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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Defensive Driving Course being offered Saturday

A six-hour defensive driving course will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 in the Corey Exhibition Lounge. Taking the course helps to save money on car insurance and helps to take points off a license.

The course costs \$40. Advanced registration is required. Sign up in the SGA office, 217 Corey Union.

Memorial service being held for Kurt Simmons

A memorial service for the late Kurt Simmons will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Interfaith Center on Prospect Avenue.

Simmons was the victim of a fatal automobile accident in early February.

He was a December 2008 Cortland graduate in Communication Studies with a minor in Media Production.

Gospel Choir's Spring Concert this Sunday

The Gospel Choir's annual Spring Concert will be held at 4 p.m. this Sunday, May 3 in Old Main's Brown Auditorium.

Admission is \$2 for students, \$4 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$5 for the general public.

Annual Midnight Breakfast held next week

The Cortland end of the semester tradition known as "Midnight Breakfast" will be held on Wednesday, May 6, in the Corey Union Function Room. The start time is 10 p.m. and breakfast will be served until midnight.

The cost of the event will be a \$1 cash donation. As in the past, all donations will go to support the Cortland chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Tempers flare at homosexuality protest



photo by Ben Bolding

Students converge on a Christian preacher to speak out.

Students unite as one against outspoken Christian preachers

Kelsey Delmotte
Opinions Editor

The Cortland campus united to make their voices heard when two visitors came to Corey Union preaching against homosexuality last Friday afternoon.

The sun was shining as two "Born Again Bible Believing Christians," as they referred to themselves, brought signs and bibles to Cortland to protest homosexuality.

However, their message was met with strong resistance as students swarmed the steps to defend homosexuals.

Around 100 students crowded the stairs and lined the sidewalk to listen. Many people took pictures with their cell phones and called

friends to come witness the commotion.

People driving by on Neubig Road shouted from their car windows in solidarity with the students.

While some students watched quietly and talked amongst themselves, other students were more vocal about their opinions in description and volume. Profanity and insults were hurled at the preachers.

Ronald Peifer, a sophomore, said, "This guy is a hypocrite. He's trying to use the Bible and trying to say if you are a homosexual, you go to hell. Jesus wants us to love everyone unconditionally because he loves everyone unconditionally. To say you're going to hell because you're a homosexual and happy is wrong."

However, other students defended the preacher's right to come to Cortland.

Amanda Broadbent, a junior,

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Sudden gas leak suspends classes

A leak in the main gas line forces an immediate evacuation

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

Walking through upper campus was reminiscent of a scene out of CSI.

Police tape, fire trucks, state officials and even a road block punctuated the campus due to a gas leak that interrupted what should have been a usual day of classes.

The leak was caused by a contractor who was digging a hole between Moffett and Sperry. The contractor's back hoe accidentally struck the main gas line, resulting in the leak.

"Everyone responded very quick and we're glad the contractor called us and everyone was



photo by Ben Bolding

Moffett was taped off during last week's gas leak once the building was evacuated.

safe..." said Assistant Chief of the University Police Department (UPD) Mark Depaull.

According to DePaull the contractor called UPD immediately at 12:06 p.m. once he noticed gas

leaking after the line was hit. The New York State Electric
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Joel Kovel lecture kicks off Earth Week

Nationally-known author talks about ecosocialism

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Launching the first night of lectures for Earth week, author and activist Joel Kovel spoke Tuesday,

April 21, about the harmful effects capitalism has on both the environment and humans.

His speech was titled: "Ecosocialism or Barbarism: The Choice for Our Time." Kovel introduced the idea of turning to ecosocialism, a type of socialism with an emphasis on taking better care of nature and its ecosystems.

Kovel is currently Editor-in-Chief of the journal Capitalism Nature Socialism. He has written many books including "The Enemy

of Nature: The End of Capitalism or The End of the World," which is now available in the school store.

He has been involved in anti-war and anti-nuclear movements since the Vietnam war, and other democratic and ecological movements in Central America and the Caribbean.

The talk opened with Colleen Kattau, an assistant professor of Spanish who played and sang two songs on the acoustic guitar. The first was titled "Treat the Earth."

Its message was about how humans "drill it, spill it, and kill it," and how they wind up mistreating nature.

In his speech, Kovel outlined the three main problems of capitalism.

First, in order to make a profit, one must discount all things that do not make a profit. Nature is sold, wages are lowered, and harmful effects of industry (such as toxic

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Earth week lecture

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waste) are not properly cleaned up, hurting the environment.

Second, capitalism is consumed with the need to expand, and has what Kovel calls, the GOD syndrome: "Grow Or Die."

Lastly, the economic system creates a chaotic world; there is a wide gap between the wealthy and poverty stricken, money is valued over relationships, and gambling is more common.

He believes that the people need to regain power because those in government positions are trained to reproduce a system that ultimately hurts the middle and lower class.

Kovel believes that ecosocialism will have a different and more respectful relationship

with nature. It would call for a more direct input of human effort with the use of less machinery, creating more jobs and reuniting the people with nature.

Many people believe socialism is an unsuccessful economic system, and Kovel agrees that the 20th century is marked by failed socialists.

However, he believes that if the people were to be properly and gradually educated and made more democratically capable, the system would have good effects on society.

He stated that, "The number one reason why socialism fails is because the people are not ready for it."

in the continuing growth and success of our health care organization. Accreditation shows

Health Office gets Accreditation

Student health service accredited for three more years

We at the Student Health Service are pleased to announce that we have recently been re-accredited for three years by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), according to press.

This is an important milestone

our commitment to providing the highest levels of quality care to our patients. Accreditation by the AAAHC is proof of this commitment, and signifies that we have met the rigorous standards of a nationally recognized third party.

We are proud to have met the challenge of accreditation, and intend to consistently uphold the principles of quality improvement and patient care in the future.

Officials responded quickly to leak

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and Gas (NYSEG) and the Cortland Fire Department arrived on the scene within minutes.

UPD, Environmental Health and Safety and the Cortland police also showed up. The Cortland police assisted with the roadblock at the request of UPD, Depaull said.

A campus-wide

announcement was broadcasted over the school speakers warning students to avoid the upper campus area.

As a precaution, Sperry and Moffet were evacuated and classes were suspended until the leak was fixed around 1:47 p.m.

NYSEG replaced the line that ran into the buildings, fixing the leak. The buildings remained

closed for another 30 minutes after the repair as a precaution and to make sure the smell of gas subsided.

"I couldn't get in contact with my teacher or the department about whether I had class or not," said student Margaret Tucker, who had classes in Sperry and Moffet that ended up being canceled. "I was nervous to occupy the building."

Students defend gay rights at rally

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said, "It's good. I think they have the right to be here. People can listen or not. The people yelling against them just want attention."

Aside from the insults, some students made the effort to engage in constructive debate with the preachers.

They traded Bible verses to support their respective points, and gave people an insight to each side of the argument.

