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WHAT'S GOING ON?

House of Fashion's fashion show to be held Saturday

The 4th Annual House of Fashion's fashion show will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Corey Function Room.

The event will feature music by "Da College Choice DJ" Selectah2Nyce. Admission is \$7 for students and \$8 for non-students and faculty.

Benefit concert Sunday to help 'Invisible Children'

A benefit concert held by Alpha Phi Omega will raise money for the Invisible Children Foundation. This non-profit organization helps children affected by war in Uganda.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. on Sunday in the Corey Function Room. Admission is \$5 for students and faculty and \$7 for the public.

Mental Health talk gives insight into disorders

Colleen Coffey, program manager for the National Mental Health Awareness Campaign, will talk about the stigmas and issues of mental health. Coffey overcame her own struggle with mental disorder.

"Out of the Shadows: Talking Honestly About Mental Health," will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 6 in Brown Auditorium.

Grad Finale being held for seniors next week

The Grad Finale for seniors will be held next week from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, in the Corey Function Room.

Seniors can pick up their caps, gowns and tickets. Students can also choose their ceremony time. There will be giveaways and prizes as well.

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NY Jets may touch down at Cortland

Jets may consider using campus for team training camp

Christopher Ryan
Sports Editor

The New York Jets may be touching down right on Cortland's very own campus.

The team has looked at the college's stadium complex as a

possible site for their practice camp in the future.

Representatives from the franchise appeared at the campus and met with school officials last week.

People on and around the campus are buzzing that the team could bring in a significant boost to the struggling economy.

The Jets training camp usually brings in thousands of fans looking to catch glimpses of what the team has in store for the next

football season.

However, some are cautiously optimistic about the possibility.

"There is cause for excitement and concern. Without question I share the excitement of having the Jets on our campus and know of the peripheral benefits our program would enjoy," said Cortland football head coach Dan MacNeill.

"The concern pertains to the operation of our program and others in the mist of the visitation.

We here on campus are engaged in the process and remain enthusiastic. Our players are obviously extremely excited about this prospect."

The Jets are also considering Cornell University in Ithaca as a campus to use for preseason training.

They had previously spent the past 40 years at Hofstra University and last season in a training facility

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Another big change in store for Neubig Hall

Phase II of dining renovations will begin this month

Lauren Schutt
Staff Writer

Neubig Dining Hall, the College Store and parts of Corey Union will be undergoing more renovations beginning this semester.

Neubig Dining has already been updated quite a bit during winter break. When school resumed, there were more seating and food options.

Bill McNamara, director of Dining Services, has received many compliments from students on the food that has been introduced after Phase I of Neubig's renovations.

McNamara thinks that the renovations are necessary to help



photo by Ben Bolding

Phase I of Neubig renovations provide a social and inviting atmosphere.

student life on campus. Auxiliary

Services Corporation has been

planning the renovations for three years. Phase I has been completed and Phase II is to begin soon. With

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Two teams, two bars, one goal



photo provided by Kathleen O'Sullivan

The Dark Horse Tavern and Hairy Tony's Pub hosted a silent auction, raffles, prizes and more in order to raise money for breast cancer research. See story on page 3.

NYPIRG budget cut

New campus budget cuts \$27,000 from NYPIRG's account

Andrew Harrison
Staff Writer

The Student Government meeting lasted slightly over two hours this past Monday night as the debate on whether or not to pass the budget that allocates its funds to the Cortland clubs should be passed or not.

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) lobbied their position to deny the budget so the financial board would go back to the drawing board and configure a new budget.

NYPIRG is a student-directed organization focused on developing student leaders, teaching valuable skills, fighting for

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NYPIRG faces uncertain future Fitz gets a facelift

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students rights and more.

NYPIRG usually receives around \$45,000 in funding, and with the new budget, that funding is being cut to \$18,000, a 60 percent cut in funding.

The reason for the cut in funding is because before this year, NYPIRG acted as its own entity on campus that was funded through the students.

In previous years, students would go online to approve the mandatory activity fee. One of options was having \$3.50 from each student go towards NYPIRG. Now it is forbidden to ask students direct questions about money, therefore NYPIRG is now considered a club.

One issue addressed was that

it was not clear how exactly NYPIRG is spending their allocation, and it is uncertain how they will be spending it in the future.

Another issue discussed was that NYPIRG employs a full time project coordinator that receives \$25,000 of this money.

Clubs are supposed to be almost completely run by the students and any advisors should be receiving little to no income from the allocated funds.

NYPIRG argued that the use of this employee is necessary because they work 40 hours a week and have the expertise that is needed for the position.

NYPIRG argued that a student would simply be overwhelmed by that amount of work. The old project coordinator for NYPIRG

was there and argued that NYPIRG was "founded by the students and for the students."

Some of the duties NYPIRG has been doing for the students includes working to keep New York from cutting TAP, which is the Tuition Assistance Program. This cut in funding is because of the deficit that New York currently finds itself in.

Another issue the group is addressing for the students is the increase in tuition that was put on SUNY schools this year.

NYPIRG also played a role in getting the students on campus registered to vote last year.

It is not known yet how this drop in funding is going to affect NYPIRG on campus.



photo by Matthew Taormino

Fitzgerald Hall is currently fenced in under construction.

Environment-friendly renovations will be complete by summer

Kathleen O'Sullivan
Staff Writer

Along with various other buildings on campus, Fitzgerald Hall is currently being renovated. Students can expect many new improvements to the building.

Sarah Gingrich, Assistant Director of Residence Life & Housing for Operations, explained many of the changes being done.

When asked how this renovation would most benefit Cortland's campus and its students, Gingrich mentioned two very important things.

She said that "going green" was a very important factor and that the renovation is very environment-friendly.

The entranceway into Fitzgerald is being redone and will have what Gingrich calls a "green roof." This portion of the roof will be made from plant/grass material, which not only cuts down on material use that harms the environment, but also allows the roof to give back to the environment in a positive way.

Students can also expect new furniture in the building.

The furniture in the lounges will all be refurbished locally, which is environment-friendly because the refurbishing will use recycling materials that Cortland already has. A lot of the furniture in the actual dormitory rooms will be new as well.

Gingrich mentions that even the new furniture will be "green" because the fabric that will be used has a low impact on the environment.

Another way that students will benefit from this renovation is by Cortland's compliance with the standards of the ADA (American Disability Act).

No other dormitories on

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campus currently adhere to these standards, so this is a valuable improvement.

There will be six ADA-compliant dorm rooms and one ADA-compliant restroom on each floor. The previous elevator in this building was primarily a freight elevator. The new one, however, will be a passenger elevator that is also ADA compliant.

When people think of a renovation, Gingrich said that most people just consider the actual construction phase.

However, she explained how the planning and designing phase takes up to one year before the construction ever even starts. The plans for the Fitzgerald renovation were underway long before students saw the hardhats in front of Fitzgerald.

"It's so amazing how much time and detail can go into these renovations, and people don't even realize it," said Gingrich.

There are so many more things than just new paint and new amenities to consider although students can also expect some nice amenities. The lounges will have both flat panel computer monitors and flat-screen televisions.

Gingrich said the most important consideration is that the students who live in this newly renovated building are safe. She said, "Things like fire safety and the building being well-maintained are my first priorities."

