

# THE DRAGON CHRONICLE

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### Artist talk in Dowd being held today

Angie Waller, an artist whose array of work addresses politics. The talk, which is free and open to students and the public, will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

### Matt Nathanson tickets are on sale this week

The Student Activities Board (SAB) fifth annual Rock For A Cause will be featuring Matt Nathanson. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in the Corey Function Room.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for general public. Tickets are now on sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Corey.

### Registration for walk-a-thon going on now

Registration for the Sports Management Club's second annual walk-a-thon. Benefits are going towards the Jimmy V Foundation.

The event will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 18. Pre-registration is \$5. The table for registration is located in Corey from Monday to Friday. Registration the day of the event is \$10.

### Applications for Leadership House now

There are two spots still available for the Fall 2009-Spring 2010 year.

Applications should be submitted to Cherri Skipworth, Residence Life and Housing, B-33 Van Hoesen.

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## U.S. senator addresses economic concerns

### Gillibrand meets and speaks with local community leaders

Vicky Paz  
Editor-in-Chief

As a part of her two-day tour of the Central New York region, Gillibrand, D-NY, visited Cortland for a community leader reception in the College's Beard Building on Main Street.

"I'm a resource here for you," said Gillibrand as she opened up the floor for panelists to voice their concerns.

Close to 40 local community leaders, including Cortland City Mayor Thomas Gallagher, College President Erik Bitterbaum, local business owners and professors, were present for the event.

"About 80 percent of SUNY graduates remain in New York State after graduation," said Economics Professor Kathleen Burke. She suggested investing not just in Cortland but in all SUNY schools as they educate a large portion of the state's future workforce. Gillibrand welcomed the proposal with enthusiasm.

Most cities have severely suffered the brunt of the nation's economic recession and Cortland is no exception; the city's unemployment rate has risen to 11 percent this year, about a three percent increase from 2008, said Garry Van Gorder, executive director of the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce.

Gillibrand, who lists bettering the economy and creating more well-paying jobs in New York as her top-ranked priorities, cited the American Recovery and



photo by Vicky Paz

### Sen. Gillibrand and President Bitterbaum at Tuesday morning's community leader reception downtown.

Reinvestment Act, which she is working on with President Obama this year, as a solution that can reverse the trend.

The Recovery Act is anticipated to establish at minimum 215,000 jobs in the state alone through federal funding. It will also allocate New York \$24 million for renewable energy, healthcare, transportation and infrastructure enhancements.

Creating high-speed rail lines in Central and Upstate New York would both increase the workforce by allowing for an easier commute and drawing more visitors and revenue to the regions, said Gillibrand.

She also encouraged local leaders to apply for federal grants, many of which are reserved strictly and specifically for small, rural areas like Cortland.

One attendee, Victor Siegel, was curious as to how adding to the national debt, which Gillibrand said was \$9 trillion with \$400 billion in interest alone, would help stamp it out.

"Spending money where we can and at the same time directing the money towards different areas to create jobs" is a necessity, she said.

If a corner store goes out of business, its owner can't afford to shop at the other corner store, which will also suffer in turn, said Gillibrand. "It's necessary to immediately invest in job generators" to avoid such cycles.

"Immediate spending is important because of the grave economic crisis," said Gillibrand. With unemployment rates rising at this rate, "we can't survive."



photo by Vicky Paz

### Sen. Gillibrand speaks with her communications director, President Bitterbaum and Mayor Gallagher.

## Open house attracts over 2,900 visitors

### Spring open house draws in large prospective crowd

Danielle Eckert  
Staff Writer

Any student who stepped out of their residence hall this past Saturday could tell you that Cortland's atmosphere was buzzing.

This was because Cortland welcomed over 900 prospective students and their families to campus for the annual spring admissions open house.

"I believe the event was successful, and I'm appreciative of all the support the faculty, staff, and students offered so the program was rewarding for our visitors," said Mark Yacavone, Director of Admissions.

The program, which roughly 2,900 people attended, gave students and parents of the class of 2013, ideas of how they might be spending their next four years, and helped them to hopefully secure a decision to attend Cortland in the fall.

Guests started off the morning with speeches and presentations by Thomas Gallagher, the mayor of Cortland, SGA president Margaret Rainsford, and Mark Yacavone.

Prospective students were given the opportunity to attend numerous informational sessions throughout the course of the day.

The school provided their guests with different college life information such as the program entitled, "Meal Plans, Textbooks, Debit, and I.D. Cards" and information about each specific major.

There were also programs about what aspects Cortland has to offer such as Safety on Campus, Greek Life and Study Abroad Opportunities Program.

In the Corey Gymnasium in Park Center, each major, club, and athletic team set up tables where future students and their parents could linger and listen to what the representative had to say.

This part of the day's activities gave students a general view on what activities Cortland has to offer, and how easy it is to get involved on campus.

It also helped students to

have one-on-one time to talk to a person who is in the department they are interested in joining.

Students and their parents also received residential services information, and tours of campus buildings were given. The itinerary of the day allowed parents and the children to choose what events specifically interested them, and what would be most helpful for their experience at visiting Cortland.

According to those who participated, the day was a success. Incoming freshman Justin Signorelli, from Ulster County, said, "I've wanted to come to Cortland since I was a sophomore in high school for their wrestling program, but after seeing how nice the campus is and everything it has to offer certainly was a big plus to get me to want to come here."

New tour guide Ben Paquette said, "The open house for accepted students was great because it was for students who really wanted to be there. They asked good questions and seemed very interested, unlike regular tours when it is mostly the parents asking the questions."

## SGA elections

### Elections for SGA positions held on Bannerweb this week

Andrew Harrison  
Staff Writer

There has been some important voting that has been taking place lately.

First was the voting for the Mandatory Activity Fee. Supposedly when students see fee on their options they vote against that, but this activity fee is very important to the students because it gives the funding for student clubs, recreational sports, Tomik and Woods fitness facilities, E-squad/EMS, peer tutors, Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Weekend escape bus to NYC and Long Island, SGA Scholarship, and free

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## SGA elections

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legal advice. The outcome of this vote will be available soon.

Another big vote that has just recently occurred is the SGA elections, which students voted on BannerWeb April 7 and 8.

The candidates for president were Jesse Campanaro, a sophomore from Monticello, who is currently the Vice President, and Melissa Dwyer, who is the current Treasurer and Chairman of the Financial Board.

The vice president candidates are Aaron Batchelder, a senior from Rouses Point, and Anne Marie Rossi, a sophomore from Kings Park, who has been the executive assistant to the Vice President and President.

The sole candidate for the Treasurer is senior Gabrielle Magnanti who is the Vice Treasurer and is currently on the Financial Board.

*Editor's Note: As of press time, the outcome of the elections had not yet been released.*

## NYPIRG's budget slashed by 60 percent

Despite decrease in funding, expectations are optimistic

Vicky Paz  
Editor-in-Chief

The Cortland chapter of the New York Public Interest Group (NYPIRG) recently received a 60 percent cut in funding to its budget account.

In the past, NYPIRG has been allocated \$45,000 for its budget, \$25,000 of which was given to a full-time project coordinator employed by the group. But for the upcoming academic year, NYPIRG was given \$18,000 and has been deemed an SGA club.

Up until now, NYPIRG had been a contract organization at Cortland, funded entirely by a student referendum.

In years prior, students had the opportunity to vote for or against the Mandatory Activity Fee, which included a referendum that asked for a \$3.50 fee per student, per semester, that would go directly towards NYPIRG.

However, a lawsuit at SUNY Albany has eradicated referendums at SUNY schools that pertain to specific clubs because doing so gave an unfair advantage to clubs with more popular standings or viewpoints.

If NYPIRG's budget, which as a club will be monitored more effectively, is "well utilized, there is a high likelihood of the budget being increased in the future," said Rainsford.

NYPIRG's new status as a club means that it will no longer be able to employ a project coordinator and must appoint a faculty advisor for the fall, as has also been the case for several other campus chapters.

"As a student club, the drive should come from the students themselves," said SGA President Margaret Rainsford, who mentioned that the other club advisors on campus do not work an additional 40 hours per week, nor are they paid extra.

However, NYPIRG sees having a project coordinator as a vital necessity.

"It is so important because they are a full-time main source of

information," said current NYPIRG project coordinator Alicia Eimer.

The average student takes on 15 to 18 class credit hours and thus would not have enough time to receive as much information from the state, let alone distribute it efficiently. It would take several students to fulfill the role and duties of the project coordinator, who goes through rigorous training to obtain the expertise necessary for the position, she said.

Despite no longer holding the position of Project Coordinator after this semester, Eimer isn't ruling out the possibility of remaining involved with NYPIRG.

NYPIRG has not yet appointed a faculty advisor for the upcoming semester, so internship program availability is still in question, said Eimer. She said though that the number of events shouldn't change and neither should the nature of the club's work.

"I'm optimistic for the program... The students involved have shown such passion and commitment," said Eimer, who is confident that they will keep NYPIRG going strong.

## Legislature protects Tuition Assistance Program

NYPIRG reacts to the state protecting the TAP program

NYPIRG applauded the Legislature last week for protecting the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), community colleges and university-wide programs, according to press.

"These important restorations will protect access to higher education in an era when jobs are less secure, household budgets are stretched to the limit, and family investments are shrinking at a dizzying pace," said the Cortland chapter Program Coordinator Alicia Eimer.

In the final budget agreement, lawmakers rejected proposals to reduce or eliminate TAP awards for students with more than one family member in college, students taking 12-14 credits, graduate students, and students who are struggling with federal student loans or grades.