Miles Lewis, one of the preachers, said that they travel all over the country to public universities spreading their

message.

Lewis said that more often than not, they are met with resistance. He said their mission is to "spark discussion and provoke students to think about what happens after you die."

"How you live this life is how you are judged in the afterlife. Being homosexual disobeys God," he said when asked what homosexuality has to do with the afterlife.

At one point, a student stole the sign and started running away with it, only to be chased by the preacher to retrieve it.

Students also made their own

signs. One held up a sign that said, "I am God's creation and I am proud."

University Police arrived at the protest around 2 p.m. to control the crowd. Hours later, the preachers were still there, and Cortland's S.P.E.C.T.R.U.M club held their sign on the steps of Corey.

Ultimately, students did not appreciate the preacher's message. K.C. Hatfield said, "I think it's pretty lame. I don't think you should come to a college campus and try to change people's minds on such a controversial issue."

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Polish filmmaker discusses the power of documentaries

Award-winning filmmaker talks about his life work

Lauren Schutt
Staff Writer

In commemoration of "Yom HaShoah," or Holocaust Remembrance Day, Polish-born cinematographer Slawomir Grunberg gave a lecture on Tuesday, April 21, in The Jacobus Lounge.

After the lecture, there was a candlelight vigil to honor the six million Jews that were killed during the Holocaust.

Grunberg's lecture focused on the power of documentary film in shaping a more humane world.

Grunberg, who lives close-by in Ithaca was named a 1997 John Simon Guggenheim Fellow in



photo by Lauren Schutt

Slawomir Grunberg talks with Cortland's District Attorney Mark Suben, who attended the presentation.

Documentary Film Making and has shown previous works at Cortland before.

He has made over 40 documentaries and creates films of his own interest, but they are

mostly related to social issues and conflicts.

Grunberg said that by showing his documentaries, he wanted to "take the viewer somewhere new," and that "we

need more knowledge and understanding to make the world a better place."

He said that it is our job as historians and humans to tell stories.

One of the films Grunberg showed was titled "Saved by Deportation: An Unknown Odyssey of Polish Jews" and was about those who were saved during the Holocaust by being deported to Russia.

This film was released in 2006 and won the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Washington Jewish Film Festival.

Grunberg's film, "Borderline: The People v. Eunice Baker," showed the story of Eunice Baker who was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the murder of a young child in Upstate New York.

Grunberg hoped that by making this film he would show that Baker was in fact mentally retarded and that the death was

clearly an accident.

Although the film was not released until after Baker was let out of jail, Grunberg wanted the media to know the truth behind this woman.

Some of his films have been banned in certain countries. His film, "Anna Proletarian," was not allowed to be shown in Communist Poland for more than 10 years.

Grunberg first knew the power of documentaries when he was a student in the Polish Film School. One of his professors told him to make changes to his film, "A Sunday" or his name would be removed from the credits.

"This was Communist Poland," said Grunberg, "and seeing my film as political, he felt it did not sufficiently follow a party line."

Each film that Grunberg has made has its own website where viewers can post comments and feedback.

Plans for a possible multi-purpose life center revealed

New facility would provide all students' needs in one building

Andrew Harrison
Staff Writer

The April 27 Student Government meeting started out with a presentation about a new

student life center that could be built on the Davis field.

This center would essentially be a complete student recreation center, but would be called a life center because it will also have game rooms, lounges and a dining area.

This new building will provide a facility that will offer all necessary aspects for students who are

looking to enjoy all of their recreational needs in a single building at their own leisure.

The tentative plan for this building is to have four all purpose courts, two of them being basketball courts, one volley court and one badminton area.

The building would also include an indoor soccer arena complete with goals set into the

walls, a suspended jogging track, racquetball courts and a multi-level fitness facility.

Not only would this building be for working out or exercise, but it would also have a computer lab equipped with wireless internet throughout the facility.

A rock climbing wall would be placed in the building, as well as a pool with a water slide and hot tub.

Batting cages and outdoor equipment is also expected to be in the building. The hours of the facility would be from 6 a.m. to midnight.

These plans are not set in stone and the logistics are still up for debate. It could be as long as two years before the construction of this building would commence.



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Spotlight on the speech and hearing club's president

A closer look at Kristen Kutza, speech club president

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

A fan of running, shopping, and anything to do with being outdoor, Sophomore Kristen Kutza is the President of the NSSLHA Speech and Hearing Club.

Kutza is a Speech and Hearing Science major, and has been the President of the club for half the year.

Last semester she was the Vice President, and freshman year she was a general member.

Kutza is from Staten Island. Her goals for the future include getting her Masters degree and possibly her Doctorate. She wants to work in a hospital for a couple of years, then move to a school system.

In the past, the club has done Relay for Life and Adopt-a-Family.



Above, the members of the Speech and Hearing Club gather together in a group shot.

They host yearly conferences to further the education of the students and public on new technologies in the Speech and Hearing field.

Last semester's topic was on cochlear implants, a device which

is surgically implanted in the ear of a person who is deaf or severely hard of hearing.

The conference was a day long event with guest speaker Patricia M. Chute, the Dean of The School of Health and Natural

Sciences at Mercy College.

A small book was also sold entitled, "My Ears Are On," by author Mary Ann Simpson, a Speech-Language Pathologist in Ithaca.

The club plans to host another

conference next year, focusing on swallowing disorders.

Speech and Hearing Club is intending on selling bracelets to raise money for Lions Camp Badger, a sleep-away camp for children with disabilities.

The camp devotes time to both academics and fun summer camp activities such as swimming, boating and hiking, and helps the children gain independence.

Kutza seems to really enjoy the club atmosphere, which is currently all female.

"I like the people in it," she said, "The girls are all nice, fun, and helpful."

She said she enjoyed Relay for Life the most out of this year's activities. Sometimes planning the different events can get complicated, and Kutza said she is learning as she goes. Kutza is planning to be involved in Speech and Hearing Club next semester.

If interested, the club meets every Wednesday at 7:30p.m. in Corey Union.

Alpha Phi celebrates 20 years with red dress benefit gala

Sorority raises money for women's health at anniversary gala

Kathleen O'Sullivan
Staff Writer

The Eta Tau chapter of Alpha Phi proudly celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a Red Dress Gala.

The chapter was founded on April 30, 1989. Past and present members of Alpha Phi gathered at the Hathaway House in McGraw on April 18 for dinner, drinks and sharing memories.

The chapter had Allison Liller, one of the founding sisters, in attendance. "It's such an amazing thing to be part of something like this...The bond that we have as sisters of the same sorority will stick with us for a lifetime. The fact

that I'm here today at age 42 is proof of that," said Liller.

The event was planned by Alyssa Correale, a senior in Alpha Phi.

All of the donations received from the alumni went to the Alpha Phi Foundation which supports women's heart disease, which is why the gala is a red dress theme.

The foundation has been supporting cardiac care since 1956 and is one of the oldest Greek Foundations for women.