The Fitzgerald renovation will not take a small financial toll on Cortland. Gingrich estimates the planning, designing and construction phases to cost about \$5.9 million. She then estimated another \$300-350 thousand on top of that to cover furniture costs.

When asked how this would affect students and the tuition costs, Gingrich said that students should expect the room and board fee to increase approximately five to eight percent each year regardless of renovations, and that they shouldn't really be affected

More Neubig renovations in store this month

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Phase II, there will be more service points, said McNamara.

An international grill is being introduced and will include more fresh items, instead of food that has been sitting out.

Also coming are fajita and quesadilla grills, and an ice cream station that McNamara described as being similar to Cold Stone Ice Cream, in which students get to choose everything they want to put in their ice cream.

McNamara said that Neubig has a more "homey feel" after the first set of renovations. He saw old Neubig as outdated and too much like grade school.

He wants students to feel like they're transitioning from high school into college. The comfortable seating allows

students to see Neubig as more of a place to hang out, and that was McNamara's goal with the renovations.

He said he looked at the success of Hilltop and knew what changes needed to be done to make Neubig equally successful.

Throughout the year, the food places on campus usually see a decrease in productivity, due to students transferring and loss of interest in what is here.

McNamara said that there has been a six percent increase at Neubig Dining Hall since the first phase of renovations and that the renovations have caused a great success.

McNamara thinks that the renovations being done at the end of this semester are going to help students quite a bit for next year. Some of the other renovations

include moving Subway into Dragon's Court and turning the C-Store into a lounge.

Renovations begin at the end of April and will be completed after July 4, in time for summer orientations to start. All entrances to the building will be open.

The College Store will be closed on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26, to begin the renovations.

The College Store will be moved to the basement of Neubig, Textbook buyback will start on May 5 and will be located on the front porch of Neubig.

Once renovations begin, Neubig will be closed for the rest of the semester. Dragon's Court, Raquette Pizza, and Hilltop will have extended hours to make up for the closing. Meal equivalences will also be increased.

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Eight bullets didn't kill one woman's spirit

Author speaks of the anti-gay violence that took her lover's life

Vicky Paz
Editor-in-Chief

It was a late Friday afternoon in May 1988. Claudia Brenner and her partner, Rebecca Wight, were hiking on Pennsylvania's Appalachian Trail for the weekend when they made their way to a secluded area beside a creek.

The two began to get intimate as they lay atop a green tarp under the spring sun when Brenner's arm suddenly exploded from a gunshot.

Unbeknownst to the lovers, the gunman, Stephen Roy Carr, had been stalking the couple since a brief encounter with them earlier that day. They were about to become the victims of an anti-gay hate crime.

About 175 students, faculty and community members gathered in Old Main's Brown Auditorium Monday night to hear Brenner, the author of *Eight Bullets*, discuss her ordeal and speak out against anti-gay violence as a crime of intimidation.

She ended the hour-long talk on an optimistic note, saying that despite the circumstances, she has healed from the experience.

"[Her talk] was really realistic and powerful because she didn't make us feel sorry for the situation. It was empowering," said senior Ani George. "I expected to cry but she really took the positive out of it."

Carr shot off eight bullets at the couple from 85 feet away, leaving Wight dead and Brenner seriously injured.

Brenner took five bullets to



photo by Vicky Paz

Claudia Brenner signs copies of her book in Old Main.

her arm, neck, face and head while two bullets pierced Wight's head and back, exploding her liver. The last shot missed them both.

Carr was convicted of first-degree murder and is now serving a life sentence without parole.

Brenner said that Carr's attack and crimes of the same nature are not meant to be inflicted upon the victims individually but to instill fear in the gay population as a whole.

"It could have been any two lesbians sitting there that would have caused his wrath... He thought ridding the world of two lesbians was an admirable thing to do," said Brenner. "[The crime] doesn't just hurt the victims; it reverberates throughout the entire community."

Brenner said that although society has loosened up culturally within the last 20 years, media, schools and religious institutions are still laden with heterosexual values.

"We've made significant progress and we are no longer seen as the bottom of the barrel... There's a lot of tolerance but I also still see a lot of intolerance," she said.

Psychology Professor Judith Ouellette, a member of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Committee who helped sponsor the event for Women's History Month, agreed.

"In this day and age, students think that because there's more acceptance that homophobia doesn't exist. But it does and it still occurs," said Ouellette.

Though Brenner has been more cautious since her traumatic experience, she hasn't let fear paralyze or consume her. "Carr would've succeeded in extinguishing my freedom" had that been the case, she said. She is now in a happy relationship and has a 14-year-old son.

"Don't let hate violence push you into hiding," said Brenner.

Bars and booze blend for breast cancer benefit

Downtown bars offer fun and games for a good cause

Kathleen O'Sullivan
Staff Writer

A large amount of people from the community spent their time in downtown Cortland last Saturday, with hopes of making a difference.

There were two breast cancer benefits being held; one at the Dark Horse Tavern and one in the basement of Hairy Tony's Pub & Fare.

Each bar had a different group of people coming together in support of the American Cancer Society and the Relay for Life.

Each county has a number of teams that work separately toward raising money and awareness in regards to breast cancer. Cortland County presently has over 30 teams.

The team that organized the event at Hairy Tony's is named "The Crew" and describes themselves as a group of friends coming together to support the cause.

This is the sixth year that "The Crew" has been a team. Tessa

Kristof and Chrissy Loomis are co-captains of the team, and were especially excited and proud to be there. The cover charge at the door went completely toward supporting the cause.

Hairy Tony's also joined in, donating each time a drink was purchased.

There were several other things going on that also had to do with raising money for breast cancer. There was a silent auction, various raffles and a contest to see who purchased the most ribbons; the person with the most received a prize.

The team next door at Dark Horse Tavern was named the "Walkie Talkies."

The two events were very similar. The "Walkie Talkies" also held raffles and gave away prizes to those who contributed donations.

There was also a very special guest at Dark Horse Tavern: Carol M. Baldwin, breast cancer survivor and mother of actor Alec Baldwin. A large contribution was given to the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Both of the benefits raised a lot of money through donations and the turnout was big.

Fitzgerald renovations

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in any other way.

She explained how the money that goes toward these renovations is mostly money that Cortland has been granted from the state and will not be taken from the pockets of those who attend the school.

Gingrich compared the Fitzgerald renovation to other recently renovated low-rise dormitories.

First, this one is more expensive. Also, there has been more emphasis on "going green" in comparison to buildings like Shea and Bishop.

The new Fitzgerald is also different because no other previous renovations have included dormitory rooms and restrooms that are ADA compliant.

The building is expected to be completed in July and Residence Life and Housing is excited to show it off.

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Our View

In a time of economic recession, it is obvious where we need to make cutbacks. Maybe you don't need a new car or that new pair of shoes. Here are some things that you can do around Cortland to save a little cash:

- 1) **Don't open up a tab downtown.** Putting your card behind the bar encourages buying drinks for your friends and shots for strangers. By taking out only what you know you can afford, it will help you manage your budget while also preventing a blackout.
- 2) **Do you really need another Cortland sweatshirt?** It's easy to go into the school store and buy new Cortland gear and showing pride is something that should never be stifled. The college comes out with new designs all the time, so limit yourself to one or two a semester.
- 3) **If you live off campus, buy groceries.** Going out to dinner is always a treat, but the more you go out, the less money you have for more meals. Grocery stores have their weekly sales posted online; make your grocery list based on what is on sale and what you can get the most meals out of.
- 4) **Set aside money in a savings account for bills.** By having a surplus, you know that when the electric bill is due or your library book is drastically overdue, you know that your personal spending has not affected your obligations.
- 5) **Shop a little less.** Target and Carousel are just a short distance away and many people find themselves wanting a new outfit for Friday night. But reinventing what's in your closet will get more wear out of what you already have and leave more money for warm weather shopping when you really have the urge.