They also restored proposed cuts to university-wide programs that would have affected stipends for graduate students and campus-based child care, among other things.

A 10% proposed cut to community colleges was also restored, as was most of a 50% proposed cut to the Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP).

Coordinating with NYPIRG chapters at colleges and universities throughout the state, Cortland students mounted a statewide campaign to stop the cuts to higher education.

NYPIRG student leadership testified at five separate legislative hearings addressing higher education.

"We worked really hard to make sure legislators knew how bad the cuts to TAP and community colleges would be for students," said Alisa Henningson, a sophomore Communications major who interns with NYPIRG.

The final budget isn't all good news for students. Instead of investing in SUNY, lawmakers chose to redirect 80% of the funding from the recent tuition hikes away from the university system in 2009-10.

NYPIRG's statewide higher education coordinator, Fran Clark, also called passage of the New York Higher Education Loan Program (NYHELPS) without adequate consumer safeguards a "big mistake."

Clark also expressed concern that the lawmakers failed to add a backstop to ensure that students won't forgo cheaper, safer federal PLUS loans in favor of the NYHELPS loans.

## Meet Carmela Laya, president of Habitat for Humanity

Sophomore from Queens actively involved on campus

Rebecca Greenland  
Staff Writer

Sophomore and Early Childhood/Childhood Education major Carmela Laya is the President of Cortland's Habitat for Humanity Club.

Originally established in 1976 and brought to Cortland in 1987, Laya took up the Presidency position this semester.

Laya is from Queens and went to Gateway to Health Sciences, a magnet school veered towards the medical field.

However, Laya has decided to go into Education and would ideally like to work with K-1 graders in the city.

"I want to work in the city because they need good teachers, but I'm willing to work anywhere" said Laya.

Along with being president for Habitat for Humanity, Laya is an APM in Randall and works in Career Services where she helps students find employment.

Her favorite classes are her education classes and her observation hours at the day care center. "Working with the kids beats going to class, even though



provided by Carmela Laya

### Habitat for Humanity President Carmela Laya.

it's at 7:45 in the morning."

In the past, Laya has helped to run the annual Hunger Banquet, was the former Advocacy chair, helped plan events and organized fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity.

The club is currently planning a sleep-out on April 16 outside of Neubig to help raise awareness about homelessness.

They will show a projection of a movie (last year they showed "The Pursuit of Happyness") and discuss issues regarding the homeless.

This spring break, Habitat for Humanity took a trip to North Carolina to build three houses in Concord, Statesville and

Burlington.

Laya went to Burlington where she helped build a house for a retired man taking care of two foster children.

"I helped put the shingles on the roof and installed the OSB side board. Others helped with installation and building the interior of the house."

Laya said that everyone got very close to one another while working on the houses.

"Many of the volunteers were retired and most people had no construction experience at all." However, everyone banded together to get the job done.

The group stayed at a place called "Twin Lakes" which is

owned by a retirement home. Meals were provided for the volunteers by the local churches, and Laya said they were very accommodating.

"I'm a vegetarian but they always made sure there was something for me to eat." She said that the group got very close to the community during the time they spent in Burlington.

When asked what the hardest part of being club president was, Laya said that it was organizing everything (such as the trip to North Carolina) and getting what needs to be done, done on time.

"We also lost a lot of important people on the e-board this semester, and it has been hard getting the club back to its 'former glory.' We want to get people really involved again."

Carmela Laya's favorite part of Habitat for Humanity really gets at the heart of the organization,

"Working on the homes," she said. "We just finished the house on Tompkins street." Last time she went, Laya was painting.

The club works on homes Saturdays, and anyone can volunteer to help.

Habitat for Humanity meets every other Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in Van Hoesen, room B-212.

*Editor's Note: Club president spotlights are a regular column for the spring 2009 semester.*

## Sports Management Club's second annual walk-a-thon

Registration for the club's walk-a-thon going on now

On Saturday April 18th, the Sport Management club will be hosting their second annual "Walk-A-Thon" with all proceeds going towards the Jimmy V Foundation. The event will take

place at David Field from 1pm - 5pm.

Jimmy Valvano was a division I basketball coach for NC State winning the NCAA Tournament in 1983, as well as the ACC Title in 83 and 87.

In 1992, Valvano was diagnosed with bone cancer and passed away a year later.

Before his death, Valvano and ESPN created the V foundation for

cancer research. Since that time, the foundation has raised over 80 million dollars in hopes of finding a cure for cancer.

Last year the Walk-A-Thon event raised over \$2600.00 and looks to build on that number this year.

Pre-Registration for the event is \$5. The registration table is located in Corey Union Monday to Friday, 4pm to 8pm until April

17th.

Registration will also be held for participants on the day of the event which will be \$10. All registered participants will receive a t-shirt on the day of the event.

For more information on the event, listen to WSUC at 90.5 FM, CSTV or visit the Facebook page by searching "SUNY Cortland Walk-A-Thon."

## Alcohol, drugs and the code

### Students need to be aware of the Code of Student Conduct

**Michael Pitaro**

*Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs*

Last year, more than 900 SUNY Cortland students violated the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Many of these students may have been unaware of specific policies in the *Code*. Did you know that to enroll in coursework at Cortland, you had to affirm the statement on BannerWeb that you will abide by the *Code of Student Conduct*?

Many students may have done this without even reading the *Code*. The Judicial Affairs Office believes that an informed student is less likely to violate the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Cortland is very concerned about the use and abuse of alcohol, particularly dangerous drinking. Last year, there were more than 400 violations of the B06 Alcohol Policy.

The *Code* states that "students under 21 years of age may not use, possess, distribute or be knowingly in the presence of alcoholic beverages on the college campus or in the Cortland community..." (Code, pp. 5-6).

Many students do not understand that if they are

knowingly in the presence of alcohol and under 21 years of age, they are in violation of the alcohol policy, whether or not they are drinking. Violations of the alcohol policy may result in the sanctions listed below:

"Three Strikes" Policy for Alcohol

*(Sanctions that will likely occur)*

**Strike 1:** Residence Hall Probation for one year and completion of the Alcohol 101 CD-Rom, or an online module and a two-page reflection paper on the program.

**Strike 2:** Disciplinary Probation for one year, Substance Education program (including a \$30 fee), 30 hours of Community Service, and in some cases, a Counseling Assessment. Under certain circumstances, room reassignment may occur.

**Strike 3:** Suspension from all Residence Halls or from the College for a minimum of one semester, Deferred Suspension for four months followed by two years of Disciplinary Probation, a Counseling Assessment, and a five-page research paper on alcohol.

The college is also concerned with student use and abuse of narcotics and other controlled substances. Marijuana and other drug use continue to occur here at Cortland. The *Code* also states that "students may not use,

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## To be or not to be a vegetarian?

### Wellness Wednesday highlights benefits of going vegetarian

**Rebecca Job**

*Staff Writer*

A variety of people came to speak at the "Go Veg: Eating Green, Going Green," Wellness Wednesday event including Esa Merson, an academic tutor at ASAP, Jennifer Greene, an intern with the Counseling Center, Jeremy Zhe-Heimerman, from Assistive Technology and Test Administration Services, and Louise Whittleton, a registered dietitian for ASC.

All speakers shared their stories about when and why they decided to become a vegetarian. Upon entering the April 1 program, vegetarian snack samples were provided to everyone.

Whittleton spoke about the different types of vegetarians. People who do not eat beef, pork, poultry, fish, shellfish or animal flesh of any kind, but who do eat eggs and dairy products are lacto-ovo vegetarians.

A lacto vegetarian does not eat eggs, beef, pork, poultry, fish, shellfish or animal flesh of any kind, but will consume dairy products.

Lastly, a vegan will not eat animal flesh (meat, poultry, fish and

seafood), animal products (eggs and dairy), and usually excludes honey and the wearing and use of animal products (leather, silk, wool...).

Merson pointed out that often times "cows, calves, ducks, and geese are only looked at as product. They are kept in feed lots, deprived of exercise, fresh air..."

Factory fed animals are fed drugs and are genetically altered to produce more milk or eggs than they ever naturally would. When thinking about your diet, Merson asked us to "be mindful of where your food comes from."

Greene discussed the environmental impacts that animal agriculture creates. According to [goveg.com](http://goveg.com), "raising animals for food causes global warming, wastes resources, and pollutes our environment."

Greene gave facts such as one-fifth of greenhouse gas emissions comes from livestock, and that it takes about 2,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of meat. She suggested that we "figure climate change with diet change."

Whittleton spoke about the nutritional aspects of becoming a vegetarian. She highlighted that there is a range of differences in each individual's diet practices: foods you eat, beliefs, and motivations to make the switch.

"Some people who change are more restrictive, some more lenient," said Whittleton.

Whittleton pointed out that

athletes can be vegetarians too, but they "must be mindful of veggies with a spectrum of proteins."

It's important for an athlete who is vegetarian to get all of the nutrition from veggies.

Zhe-Heimerman talked about meals that vegetarians can make. He highlighted soups, stews, tofu, and salads as good choices.

"I became a vegetarian my senior year," and he gave up red meats first in his transition. "I did feel an energy boost...I eat so much more [variety] as a vegetarian" said Zhe-Heimerman.

Throughout the speech, the speakers referred to [www.goveg.com](http://www.goveg.com) as a resourceful site for anyone interested in switching to a vegetarian diet and lifestyle.

As always, nutrition services is glad to help anyone who would like dietary guidance for vegetarians; they will help individuals discover healthful alternatives while dining on or off campus or in home food preparation.