It has won numerous awards throughout the years and has donated more than \$1 million in support of cardiac health.

"One of the most rewarding things about coordinating an event such as this one is not only that we have fun together as a chapter, but that other people truly benefit from what we do and what we support," said Correale.



photo by Kathleen O'Sullivan

Alpha Phi celebrated its 20th year with a red dress gala along with some alumni.

Although an event like this has not taken place before, Alpha

Phi intends on making the Red Dress Gala a regular event to get

everyone together and to keep on supporting the cause.

Benefit

Annual 65 Roses benefit raises \$8,000 for Cystic Fibrosis

Emily Kaufman
Contributing Writer

The "65 Roses" benefit banquet was a success for Delta Phi Epsilon on April 18 at the Cortland Country Club.

With 175 people in attendance, Cystic Fibrosis was able to receive a generous donation. A little over \$8,000 was raised in total with all of Delta Phi Epsilon's efforts.

Speakers included Angela Ruggeri, a CF patient from Westbury and Tony Luisi, CEO and Owner of No Let Up, Inc. The company donated t-shirts for Delta Phi Epsilon to sell in order to raise extra money. Thanks to Shannon Dunne for her time and dedication.

Students must mind off-campus and end of the year behavior

Michael Pitaro
Contributing Writer

The warm weather and sun have returned to Cortland. These are indicators that the semester is coming to a close; finals are around the corner and many of you will be graduating.

During these last few weeks many of you will enjoy the weather by sitting outside in the sun studying or enjoying time with

friends.

The Judicial Affairs Office wants to remind you to be aware of the City of Cortland ordinances, specifically those regarding noise, alcohol, littering and furniture.

A new nuisance party ordinance was recently passed by the Cortland City Council that may result in more student arrests if students are engaging in loud alcohol involved partying off-campus.

Please pay attention to your conduct so that this will not happen to you. We are concerned with your safety and we encourage you to be good neighbors.

Many students do not realize that the college has jurisdiction off-campus of alleged violations of state, federal and local laws, as well as the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Any student who allegedly violates the law may face criminal charges, as well as judicial charges on campus.

All arrests or tickets are recorded and evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Upon receiving a Cortland City Police incident report, the Judicial Affairs office will determine whether charges will be brought against a student. A letter is sent to the student regarding his/her behavior for minor violations.

As you countdown towards graduation/end of the semester, please remember to make good choices.

For those of you who are 21 and are going to consume alcohol, do so responsibly.

When people are not responsible with alcohol it is not

uncommon for serious incidents to result such as sexual assaults, physical assaults, damage to property and other unfortunate and unnecessary events. Please remember the college's zero tolerance for violence stance.

Judicial Affairs would like to congratulate all the students graduating this May.

We hope you truly enjoyed your time here at Cortland and have fond memories as you move on.

Opinions

Do you have something to say and want your voice to be heard by the campus community? Then speak up and e-mail us your ideas, thoughts or opinions to dragonchronicle@cortland.edu.

Our View

As the semester draws to a close, *The Dragon Chronicle* would like to wish all graduating seniors good luck as they leave Cortland and embark on a new chapter of their lives.

Over four years, we have grown personally and academically, taking advantage of all Cortland has to offer. We have gone to class on no sleep, crammed for tests and become pros at making a Powerpoint in an hour. We have felt the pride of an "A" on a test, received a glowing recommendation from a professor and crossed the stage at ceremonies honoring our achievements.

As you cross the stage on May 16, do not forget all that you have learned here and all the lives that you have touched. As you move your tassel, do it with pride and the confidence that the past four years have been worth everything you have put into them.

Congratulations, Class of 2009. You did it!



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."
-Dr Seuss

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Letter to the editor

I find the amount of misrepresentation in *The Dragon Chronicle* appalling.

Every week we get an article about Greek life but only rarely do we read articles about club sports.

I can understand not reporting on every victory because there are so many sports teams but not even big wins are written about.

Not only did our women's club rugby team win our home tournament on April 11, but we dominated Upstates in Rochester on April 19, becoming D2 State Champions.

Upstates is the largest and most prestigious tournament in upstate NY.

The Peacefrogs shut out every team they played, not having one tri scored against them.

I think that a victory of this magnitude merits an article or at least a mention, more than an article on Fantasy Football or yet another article on the Greeks. Thank you for your time.

-Lauren Gunther

Sexting: Blatant stupidity

Use your words when texting, not your naked body

Matthew Fanelli

Staff Writer

Isn't technology amazing? I can check my e-mail anywhere at anytime, keep in touch with loved ones from across the country, and now get pictures of random girls on my cell phone.

Recently, I've heard about the "sexting" fad that's gripping the nation. There's even been a program regarding it here at Cortland, with another possibly coming up.

It seems that whenever society develops a new way to be totally idiotic and I think that we've reached the absolute peak of stupidity, somebody revolutionizes the sport and becomes King Dolt of Dumb Mountain.

I'm not a prude by any stretch of the imagination. But am I supposed to feel sorry for the person who sends their current boyfriend or girlfriend, if it's even currently a boyfriend or girlfriend, a nude picture of themselves, and then is in turn humiliated because the picture was discovered and put

on the internet?

What's worse is that it's a big problem for high school and middle school students as well as college students.

It's as though parents are so dumb that they can't realize that by giving their child, who literally can't stand on their own two feet for five minutes, the latest cell phone technology, those same children will misuse it.

Why do they misuse it? Because that's what mindless kids do, and almost all kids of that age are mindless. How do I know this? I was that age once, and I was mindless, and so was everyone else I was at school with at the time.

As far as high school and middle school are concerned, that problem can be remedied by buying cell phones that are basic models that a person can only use to make and receive phone calls.

Also, computer use can be limited to a common room in the house and not in each child's respective bedroom that is locked in the middle of the day.

Of course, many parents are so idiotic that they feel the need to propagate the materialistic and childish crap that kids subscribe

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Same-sex, old debate

Gov. Paterson works to legalize same-sex marriage

Eric Dillon

Staff Writer

As children, many people dream of their big wedding day. From the reception to the happy life which follows it, there is no greater joy for some people.

But at the same time, there are those who currently cannot experience that dream, because they are homosexual. New York currently recognizes same-sex unions but does not perform them itself.

Recently, Gov. Paterson has proposed legalizing gay marriage in the state of New York to the dismay of some and delight of others.

But for those who do not support the proposition or same-sex marriage in general, they feel as though it is an attack on their way of life. But why is this?

Many who oppose same-sex marriage do so for religious reasons. The Bible defines

marriage as between a man and a woman, so to defy that practice is to defy God.

Personally, while being heterosexual myself, I find this to be quite a ridiculous argument. Allowing homosexuals to marry will not affect those people who are religious.

They can still carry on with their lives in whatever way they please and I find it quite selfish and arrogant to dictate to other people the way they should live their lives.

Another argument against same-sex marriage is that most marriages result in the couple having children and children need both a mother and father to properly develop.