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Octomom: taking advantage one baby at a time

Single mom, 14 kids, no job: whose responsibility is it?

Danielle Eckert

Staff Writer

In today's society, having more kids than you can count on one hand isn't as common or as practical as it was in the generations of our parents and grandparents. The average American woman today has two children, much less than the average 30 or 40 years ago.

Why is this? It is partially because Americans can support two children much more easily than the traditional six or more with the ever-rising cost of living.

Parents want the best for their children, so in order to provide them with everything they need, less kids means more for each one.

But daily, we are flooded with accounts of parents with large numbers of children.

From Discovery Health's popular "Eighteen Kids and Counting" about the Duggar family of 20 from Arkansas comes a new celebrity sweeping the

nation: "Octomom" Nadya Suleman, a 34-year-old mother from California who gave birth to octuplets in Jan. 2009.

While the Duggar family may have the means and a system to support all 18 of their children through hard work and a simple lifestyle, "Octomom's" situation is a little different.

Not only does she have six other children through in-vitro fertilization, the same way she conceived her octuplets, Suleman is also dependent on others for financial stability.

She is currently unemployed, and has 14 children all under the age of 8. Suleman said that when she found out she was pregnant with eight children, she believed the public would feel sympathy for her situation and give her money to help support the children.

Since when do the media provide support for mothers who cannot support their own families?

Suleman decided to be fertilized knowing she would have at least seven children to support, knowing that she could not care for and support them with her own income.

Suleman also attracted the

media to her situation by admitting she had been a stripper in the past. Suleman said she lives a hard life as a single mother, and expects family, friends and people in her community to help her.

What happened to taking responsibility for your own actions? Parents everywhere are faced with childbirth and supporting their family using their own means. Regular families with one or two children struggle every day with financial decisions and go through rough times. They get by with hard work, not from taking the easy way out.

Suleman's small three-bedroom home, which is far too small to support a family of 15, will be up for auction in the upcoming months. Suleman's parents, who help support the kids, have recently filed for bankruptcy.

Suleman is hoping to support her children with offers from the public for photos of her children, press releases and television interviews.

Suleman is showing the world that it is okay to be irresponsible, make choices that you cannot really maintain, and that everyone else will pick up after her own mess.

Possibility keeps us human

Possibility and curiosity may dictate our futures

Matt Ianno

Staff Writer

Possibility and curiosity are two important elements that operate in most human beings. These two are often joined together to create thoughts and wonderment in people every day.

In a sense, it is possibility and curiosity that remind us we are breathing, let us know that we are living and contribute to our belief that we all are, dare I say "unique."

A college male might view a Friday night as a night filled with possibilities, most of them involving a female. It is this possibility that might motivate this college kid to go out that night.

This is just one example of the power of possibility. Although it may be the most important for some, it only begins to speak of the power of the concept.

People grow up hearing, reading, or watching tremendous stories about the world, like what is out there, and just as importantly, what is not. Right here begins curiosity and possibility.

From the earliest days of a

human's life to the very end of that life, they learn about the world and the extravagant experiences and possibilities that exist.

What is Las Vegas like at 2 a.m.? What does it feel like to sail in the Mediterranean? How do the waves sound crashing against the beach in Australia? What's it like to listen to a mass in St. Peter's cathedral in Italy?

These are examples of the more excessive and grandiose curiosities that captivate human beings. No matter our age, we will often spend hours a week thinking of possibilities and working up a curiosity that is usually satisfied through secondary sources like books and videos.

We often then insert our own personal touches to our now-developing ideas of a place or an experience that suspends us temporarily from the commonplace and transports us to a new world of possibilities.

Some people are in college right now, not only to be educated and to help ensure a solid career after graduating, but so they can make enough money to enjoy the opportunities they have learned that the world offers.

Unfortunately for all us dreamers, money equals opportunity, and to quote comedian Daniel Tosh, "Money

may not buy happiness but it does buy a wave-runner and I've never seen a sad person on a wave-runner."

With money, one can travel the world, experience different cultures, and satisfy curiosities. But what if these curiosities don't exist in your mind? What if Friday night possibility is all you need in life?

This is fine; in fact, it is necessary to have curiosities that are attainable every day. This is precisely what makes the realm of possibility intrinsic in the minds of all humans.

Possibility can be anything, curiosities can be as minute as "What's for dinner tonight?" or as complex as "What does the pyramid of Giza look like in person?"

I often flip through my biggest curiosities, and hope to one day succeed in satisfying them all. But for now, I have the mundane curiosities and possibilities to excite that part of my brain.

My pending grade on the test I've just taken and the possibility of UConn winning the NCAA tournament is plenty to keep me occupied.

Rene Descartes once said, "I think, therefore I am." I believe it can be stated with the same importance that, "I am curious, therefore I am."

What do you have to say?

What do you think about President Obama's comment about the Special Olympics, as said on Jay Leno?



photo by Kelsey Delmotte

"He didn't mean it seriously and it shouldn't be blown out of proportion."

Allison Gerolami
Senior
Speech Pathology



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"I think it was a mistake and that we all make mistakes. People should just lay off. Go Obama."

JoAnn Deisinger
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Early Childhood/
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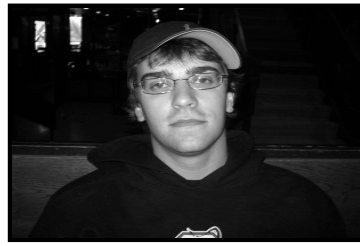


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"I'm sure he didn't mean it maliciously. It's not politically correct, since he is always under the microscope."

Jordan Anderson
Junior
Sports Management



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"I would say that's not a good thing to say but I say things I shouldn't all the time. He is just a person. People mess up and say things they shouldn't. At least he didn't lie to us, so he's ahead of Bush."

Lindsay Rowley
Junior
Speech Pathology



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"As a president, he should be more careful about what he says and how he says it."

Nicole Nelipowitz
Junior
Childhood Education

Get a room?

Room selection should be more than just a time ticket

Danielle Eckert
Staff Writer

On top of passing midterms, choosing classes for next semester, and maintaining the busy lifestyle of a college student, another issue students will be dealing with in the next couple weeks is the room selection process.

Students have so many decisions to take into account when making this very important choice.

Upperclassmen may have an advantage, because they might just want to live in the same place next year, or move off campus. But for freshman, the possibilities for next year's housing and the freedom that goes along with it seem endless.

The decisions of who to live with, where to live, the number of people to have in your room, or suite are just some of the complications that go along with housing selection.

After dealing with the drama of who to live with, which can be a very emotional process for many, it would be nice to say that your plans can be set in stone. However, a very complicated process makes things shaky, and almost ensures the problem of last minute changes.

With time tickets that are distributed by the number of credits a student has, students looking for a suite either have to risk using their earliest time ticket to reserve the room, or wait to the latest time ticket and worry that they might not get the room or area

they want at all.