To set up an appointment, contact Louise Whittleton at 607-753-5773.



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## Code of Conduct rules

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possess, distribute or be knowingly in the presence of narcotics or other controlled substances..." (Code, pg 6).

Violations of the drug policy may not only result in the penalties listed below, but may also result in losing Financial Aid.

**"Three Strikes" Policy for Drugs**  
(Sanctions that will likely occur)

**Strike 1:** Disciplinary Probation for one year, Substance Education program (including a \$30 fee), 30 hours of Community Service, and in some cases, a Counseling Assessment. Under certain circumstances, room reassignment may occur.

**Strike 2 :** Suspension from the Residence Halls or from the College for a minimum of one semester, Disciplinary Probation for two years, 30 hours of Community Service, and a Counseling Assessment.

**Strike 3 :** Suspension from the College for a minimum of two semesters, completion of a drug treatment or counseling program, and Deferred Suspension for one year followed by Disciplinary Probation through Graduation upon return to the College.

Any student who is concerned with his or her own substance use, or the substance

use of a friend may seek assistance from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Coordinator, Robyn Forster.

She can be reached at 607-753-2066, robyn.forster@cortland.edu or at her office in Van Hoesen Hall, B-1.

Additionally if there is any concern about the immediate health of an individual please call 911.

NOTE: Good Samaritan Policy – Abuse of alcohol and other drugs can create life-threatening situations that require an immediate response from emergency services personnel.

In all instances, the College is concerned that those in need receive prompt medical attention. The College cannot guarantee absolute immunity from sanctions associated with violations of the Code or state and federal law.

However, efforts will be made to mitigate sanctions associated with alcohol and other drug offenses for "Good Samaritans." These considerations apply only to the individual(s) who may have contributed or participated in the use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs, but summoned aid.

## She's more than your average professor

**Cathy Smith goes above and beyond to improve the campus**

**Caitlin Brett**  
Staff Writer

Finding a dedicated and passionate professor throughout these four years can be one of the best experiences of college.

Cathy Smith, who has been with Cortland for 18 years, is a full time professional staff and health educator.

She goes above and beyond her duty as an educator and thoroughly enjoys her job and everything she does.

She has taught Peer Health Advocacy Sex, Drugs, and the College Student, continues to teach COR 101 for health majors, and is hoping to teach Health Promotions for College Students in the fall.

Like years before Smith has taken on interns to help her with health promotions. However, this year she has taken the most ever with 12 interns.

Smith believes learning as a team is unique and has many positive sides. She loves the enthusiasm everyone has. "Energy is contagious," Smith said.

She would love to do it again and would even be open to more. Her main concern is making sure the interns feel rewarded for their work and that there is enough things to do so that everyone feels included.

This year her interns have been involved with Wellness Wednesdays and Body Appreciation Week.

Smith also contributes much of her time to our campus. She is involved in Wellness Wednesdays and LGBT; she is an advisor to CAAR, a mentor for relay for life, and gives information and resources to students to help keep themselves healthy.

She is also involved in many campus wide programs, committees and loves bringing the campus and the community together.

The AIDS quilt is also very important to her. She feels that it is very touching and she loves doing things to make sure that people aren't forgotten.

Cathy Smith's favorite thing about working at Cortland is the students because it makes her job fun. She was told by her previous boss "if it's not fun, don't do it." She can't find anything in her job that isn't fun. "I love to see students shine," she said.

Only happy and positive vibes come from her when you meet her



provided by Cathy Smith

**Health Educator Cathy Smith contributes to campus in variety of ways.**

and she encourages students to do well and promote health in fun ways.

Smith also tries to attend as many extra curricular activities as she can including basketballs games, school plays, and Gospel Choir.

Smith also is very fond of going to the graduation ceremonies every year and seeing what the students have accomplished.

Smith's colleagues "are all wonderful," she said.

They are all extremely supportive and for the most part they have all been there for the last 10 years.

She also gets to work with her husband, Steve Smith, who has been in Cortland for 10 years as a counselor.

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## Our View

*The Dragon Chronicle* would like to extend its condolences and deepest sympathies to those who may have been affected by the recent tragedy that occurred in Binghamton.

On April 3, a man entered the American Civic Association building in Binghamton and opened fire into a classroom holding an English language instruction class. He killed 13 people before killing himself. The man was identified as 41-year-old Jiverly Wong, a Vietnamese immigrant who took English classes at the center.

We watch the news and are shocked and appalled by the events that take place and the heinous violence that people are capable of. But we are all the more disturbed when the violence happens just up the road.

Several of the victims escaped conditions in their home countries that none of us could ever imagine to come to America for a better life. They overcame adversity only to be killed unjustly.

We are all working to make this country a better place and we will not forget those who came to America with the intention of furthering that goal.

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## Letter to the editor

The recent "uproar", as your paper calls it, over the "marijuana articles" has not only deterred my aspirations for joining your team, but in the process of publishing Matthew Fanelli's work not once but twice, you have lost an avid reader of over two years.

Not only does this "staff writer" have no idea how to construct an argument as the basic practices of rhetoric dictate, but also by advertising for the students to respond as to how they feel about the use of the drug is a calculated diversion of the issue at hand.

Let me show you how it's done, Matthew. One, you do not blatantly bash a method of argumentation and then immediately follow it up with an example of the very type of the argument which you detest.

I am talking of the March 26 issue of *The Dragon Chronicle* where you bash the use of quotations by the writers of the article in response to your first by saying they "...probably [didn't] read [the quote] and simply picked something out..." By the way, and let's all say it together now, what happens when we assume Matthew?

Yet you follow this up with a quote of your own, by John Wayne. I can't resist pointing out

the irony in the use of *that*, considering Wayne died of lung cancer due to cigarette smoking, another "character flaw" under the terms of your argument. This renders you a complete hypocrite.

Two, you need three things, operating *in balance*, to construct a well rounded, valid argument. In Greek, they are logos (logic), pathos (emotion), and ethos (validity).

Nowhere in your arguments are the statistics of deaths related to marijuana smoking. The situations that you describe, such as the marijuana being laced with something that may cause death, are hypothetical and improbable.

Nowhere do you establish validity; that is, you seem to have no authority in this certain aspect, no work background, no experience.

You fully admit in your first article that you have never tried marijuana. Your argument is made entirely up of emotion.

Three, and the worst, not only do you have no idea of how to construct a proper argument, but you use your words to spew hatred against other people, which is absolutely despicable.

Smoking pot may be wrong, in your opinion, but to say that you are better than one person because you do one thing and

while they do another is superficial and, if I may use my own powers of perception, which I must tell you Matthew, you might want to turn on to yourself sometime, hints at a feeling of jealousy.

What has happened to you that you should feel such a way toward other people who, if I may speak from experience, are less apt to write angry and stirring op-eds like yours?

*That* is what the real issue is here, what is causing all this "uproar": a person is making a personal attack, in general terms, and placing it in a public forum. It is detrimental and accomplishes nothing. Not only that, but you have invited more hatred by placing that advertisement.

The thing that disturbed me the most about Matthew's article was that he said that he was better than people who smoked marijuana. It is that type of thinking that triggers mass genocide. Your citation of Hitler and Stalin in your March 26 article was also ironic.

To keep this going though, editors, is horrible. You should be ashamed of yourselves, the lot of you.

-Jaron Serven  
English  
Professional Writing

## The law fights back

### Being rich and famous no longer has perks with the law

#### Eric Feuer

Staff Writer

We hear it all the time. Someone famous does something wrong and gets away with it. Or they just get an easier sentence than the average Joe would. O.J Simpson "killed" two people and he got off.

How many times have celebrities gotten D.U.I charges, and skipped out on jail time only to receive some community service.

Let's face it; being famous has more perks than getting in at clubs or exclusive restaurants. Being famous means having a get out of jail free card, or at least it used to be that way.

Slowly but surely the law is starting to get even with the famous for the things they have done. Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie both served time in jail, even if it was for a short amount of time.

The funny part is that both of them had had numerous run ins

with the law, and probably thought they could always just get away with paying a fine, and picking up trash in a park.

Well, everyone gets what they deserve eventually. Just because you are famous, doesn't mean you don't live by the normal rules and standards of society.

Paris and Nicole are just small fish in the pond though. More recently the law has brought the hammer down hard on Michael Vick, Adam "Pacman" Jones, and now Plaxico Burress and Donte Stallworth could be facing serious jail time.

Everyone knows about Michael Vick. Star quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons, at least until it was discovered that he was bank rolling an illegal dog fighting ring on one of his properties.

Once caught, it was a big issue over whether or not Vick would face jail time. He didn't just get jail time; he also received an indefinite suspension from the NFL, along with losing all his money and having to file for bankruptcy.

Vick is set to be released from prison soon, and while he is confident he can still play at the NFL level for ten years, he still has

to be given reinstatement by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

More recently the NFL has had most of the celebrity wrong doers. Plaxico Burress shot himself in the leg with an unregistered gun, a sentence that could land him in jail for 3 1/2 years at the minimum.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has said of the incident that any sentence short of the minimum would be "a mockery of the law."

While Burress only hurt himself, another wide receiver recently hurt someone else. On March 14, Donte Stallworth of the Browns struck and killed a pedestrian with his car on the way to a Miami Beach.

What makes things worse is that Stallworth was driving under the influence, and reportedly blew a 0.12 when police tested him. Stallworth has been charged with a DUI and manslaughter, and as a result could face up to 15 years in jail.

What happens to Burress and Stallworth remains to be seen, but the point is the law no longer bends to the rich and famous. You do the crime, you do the time.