Similar to the first argument, I feel this is ludicrous as well. I believe that what matters is how the people are as parents, not what sex they are. Since LGBT couples most often use adoption as their means of having children, they should definitely be allowed to.

It is far more advantageous for a child to have same-sex parents than to live in a foster home where they often receive less attention and nurturing.

To deny these couples from adopting is the same thing as

denying the child from possibly living a happy life.

So should New York pass this legislature, thereby legalizing same-sex marriage? My answer to this is a resounding yes.

Besides the obvious civil rights issues, the legalization of gay marriage could have numerous beneficial effects. One of which is, as mentioned, gay couples cannot naturally pro-create, thereby increasing the rate of adoption in the state.

Another beneficial effect would be the increased physical well-being of the couples. Besides the healthcare many homosexuals would receive from spouses thanks to the benefits of marriage, the choice to get married would encourage strong family values while at the same time discouraging high-risk sexual lifestyles.

Whether or not this legislation passes, it still has beneficial effects. Even if the measure is shot down, it shows that our society is advancing towards a greater level of acceptance. Twenty, even 10 years ago, no governor would have proposed such a bill because of the risk of public backlash.

What do you have to say?

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO CORTLAND BEFORE LEAVING?



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"Even though Cortland is so small but it's plenty of warmth, peacefulness and good memories."

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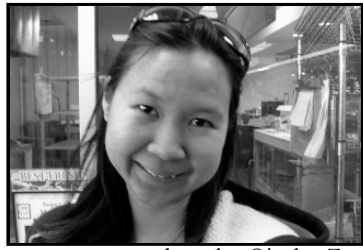


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"It's a good school especially in education department. President Bitterbaum is so nice and other faculties. I have met new friends from different countries all over the world."

**Praputtakun Punika
Thailand**



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"This is the first time I have been studying abroad for such a long time. I would never forget the professors and friends' eagerness to help whenever I need them. And the hours I spent with my friends here make this experience of real American life a fascinating one."

**Songqiao Huang
China**



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"I really enjoyed my time as an international student at Cortland. I am so thankful for the friends and professors that I met with. I learned a lot in terms of culture and different aspects of life, so it was great experience for me and I would like to thank everybody."

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to, like having the coolest cell phone, and doom their children to make their own bad decisions.

In college, that logic is apparent. We're all supposed to be adults and capable of making our own decisions without anybody's help.

However, since I'm looking at "sexting" programs to help deal with the problems of this new fad, it's become apparent that a lot of those high school kids are still as painfully ignorant as they used to be.

At least make sure you know the person well so that there is no chance it will get leaked. I would say it's unsafe to risk your reputation until about the year you get married.

If the picture does get out, you risk a bad reputation and everyone under the sun has seen everything you have to offer.

In any case, don't make yourself look worse by complaining about your own foolishness or worse yet, publicly hold a program showcasing your gross stupidity. In fact, the best advice I can give you is to hide in a closet for ten years.

We need more time

Springtime brings conflict with festivities and finals

Danielle Eckert
Staff Writer

For college students, the month of May means many things: spring time, nicer weather, being able to get outside again, and the ever dreaded finals week.

With winter weather like Cortland's, students are trapped inside all the time and feel like there is no such thing as the sun.

As the temperature warms up, students quickly forget about all work and assignments and can be found just lounging on the grass tanning, playing volley ball, or attending many of the spring festivities around campus.

Unfortunately, the end of the semester isn't all fun and games. Professors swamp us with papers, projects and overwhelm us with tests.

Final projects are due, along with studying for finals on top of it all. Last minute decisions about next semester must be made, such as fixing schedules, living arrangements and making sure your major is really the correct one for you.

It is normal for students to pull all-nighters in the library stressing over that history project due at 8 a.m. By the time finals week arrives,

most students don't have enough energy to even concentrate on the test in front of them. Most are ready to give up and go home to spend the next three months relaxing and taking a much-needed break from school work.

Students might be more prepared and less stressed if all their available time could be dedicated to working on assignments and studying for their tests.

However, since the year is ending, so many scheduled events get in the way of students and their work. Spring Fling, planned by the Student Activities Board, is a great event for students to attend, but along with the concert comes the carnival and tons of activities that take up a whole weekend.

Students either push aside all their work and go out and have fun anyway or have to miss out on the festivities so they don't stress out over finals later.

Along with Spring Fling, there are also tons of other plans to interrupt study time. Spring sport seasons are in their prime and students love to support their athletes.

The end of semester also means final banquets for teams, clubs, and formals for fraternities

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America-1, Blackbeard-0

Captain saved from Somali pirates; ships should be armed

Matthew Fanelli
Staff Writer

Capt. Phillips was saved Sunday, April 12 after being held captive by Somali Pirates since Wednesday, April 8.

The Somali pirates, with Phillips as a hostage, were at a standoff with American warships, and they were demanding \$2 million and safety.

Phillips demonstrated his bravery by fighting with the pirates in order to keep his crew and his ship safe and sacrificing himself as a hostage.

Phillips also made a daring escape attempt by diving off of the lifeboat that he was held on and attempting to swim for the USS Bainbridge, stationed nearby.

The attempt was cut short, however, by the Somalis who quickly fired on him and halted him for recapture.

Allegedly, the Somalis changed their demands in order to be set free without any money. The

rescue became absolutely necessary as the Somalis attempted to make their way out of international waters.

Expert Navy SEAL sharpshooters on the deck of the USS Bainbridge managed to pull of three kill shots, leaving the fourth pirate for capture by American forces.

Is anybody else wondering why we're still struggling with pirates? We're not the only country either. They've attacked 80 other ships this year from countries spanning the globe.

Now here's a situation where guns are absolutely the answer. I was under the impression that most ships had an arsenal that was locked up for emergencies in the first place. Apparently, all we arm our cargo ships and crews with are knives.

I've heard about sonic weapons that some cruise ships have that can be pointed in specific directions. The noise that it produces is so loud that approaching pirates are forced to turn back.

The only problem is that we will eventually have to deal with

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and sororities. Ceremonies for students inducted into honor societies, or other academic receptions also must take time away from their studies to attend.

It makes sense that these activities take place at the end of the year, but there seems to be interruption from things that may be more important.

Perhaps a way to make things easier would be to either have a longer break between the end of

classes and when finals are to make sure students get ample amount of time to get their work done correctly and put forth their best work.

Another solution would be to hold ceremonies and festivities after finals were over as a celebration for all the hard work we have done.

The end of the semester is a bittersweet time; joy of the hard work being over, happy to go home and see friends, but upset to leave friends we currently have.

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**No time for dinner?
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 Captain Crunch**

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Warning: The following article is asinine and completely random, not to mention very tasty.

My name is Eric Feuer and I have been addicted to cereal since the age of five. I've tried to quit but it's just impossible. How could I possibly leave Toucan Sam, Captain Crunch, the Honey Nut Bee or Snap, Crackle and Pop by the wayside?

