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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Speaker will visit to discuss the death penalty

Political Science Association speaker, Christopher Latimer will speak at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in Sperry 105.

Latimer will discuss the death penalty in his talk titled "Should Child Rapists Receive the Death Penalty? Constitutional Arguments Explored."

There finally is such a thing as free legal advice

The Student Government Association will allow all students to have 15 minutes of free legal advice.

The lawyer will be on campus on from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. on May 7. In order to make an appointment you must schedule it before noon that day in the SGA office, Corey Union 217.

Knicks executive to speak about sexual harassment

Former New York Knicks Executive, Anucha Browne-Sanders, who recently won an \$11.6 million sexual harassment lawsuit against the organization will deliver the keynote address at the Seventh Annual Cortland Sport Management Awards ceremony tonight.

The event will be at 6 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium

Performing Arts presents "A Winner's Tale"

Cortland Performing Arts Department will premiere the new comedy "A Winner's Tale" at 8 p.m. tonight.

If you miss tonight's show, repeat performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, faculty and staff, and \$6 for students.

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Senior overcomes battle with cancer

Senior diagnosed with breast cancer to graduate this May

Kayla Dykshoorn
Staff Writer

Last summer 21-year-old Cortland State senior Colleen Cappon was diagnosed with breast cancer. This past December she underwent a double mastectomy and reconstruction.

On May 17, Cappon will walk across Park Center Alumni Arena to receive her bachelor's degree in communications. Her story is one of inspiration.

"I knew before all this that I was the kind of person that could take things head-on, but now I know more than ever that I can kick-ass at whatever I do," said Cappon.

Cappon learned that she had cancer last summer when she was discovered a lump on her right breast as she was trying on her new Victoria's Secret bra. As much as she wanted to ignore it, she went to the doctor and had it examined and found that not only did she have breast cancer, but that it had spread to her lymph nodes.

During the fall, Cappon went through twice-a-month



photo courtesy of Colleen Cappon

Cappon to graduate from Cortland this May.

chemotherapy treatments, but continued to go to her classes.

In December, she finished her chemotherapy treatments.

Two days after Christmas,

Cappon underwent a double mastectomy, and just recently finished the reconstruction process in the second week of April. Cappon said it was painful

and tedious, but in the end she's glad she did it and has no regrets.

"I said from the beginning that I would get the surgery even if I didn't get any reconstruction, I would rather live with no boobs than die because I wanted cleavage. This is not a situation to be superficial, its literally life or death, it's a no-brainer for me," said Cappon.

Her plastic surgeon said that she has had some of the best results that he's seen.

Now with graduation creeping closer, Cappon is looking forward to the future and putting her cancer behind her.

After she graduates Cappon plans on going on a trip to Cancun with her boyfriend; she won the trip through the American Cancer Society in a drawing after raising \$7,500 with her friends and family.

When she returns from her trip, Cappon plans to move to NYC for a news job that she received.

Although she is looking forward to moving on and graduating, Cappon says it is a bittersweet moment for her.

"Everyone makes best friends in college, but my friends literally helped save my life, and I am sure I could not have done this without them. You really find out a lot about people when something like this happens, and I could not have asked for friends who care more about," said Cappon.

SUNY budget crisis Upcoming graduation

SUNY system budget cut that may cut the school's completely

James Murray
Staff Writer

President Erik Bitterbaum announced Monday at the SGA meeting that Cortland, along with all other SUNY schools is facing its biggest budget crisis in over 25 years.

New York State Governor David Patterson introduced a proposal to the New York State legislature that would put a limit on how SUNY Campuses would be able to spend their budget in the next year. Cortland would face a \$5 million reduction. While not as harsh as SUNY Stony Brooks \$300 million reduction or SUNY Albany's \$50 million dollar reduction, it still has a great impact on the campus.

"Right now things are moving fluidly. We hope that the state will realize how much this could cripple all of the SUNY Campus," said Bitterbaum. "If this goes through, the SUNY system won't exist as we know it."

Bitterbaum explained that although Cortland has been granted \$51.2 million for a new student life center, the overall \$5

million budget cut would affect everything from teachers salary's to toilet paper.

Although highly unlikely, one way to combat this strain on the SUNY systems would be to institute a modest tuition increase. There hasn't been a tuition increase in six years.

The United University Professions, a union that represents more than 34,000 academic and professional faculties across the SUNY system, has been meeting with government officials to get things solved before the end of the academic school year.

Although the budget reduction would put a large strain on Cortland campus, there is no shortage of applicants for the incoming fall semester. Of 1075 available spots for the incoming class of 2012, Cortland received more than 1100 applications and over 3000 transfer applications for an available 500 spots.

Despite the proposed budget reduction, Cortland has also been granted \$30 million to renovate Bowers building which contains the science departments as well as \$15 million to renovate Studio West.

"It's the best of times, and the worst of times," said Bitterbaum, quoting Charles Dickens.

Endless hours of graduation planning to assure a success

Christine Amedo
Staff Writer

This years graduate and undergraduate graduation ceremonies will be held on May 16 and 17.

There are expected to be 800 people in attendance for the graduate ceremony and over 8,000 for the undergraduate ceremonies made up of students, guests, faculty and staff.

There is a lot that goes into planning for events such as these. There are two committees for Commencement, one for Graduate and one for Undergraduate.