# What do you have to say?

## What is your favorite reality television show?



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“Real World/Road Rules Challenge.’ They actually have a purpose besides finding love.”

**Jaime Peacock**  
Freshman  
Biology



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“The Hills.’ I can relate to it. There is a lot of drama.”

**Linnea Johnson**  
Freshman  
Pre-Major



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“The Ultimate Fighter.’ It’s very real and there is a lot of stuff I can relate to.”

**Brad Schaefer**  
Sophomore  
Sports Management



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“For the Love of Ray J.’ He’s pretty cute and it’s amusing to watch.”

**Alyssa Hinkleman**  
Freshman  
International Studies



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“Tool Academy.’ It’s absolutely ridiculous.”

**Cassie Barnes**  
Junior  
Biology

## A standing ovation for Cortland drama

### Guys and Dolls captures the imagination

**Daniel Harding Jr.**  
*Staff Writer*

April 6 was the grand finale of the school production *Guys and Dolls*. The turnout was definitely more than I expected as tickets quickly became sold-out leaving many students forced to wait until next year to see a school play.

Only having been to a handful of plays, I’m not really an avid follower of the theatrics. I was skeptical to how I would enjoy the play.

My skeptical attitude went right out the window and my expectations of the play changed in just the opening seconds.

The opening scene was a lively and well-choreographed scene that captured the audience’s attention. Set against a backdrop of New York City in the 1940’s, the play followed the journey and transformation of a group of mischievous gamblers.

These characters were faced with numerous challenges and self-realizations. The troublesome crew was also up against cheaters and police alike as they searched for a location to host their gambling. The end puts the band of tough guys face to face with their biggest challenge: love and their eternal salvation.

The acting in *Guys and Dolls* was both outstanding and flawless. It was apparent that comedy was something they were also aiming for as I found myself laughing throughout the entire performance, especially when character Nicely-Nicely, played by John McAvaney, was on the stage.

Another aspect of the performance I was thoroughly impressed with was the pit band. Without it, the performance wouldn’t have been nearly as successful.

The band didn’t miss a note during the entire performance though it seemed they were performing as much as the actors themselves. The scenery was also impressive as the lights, smoke, and detailed backdrop allowed for your mind to be transported to another period in time.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the play. I had no idea what to expect. This was my first time to a production on campus, and I was really happy with how it was done,” said sophomore Luis Welch.

At the conclusion of the performance, the cast and crew were met by a much-deserved standing ovation and thunderous applause.

It was evident by the flawless narration and the high level of energy produced by everyone involved that an extraordinary amount of work was put in to create the play.

After viewing my first school play I’m hooked and can’t wait to see what they come up with next.

## Increasing threats to the United States

### North Korea makes strides in long-range missile capabilities

**Matthew Fanelli**  
*Staff Writer*

Exactly when will this country and its allies wake up and address the major problems facing the free world?

North Korea has just tested another long-range missile and although the United States and many other countries are condemning the action, it doesn’t appear as though Kim Jong-il is going to take notice. Why would he?

This isn’t the first time something like this has happened, and it’s not the first time that America has joined in chorus to condemn North Korea for it either.

What about Iran? They’re busy attempting to enrich uranium that can be used in nuclear weapons. No matter how often the world points their fingers and cries foul, Ahmadinejad simply continue to do so.

Am I the only person walking around that’s beginning to think that these countries simply don’t care about what America wants them to do?

The time for negotiations may be coming to an end. How many times can we tell Iran to end its nuclear programs while being run by a fanatic?

The President has made numerous claims against the United States and Israel, sometimes vowing to wipe Israel off of the planet.

Should we just stand idly by and wait for them to finally develop a nuclear weapon and then lob it at Israel, potentially killing thousands? No, we should gather a few countries in support and then strike the installations in Iran. At the very least we could back up Israel if and when they decide to take care of it themselves.

North Korea already claims to have nuclear weapons and now they’re busy building intercontinental ballistic missiles that can hit the United States.

Although they’ve all crashed in the Pacific thus far, that doesn’t necessarily mean that that maniac, Kim Jong-il, doesn’t actually have one that works.

America’s Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles were crashing into the Pacific when the North Koreans were still firing bows and arrows at each other.

If I were Barack Obama, I would tell Kim Jong-il that the next time he tries a launch, America will send him four or five long range missiles that actually work. All he needs to do is stand outside the launch pads, look up at the sky, and wait for them.

Men like Kim Jong-il in North Korea and Ahmadinejad in Iran are the reason that a functioning world community won’t work.

Ironically, it’s this idea that the world should sit around and peacefully hold hands and pass flowers around that is inhibiting

any effective response to world leaders bent on war and murder.

The fanatics of Al-Qaeda, Hamas, and the men like Bin Laden, Kim Jong-il, and Ahmadinejad need to be silenced and stopped before the world can make any progress toward a lasting peace. For that matter, these people and men like them need to be silenced and stop before a whole lot of innocent people are meaninglessly killed.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“**Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.**”

**-Thomas Edison**

## **The Dragon Chronicle asked Cortland students what they thought about marijuana. Here are their responses:**

From my perspective, medically prescribed/recreational users of cannabis suffer from anything but a character flaw.

My grandfather is a WWII veteran and he couldn't sleep because of the restless mind the war left him with and the uncontrollable anxiety shakes he suffered from after serving our nation at Pearl Harbor.

He's received a Purple Heart, he's the father of six children, and is now an 89-year-old man that still takes advantage of the all-natural drug that the cannabis plant produces and its wide variety health benefits.

Some of the smartest, most loving, caring and generous people I've met in my life have coincidentally been recreational cannabis users also.

I started in every Women's Varsity soccer game my freshman year here, I can speak Russian, play the clarinet, I have a 3.6 overall GPA as a Speech Pathology major and Cortland has recognized my high academic achievements with a scholarship my second year here.

Not only do I think cannabis has had no negative effects on my athletic, artistic and intellectual success, I believe it's helped me reach such heights.

Matthew Fanelli: Please consider taking a break from your quest to make everyone think like you and try to see the world from the many viewpoints that exist other than yours.

**-Natalie Sloboda**

In 50 years, Michael Phelps will be remembered for one thing: winning 14 gold medals for the United States of America. No one is going to say, "but remember when he got busted for smoking pot after that."

I would also like to say something about Matt Fanelli's remarks toward Physical Education teachers. For such a great judge of character, you seem to lack it yourself.

To refer to P.E. teachers as people who just teach kickball is an insult to all the students at this school who are seeking to become educators.

In your response, you mentioned how you judge people without getting to know them but it's okay because everyone does it. Of all people, you should know that you couldn't do something just because everyone else does it.

Otherwise you would be smoking pot with all those people that clearly aren't as good as you. Remember?

I just want to add the fact that just because you don't smoke pot doesn't make you better than anyone. If you think it does, then I would say you are truly arrogant but I wouldn't want to make a judgment like that unless I met you.

**-Mark Hogan**

Marijuana is a drug but it is harmless in comparison to other drugs including alcohol.

Ben Lester and Zach Bowen brought up this point and even cited their sources when giving information. They wrote in a manner that was articulate and unbiased.

Matthew Fanelli failed to do that once again. Matthew's articles not only offend people who use marijuana, but they also offend anyone who believes in personal freedom. Who has died from marijuana use? Who has died from marijuana being laced? And who says marijuana is a depressant? Please give sources if you are going to give "facts."

As for Matthew's "logic", he makes outrageous analogies. How could he compare Nietzsche to Stalin and Hitler?

Matthew may be right about one thing. Smoking marijuana can be a character flaw. However, there are worse character flaws than smoking marijuana. One of these flaws is arrogance, clearly shown in the articles written by Matthew Fanelli.

I have no problem with anyone who has any view as long as they can back up their information with true, unprejudiced information. Cortland needs to move on.

I would like to see more opinion pieces printed based on intelligence, rather than sensationalistic tabloid nonsense.

**-Brian Lupu**

Marijuana is a personal choice. It is something that is in the hands of the user and that person decides how much they will let it affect their life. It is true that some people do lack motivation and pot does lend itself to sitting on the couch. But idleness isn't always due to drugs. Some people are just lazy, pot or not.

I don't agree with lumping people into categories. A person is more than just a series of actions. Look beyond the joint and you will see that.

Smoking pot does not make you a loser or less important to society. It is a temporary high and when it's over, I go back to writing my papers and planning my future, just like everyone else.

**-Kelsey Delmotte**

I would like to present some facts about marijuana in order to clarify all the misinformation in Matthew Fanelli's laughable "response" in the March 26 issue.

His argument is nothing more than an uneducated rant that is as futile as it is ridiculous: a foolish perspective that truly holds no place in a serious academic community.

The truth is, legal or not, people will continue to find ways of obtaining and smoking marijuana. "Weed Culture" is all around us, has been for years, and isn't going away. This is because deep down, anyone rational knows that the so-called "dangers" of marijuana are as real as Matt Fanelli's ability to present an intelligent thesis.

Not only is it not harmful but it's also one of the most useful crops known to humanity. Fact: four times as much paper can be made from an acre of hemp than an acre of trees at one-quarter the cost and only a fifth the pollution, at least that's what the USDA says.

Global warming anyone? No need for foreign oil after all if we make methanol from hemp stalks. Textiles, paper, fuel, jobs and a renewable resource, all from hemp. It really is that simple.

Marijuana has never killed anyone. In fact, it is incapable of killing anyone. Comparing marijuana to guns or any other drug for that matter is ridiculous.