They've stuck with me through thick and thin, and even though I know what I'm going to get every time I pour a bowl, it's always a delicious meal.

What's great about cereal is that you can eat it at any age and even any time of day. Plus, it's a drink and a meal combined in one, easy-to-consume form.

Another plus is that you don't need a culinary school degree to prepare a bowl, and there is no right or wrong way to make one.

Whatever combinations you desire, just go for it. And trust me, I have made some strange combinations. Reeses Puffs with Rice Krispies, Honey Nut Cheerios and Apple Jacks, Honey Comb and Cheerios, Froot Loops and Fruity Pebbles, and even the ultimate trifecta: Honey Nut, Banana Nut and regular Cheerios. You name it, I've made it.

Now you might be thinking to yourself, that sounds good but it doesn't seem too filling. Well, if you want to really spruce your cereal up, all it takes is some fresh fruit.

Bananas, strawberries, peaches, blueberries, blackberries; they are all fair game. Plus it adds some freshness to an otherwise preserved meal.

If you are still reading this and you find yourself unsure as to why anyone would actually write about cereal, well the answer is simple.

Cereal is one of the most undervalued foods available, and like I said before, you can eat it anytime you want. No time for breakfast, well just pour yourself a bowl for lunch.

Getting back late from the library and you don't feel like eating pasta bakes or mac and cheese? Just crack open a box of cereal, add milk and just like that, dinner is served. Plus you don't have to feel guilty about going back for seconds.



Somali pirates

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the same pirates twice. Now imagine if we have a weapon on each ship that's capable of blowing the pirate ship out of the water. The result would be fewer pirates each time.

In reality, we don't even need that. All we would need is for each crew member hauling cargo to be trained with small arms in order to put up a reasonable defense of the ship. Nobody can tell me that these sailors on the captured ship wouldn't have been willing to fight back, especially when armed.

Other pirates have sworn to avenge the deaths of their cohorts and to kill American hostages from now on. Hopefully, this country will take heed of these words and defend the shipping lanes vehemently.

I don't believe that Somali

pirates are any kind of match for American warships, and without hostages to bargain for along with American blood on their hands, it's probable that future Somali pirates will be just as dead as these last three. I know I won't be holding any vigils for the pirates.

Fortunately, no Americans were hurt during this ordeal. I have to hand it to President Obama on this one because it was he who personally put the order in for the rescue operation to take place.

Phillips is being honored as a hero for surviving this ordeal and his family was blessed enough to know that their loved one was saved on Easter Sunday.

The biggest heroes are the men of the Navy SEALs, whose names nobody even knows and whose bravery and dependability should be the standard for all of our citizens.

School violence: Still a problem?

**Thoughts of
 Columbine still
 resonate with schools**

Eric Dillon
Staff Writer

School is generally a place where children go to grow both emotionally and mentally. Many people develop close friendships in school that they keep with them their entire lives. At the same time however, in recent years schools have become a place where some parents feel their children are unsafe.

Ten years ago last week, the nation was shocked and saddened by the school shooting at Columbine High School in Jefferson County, Colorado.

At the end of the day, 15 students were killed, including the two gunmen, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. Both boys were labeled as outcasts in the school, and had few friends.

The school shooting also spurred many debates regarding gun control, the medicating of teens, as both boys were on anti-depressants, and even the effects of violent music and video games.

But I believe that those issues were moot; those were not the reasons for the tragedy at Columbine. I feel as though a large part of that incident, and most incidents of school violence in general, was closely related to the social hierarchy that is present in schools.

So what can we do to help prevent future incidents such as this? The first and most important step is to understand what triggered it. As previously mentioned, Harris and Klebold had a difficult time fitting in.

High school can often be a

very stressful time for adolescents, a fact which is made worse by the fact that these boys had very few friends they could relate to. Their isolation from their peers could have prompted their depression, as well as their violent feelings toward school in general.

Additionally, reports have shown that the school did very little to council troubled students such as Harris and Klebold.

While it may seem impossible, I feel that one of the best ways to stop school violence is to spread the message of acceptance. Students must realize that people who are different are still people, and should not be treated as second-class citizens.

Additionally, I feel that all schools, but especially high schools in particular, should place a stronger emphasis on student counseling.

When musician Marilyn Manson was asked what he would have said to the boys, Manson replied "Nothing. I would have listened, because no one else did." I think Manson made an excellent point in his reply.

These boys had no one to talk to, and no one to express their feelings to. It is feelings of hopelessness and solitude that cause many people to act irrationally.

However, it would be unfair to say that schools have not learned their lesson from Columbine. Since the incident, schools all over the country have enacted new security policies, ranging in everything from metal detectors, to increased numbers of security guards.

Again, adding more security might prevent these acts from occurring, but the real way to stop school violence is to stop it at its source and that is to stop the students from their need for acting violently.

O.A.R attracts a revolutionary crowd

O.A.R attracts record-breaking Spring Fling crowd

Matthew Ianno
Staff Writer

REVIEW

This past weekend Monroe Heights was crowded with students, the Moffett lawn harbored a miniature carnival and the Alumni Ice Arena was being turned into a concert hall.

Saturday, April 25, was Spring Fling weekend at Cortland, but the atmosphere possessed the characteristics not of spring, but summer.

At the height of the day, the temperature read 90 degrees and the campus lacked its scholarly feel.

8 p.m. came faster than usual on Saturday, probably because Cortland weather is rarely as nice as it was on this particular day.

Even after the sunset, the air was hot, and the atmosphere still yielded that of a perfect summer afternoon.

After the Alumni Ice Arena was fully transformed into a concert venue, O.A.R's opening



photo by Matthew Ianno

O.A.R. performed an assorted blend of songs for students in the Alumni Ice Arena.

act, Parachute, took the stage around 8 p.m. and embarked on a 45-minute opening act.

For Parachute, this was most likely their first exposure to the majority of the crowd.

The band was not immediately recognized by most, but has increased its popularity by touring with the well known, O.A.R.

Undoubtedly a pop band; Parachute's sound was like that of a boy band with instrumental skills.

Their set comes and goes, and a fifteen-minute break ensued; the arena is filling up with college students, townspeople, and passionate fans from other cities.

Looking around, I noticed a capacious fog gathering above the crowd. The toils of the hot day has

taken its toll on the sea of steaming bodies, and is as if they have all simultaneously exhaled to conquer the air above them.

Soon, the noticeable dread of the heat was whisked away by the palpable anticipation of the headlining band, O.A.R.

The main lights dimmed, and the band entered to the roaring approval of approximately 3,000 people.

The majority of the crowd stood over the ice while a select few sat off to the sides in the bleachers.

The stage was large, and appears close from every area in the arena. This is due to the limited size of the venue, and the set up of the lighting system.

The are lights came from

behind, above, and in front of the band, making them appear closer than they actually were.

I entered the arena having only heard one song by O.A.R., so I was unsure what to expect during the concert. They immediately began their set, and played three songs before addressing the crowd directly.