There are several flaws in the room selection process. Not only is it confusing for first time users, but it also has a negative effect on people who have different time tickets than the majority of people living in their suite or quad.

People who have a firm plan may be shut out of a room they want just because they lack credits.

But shouldn't earlier time tickets be given to people who already have a suite planned out so that there is less confusion on who has open rooms when the selection process occurs?

Also, students who are looking for a roommate should be put into a group, so they can get to know other people looking for a roommate. This would avoid hassle later on if they do not get along well with their random roommate.

There should also be some seniority involving the rooms you currently reside in? Students have no control over whether another student with an earlier time ticket takes the room that they are currently living in for next year.

The first question on the housing preference form should ask whether students want to live off campus, on campus, or in the same place they currently reside.

Even though it is nice that students have freedom to pick any room on campus that is available with their time ticket, there are other factors that matter more than credits.

The room selection process needs to be edited to make it fair to people who have a good idea of what they want, and deal with the undecided students at the end.

Big names vs. smaller incentives

College students should weigh options when investing

Eric Dillon
Staff Writer

As college students, we are getting to a point in our lives when proper investment and money management are becoming crucial skills.

It's no wonder then that the current banking crisis is leaving students scared and anxious about what to do with their money. This is made worse by the wide range of banks and credit unions students have to choose from.

However, it is important to realize that there is a large difference between big "name-brand" banks, and smaller "hometown" establishments.

One of the major advantages of a small-time bank is that they often have a much more personable customer service. They are far more willing to take the time to discuss your financial situation with you, along with offering helpful advice.

This can be a huge positive for college students who may not be well versed when it comes to economics.

At the same time however, smaller banks can end up causing difficulties for those who are unsure about where the future will take them, such as college students for example.

One of the major disadvantages of putting your money in a smaller bank is that if you ever decide to move away, you will most likely have to alter or completely change your account.

In addition, smaller banks often have fewer and more irregular hours than their larger counterparts.

This leads to the main advantage of larger, "name-brand" banks. They are far easier to visit due to longer hours and more locations.

Having an account with a larger bank can also end up saving you money on ATM fees, because there are more terminals around town. Additionally, as opposed to many smaller banks, you can often keep your account when you move.

Another major benefit for college students is that these larger banks will often have student accounts, which do not require a minimum balance, while smaller banks do not have the capital to offer this.

On the other hand, larger banks can be intimidating to those new to the banking industry. They are often far less personable than their hometown counterparts, and are unlikely to work with you on personal issues.

In the end, there is really no clear-cut winner in this debate. A larger bank can be easily contacted, but will often bog you down with unnecessary fees and impersonal customer service. A smaller bank will work with you, but is more restricted in its services.

However, it is important to note that as long as the bank is FDIC insured, which a vast majority of banks are, your money is protected up to \$250,000 by the government.

Before you make your final decision, just be sure to do it with a clear mind, and don't let recent events prevent you from future financial success.

I saw it in a movie once

Movies glorify situations that might horrify in real life

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Whether you have seen the movie *Knocked Up* or not, you probably know what it is about.

Stoner knocks up hot chick, she wants to have the baby, they try to make it work, there are ups and downs but in the end everything is rainbows and ice cream.

It's a good movie, and there are plenty of quote worthy lines, but like so many other movies it glorifies having a kid, and especially in the circumstances of the film makes it seem like no big deal.

Having a kid when you plan it is a big deal, having one with someone you never met until the night of conception is a really big deal.

I understand that movies are movies, and they are often far-fetched plots or ideas with the sole purpose of entertainment.

But there comes a point where it blurs the real world with the movie world.

Think about the last action movie you saw, and how many times people got shot more than once and didn't die.

Now, I'm not saying miracles

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AIG bonus furor

\$165 million awarded in bonuses after insurance giant saved

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Unless you have been living under a rock for the past year and a half or so, it should come as no surprise that AIG's plan to hand out \$165 million in bonuses was met with a large amount of backlash.

In case you forgot, we've been stuck in a recession, and the money isn't available like it was.

What's worse is that AIG posted losses of \$61.7 billion, while receiving \$170 billion in taxpayer bailouts.

Nothing warrants a reward more than losing over \$60 billion, the most by any corporation ever.

Is it ironic, or just sad that a company that handles insurance

would not only have trouble handling its own money, but even after being bailed out have the "stones" to give money to its financial services division?

That's right, the financial division, the same people that needed a bailout just to stay afloat.

If this doesn't sum up one of America's biggest problems, then I don't know what does. The rich mess up, get a break as usual, and then try and find some way to make themselves richer and further screw over the people below them.

If I lost my life savings on a bet, and my parents were nice enough to give me some money to pay bills and make it through the next few months, I know I wouldn't take that money and run out to gamble some more.

Instead of giving these people bonuses, which they probably don't need because they make so much already, they should be given a chance to prove their worth or find a new job.

Representative Barney Frank

said that AIG paying out these bonuses is "rewarding incompetence."

If you mow someone's lawn, and one day you do a terrible job and totally destroy the lawn, would you expect extra compensation? No; if anything you would expect to be told your services are no longer needed.

I can't even imagine what the top members of AIG were talking about when the idea of bonuses came up:

Suit 1: What are we going to do about bonuses this year?

Suit 2: I think we should give them out; it's been a good year.

Suit 1: We lost \$60 billion
Suit 2: Yea but we worked so hard trying to keep from losing that money.

Suit 1: Good point, plus I could use a new gold toilet.

Suit 2: I love being mega rich and above the normal constraints of society.

Suit 1: Me too, now let's go tell the government we need more

money.

President Obama said he plans to try every legal angle he can to block these bonuses from being handed out.

The media was not as friendly, with Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer saying, "I would deny them the bonuses if possible. I would be for an exemplary hanging or two. Have it in Times Square, invite Madame Defarge. You borrow a guillotine from the French and we could have a party." I am going to RSVP yes to that party.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"On stage I make love to 25 thousand people; then I go home alone."

-Janis Joplin

Three strikes, you're out

Baseball rule transcends sports into everyday life

Matt Ianno
Staff Writer

Often given the title of "America's Pastime," the game of baseball is a rich part of American history. It has entertained many, empowered others, and has emerged as a legitimate industry in our country.

There's even a song that is traditionally sung at every game during the seventh inning, and in this song one of the major aspects of baseball is reiterated. I am of course talking about "Take me out to the ballgame", and the lyric I speak of is, "One, two, three strikes you're out".

In baseball, a batter receives three swings during a plate appearance; if he misses all three times he has struck out, thus ending his appearance at the plate. This may be the most intricate and important rule of the game, but it is also one that transcends the game and is often implemented in non-baseball related atmospheres.

Right here at Cortland we have a three strikes policy. If a student receives three alcohol or drug related charges on campus, then he or she is kicked out of the school; "Three strikes, you're out".

On game shows such as The Family Feud and Cash Cab, the contestants are given three attempts at answering questions correctly. If they fail after three, "They're out". Perhaps the most important three strike policy exists

within the state courts legislature.

The United States Government requires the state courts to enact a three strikes policy, where any three time major offender must face an extended period of incarceration.

With this three strike policy becoming increasingly popular, it has me wondering, "What if there were four strikes in baseball?"