Even calling marijuana a drug is ridiculous. The propaganda that Matthew Fanelli spews and the oppressive outdated beliefs that back up his opinion are the same beliefs and views that have served to perpetuate inequality in this country throughout its history.

Anyone foolish enough to give Matthew Fanelli a shred of credibility, I beg you to open your eyes and see that his logic is as horrible as his attitude towards others.

**-Dan Pastore**

Matthew Fanelli's latest article has caused some controversy on this campus and has certainly increased *The Dragon Chronicle's* readership. It may be true that most are infuriated by his anti-marijuana remarks but some are also equally angered by the author's elitist tone.

While I disagree with the author's stance on the usage of marijuana, I also feel that he cannot sufficiently argue his point if he is to blatantly insult his peers. People are not going to fully listen to his ideas if all he does is judge them.

Since the author is "such a phenomenal judge of character" then one should examine their own "character flaws" and admit when they are wrong. To reiterate it again, it is wrong to judge people when you do not know them. Just because people do it does not make it right.

The author did manage to get one thing correct and that is that "just because something may have been acceptable hundreds of years ago it doesn't suggest it's acceptable now." Slavery, that was wrong. Prohibition was wrong. They are wrong because they infringe on our individual civil liberties. What makes marijuana is the exception?

Marijuana only became illegal in 1937 and that was a fiasco in itself pushed by corrupt politicians like Harry J. Aslinger, yellow journalism and its connection with racists' ideology.

The author argues that it is because people "just might die." Since the author brings up "logic and fact" it might be helpful to bring in some real facts, not just weak assumptions.

According to the Centers for Disease Control 21,634 people died last year from alcohol abuse, 438,000 people died from tobacco usage and zero died from the use of marijuana. To repeat that, zero people died from the use of marijuana alone.

The author says that marijuana can be laced with another drug. That may be true, but can my drink get roofied? Can someone pour antifreeze in my drink? That argument does not hold water according to "logic and fact."

I think it is of note to mention medicinal marijuana. Are those people who have exhausted all other medical treatment except marijuana flawed? I do not think so.

If the author were to use real logic, real facts and drop the arrogant and elitist tone in his writing, then people might listen. Most on this campus believe in acceptance, not just tolerance. So for the time being, most will just tolerate his arguments.

**-Stephanie Worden**

## **Chinese festival honors elders**

**Early spring brings reflection and respect for Chinese people**

**Qinshu Zuo**  
*Staff Writer*

April 4 was the Tomb-Sweeping Day in China. We also call it Qing Ming Jie or All Souls' Day. Qing Ming is a time to remember the dead and the dearly departed. More importantly, it is a period to honor and to pay respect to one's deceased ancestors and family members. Because it reinforces the ethic of filial piety, Qing Ming is a major Chinese festival.

Literally meaning "clear" (Qing) and "bright" (Ming), this Chinese festival falls in early spring, on the 106th day after the winter solstice. It is a "spring" festival, and it is an occasion for the whole family to leave the home and to sweep the graves of their forebears.

The sweeping of the graves is given an extended period of 10 days before and after Qing Ming day. Some groups dedicate a whole month to the act.

Qing Ming is popularly associated with Jie Zi Zhui, who lived in Shanxi province in 600 B.C. Legend has it that Jie saved his starving lord's life by serving a piece of his own leg. When the lord succeeded in becoming the ruler of a small principality, he invited his faithful follower to join him. However, Jie declined his invitation, preferring to lead a hermit's life with his mother in the mountains.

Believing that he could force Jie out by burning the mountain, the lord ordered his men to set the forest on fire. To his consternation, Jie chose to remain where he was and was burnt to death.

To commemorate Jie, the lord ordered all fires in every home to be put out on the anniversary of Jie's death. Thus began the "cold food feast", a day when no food could be cooked since no fire could be lit.

The "cold food" festival occurs on the eve of Qing Ming and is often considered as part of the Qing Ming festival. As time passes, the Qing Ming festival replaced the "cold food" festival.

Whatever practice is observed the basic observation of Qing Ming is to remember one's elders by making a special effort to visit their graves, ashes or ancestral tablets.

To make the visit even more meaningful, some time should be spent to remind the younger members of the family of the lives and contributions of their ancestors, and the story of Jie Zi Zhui who choose death over capitulation.

**Thanks to everyone  
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more opportunities to  
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## Lots to see and do before semester's end

**Campus events are in abundance as the semester ends**

**Samantha Ficken**  
*Staff Writer*

April marks the home stretch of the semester. With only about five weeks left, and within that seventeen class days left, the year is coming to an end.

Although studying and projects are important during this time, going out and letting out stress at campus events is also a must.

A big event coming up this month is Scholars' Day on April 17. Scholars' Day is a day to recognize and encourage scholarship among faculty, staff and students.

There are several events that will take place in Old Main such as faculty and student speakers as well as presentation about the scholarly work that Cortland students are a part of.

This year, keynote speaker Edward J. Zambraski Ph.D. Cortland alumnus has been the

division chief of the Military Performance Division of the U.S Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine since 2003.

Some of the planned events taking place on Scholars' day include work in kinesiology, mathematical, urban education, new media, geology and more.

Not only will there be scholarly events taking place, but The Rock and Blues Ensemble will be playing in Old Main as well.

This is another great chance to see the band perform on campus. The Rock and Blues Ensemble is composed of two bands that each showcase student's musical talents.

The Rock and Blues Ensemble often features songs from the Doobie Brothers, Elton John, ZZ Top, The Who and many other artists.

Another upcoming event which will showcase student talent is the College Singers performance.

The College singers are a student choral group and their first performance is on April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

The group is performing a concert version of the Broadway musical "Suessical," which is based on the stories by Dr. Suess.

Also, on the Performing Arts



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**Students partake in Scholars Day last year as they observe an exhibit in Old Main.**

calendar, the College-Community Orchestra will perform their spring concert in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre on April 28.

The concert is entitled "Compose Locally, Perform Globally" and pays homage to Cortland composers. The orchestra combines students, faculty and members of the community.

And as most students probably know, Spring Fling and the O.A.R concert are also soon approaching. The Spring Fling Concert will be held on April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Tickets are still on sale and cost \$15 for Cortland students and \$25 for the general public.

Tickets are available at the

Corey Union Information Desk. Many students are looking forward to the concert. "I feel it is a perfect way to end the semester," said sophomore Marie Rubio.

The last day of class is May 5 and time is flying by fast so make sure you check out all of the events that Cortland has to offer this month.

## The silence of America: A review of Edwin S. Porter

**Exchange student reviews Porter's American silent films**

**Qinshu Zuo**  
*Staff Writer*

### REVIEW

As either a director or a cameraman of Edison Manufacturing Company, Edwin S. Porter made himself outstanding with a large amount of great silent films.

The themes picked by Porter include daily life, fairy tale stories, real-life scenery photography, adventurous stories, recognized novels and so on. At an early period, he was trying to shoot some strange but interesting things.

Obviously, he was good at telling these kinds of stories. "The Old Maid Having Her Picture Taken" (1901) could be mentioned as a good example.

An old maid enters a photo studio and wants to have her picture taken. However, during the leaving period of photography, something strange happens.

First, the pictures that were

hanging on the wall disappear. Second, the clock hands began to turn counterclockwise and then fell off and disappeared also.

The maid was scared and then she looked at the mirror. Suddenly the mirror was broken. The photographer was angry when he came back and found everything missing or broken, but he still chose to finish his work.

He put everything back in order and tried to take a picture for the maid. The camera began to smoke and it mysteriously stopped working. The maid was so scared that she turned backward and fell from the chair.

Amazingly, this one-minute film offers unlimited space for audience because nobody knows the reason why every strange thing happened but the audience truly enjoyed the film.

Besides the variety of themes, Porter also tried to use new technology or different ways to shoot films so that audiences could gain more feelings from his films that they have never experienced before.

In the film "Pan-American Exposition by Night" (1901), Porter panned the camera slowly, from left to right, without stopping. When the audiences were watching the beautiful scenery of America, the screen dissolved into dark and then faded in with the night.

From diurnal activity to nocturnal scenery, the spectacle of the shooting makes the audience lost in astonishment.

In addition, Porter never strayed from using the montage of the frames. In order to narrate the story as completely as possible, Porter edited limited and useful pictures together.

For instance, there were only three frames in "The Gay Shoe Clerk" (1903), which also came out as a whole event. The first frame is a full shot. Two women enter the shoe store. One of them wants to try on a shoe.

Then followed with a close shot, which shows the shoe clerk helping to get the lady's shoe on. The screen turned to a full shot again.

The shoe clerk couldn't help himself from kissing the lady who is trying her shoe on and lifting her skirt.

Also, Porter was good at using a black screen as a means of shifting to another picture. For example, the screen became dark when the dandy tries to kiss the young lady who sits before him.

Definitely, the audience could understand the reason that the screen turned black was because the train was running into a tunnel.

A few seconds later, when the train runs out of the tunnel, the playboy was ashamed and angrily

found that the person who he kissed was not the beautiful young lady but the fat black maid who sat beside her.

Of course, the accomplishment that made Porter distinguished is the way he used narration, or the master ability of telling a story. "Jack and the Beanstalk" (1902) was his first film adapted from a fairy tale. This ten-minute-long film brought back two significant sceneries.

One is Jack's home and the other is the end of the beanstalk. Since it's a simple story, the audience could comprehend what is going on in the story even though some information was not offered in the film.

His most important film, "The Great Train Robbery" (1903) makes Porter such a significant director in the history of cinema.