So far their songs have been met with approval. The fans down on the arena floor were dancing and singing along.

Up along the bleachers a select few have stood to their feet in order to engage in their rhythmic appreciation of the music.

Their instruments are crisp and the vocals of the lead singer were of high quality for a live show.

There are six members of the

band: one lead singer/acoustic guitar player, an electric guitar player, a bass guitar player, a drummer, a keyboard player and a saxophone player.

The sax player had many solos, and is definitely a major element of the band. His solo's received the most praise from the crowd, and were easily my favorite part of the performance.

About an hour and 15 minutes into the performance, the lead singer shares the experiences of the band's tour in Iraq with the crowd, and then proceeded to play a song the band wrote in honor of the troops.

With this, O.A.R. successfully won over my appreciation and respect. I had entered the show thinking they were Dave Matthews Band wannabes, flourishing due to their pop music appeal, but after their lengthy two hour set, I was assured they were much more.

The singer was enthusiastic and likeable, and the supporting cast of instruments provided an eclectic blend of jazz, reggae, rock and pop music.

I left the arena happy with Cortland and appreciative of all the work that went into acquiring the duties of the band for Spring Fling.

I was also happy with the summertime weather that had persisted for the near three hours I was indoors.

Spring Fling was a success and O.A.R. provided a perfect main event.

Spring carnival gives a glimpse of summer

Beautiful weather provides perfect day for spring carnival

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

This year's Spring Fling jump started the final weeks of the semester in a truly positive way.

With events such as the Spring Fling Carnival and a concert from O.A.R, Cortland students felt it was a great weekend to take a break from work and take advantage of the summer-like weather.

Spring Fling Weekend is a common time for students to have friends visit and for alumni to come back and reminisce.

"It is really great to see everyone and continue the tradition of Spring Fling even

though we have all graduated. I love coming back to Cortland and seeing old friends and making memories," said alumna Chrissy Natoli.

Saturday, on the Moffett lawn, students were able to get spray tattoos, cotton candy, Dippin' Dots ice cream and take part in a variety of different games at the Spring Fling carnival.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) works hard to make sure that students have the chance to enjoy themselves during this annual event and it is safe to say that they did a good job of doing so this year.

This year's carnival, which lasted from noon to 4 p.m., seemed to be a success as many students gathered on the lawn to enjoy t the activities in the beautiful weather.

Students climbed on the blow up rock wall, participated in bungee races, jousting and a variety of other activities.

"My favorite game was the one where you try and hit your friends off the platform with the giant ball," said sophomore Cassandra Graczyk.



photo by Samantha Ficken

Students enjoyed all of the inflatable toys and games on the Moffett Lawn.

"It was a lot of fun knocking my friends down."

Besides inflatable rock walls and jousting, students were also offered the chance to enter a raffle in which the grand prize was an

exclusive meet and greet with O.A.R.

Cara Shulman entered the raffle and won. "It was a lot of fun. My dad and I met them and got autographs; we talked about

camping and concerts we've been to. They were really down to earth and it was a great experience," said

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Shulman.

"I really liked all of the different things you could do. My favorite was getting an airbrush tattoo; it was really interesting getting it done and it looks really cool," said sophomore Marie Rubio.

SAB was really proud that the weekend was a success. "It went really, really well. The weather was definitely in our favor and we were really happy that we could have the carnival outside this year. We saw a lot of community members as well as students come by and everyone was enjoying themselves," said SAB Vice President Shannon Gallagher.

SAB has been planning this event since December. They used student surveys and input to figure what the students would be most interested in participating in.

"There was a lot of planning and collaborating with ASC, UPD, artists, agents, athletics, etc. It was great working with all of the members of the club in order to make it a success. We all worked together and it ended up being a great event," said Gallagher.

"We would really like to thank everyone who came and everyone who helped. We hope that next year we can have beautiful weather and it can be a success just like this year."

Oh, the songs they can sing

College Singers depict Dr. Seuss stories through song

Dan Harding
Staff Writer

Dowd Fine Arts Theater was near capacity last Sunday when the Cortland College Singers performed Seussical the Musical to an assorted crowd of seniors and children alike.

The only props used by the singers to recreate the magical world of Dr. Seuss were their voices.

Through the use of music they guided the audience through the many classic works of Dr. Seuss, such as "Horton Hears a Who," "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," "Green Eggs and Ham" and the always popular, "Cat in the Hat."

The younger members of the audience were visibly apprehensive, which may have been due to the stellar Cortland weather.

However when the full cast took the stage and sang a lively and whimsical song titled "Oh, The



photo by Dan Harding

Cortland College Singers performing on stage in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

Thinks You Can Think," it was obvious they were hooked.

Director and pianist Stephen B. Wilson set the mood and provided the background for the concert with lively numbers. In total the cast performed 22 musical numbers composed of both soloists and full ensembles.

In between several of the music numbers, members of the College Singers would read passages from various Dr. Seuss works, which helped to transport the audience to a different world.

The entire cast included Cara Shulman, Jonah Reardon, Alex

Grief, Bill Renkas, Kindra Tripp, Melanie Tietjen, Helaina Goldstein, Deja Sylvester, Benjamin Herman, Steven Good, Luke Wentlent and Mitch Thrumen.

They brought both humor and brilliant vocal talents to the stage that made the performance successful. The energy that the lively cast portrayed was almost tangible.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the performance. It was difficult sometimes to see or hear what the final concert would be like just because there was so much collaboration involved that hadn't

yet been incorporated," said sophomore College Singer Heather Fairchild.

"It was so great to finally experience the entire performance,"

After the conclusion of the performance it was hard to believe that an hour and half had passed.

"This was an excellent performance, the singers did a great job bringing the Seuss characters to life and keeping a tight grasp on the audience's attention," said audience member Jack Murphy.

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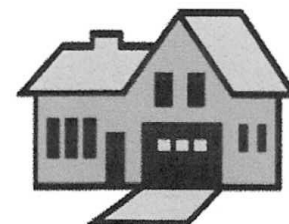
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Inconsistency early on in the MLB

**Top teams off to
shaky starts in the
beginning of season**

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

As the weather continues to get warmer, so does MLB season. This early season has been all about surprise teams as Toronto, Detroit, and Florida are teams that lead their divisions respectively.

Coming into Monday night games, Toronto leads the league with a 14-6 record.

Albert Pujols and his league leading 25 RBI have St. Louis standing with a 13-6 record, giving the Cardinals and the Los Angeles Dodgers the best record in the National League.

The Marlins started their season the best, as like the Florida weather, the Marlins were the scalding, starting 11-1, but have since lost six straight.

The hungry Marlins team is

led by a young pitching staff that has no starters above the age of 28.

The Boston Red Sox got off to a shaky start but since have found a way to win. The Sox have now won 10 straight games, including a three game sweep of their rival, the Yankees.

On Friday night, it looked as if the Sox winning streak would end at seven as Yankee closer Mariano Rivera came into the game with a two run lead.