If it was "Four strikes, you're out" then Cortland would be a little more lenient, game shows would be easier, a select few criminals would spend less time in jail, and, well, that popular baseball game jingle would lose its catchy melodic rhythm.

I also wonder if the three strike policy is logical enough to have existed without baseball. Three attempts at answering a question or following the rules sounds fair and acceptable; four seems too much, and two is too few.

But then again, the logical appeal of the system could just be a result of my exposure to the policy, and four could make just as much sense if it had previously been instituted in the game of baseball.

Either way, it is interesting to see how a rule that exists in a game can imprint itself into the flesh of society and alter the way other industries operate.

I'm sure Doubleday never thought about the effect the three strikes rule would have at the time he was rumored to create it, but why would he, he was too busy inventing "America's Pastime." It only makes sense that a game that is dubbed as being the pastime of our nation branch out into other aspects of our culture and conduct how they operate.

Movies

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don't happen, but I'm fairly certain that three or four bullets to the chest and you're down for the count.

But it doesn't stop at violence; even the idea of love or romance has taken a hit from Hollywood.

Every year numerous "chick flicks" hit theaters, and millions of women flock to see them.

Some women might leave the theater content with the film they just saw, but some women might leave the theater thinking that true love is just how it was depicted in the movie, and that guys have to do all these romantic things for them.

We're not perfect ladies; we can only do so much. And leaving you presents and tapes with messages on them after our death is probably not going to happen.

Finally, I get back to my original point. Having kids is a huge undertaking, and it should be done with someone you know very well and trust.

Mistakes happen, and we can't always plan for everything. But just because it worked out in the movie and everyone was happy in the end doesn't mean that it works like that in real life.

Movies are great fun, and a good escape from the doldrums of real life, but it is important to remember where the movie ends and life continues.

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“Guys and Dolls” rocks the boat

Opening weekend of spring musical ends in standing ovation

Katie Rosenbrock
Entertainment Editor

REVIEW

The opening weekend of this spring’s musical, “Guys and Dolls” directed by Kevin Halpin, drew in large crowds to the Dowd Theater and ended with a standing ovation.

The Department of Performing Arts put on a brilliant performance of the well-known musical last weekend that is based on the book by Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling.

The play tells the story of Nathan Detroit (Ryan McDonald) who is a frequent gambler.

Nathan has been engaged to Adelaide (Nicole Alvarez) for 14 years and Adelaide is ready to settle down and start a family but can’t do so until Nathan ends his gambling habits and sets a date for their wedding.

However, getting married is the last thing on Nathan’s mind



photo by Qinshu Zuo

Crowds line up outside of the theater in Dowd before the start of the show.

when big-time gambler Sky Masterson (Anthony Festa) comes to town.

Nathan needs to come up with money to pay for a place to hold his craps game so he bets Sky \$1,000 that he cannot get Sarah Brown (Katie Quigley) to go to Savannah with him.

Sky agrees to the bet but does not know that Sarah is the leader of the “Save A Soul Mission” which tries to convince “sinners” like Sky to stray from their unholy

ways.

The story unfolds and the audience follows the cast through a tale of gambling and romance in the streets of New York City.

The entire performance was exceptional and the whole cast worked together to put on a phenomenal show.

From the thick New York accents to the chemistry between each performer, it was evident how much time and effort was put into putting together such a superb

musical.

“The wonderful performance, outstanding set design, colorful costumes; all these elements made me forget that it is a students’ show in college,” said student Qinshu Zuo.

Quigley, McDonald, Festa and Alvarez performed memorable numbers such as “I’ll Know,” “Bushel and a Peck,” “Sue Me” and “Marry the Man.”

All of them showcased true talent while singing, leaving the

audience cheering for more.

Other memorable numbers came from John McAvaney, who played Nicely- Nicely and Mitch Thurman, who played Benny; both gambler friends of Nathan Detroit.

Together they performed “Guys and Dolls” and “Crashshooters Ballet,” which also included Bob Spitzer as Big Jule, Jason Schulof as Harry and Skylar Winter as Rusty.

Toward the end of the show the entire cast really “rocked the boat” with their performance of “Sit Down Your Rockin’ the Boat” which was led by McAvaney.

The show tune was the catchiest of the whole musical and the entire cast seemed immersed in the performance whole-heartedly.

By the final number, the entire audience was standing and cheering loudly as the cast closed the show.

If you did not get a chance to go see the show this weekend, I would highly recommend that you see it during one of the upcoming performances this weekend.

The show will be held again on April 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and April 5 at 2 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

“Everyone in the play did a really great job. I enjoyed the show so much and recommend that everyone sees it,” said sophomore Anna Alessi.

Performance in Corey “revives” classic rock

Two bands perform as part of Wellness Wednesday series

Samantha Ficken & Rebecca Job
Staff Writers

The Rock and Blues Ensemble performed for students and guests in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, last Wednesday.

Not only did the Tuesday and Thursday night bands of the Rock and Blues Ensemble play, but instructor Steve Barnes’ band, Tribal Revival, entertained the audience as well.

Tribal Revival is a local six-piece group that specializes in improvisational and blues-based roots rock, featuring music from the Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers Band and Bob Dylan, to name a few.

Tribal Revival featured Marc

Ryan as the lead singer and a guitarist, Sonny B. on guitar, Tommy Gath on guitar and the harmonica, Rob Hunter on the drums, Greg Marsted on the drums and Barnes on the piano.

Tribal Revival started playing together last summer and they try to play together once a month when time allows.

“We are more jam oriented for fun,” said Gath. Each band member plays with other groups as well, so Tribal Revival plays when they are all available. “We are all in different bands together,” said Gath.

“Tribal Revival was really awesome. I was glad that the Rock and Blues Ensemble fans were able to see Steve’s band as well,” said guitarist Antonio Mancilla.

Tribal Revival covered songs from a bunch of different artists.

“My favorite was definitely American Girl by Tom Petty. They started to play and I couldn’t keep myself from singing along,” said Rubio.

This performance was a part of the Wellness Wednesday Series and Tuesday Night Live performances that have been



photo by Rebecca Job

Musicians played for students and faculty in the Corey Exhibition Lounge.

taking place throughout the semester.

There were a total of 27 students who performed playing a variety of instruments such as the guitar, flute, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, drums, saxophone and the piano.

There were a total of four

female singers that accompanied the groups as well.

“It’s nice to get a chance to improve with a group of talented musicians, especially in front of a crowd,” said Mary Papageorgiou of the Thursday night band.

The group played many well known songs and kept the

audience relaxed and content.

Songs featured were by Elton John, ZZ Top, Bonnie Raitt, Van Morrison, Moody Blues and Doobie Brothers.

In addition to the relaxing

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Rock and blues show

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music, candles placed on each of the tables added a nice touch to the soothing ambiance.

"All of the songs were really awesome. It was great that they were doing well known songs so people could sing along. Also, it was cool how during the songs the students were able to improve some parts and add something a little different," said senior Nick Battiste.

"It was nice that the concert was right in Corey. It's not easy to get downtown to see the shows," said Rubio.

"It was great to play on campus and see all my friends and faculty members in the audience

enjoying themselves. Both bands played very well," said Mancilla.

If you are interested in hearing Tribal Revival play, they have a show scheduled for Friday, May 1 at Stone Lounge.