Porter took the archetypal American Western story, already familiar to audiences from dime novels and stage melodrama, and made it an entirely new visual experience.

It used as many as ten different indoor and outdoor locations and was groundbreaking in its use of "cross-cutting" in editing to show simultaneous action in different places.

What's even more stunning, is that this film includes a famous and special scene: the robber

shoots directly to the camera.

It undoubtedly made audiences feel like that they were being shot at. After "The Great Train Robbery" Porter continued to try out new techniques.

He presented two parallel stories in "The Kleptomaniac" (1905), a film of social commentary like his technically more conventional film of 1904, "The Ex-Convict."

In "The Seven Ages" (1905) he used side lighting, close-ups, and changed shots within a scene, one of the earliest examples of a filmmaker departing from the theatrical analogy of a single shot for each scene.

In conclusion, Edwin S. Porter helped to develop the modern concept of continuity editing, and is often credited with discovering that the basic unit of structure in film was the shot rather than the scene (the basic unit on the stage), paving the way for D.W. Griffith's advances in editing and screen storytelling.

Yet he seemed to regard them only as separate experiments and never brought them together in a unified filmmaking style.

But his spirit of exploring the different ways of theme-picking, new technology use and storytelling is worth learning.

## Not another horror movie

**“The Haunting in Connecticut” is a typical horror movie**

**Lauren Schutt**  
*Staff Writer*

### REVIEW

The first time I saw the previews for “The Haunting in Connecticut,” I was at the movies for another horror film. My best friend and I looked at each other and said in unison, “We have to see that.”

I was hoping that I would be able to see a really good horror movie for the first time in a while.

The movie is based on a true story of one family’s experience with the supernatural. The Campbell family moves to Connecticut and soon learns about their new home’s history.

The family learns their house was previously a funeral parlor in which the owner’s son, Jonah, served as a demonic messenger to help spiritual beings crossover to the afterlife.

Jonah returns to wreak havoc

when the Campbell family moves into the house in order to be close to the clinic for their teenage son’s cancer treatment.

The family starts to encounter brutal, supernatural happenings that the parents blame on the illness’ side effects. But, soon the family finds out about the home’s dark history.

I went to see the movie on opening night at the Carousel Mall in Syracuse. My friend and I got there a few minutes late and struggled to find a seat in the packed theatre.

We finally found a spot towards the front in the middle of a bunch of obnoxious underage kids.

The girl sitting next to me wouldn’t stop talking and if she wasn’t talking it was because she had gotten up from her seat for the hundredth time to find her boyfriend.

Another kid sitting behind me kept burping while his pals laughed and said how cool he was. Eventually everyone quieted down enough for me to be able to watch the movie.

I had already heard of the storyline from documentaries that I had seen on television, so the first few minutes I had missed in the beginning weren’t a huge loss to me.

As the plot began to unfold, it began to sound similar to many of

the horror movies I had seen in the past: Oblivious family moves into haunted house, they experience paranormal events and stay in the house, hoping it will pass.

The rest of the movie is filled with obvious mistakes that the family makes.

For example, the teenage boy chooses his room to be in the basement of the house, away from the rest of the family.

And when the children play their frequent games of hide and seek, they hide in the worst places, like the attic that no one’s been in and the dumbwaiter where the clairvoyant kid, Jonah, was killed.

Then it gets suspenseful while the audience is screaming “don’t go in there,” and of course, the characters do. What would a horror movie be without typical mistakes like those?

While the spooks hiding around every corner in the movie got me to jump in my seat and cover my eyes, I thought the plot was a little dull. It seemed like this type of horror film has been overdone.

The only part that makes the movie appealing and a bit scarier is that it may have been based off of a true story. In the end, I decided that I hadn’t completely wasted my nine bucks but I didn’t have any trouble sleeping that night.

## College Singers present concert version of “Seussical”

**Dr. Seuss’ characters come to life during musical performance**

**Tom Hischak**  
*Professor of Performing Arts*

The Department of Performing Arts will present the College Singers in their spring concert on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

This semester’s program is a concert version of the Broadway musical “Seussical” based on the stories and characters of children’s author, Dr. Seuss.

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to life in this delightful musical fantasy appropriate for the entire family.

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For further information, contact Dr. Wilson at [Stephen.Wilson@cortland.edu](mailto:Stephen.Wilson@cortland.edu).

In addition, the Department of Performing Arts will present two recitals featuring faculty members of the department on two successive nights in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

These performances will take place on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

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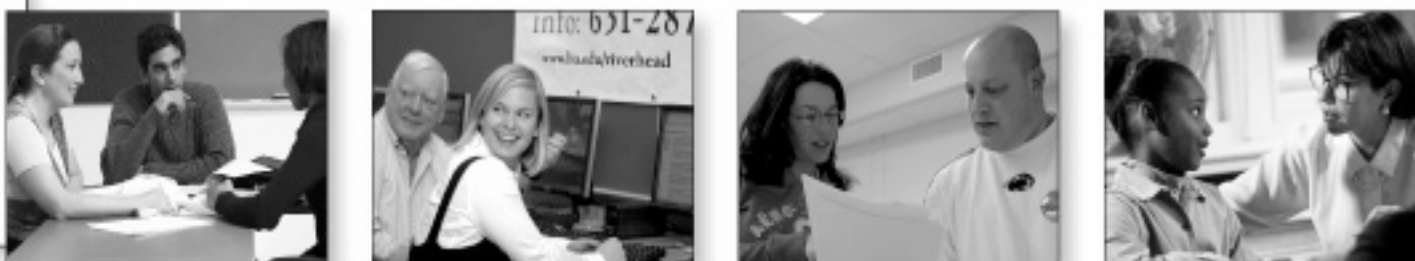
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## 2009 MLB season underway with many new stories

### Big acquisitions have teams hoping for a World Series title

**Mark Nader**  
Staff Writer

#### COLUMN

After a crazy winter in which the Yankees spent unconsciously some people are already ready to crown New York as World Series champions again.

But we no longer need the talk as baseball season is now upon us and we will soon see the teams decide their fate on the field.

Last year, we saw the Tampa Bay Rays go from worst to first, the Yankees missed the playoffs for the first time since 1993, and the Mets compiled a September collapse for the second straight year.

This year looks to be just as interesting to see where new storylines will evolve. Manny Ramirez will continue to be Manny, but thankfully for Red Sox fans, he will be in Dodger Blue.

In the AL East, the Yankees spent \$425.5 million dollars on pitchers C.C. Sabathia, and A.J.

Burnett to go along with first baseman Mark Teixeira.

The line-up added a power hitter and strong fielder with Teixeira and once Alex Rodriguez returns from his hip surgery, the Yankees look to have a top offensive team that could hit its way to the division title.

Boston added pieces of their own, but were on a much smaller scale. The Red Sox added two starters with John Smoltz and Brad Penny adding to an already deep staff.

The offensive looks very similar as the team returns all nine players from the starting lineup.

Last year's AL MVP, Dustin Pedroia should carry the offense along with Kevin Youkilis, and a healthy David Ortiz.

This core along with a strong bullpen lead by closer Jonathan Papelbon should be enough to win the wild card.

In 2008, the Rays went from last place to American League champions in just one season.

This was in large part due to the young talent in their lineup and bullpen. In the offseason the Rays added power hitting Pat Burrell.

In any other division, the Rays would most likely be the favorites but the Yanks and Sox seem to have too much depth and firepower to not finish first and second.

The AL Central looks to be up for grabs as the Twins, Indians, White Sox all look like teams that could win the division.

Minnesota has the strongest rotation headed by Francisco Liriano, Scott Baker and Kevin Slowey.

Offensively, catcher Justin Morneau is guaranteed to produce, Rightfielder Michael Cuddyer is healthy again and the addition of third baseman Joe Crede should supplement the run production.

The Indians are all about "if" this year. Cleveland, could be a viable choice if catcher Victor Martinez and designated hitter Travis Hafner can stay healthy.

While the Indians have questions, the White Sox know what they are getting with losing very few pieces.

It is well known the team can hit for power with Carlos Quentin, Jermaine Dye, Jim Thome and Paul Konerko, it's just a question if the players around them can get on base.

The Angels have owned the AL West division for the past couple years, and this year looks no different.

Ervin Santana and John Lackey head a strong rotation while Torii Hunter, Vladimir Guerrero and new addition Bobby Abreu, make up arguably the best

outfield in baseball.

The Oakland Athletics improved offensively with the acquisitions of Matt Holliday, Jason Giambi and Orlando Cabrera, but the pitching rotation is full of unproven young players.

The Rangers have plenty of guys who can really hit the ball, led by Josh Hamilton, but also don't have enough pitching talent.

In the NL East, the Phillies added to their already strong lineup with Raul Ibanez while the Mets confronted their bullpen woes adding Francisco Rodriguez and J.J. Putz to the bullpen. These two teams look to be far ahead of the rest of the division.

The Braves added two solid arms to their rotation with Javier Vazquez and Derek Lowe but Atlanta will struggle scoring runs with a team that lacks power.

Florida has the best young player in the guy with Hanley Ramirez and a strong young rotation but are still far from competing with the Mets and Phillies.

The Cubs are the heavy favorites with a deep rotation and strong lineup in the NL Central.

Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez and Derek Lee are all proven hitters while Carlos Zambrano and Ted Lilly head a rotation that is sure to get a lot of

run support for Chicago.

The Reds have a strong rotation with Edinson Volquez, and John Cueto to go along with Aaron Harang. Joey Votto, Jay Bruce and Brandon Phillips will carry the offensive load in a hitter friendly park, making Cincinnati an option as a team on the rise.