Rivera, who only blew one save all of 2008, gave up the game tying homerun to outfielder Jason Bay.

Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon, then pitched a shutout 11th that was capped by a strikeout of Yankee slugger, Mark Teixeira.

The Red Sox would send the Fenway faithful home happy as Kevin Youkilis hit a towering homerun over the Green Monster.

Saturday's pitching matchup between A.J. Burnett and Josh Beckett turned into a slugfest as both starters gave up eight runs

each before exiting the game.

Both teams battled back and forth for the lead as the Yankees took the lead after a two run error by Red Sox second baseman, Dustin Pedroia.

However, Boston responded in the bottom of the inning with a three run homerun from Mike Lowell.

They would go on to win the game 16-11. Jacoby Ellsbury put the exclamation point on the series when he stole home in the bottom of the fourth off of Andy Pettitte.

The Sox would go on to win the game 4-1 behind a strong outing from Justin Masterson, who has taken Daisuke Matsuzaka's spot in the rotation.

The other New York team, the Mets, has struggled early going 8-10. Pitching ace Johan Santana is the only pitcher in the rotation who has had early success while offensively; the Mets have yet to find consistency.

It is too early to count a team out and too early to decide a favorite.

NBA postseason games underway

**Underdogs taking the
fight to perennial title
contenders**

Gabriel Schaub
Staff Writer

The 2009 NBA playoffs continue this week as the outcome is starting to take shape.

As predicted the number one seed in the east, Cleveland Cavaliers, are taking care of their business over the number eight seed, Detroit Pistons, 3-0, and will look to sweep the series this Sunday.

Staying in the Eastern Division the other three series seem to be very competitive with the number three-seeded Orlando Magic find themselves in a hole against the number six-seeded Philadelphia 76ers, 2-1, with the fourth game being played in Philadelphia.

In the Atlanta Hawks/Miami Heat series, the higher-seeded team

is also trailing in the series with Atlanta down 2-1 with the fourth game being played in Miami.

With all these competitive series the most attention seems to be paid towards the Boston and Chicago series.

There are so many reasons for why this is the most compelling series so far into the playoffs.

Not only is the series tied at 2-2, but two of the games have went into overtime, and all but one game were decided by three points or less.

Possibly the most intriguing storyline to this series has been the controversy over the Boston Celtics star center Kevin Garnett.

Garnett, who has missed significant time towards the end of the regular season due to a knee injury, has not played a minute so far in the series.

Coach Doc Rivers has already expressed that the Celtics will not play Kevin Garnett, but have not ruled him out for the entire postseason.

In the Western Division the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers have looked strong against the eighth-seeded Jazz as they lead the series 3-1 with the fourth game being played on Monday in Los Angeles.

Staying the Western Division the second-seeded Denver Nuggets lead the Hornets 2-1 with the fourth game being held in New Orleans.

The surprise series so far in the playoffs has been between third-seeded San Antonio Spurs and the sixth-seeded Dallas Mavericks.

Dallas stunned San Antonio, whose core group of players has won three NBA championships, by beating them in the first game of the series in San Antonio.

Once in Dallas, the Mavs proceeded to win the next two games, taking a 3-1 lead.

As all the series progress, it should be interesting if the top teams in both the East and the West can hold off the underdogs.

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Jets look toward future with Sanchez

Quarterback from Southern Cal gives Jet fans optimism

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

If the prospect of Cortland hosting the New York Jets training camp in July hadn't grasped the attention of Cortland residents and Jets fans of the region, last Saturday's NFL Draft has certainly created a buzz.

After trading three players to acquire the fifth pick from the Cleveland Browns the Jets selected quarterback Mark Sanchez from the University of Southern California.

Widely considered the second-best quarterback in this year's draft behind Matthew Stafford, Sanchez joins a club that was in desperate need of a talented signal caller following the retirement of future hall-of-famer Brett Favre.

Although the amount of games he starts this year remains to be seen, the 22-year old looks to make substantial sums of money in the New York market.

In a league that seemingly becomes less and less patient with its young, underdeveloped players the pressure will certainly be looming on both Sanchez and the Jets in the next few years, especially in the big spotlight.

His arrival in New York can

only be beneficial to Cortland in its inaugural season as the host of the Jets training camp.

The county undoubtedly knew the potential monetary benefit the camp could bring to the school and Central New York alike.

Sanchez could give people more of an incentive to come see the Jets in action during the summer.

Last Saturday it certainly seemed as if Sanchez looked at New York as the place he wanted to begin his NFL career.

The 6'2", 227 pound quarterback rejoiced as he heard his name called at Radio City Music Hall in front of a rowdy group of Jets fans. "I'm very excited," said Sanchez to ESPN. "This is exactly where I wanted to be. It's the right place."

The Jets had long been looking for a quarterback to step into the starting role and become the face of the franchise.

Chad Pennington, for some time, seemed to be that player. Pennington filled in for an injured Vinny Testaverde in 2002 and was given a seven year 64.2 million dollar contract in 2004.

This was supposed to take him to the end of the 2010 season; however, injuries and poor play led to Pennington's release on August 7, 2008 when the team acquired Brett Favre in a one-year deal.

Jets fans hope the youngster can renew the nostalgia of the glory days and by bringing home a Super Bowl for the first time since 1969.

Hockey playoffs heat up the ice

Excitement and unpredictability are what NHL fans love

Ryan Fish
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COLUMN

Well folks, it's that time of year again. Nothing beats the intensity of a playoff hockey game. The league's best teams battle each day in their quest for Lord Stanley's Cup.

Those who contend are a smattering of the pros both old and young, of whom many have only dreamt of the chance to play for the cup.

They put it all out on the line whether it's sacrificing the body and taking a puck to the face while blocking a shot or stepping up and not being afraid to throw some punches to support a teammate for every game of every best-of-seven series.

You can always tell whether it's round one or the finals based on length of a man's playoff beard.

They knock the living day lights out of each other as they as they all pursue the mentally, physically and emotionally difficult climb for sixteen postseason wins.

Detroit, Vancouver and Boston all used their brooms in doing a little spring cleaning as they swept their opponents.

With their first postseason birth in franchise history, the division rival Columbus Blue Jackets faced the intimidating



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Washington's Alex Ovechkin leads his team against the New York Rangers in the Stanley Cup Quarterfinals.

defending Stanley Cup champion Red Wings.

Thankfully this was the first thing Detroit has had to cheer about since the finish of the Lions record season.

Columbus' inexperience showed as they were helpless against head coach Mike Babcock and his potent puck possession offense.

Blue Jackets captain and all star left wing Rick Nash could do little as he was held to just one goal with veteran defensive pair Niklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski shutting him down on every shift.

Standout rookie goaltender Chris Mason sang the Blues as he did everything he could except score against Vancouver.

St. Louis has missed the playoffs since the lockout and they received an early wakeup call on the importance of capitalizing with the power play and learning to finish.