They will be the live entertainment during happy hour that night. To learn more about their band, visit www.muddydove.com.

Also, the Rock and Blues Ensemble is currently looking for students who are interested in performing with them during the upcoming fall semester.

Anyone who is interested can email Steve Barnes at barness@cutland.edu.

Cortland's little secret

Stop by Pane Di Casa bakery for affordable off-campus eats

Tricia Kelly
Contributing Writer

REVIEW

In the mood for something delicious and sweet? How about a flavorful tea? An affordable breakfast or lunch?

If you're looking to get off campus for a good meal, snack or a place to sip coffee or tea at a

reasonable price, you should try Lisa's Pane Di Casa (Bread of the House).

Lisa's is a small bakery downtown where the service is quick and the setting is peaceful and quiet.

The bakery can be found right behind Barsoni's Pizza at 46 Main St. Lisa's is open Tuesday through Saturday, opening at 7a.m. and closing at 6p.m. on all days but Saturday when it closes at 3p.m.

The small shop is a great place to relax and the delicious aromas will tantalize your senses as you enter the door and linger with you even after you've left.

Lisa's offers a variety of sweets such as cookies, cupcakes, cinnamon rolls, biscotti and more. You can get breakfast or lunch and

the most expensive sandwich is only \$5.

There are muffins and scones, sandwiches, toast, soups and juice. Lisa's also has a variety of specialty breads ranging from cheddar onion to olives and herbs.

Lisa's can also accommodate to people with gluten free needs, with advanced notice. Lisa's has a lovely array of flavorful teas and coffees always hot and ready to go.

So if you're looking for a place to grab breakfast or lunch, or to sit and chat with a friend or just get some dessert, head over to Lisa's for a delicious experience.

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Best selling author provides relatable advice to students

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

"He's just not that into you," the one simple phrase every girl needs to hear. This *New York Times* best selling book by the same name launched a thousand break ups and Greg Behrendt's career.

Behrendt, a veteran stand-up comedian and former "Sex and the City" consultant, uttered these words of advice to a co-worker one day.

The idea was transformed into a "Sex and the City" episode, followed by a best selling book, and was recently turned into a number one box office movie starring Jennifer Aniston and Drew Barrymore.

The night was a mix of stand-up and advice, as the Student Activities Board (SAB) sponsored event ran for an hour to a packed crowd of about 350 mostly female students in the Corey Function Room this past Monday night.

The book, which is a Q&A of dating advice for women, tells it straight to confused and delusional females, with no holds barred.



photo by Erica Sanderson

Behrendt incorporated advice into his stand-up routine.

Initially clueless on how to go about writing this book, (Behrendt admits others have done similar novels before) he worked alongside co-author Liz Tuccillo for guidance.

"I realized to write the book, I had to act like I was talking to my sister," Behrendt said. This approach, he said, made the material sound more personal. Behrendt only used his own personal experiences for book material.

He divulged some of his own stories about past relationships and the mistakes he made, including his bout with alcoholism, in a humorous way to act as a

warning and lesson for the audience.

"He gave really good advice in a funny way, so it was easy to relate to and remember," said student Alyssa Gracey.

Intimate moments about his relationship with his wife were interspersed with hilarious stories, as the audience roared with laughter.

"I thought that he connected to me and the audience on a personal level because he put himself in common situations and made it comical," said freshman Margaret Tucker.

Codas Part XLIV: Atlantis

Carmen meets the dark prince while visiting the church

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

COLUMN

Carmen did not live a saintly life. She was a gypsy, touring Europe in grand, sexual style. She was musically, and physically, promiscuous and active in every sense.

I shall not deviate too far from the main events of our story to give you all of the gruesome details, but suffice it to say that it all caught up to her in the end, with her heart pierced by a blade to the roar of an excited bull fight crowd in Spain.

It turns out that her penultimate lover was the one who just could not let go. In death, the wound remained on the left breast of her soul, and her heart carried a belabored beat.

After the gates of the Inferno were opened and the dead arose to see the final days of our mortal world, Carmen was at a loss.

She had no part in this war between angels and demons; she had not been called to be a Guardian of the Messiah in Earth's final days. Lost and bewildered by the chaos the world had fallen into, she went to the church for guidance.

That was where she met the Iscariot, the dark priest, the first man she could bring herself to trust since her lover murdered her over a century ago.

He told her that the world could be renewed by destroying the false idol of the Second Coming that demonkind has sent to earth, and she believed him.

Little did she know that the dark priest was more devil than savior, and that his aim was actually to destroy the true Messiah, a small child named Emanuel.

Now, armed with the conviction of a saint, Carmen clutched Emanuel tight to her body. Her mouth hung open dumbly. The world around her had literally and catastrophically changed in a matter of seconds.

The mountain valley in which she held Emanuel was now a splendid city with stone roads, fine marble architecture, and masterfully sculpted statues beautifying the human form in a finer way than any of what Rome had produced in its imperial days.

Not a far walk off through the city streets, Carmen could see a grand edifice looming over the town. Its sheer size was simply untraceable by human eyes, and yet it was humans who constructed the mighty tower.

"The Tower of Babel." Emanuel muttered, nodding his head toward the hulking spire. "Humankind's last remaining conduit to heaven, and our only hope of saving our world."

Emanuel softly brushed Carmen's arms away from him. "I must reach the top of that tower." With that, the little boy began a brisk, determined stride for the ancient tower.

"So, this is the extent of you demonic sorcery." The Iscariot's loathsome voice caused Carmen to let out a startled yelp.

The sudden appearance of the grand city around her and Emanuel's sudden explanation that he must scale the Tower of Babel to save the world made her forget that the dark priest still loomed over her, his long, unholy sword at the ready to slay the child Messiah.

"The city of Atlantis stands erect once again as you prepare to finally undo the world that the Lord has created for your own evil purposes." The Iscariot snarled and raised his blade. "Have you forgotten about me?"

Emanuel did not acknowledge the dark priest's threats. He simply continued walking toward the great tower.

Unlike Emanuel, Carmen could not remove her eyes from the Iscariot's loathsome form.

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Fantasy baseball: why all the hype?

An introduction to the massive world of online baseball

Matt Taormino
Staff Writer

COLUMN

Fantasy baseball, along with other fantasy sports, is the best way to challenge your friends or strangers. You can see who knows the most about that specific sport. Personally, I feel fantasy baseball is the toughest of them all because you need to take so many things into account.

You need to look at depth charts, statistical trends over the past few years, read up on injuries, along with many other things. In this column, I will be explaining what fantasy baseball really is, and hopefully inspire some to participate in this upcoming season.

Fantasy sports today are much different than when they began back in the early 1970s.

The main idea of any fantasy sport is to make up a team of live professional athletes and rack up points due to their actual everyday statistical performance.

Your ability to see who is going to rack up the most points will earn you respect, catapult you into fantasy glory, and maybe even earn you a buck or two.

There are many places to play such as Yahoo, ESPN (my favorite), CBS Sports, along with many others. You can play for free at most of the sites, but some charge fees to start your own league.

That is why I love ESPN, because I feel like they provide the best updates, have the best articles, are very organized, and the best part is that it's all free. There are a few formats, each one being unique in its own way.

Rotisserie Format: This format is usually the first type that people partake in because it is simple, easy, and fun. How it works is each batting statistic is accumulated every day.