St. Louis has the best hitter in baseball with Albert Pujols and some young talent at all positions including closer Jason Motte but they don't look to be at the Cubs level this year.

The Los Angeles Dodgers are the top dogs in the NL West, a division that looks to be the worst in the league.

Matt Kemp, Rafael Furcal and Manny Ramirez lead the most explosive lineup in the division while Huroki Kuroda and Chad Billingsley will look to lead L.A. to the division title.

The San Francisco Giants have the best pitchers in the division with Tim Lincecum and Jake Peavy but have very little run support, and will have a hard time to compete with the Dodgers.

NL M.V.P.: Albert Pujols  
AL M.V.P.: Miguel Cabrera  
AL Cy Young: Roy Halladay  
NL Cy Young: Johan Santana,  
World Series Pick: Red Sox over Mets in six games

## Fantasy baseball season takes off

### Different types of fantasy games appeal to different players

**Matt Taormino**  
Staff Writer

#### COLUMN

There are many important key factors of fantasy baseball that can make you successful, but there are two things that are extremely important which are your personal league scoring rules, and player's value.

You would be surprised at the amount of people that join a league and draft before ever looking at their scoring categories.

If you don't know how each player can benefit you (or hurt you) in your league then how can you value one player over another?

Let's say for example that your league really rewards homeruns, then obviously you're going to want your first few picks to be players that hit homeruns consistently in bunches, year in and year out.

Another example is if your league penalizes you for a poor batting average or strikeouts, then you don't want a player such as Ryan Howard (struck out 199 times in 2008 with a .251 batting average, while hitting 48 homeruns), or Dan Uggla (struck out 171 times, with a .260 batting average, while crushing 32 homeruns) because

they will hurt you (instead of helping you).

So do yourself a favor and understand what players are more valuable in your league by looking at your league scoring rules prior to just jumping into a draft.

Your league rules ultimately tie into how valuable one player is from another. For example, I am playing in a head to head league that gives players points for "putouts."

A putout is making a defensive out in the field, either by assisting the out made or making it themselves.

Therefore, first basemen are very, very valuable in this league because they are involved in making numerous amounts of putouts throughout each and every game.

So who did I bump up on my draft cheat sheet? I had players such as Miguel Cabrera, Albert Pujols, Mark Texiera, Ryan Howard, Carlos Pena, Prince Fielder and Lance Berkman, just to name a few.

Another way you can rate a player's value is by looking at their ADP (average draft positions) which you can obtain for free through almost any service that offers fantasy baseball.

The ADP takes into account which players are getting picked and at what numerical positions throughout every single draft that goes on within that website.

Yet, some people value players differently, either because that player plays on their favorite team, because they feel like that specific player is going to have a

"breakout year" that upcoming season, or because that player "fell" to you. Here is an example of a player falling to you; let's say you have the third overall pick, you take Albert Pujols who plays first base and has an ADP of 2.7.

Then your second pick comes around (18<sup>th</sup> overall) and Miguel Cabrera is sitting their staring you right in the face, you better take him because that is a first round pick (ADP 8.8) that you are getting in the second round.

Who cares that you already have a first baseman, you can plug that second pick into your utility spot, or even trade him at high value, getting two or three players for your one. How I like to think about drafting is picking the best player available on the board at that current time.

I encourage you to watch highlights of games, read all the free articles that they have out there, listen to podcasts, and even look at spring training stats to help you decide who is valuable, and will be valuable to you.

Hopefully this article helped you to understand a few key strategies that will ultimately lead to a complete domination of your league.

Next week I will discuss trades, hot players of the first week of the MLB season, and players that I feel are going to be fantasy monsters from April to September. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions feel free to e-mail me at Mattyt106@yahoo.com.

## Air Jordan gets his call to the 'Hall'

### #23 influenced a whole generation to be "Like Mike"

**Dan Curtis**  
Staff Writer

Sports icons are hard to come by; especially ones that dominate entire generations. For anyone growing up in the nineties, one figure stands out above all others, "His Airness," Michael Jordan. The six-time NBA champion and five-time MVP was selected to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame last Monday in his first year of consideration.

It should be no surprise to anyone who witnessed his domination of the sport throughout his 17 year career.

Jordan began his NBA career in 1984 after three seasons at North Carolina. While in college Jordan won the Tar Heels a national championship in 1982.

He also won the Naismith and Wooden College Player of the Year awards in 1984, before the Chicago Bulls made him the third pick of the NBA Draft that same year.

In his rookie season, Jordan was unanimously voted the NBA Rookie of the Year. From 1991-1993, the Bulls won three NBA championships in a row.

He announced his retirement

from basketball in 1993 and had a short stint as a minor league baseball player following the murder of his father.

Jordan made his much publicized return to the NBA in 1995. After a playoff series loss to the Orlando that year, Jordan and the Bulls rattled off another "three-peat," beating the Seattle Sonics in 1996 and the Utah Jazz in both 1997 and '98.

Jordan would go on to retire once again in 1999, but then became part-owner and President of Operations for the Washington Wizards and even decided to suit up as a player for his new team. He finally retired for good in 2003.


Having been out of the game for five years, Jordan remains in the public eye still as one of the highest paid celebrity endorsers in the world.

His marketing campaigns, including Nike's "Air Jordan" sneakers, which have remained extremely popular ever since their 1985 debut.

The company created its own branch called the Jordan Brand which displays one of the most recognizable logos in the world, "the Jumpman."


Joining Jordan in the Basketball Hall of Fame are former All-Stars John Stockton of the Utah Jazz, David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs, Jazz head coach Jerry Sloan and Rutgers women's coach C. Vivian Stringer.

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# Tar Heels fulfill their NCAA destiny

North Carolina, picked to win all year, proved critics right

**Christopher Ryan**  
Sports Editor

## COLUMN

The national championship for college basketball was finally to be determined after the past few weeks of 'madness'. Millions of people in the country (including President Obama) filled out brackets, and most of them promptly tore them up in the first weekend.

What makes this tournament as exciting as any playoff format in sports are the shocking upsets, buzzer-beaters, and the big time performances by players who have been in the spotlight and those seemingly coming out of nowhere.

The field of sixty-four teams had dwindled down to the Final Four last weekend in Detroit.

The Michigan State Spartans, the sentimental favorite in Detroit, took on 7'3" center Haseem Thabeet and the powerful Connecticut Huskies.

The Spartans advanced to the finals for the first time since 2000 with an 82-73 victory over the heavily favored UConn team.

The superb bench play (33 bench points, compared to UConn's seven) by Michigan State was pivotal in moving on.

They would face the Tar Heels of North Carolina, who ran away with the 83-69 victory over the Villanova Wildcats.

Remembering the beating they received last year in the semifinals to Kansas, UNC jumped out with their high-octane, fast paced offense to an early 17 point lead.

Guards Wayne Ellington and Ty Lawson put up 22 and 20 points respectively, while Tyler Hansbrough chipped in 18 points and 11 rebounds to set up the championship game with Michigan State.

Monday night was the



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**North Carolina celebrates their fifth national championship.**

national championship game. There were 72,922 people (a new attendance record for a title game) who filled Ford Field, with the majority of the fans rooting for their hometown Spartans.

With Magic Johnson, Michigan State's most famous alum, returning for the thirtieth anniversary of his national championship victory, the green and white crowd looked for destiny to carry them to their 'one shining moment'.

Unfortunately for them, North Carolina showed why they were the unanimous number one team starting in the preseason.

The Tar Heels overwhelmed the Spartans right from the beginning, by jumping out to a 34-11 early on in the first half to quiet the massive contingent of Spartan fans.

The key statistic of the game was that UNC forced twenty-one turnovers, and turned those turnovers into twenty-five points.

The balanced attack of North Carolina was critical for their success all year, and it did not disappoint in the biggest game of the year.

The Tar Heels led by twenty one points at halftime, and were victorious 89-72 to claim their fifth national championship in school history.

Michigan State, while being the losers in this battle, gave Detroit and the rest of the state of Michigan a wonderful diversion to the awful economic predicaments it is going through in our country's recession.

Nobody expected them to be at this point, so head coach Tom Izzo and the Spartans deserve a remarkable amount of credit.

The national champion North Carolina, led by coach Roy Williams, was just better than every team they faced.

They won every game in the tournament by over 10 points, and were dominant on the offensive end the whole season.

The stars of this team, which include Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson, and Wayne Ellington (tournament's Most Outstanding Player), all made the decision to return for their senior years to try to achieve this goal.

It shows that in this world of jumping to the pros for the money and individuality, it was more important to these young men, (most of them will probably be stars in the NBA) to achieve a goal as a cohesive unit on the college level.

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## Men's club soccer team prepares to "Lose the Shoes"

As Captain Carlos Bocanegra of the U.S. National Team energizes his comrades along the road to the FIFA World Cup 2010, Cortland's Club Soccer President Liam O'Connell mobilizes his teammates for "Lose the Shoes" 2009.

On Saturday April 25, 2009, sole meets grass as teams of 3-5 players "Lose the Shoes" from 12:00 to 4:00 P.M. on fields located on the South Side of Carl "Chugger" Davis Stadium Complex.

"Lose the Shoes" will benefit the international non-profit Grassroot Soccer, which uses professional soccer players as health educators to arm African youth with the skills, knowledge, and support they need to live HIV free.

Grassroot Soccer has reached more than 230,000 students to date and hopes to reach one million before the World Cup, is hosted by South Africa in 2010.

