIVING

Cortland: 4th place out of 9 @ SUNYAC Championships  
Next: Saturday @ NYU Last Chance Meet

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland 53  
Buffalo State 25  
Next: Tuesday @ Potsdam

### WRESTLING

Cortland 9  
Ithaca 25  
Next: Saturday @ ECAC's

## Athletes of the Week



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**Dan Evans**  
**Swimming & Diving**  
Won three individual events at SUNYACs; named Most Outstanding Male Swimmer



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**Taylor Houseman**  
**Swimming & Diving**  
Broke two individual records at SUNYACs

## Swimming has strong showing at SUNYACs

Cortland men grab second place while women earn fourth

**Samantha Long**  
*Staff Writer*

Both men's and women's Swimming and Diving teams traveled to Buffalo last weekend to compete against eight other SUNY teams in the conference championships.

The men's team placed second for the fourth year in a row with 609 points behind Geneseo who had 967 points. The women's team placed fourth with 528 points behind New Paltz, Oswego, and Geneseo who took first with 865 points.

There were some outstanding performances on both the men's and women's teams. On the men's side, junior Dan Evans set a school record in all seven of his events (three individual and four relays).

He took first and made NCAA B-cut times in all three of his individual events, including the 100-yard freestyle, which he also set a new SUNYAC meet record in with a time of 00:45.73. Evans' wins helped to earn the team 202 points and he was named Outstanding Male Swimmer of the meet.

Overall, eight school records were broken on the men's side and



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### Cortland's Brett Poffenbarger swims the 200-yard breast stroke at SUNYACs.

nine on the women's side. On the men's side those records include Evans' 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle races, the 400-yard freestyle relay (Evans, Matt Young, Caleb VanSickle and Drew Hilker), the 800-yard freestyle relay (Hilker, Jeff Moessinger, VanSickle, and Evans), the 200-yard freestyle relay (Evans, Hilker, James McCabe, and Matt Young), the 400-yard medley relay (Dan Drew,

Hilker, Evans, and Brett Poffenbarger). Senior Dave Dow also broke the 1,000-yard freestyle record with his split in the 1,650-yard freestyle breaking assistant coach Corey Ryon's previous record from 1997. Dow placed third in the event.

Record breaking swims on the women's side included the 400-yard medley relay (Krista Bergquist, Taylor Houseman, Liz

Neddo and Kristin Barnoski), the 200-yard medley relay (same as 400-yard), and the 800-yard freestyle relay (Kate Molzan, Sam Buckley, Neddo, Meg Donlevy).

Also, the Red Dragons broke records in the 100-yard breaststroke (Houseman), the 100-yard backstroke (Bergquist), the 200-yard breaststroke (Houseman), the 200-yard freestyle (Donlevy), the 1,650-yard freestyle (Neddo),

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## Red Dragon junior is an all-around talent

Coston has excelled as a Cortland two-sport athlete

**Paul Dagiolo**  
*Staff Writer*

This week's spotlight features junior point guard Willie Coston. This dedicated student athlete is having his best season, averaging 8.2 points per game to go along with 3.2 assists per game and a team high of 41 steals.

It is clear that Coston plays for the love of the game and his passion on the court is matched only by his hard work ethic off of it.

Willie Coston was born in Rhineback and lived there for the first five years of his life.

When he was five, his family moved to the rural town of Kerhonkson. That is about the same time in life that he began to pick up the game of basketball.

He spent hours on end practicing on a hoop outside of his

house and when he was six, he started playing in local basketball clinics in order to hone his game. Coston's game really took off when he started playing in the Rochester Youth league.

All of his life Coston was asked to play a league up with older guys, because he was athletically ahead of his peers. By the time he was in eighth grade, he played junior varsity for his local high school.

As a freshman, he played all of one game of JV before the coach moved him up to varsity the same year.

His accomplishments on the court in high school would only improve as time went on. As a sophomore he made his first big impact by starting every game for Rondout Valley High School.

As a junior, Coston was second team all-league and was first team after his senior season. Unfortunately, both his junior and senior years ended in the sectional finals at the hand of Red Hook.

What people may not know  
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**Junior Willie Coston is a key member of both the basketball and track & field teams at SUNY Cortland.**