Each hit, homerun, steal, etc., by each individual player is given a different point total (hit is one point, and homerun is four points) You will have every starting position filled by a player from different major league baseball

teams.

Each team will have their individual categories updated at the end of the day, ranking them from one to 10, with 10 being the highest.

You want that overall number to be the highest out of all the other teams, which would obviously place you in first. Rotisserie is fun because each day a different team could be atop the leader board, and the team that is in first could suddenly drop to fourth.

Head to Head Format: This is by far the most competitive because you play each team in a given time span, which is usually a week-to-week basis.

Points are still accumulated in the same way, except they are added throughout the week. At the end of the week, if your overall point total is higher than the team that you are playing, you get a win.

The top teams then get a bid into the playoffs where they are seeded, and single elimination is played out until there is only one team left.

Head-to-Head is personally the most fun, but the most challenging. The best part about it is you can have a terrible week resulting in a loss, and come back the very next week, and get a big victory.

All in all it is a very entertaining concept that is enjoyed by millions of people every year, and the number is only growing. There is nothing sweeter than watching a player that you have on your team explode in offensive production week in and week out.

Next week, I will touch on other things such as player value, trades, and drafting to your league rules. If you have any personal questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to email me at Mattyt106@yahoo.com.

Final Four to tip off

National semifinals feature superior frontcourt presences

Mark Hogan
Contributing Writer

The Final Four is set to tip off this Saturday. The tournament is finally headed to Detroit, Michigan where the remaining four teams will compete to see who will be crowned the National Champion.

This past weekend had one tremendous finish. The Big East sent two teams to the East Regional Final. Top seeded Pittsburgh went against the third seed Villanova. Pitt's LeVance Fields hit a pair of free throws to tie the game in the final seconds.

However, Pitt wasn't able to get back in transition and Villanova guard Scottie Reynolds took the ball from coast to coast and hit a shot in the lane at the buzzer. Reynolds shot gave Villanova the 78-76 victory, and a spot in the Final Four.

Villanova will now face the ACC Champion North Carolina Tar Heels. This is the first time since 1985 that Villanova has reached the Final Four.

In 1985, Villanova won the National Championship over the heavily favored Georgetown Hoyas. It was one of the greatest games in tournament history. The Wildcats shot an NCAA

Tournament record 78 percent from the field that game.

In the game this Saturday the Wildcats will again be the underdog. In the preseason many of the experts picked UNC to win the National Championship.

Scottie Reynolds will have his hands full with the ACC player of the year Ty Lawson.

Lawson is arguably the best point guard in the nation, and how he plays with his injured toe will determine the fate of the Tar Heels.

The other key matchup will be between forward Dante Cunningham of Villanova and forward Tyler Hansbrough of UNC. Hansbrough is one of the most dominant players in ACC history. He is the conference's all-time leading scorer, passing Duke's J.J. Redick in the first round.

The other matchup is between the Connecticut Huskies and the Michigan State Spartans.

The Spartans outlasted the Louisville Cardinals last Sunday. In that win Goran Sutton was magnificent. The 6-10 center scored 19 points and had ten rebounds.

Sutton will have his hands full with the co-Big East player of the year in UConn's Hasheem Thabeet. Thabeet is one of the most intimidating players in the entire country. Thabeet stands 7'3", and averages over four blocks per game.

The road to the Final Four is complete. Now we will see who comes out on top.

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T.O. drama moves to Buffalo

Why the city of Buffalo has long awaited his arrival

Steven Cuce
Contributing Writer

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It only takes one second to learn what the city of Buffalo is all about when you're surrounded by countless western New Yorkers throughout the student body. Buffalonians are proud of three things; Niagara Falls, chicken wings, and their sporting teams.

The second largest city in New York prides itself on its blue-collar work mentality and it's a staple of their sporting teams.

You'll come to find out these die-hard fans also address their hometown heroes by their first names more than their last names, that's always been usual. How will Terrell Owens be embraced in Buffalo?

Owens is everything that

Buffalo is against. He's the prototypical superstar wide receiver who's been transformed into the most selfish player in team sports by the media.

Randy Galloway of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram and ESPN 103.3 in Dallas had pleaded for years for the team to rid themselves of Owens's services because he was holding down the team. Only time will tell if that was the real truth.

In his case, when you go after your teams quarterback for the third time in your career (Jeff Garcia, Donovan McNabb, and Tony Romo), you're going to lose that battle at the age of 35.

It'll be nice to not hear Ed Werder of ESPN revolve all his sabotaging talk around Owens and the Cowboys. What will Werder do now without him around Valley Ranch?

All that matters now is that Owens will now reside in Orchard Park on Sundays.

He'll attempt to light up a city that has been starving for a star of this magnitude since the glory days of Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, and Andre Reed of the 1990's.

Owens embraces the big stage and he'll look to take the Bills to the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

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It doesn't matter to many Bills fan that he is considered a locker room carcinogen that has been the root of demise of every team he has been a part of.

All that matters is that Owens is the kind of game changer that Bills fans haven't seen in a long time and he's worth all the risk.

After talking to many die-hard Bills fans, there is positive feedback on the Owens signing. "I was excited that we finally brought in an established star in the league," said sophomore Pete Carges. "The Bills are now ready to take the next step from mediocrity."

Sophomore Zach Rutkowski added, "Owens brings a star factor the Bills haven't had since the 1990's. He'll help in the maturation process of Trent Edwards."

Owens doesn't plan on attending voluntary workouts and why should he? He's got a diehard football city at his fingertips and they'll believe anything he says. There's only one thing to remember when the Bills take on the Patriots for the first Monday Night Football game of the year. For the first time in awhile Buffalo, "It's time to get your popcorn ready because it's going to be a show."

Steve Cuce can be heard from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays on *Into the Fire* on WSUC/90.5 FM.

Players of the week prove to be dominant

Tone and Neely are both essential to Cortland's success

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. Last week's athletes are Matt Tone of the Men's Baseball Team and Alyssa Neely of Women's Gymnastics.

Neely, a junior from Allentown, PA, has been selected the female athlete of the week for the week ending March 22. Neely became a National Champion on March 21 when she took first place on the balance beam in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Neely took first place with a score of 9.60. She beat out Julia Zimmerman of MIT and Melissa Baudhuin of Winona State who tied for second place with 9.575. She advanced to the finals with a score of 9.65 the day before. Neely's first place finish helped her earn her second All-American honor in two years.

Last year, she finished tenth on the beam to earn second team honors. Neely's championship was Cortland's first Gymnastics National Championship since 2005. She was one of three All-

Americans for Cortland, as junior Jenn Najuch finished as a second team All-American on the vault and junior Christine Haungs finished as a second team All-American on the uneven bars.

Neely led Cortland to a sixth place team finish on the first day of the Championships before going on to win the individual championship the next day.

Tone, a junior from Rochester has been selected for his performance in Cortland's victory over Manhattanville on Sunday March 22. Tone pitched six scoreless innings for the Red Dragons as Cortland defeated Manhattanville 8-1. He gave up six hits, and just one walk while striking out six in earning the victory.

On the season, Tone is undefeated with a 3-0 record. The victory helped bring his ERA to 3.04.

Tone also helped Cortland earn a sweep over visiting Oswego in a doubleheader on March 28. Tone started the first game for Cortland and went six and two-third innings while giving up four hits and three earned runs.