"The event is about education as much as it is about soccer," says O'Connell. Players from the Men's Club team, along with students from the Sport Management Department, will be registering teams in the lobby of Corey Union, from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, until the April 17 deadline.

All of each participant's \$10 registration fee will be donated to Grassroot Soccer.

"We've established strategic partnerships with the student-run AIDS Prevention and Awareness

Club (APAC), International Awareness Club, and received the official endorsement of the Sport Management Department," says coordinator Dan Anadio.

In between games, players can enjoy fresh fruit donated by ASC and roam freely through an on-site photo gallery, featuring shots from Mozambique, a country in which Grassroot Soccer's HIV/AIDS prevention curriculum has changed the lives of thousands.

"Liam and Dan are two passionate students, our vision is to make this our marquee event for the spring," said Dr. Ted Fay, Chair of the Sport Management Department.

In the fall of 2006, Dartmouth College held the first ever "Lose the Shoes" three-on-three barefoot tournament. Since then, over 90 "Lose the Shoes" events have been held to support Grassroot Soccer.

The tournaments are not only fun for players and beneficial to GRS, but also rewarding for tournament coordinators, volunteers, and participants.

"From conception to completion it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my college career," said Dan Anadio, LTS coordinator at SUNY Cortland. "The Lose the Shoes Guide is going to be passed down through the ranks of our soccer team's leaders for years to come."

"Lose the Shoes" is becoming more than just a fundraising campaign—it is mobilizing the next

generation of students, activists, and soccer players to unite and actively seek a solution to the AIDS pandemic.

The AIDS pandemic has reached crisis proportions and represents arguably the worst public health problem in human history.

Sub-Saharan Africa currently hosts seventy-six percent of the world's AIDS cases.

Poor economic conditions (leading to the use of dirty needles in healthcare clinics) and lack of sex education contribute to high rates of infection.

GRS was established in 2002 by founder Tommy Clark, MD, and co-founders Kirk Friedrich, Methembe Ndlovu and Ethan Zohn who witnessed both the power of soccer and tragedy of HIV as professional soccer players in Zimbabwe.

It provides youth with the opportunity to build trust and learn valuable life lessons through a unique curriculum focused on HIV/AIDS prevention.

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## Cortland braves elements in victory

### Lacrosse earns first SUNYAC win of the season over Potsdam

Andrew Harrison  
Staff Writer

Despite cold and rainy weather conditions, Cortland hung tough and defeated Potsdam in the first SUNYAC conference game of the season, 11-5 last Saturday.

They did so by outscoring the Bears eight to one in the second half. The Red Dragons improved their record to 7-1 and remain the sixth ranked lacrosse team in the nation.

Brandon Misiaszek was the dominant player on the field, putting the ball in the net three times and dishing out an assist.

Brian Krol added two goals and an assist, and Chris DeLuca chipped in two goals for the victorious Red Dragons. Cody

Hoyt, Jay DiStefano, Jack Kennedy and Zack Mulvaney all recorded scores in victory.

Potsdam grabbed the lead just 55 seconds into the game, but Cortland would climb back into the lead finally in the third quarter.

Cortland trailed at the half 4-3, but would steamroll through the third and fourth period, scoring four goals in each period and only allowing one goal in the third.

The key statistic that led to their victory was their ability to get good shots against the Bears' defense.

They outshot Potsdam 40-24, stole more ground balls at 38-26, and were able to win 13 out of 20 face offs.

Seven of the next eight games for the Red Dragons are in SUNYAC play, so every game coming up will be very important for them to maintain this momentum against conference opponents. The next game for Cortland will be when they face Plattsburgh at home on Saturday.

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**Top 10 sports movies of all-time: (according to AFI)**

- 1) *Raging Bull*
- 2) *Rocky*
- 3) *Pride of the Yankees*
- 4) *Hoosiers*
- 5) *Bull Durham*
- 6) *The Hustler*
- 7) *Caddyshack*
- 8) *Breaking Away*
- 9) *National Velvet*
- 10) *Jerry Maguire*

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# Sports



## Cortland Athletics Scores

### MEN'S LACROSSE

Cortland 11  
Potsdam 5  
Next: Sunday @ Plattsburgh

### BASEBALL

Cortland 16  
Fredonia 4  
  
Cortland 4  
Fredonia 8  
Next: Friday vs. St. Joseph's

### SOFTBALL

Cortland 0  
Rochester 1  
  
Cortland 4  
Rochester 3  
Next: Thursday vs. Oswego (DH)

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Cortland 20  
Oswego 9  
Next: Saturday @ Fredonia

## Athletes of the Week



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### Kyle O'Brien Track & Field

Named SUNYAC Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week



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### Lindsay Abbott Lacrosse

Recorded 14 goals and four assists in the last three games

## Red Dragons streak past William Smith, 12-9

Women's lacrosse gives Herons its first loss of the season

Paul Dagiolo  
Staff Writer

The women's lacrosse team had a tough task last Wednesday when they faced the undefeated William Smith Herons.

This was a battle between the sixteenth and seventeenth ranked teams in the nation, and the Red Dragons brought their best game. Cortland ended the first half with an astounding seven consecutive goals and went on to give sixteenth-ranked William Smith its first loss of the season with a score of 12-9.

After this non-conference match up, the Red Dragons are now 4-4 overall for the season. With the loss, the Herons have fallen to 5-1 in their season.

Standout freshman Lindsay Abbott led the Red Dragons with four goals and an assist.

Senior Danielle Torre added three goals of her own, while freshman Jordan Miller scored twice and sophomore Megan Clare added a goal and one assist.

Sophomore Mallory Palmieri scored what turned out to be the



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Cortland freshman Lindsay Abbott scored four goals and added an assist to a 12-9 win over William Smith.

winning goal for the Red Dragons, and got the home crowd going.

Other contributors included sophomore Brianna Shost, who collected a goal and senior Meghan Gallagher who had three assists, which came all in the first half.

Freshman goalie Amanda Caloia made eight saves in net.

Junior Sarah Goodkind led the William Smith scoring with four

goals. Senior Michaela Parnell scored two goals and juniors Brittany Callaghan and Molly Fitzgerald, and sophomore Cassie Findlay added one goal a piece.

Freshman Lucy Johnson contributed two assists, while senior goalie Rebecca Josefiak registered seven saves.

The Herons took an early 2-0 lead on goals from Goodkind at 29 minutes and Findlay at 28:37.

Abbott then stole the momentum and scored for Cortland with thirty one seconds left in the half, and the Red Dragons followed with six more goals, including two each from Abbott and Miller, for a 7-2 lead at the halftime.

William Smith opened the second half with two of the first three goals to close the gap to four goals at 8-4.

After Torre made it a 9-4 game with her second of the game with 19:24 remaining, Parnell and Goodkind scored free-position goals back-to-back for the Herons to make the score 9-6.

The Cortland women displayed great enthusiasm throughout the game, which enabled them to sustain their great play in order to defeat William Smith.

Cortland responded with three of the next four goals, one each from Palmieri, Torre and Shost, to increase their lead to 12-7 with 9:25 remaining on the clock.

The Red Dragons then controlled the ball to eat up clock before the Herons netted two late scores, at with two minutes left, for the final score of 12-9.

After this victory to William Smith and a 20-9 drubbing of conference rival Oswego last Saturday, Cortland is looking to climb up the national rankings.

## Players of the week consistent in their success

Finch and DeLuca both rise to the occasion for Cortland

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 were Chris DeLuca of the men's lacrosse team and Katie Finch of the women's softball team. DeLuca was selected for his performance in the Red Dragons two victories over the past week and Finch was selected for her pitching performance in a doubleheader against nationally ranked Ithaca on Wednesday March 25 and against New Paltz on March 31.

DeLuca, a sophomore from Sayville, was selected for his efforts in Cortland's two victories



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Cortland's Katie Finch and Chris DeLuca earned Player of the Week awards for the week of March 29.

for the week ending March 29. DeLuca helped lead the Red Dragons to a 17-10 victory over nineteenth ranked Nazareth on March 25.

In the game, he had three goals and three assists. He also helped Cortland set the pace by winning 12-of-17 faceoffs, and continued his success on March 28 as he won 15-of-18 face-offs as Cortland defeated RIT 11-6. He also had one assist in the game.

DeLuca and the Red Dragons finished the week with an 11-5 victory over Potsdam in their

SUNYAC Opener. In the game, DeLuca continued his stellar week, as he scored two goals and won 12-of-18 faceoffs. DeLuca also has been named the SUNYAC Men's Lacrosse Player of the Week for his performance.

This is the second time that DeLuca has received this award. On the season, DeLuca has scored 13 goals and has recorded seven assists. The three victories for Cortland over the past week helped improve their record to 7-1.

Finch, a junior from Amsterdam, was selected for her

performance in Cortland's doubleheader sweep of twenty-third ranked Ithaca on March 23.

Finch started the first game for Cortland, throwing a complete game shutout as the Red Dragons beat the Bombers 2-0. She allowed just four hits while striking out five and walking none.

The victory improved Finch's record to 9-0. In the second game, she helped complete Cortland's rally as she pitched a hitless seventh inning while striking out two to get her second save of the season. She then helped Cortland earn the first win of a sweep over New Paltz on March 31.

Finch pitched the first game for Cortland and allowed just one hit and one unearned run while striking out eight.

Finch is now 10-0 on the season for the Red Dragons. Finch's successful week continued as she was selected as the SUNYAC Softball Pitcher of the Week for the week ending March 29.

She has helped the Red Dragons softball team to a 17-1 record while being ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Division III softball.