Much of the Blues' failure was due to the brilliant play of Canucks goalie Robert Luongo.

The conference leading Bruins exacted their revenge quickly versus eighth place and slumping Montreal Canadiens.

Anchored by the six-foot-nine defenseman Zdeno Chara and Vezina Trophy finalist Tim Thomas in net, Boston is showing no signs of slowing down.

Back in the east, a little closer to home, the New York Rangers are at a stalemate versus Alexander Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals.

The series has been quite the rollercoaster of emotions for hockey fans. First, the Rangers surprised themselves by taking a commanding 3-1 lead in the series.

Now they are headed back to our nation's capital all tied up for a surely exciting game seven.

Before game three at the Garden, Ovechkin was seen at the Rangers' morning skate scoping out the team (not allowed to do that) where he was soon asked to leave, and escorted out.

When talking to the media later on, he was asked why he thought the Rangers told him to leave. Ovechkin nonchalantly replied "...Because they're scared."

To add to the drama, New York head coach John Tortorella was suspended from game six because he squirted a fan with water and later threw a water bottle that hit a fan midway through the third period of game five at the Verizon Center.

Ovechkin and his talented group of young forwards will likely put on a show as they'll look to open things up and outscore the more defensive minded Rangers.

This stuff is too good to miss. Make sure you tune into Versus, MSG and NBC if you want to be on the edge of your seat, the few times you're still in your dorms with the nice weather.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

MEN'S LACROSSE
Cortland 22
Morrisville 0

Next: SUNYAC semifinals

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
Cortland 15
Potsdam 6

Next: SUNYAC semifinals

BASEBALL
Cortland 13
Mount St. Vincent 6

Cortland 15
Mount St. Vincent 4

Next: vs. Utica

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Cortland 10
Potsdam 0

Cortland 4
Potsdam 2

Next: Thursday vs. Utica

Athletes of the Week



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Matt Hipenbecker Lacrosse

Selected the SUNYAC Men's Lacrosse Goalie of the Week



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Kristen Serikstad Track & Field

Broke 25-year school high jump record at the Cornell Invitational

Cortland lacrosse scorches through weekend

Red Dragons continue to roll over SUNYAC competition

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

After firing off six wins in a row to end the regular season with an overall record of 13-2, the ninth ranked Cortland men's lacrosse team will head into SUNYAC play on a hot streak.

The Red Dragons won in blowout fashion in each of last week's games against SUNY Brockport (14-2) and St. Lawrence University (13-4).

Then, in the season finale at Morrisville last Saturday, Cortland held the Mustangs to zero goals in a 22-0 victory.

Throughout the three games Cortland was an offensive juggernaut, netting 49 goals while the defense allowed only six.

With SUNYAC play beginning, Cortland head coach Steve Beville sees his team heating up at exactly the right time. "We're playing with a lot of confidence as of late," said Beville.

"The team has weathered some injuries and some average performances earlier in the season, and is coming on at the right time."

The win at Morrisville was the Red Dragons' first shutout victory since beating SUNYIT in 2003, and it came in monstrous fashion.

Fourteen different Cortland players scored goals in the game accounting for the team total of 22.



photo by Dan Curtis

Cortland sophomore Justin Battino fights for the ball in a 22-0 win over Morrisville.

Brian Krol, a junior out of Niskayuna, collected three goals for the Red Dragons and led the team in scoring.

Juniors Tom Burke and Neal Hopps each had two goals as did sophomore Frank Padolecchia and freshman Justin Battino.

Sophomore Eric Parah led the game off for Cortland with a goal nine seconds into the contest, and Mike Tota followed with a goal of his own seven seconds later.

That gave Cortland a 2-0 lead in the first 16 seconds of play and handing Morrisville a taste of what was to come for the rest of the day.

The Red Dragons had

obvious control of the game at halftime when they led by an astounding score of 15-0.

As a whole, the Mustangs were able to muster just five shots to Cortland's 49, and recorded only eight saves between two goalies throughout the afternoon.

"I felt this team would be playing its best at this point," said Beville explaining his team's recent success. "We are very young and it has taken some time for the team to gel."

Throughout Cortland's impressive win streak goaltending has been a key influence in the team's success.

"We have had some great communication and goaltending in recent games," said Beville. "We need to keep that going as playoff time approaches."

Cortland's first SUNYAC playoff game was played at home last night against the Oswego Lakers who the Red Dragons slayed earlier this month 12-2.

"Home field advantage is always great," said Beville when asked of the league semi-finals match-up.

It is unknown as of now who Cortland will draw in the SUNYAC finals which is scheduled to be played Saturday, May 2 at a time to be announced.

Players of the week crucial to playoff success

Mahay and Torre lead Cortland into postseason tourneys

Cameron Daniels
Staff Writer

Every week one male and one female athlete are chosen from Cortland's student athletes as the athletes of the week.

Last week's athletes of the week were Michael Mahay of the baseball team and Danielle Torre of the women's lacrosse Team.

Mahay, a sophomore from Whitesboro, was selected for how he pitched in two games for the Red Dragons over the past week.

He entered in the second inning to relieve starter Nicolas

Blanco April 14 against St. John Fisher.

Mahay then went six and two-third innings while only allowing one earned run. He also struck out eight in the appearance.

His performance helped him earn the win as the Red Dragons exploded for 15 runs while defeating St. John Fisher 15-6.

In his next appearance on April 19, he pitched eight solid innings as Cortland defeated New Paltz 4-3.

Mahay pitched out of jams early, as he gave up three runs on seven hits over the first two innings.

He then settled down and went on to pitch seven more innings, striking out three while walking none.

He also retired 19 of the last 20 batters he faced. On the season Mahay has a 4-2 record for the Red Dragons.

Cortland now has a record of 23-12 overall, with a SUNYAC record of 9-3.

The Red Dragons have won the overall SUNYAC title, earning the right to host the league's postseason tournament for the 13th straight season.

The SUNYAC tournament will begin May 1 and end on May 3.

Torre, a senior from Massapequa, was selected for her performance in five games for Cortland this past week.

She started the week in a tough loss to 15th ranked Union by a score of 14-13. Torre led Cortland's attack as she scored four goals in the game and added one assist.

She helped the Red Dragons bounce back the next day with a 19-3 rout of New Paltz. She scored five goals and recorded two assists.

The five goals in this game

gave Torre 51 on the season. Her 50 goal campaign is the 29th time Cortland has seen a women's lacrosse player score 50 goals in a season.

Torre also had two goals and two assists in a 20-3 defeat of Morrisville.

She finished her week with back-to-back five goals performances in games against Oneonta and Buffalo State.

The Red Dragons defeated Oneonta 24-11 but lost to Buffalo State 14-12. Torre also had a total of three assists in these games.

She has helped Cortland to a 10-6 overall record, while being ranked 15th in the nation.

The Red Dragons have earned the second overall seed in the SUNYAC and will compete in the semi-finals on May 1 at host Buffalo State.