Tone received a no-decision as Cortland ended up winning the game 7-5. Tone struck out seven Lakers in the game, which brought his total to 34 strikeouts in 30 and one-third innings on the season. Cortland won the second game of the doubleheader easily, beating Oswego 16-0.

The Red Dragons now have a record of 13-6, and are ranked seventeenth nationally. Cortland will play a home game against Ithaca this week before heading on the road for doubleheaders against Brockport and Fredonia over the weekend.

Football

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in New Jersey.

Rex Ryan, the first-year Jets head coach, is said to be looking for a more isolated environment compared to the major metropolitan sites where they previously had been located.

Students, especially those who are fans of the Jets, are eager at the prospect of having the Jets here on campus. "I think it would be a great thing for the town of Cortland for the Jets to come here for training camp," said sophomore Tim Holder. "As a Jets fan, I would definitely come up here in the summer to see them work out."

Junior Marty Dolitsky added, "Overall, for the team it's most likely a good move, and Cortland has decent facilities for the team to use throughout the summer. The one thing I'm wondering is how the organization can build a \$75 million facility in New Jersey and don't put in bleachers for fans or dorms for the players."

The Jets would not comment on their choices for location.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

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Cortland 11
RIT 6
Next: Saturday vs. Potsdam

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cortland 8
Elmira 1
Next: April 14 vs. Wells

SOFTBALL

Cortland 3
New Paltz 1

Cortland 8
New Paltz 1
Next: Wednesday @ Ithaca

BASEBALL

Cortland 11
Cazenovia 6
Next: Sunday @ Brockport (DH)

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Cortland 12
Ithaca 13
Next: Saturday vs. Oswego

Athletes of the Week



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Chris DeLuca Lacrosse

Named SUNYAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week



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Katie Finch Softball

Earned a win and a save in a doubleheader sweep vs. Ithaca

Red Dragons soar above RIT Tigers, 11-6

Men's lacrosse back to winning ways in SUNYAC victory

Paul Dagliolo
Staff Writer

Coming off of last week's defeat, the Red Dragons proved that it was merely a fluke occurrence, and not a sign of things to come. Cortland dominated every statistical category.

Junior Brian Krol scored three goals and sophomore Chris DeLuca winning 15-of-18 face-offs as the nationally seventh-ranked Cortland men's lacrosse team defeated RIT, 11-6, Saturday afternoon at the Stadium Complex in non-conference action.

The Red Dragons improved to 6-1, while the Tigers lost their third straight game and fell to 5-3. Cortland outshot RIT, 43-30, held a 50-42 advantage in ground balls and won 17-of-21 face-offs.

Freshman Mike Tota contributed two goals and two assists for the Red Dragons, junior Brandon Misiaszek had two goals and an assist and sophomore Eric Parah scored twice.

Sophomore Jay DiStefano and freshman Greg Wright added one goal and one assist each. Senior goalie Matt Hipenbecker made 11 saves, including five in the fourth quarter.



photo by Matt Taormino

Cortland freshman attacker Greg Wright fakes out the RIT goalie in an 11-6 win.

Sophomore Cody Schroeder-Young led RIT scoring with two goals. Sophomore Adam Vlassis totaled a goal and two assists, and junior Sean Gillies and sophomores Chris Cherami and Kelso Davis scored one goal each.

Sophomore goalie Robert Tonnessen registered 16 saves, including seven in the opening quarter.

Mike Tota gave Cortland a 1-0 lead with 8:33 into the first quarter off a feed from senior Joey Morgan.

Davis answered less than two minutes later to knot up the score and Gillies gave the Tigers their only lead of the game, 2-1, with 1:12 remaining in the first quarter.

Cortland connected for the only three goals of the second quarter for a 4-2 lead at the intermission. Krol scored at 14:17, and Misiaszek and Krol added goals less than two minutes apart late in the game.

The Red Dragons opened the game by going ahead of RIT with a score of 6-2 in the third quarter.

After Tota and Schroeder-Young traded goals early on, Misiaszek, DiStefano, Krol and Wright scored in a six-minute span to make it a 9-3 game with 3:16 remaining.

It was a pretty electric feeling throughout the stadium during this dominating run. With about two minutes to go, Vlassis stopped the

run with an unassisted goal, but Parah made it 10-4 only 16 seconds later eliminating any hope for RIT.

In the early minutes of the fourth quarter, the Red Dragons took four penalties and RIT finally scored a goal at 9:21 with a two-man advantage. Cherami then scored at 7:08 to pull the Tigers to within four goals at 10-6

Parah once again put an end to an RIT run, when he scooped up a ground ball on the next face-off and scored just eight seconds later to seal the victory for the Red Dragons.

Cortland baseball powers past Cazenovia

Red Dragons have strong offensive showing in victory

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

After scoring a combined nine runs in their first few innings during Saturday's doubleheader against Oswego, Cortland continued their trend of early run production.

The Red Dragons used this surge in offense in Sunday's non-conference 11-6 victory over Cazenovia.

Andersen Gardner led off the bottom of the first inning with a homerun to right field on the first pitch he saw giving the Cortland an early 1-0 lead.

Later in the inning senior Mike Avery drove in the other run of the inning with a two-out single. Avery finished the game two-for-four.

Each team would score a run in the second inning making it 2-1 Cortland after two innings.

Cazenovia tied the game at three in the top of the third. Bryan Atkins and Chad Salls each singled with one out and Adam Coglitore loaded the bases with a two-out single.

Aaron Kent then followed with a two-run single through the right side.

The seventeenth-ranked Red Dragons would respond in the bottom of the inning scoring four runs. Steve Nickel got the inning off to a good start with a lead-off walk.

Alex Coffey, would hit the first of three singles, followed by Avery and Gimblette. Gimblette's single drove in the first run.

Shawn Bailey would then single, scoring Coffey followed by a double play grounder would bring in the next run and the final run came on a wild pitch by pitcher Kyle Hill.

The Red Dragons would add another run in the fourth with a run

scoring single from Nickel.

Cortland starting pitcher Mike Assmann got his second victory of the season (2-0) going a total of five and one-third innings, striking out three while allowing three earned runs on eight hits.

Assmann was followed by freshman Brendan Hourihan who pitched one and two thirds scoreless innings, striking out two.

A.J. Carney pitched the final two innings to put an end to Cazenovia's chances.

The Red Dragons would add two more runs in the eighth. Matt Papillo singled with one out and took second following an error.

Paul Merriweather was hit by a Kyle Hill pitch, Mike Salvatore walked and Ryan Benson hit into a fielder's choice to drive in a run.

Gimblette then singled between third baseman and the shortstop to drive in the other run, giving the Red Dragons an 11-3 lead.

Cazenovia would score two runs in the ninth, but would fall

short losing 11-5.

Cazenovia's starting pitcher Tim Nye got the loss, only going three innings, giving up seven earned runs on eight hits.

On Cortland's side, the Red Dragons accumulated a total of 16 hits.

Gimblette and designated hitter Andrew Pezzuto led the attack with three hits apiece.

Cazenovia dropped to 5-8 while Cortland improves to 14-6, winning its third straight game.

The Red Dragons will play a home game against Ithaca on Tuesday before playing two SUNYAC conference double-headers this weekend.

Cortland will face off at Brockport and Fredonia on Saturday and Sunday respectively.