The members of the Undergraduate committee are Seth Asumah, Darci Bacigalupi, Marley S. Barduhn, Laurie Barton, Terence Cahill, Mark DePaull, Ralph Dudgeon, Mariah Gerty, David Horrocks, Ji-Ryun Kim, Emilie Kudela, Kathleen Lawrence, Virginia Levine, Michael MacLean, Eric Malmberg, Megan Munson, Mary E. Murphy, Charlotte Plunkett, Tracy Rammacher, Susan Rayl, Hailey Ruoff, Christine Schacht, Timothy Slack and

George Verdow.

The members of the Graduate committee are Darci Bacigalupi, Marley S. Barduhn, Terence Cahill, Mark DePaull, Mariah Gerty, Michele Gonzalez, Rena Janke, Louis Larson, Virginia Levine, Peter McGinnis, Yvonne Murnane, Mary E. Murphy, Charlotte Plunkett, Hailey Ruoff, Arnold Talentino and Mr. George VerDow.

"In order for Commencement to be successful, it requires a full campus effort," said Darci Bacigalupi, the Special Events Coordinator for the president's office.

"Many of our employees do a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes in order for the ceremony to go off as planned," said Bacigalupi.

Some examples of what goes into planning for a ceremony are website updates and maintenance, catering needs, reception plans, marshall and usher recruitment, ticket design, bundling and distribution, coordinating the script for three ceremonies and choosing speakers.

The speaker set for the

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Local robberies

Multiple break-ins on student's property during last two weeks

Cassandra Peters

Staff Writer

Over the last two weeks a series of thefts have been targeted towards student property.

A number of vehicles and homes were broken into. Some car windows were smashed or shattered, in order for small valuables to be stolen.

"It makes me mad that people feel they have the right to go into other people's stuff," said senior Heather Wolff.

Many items like cash, camera's, iPod accessories, and other small valuable electronic items were stolen.

The majority of students, faculty and staff were not aware of the break ins. It comes as a shock to many that this amount of robberies would occur in such a short period of time.

"People have no respect for

other people's stuff", said Morgan Lewis

Although the Cortland UPD was unavailable to comment, the crimes are still being investigated. There are a number of things that students can do to make sure your property is as safe as possible.

1. Lock your Car Doors. Locks are not completely preventative but will make burglaries less likely to occur.

2. Bring valuable items inside. iPods, cell phones, cameras, purses, wallets, GPS devices, and anything that is small and easy to carry is easy to steal.

Don't leave them in the car, and if you must, don't leave them out in the open.

3. Check on your car. If you don't normally drive your vehicle or tend to walk everywhere, make an occasional effort to look at it. If a burglar is watching, it lets them think that you are conscious of your car and the items in it.

4. If you see suspicious activity around your vehicle or your off campus parking lot, don't hesitate to call the police. The On campus non-emergency number is 753-2112, and Cortland UPD for off-campus, is 753-3001.

Who wants to be a Million-Air?



photo by Jaclyn Murphy

Brittany Wiesner hosts Who Wants to be a Million-Air game at Wellness Wednesday.

Students participate in game show about saving environment

Jaclyn Murphy

Staff Writer

The last Wellness Wednesday was held this week in which Brittany Wiesner, a senior health science major and intern at the Heath Promotion Office, hosted the game show Who Wants to Be a Million-AIR.

This game show asked contestants questions about sustainability.

From 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., before the Wellness Wednesday presentation, an eco-room was set up in the Exhibition Lounge to demonstrate eco-friendly ways to change your room so your carbon footprint will be reduced.

A carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide that a person puts into the environment by his or her actions.

When conducting a search

online, use Black Google- which is a form of the popular website Google that uses less energy by making the background of the screen black.

Turning off your television at the source of the power instead of using a remote control is another way to save energy.

Re-use mugs, travel coffee cups, and water bottles so less paper products are used and wasted. Many places around campus are offering a discount when using a re-usable cup or mug to get a beverage.

Using in-season and local produce is another way to increase sustainability since the products are not being shipped from across the country or world.

Many grocery stores are offering re-usable cloth bags to carry food and beverages home in instead of plastic or paper bags.

"Because we don't think of future generations, they will never forget us," said the first contestant of the game, junior Matt Meade.

Many of the simple things displayed in the eco-room can be done on a daily basis to increase the chances of future generations have promising lives.

Audience members learned many new facts about sustainability and carbon footprints during the presentation and game show.

The average carbon footprint of an American is 20 tons. The average carbon footprint worldwide is way less than that of the United States.

On a direct flight from JFK Airport to San Francisco, 1 ton of carbon is emitted.

It is best to water your garden and lawn in the early morning hours or late evening hours in order to reduce evaporation.

Eighty percent of people in the world contract an illness caused by unclean water; less than one percent of the world's water is suitable for drinking, washing and growing plants.

In fifty years, if there are no laws to invoke global warming and pollution, there will be no stars visible in suburban areas.

"I found the program very beneficial. It sparked knowledge and interest. I think practicing sustainability will improve our lives and the lives of the future," said the second contestant of the game, sophomore Joe Russo.

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Graduation Greek Award Ceremony

ceremony

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Graduate ceremony is Ted Hardenstine, with a master of arts in teaching. The speaker for the undergraduate ceremonies will be Thomas Goodale, a graduate in 1961 and honorary degree recipient.

Not only faculty members played an integral part in planning these graduation ceremonies, students also did their part.

"We have two student representatives that serve on the Undergraduate Commencement committee. For the Graduate Commencement, we have one student representative and a member of the graduating class address the graduates," said Bacigalupi.

Along with the student and main speakers, the SGA president Aaron Kirk Marshall will also provide farewell remarks to the graduates.

Set up will begin in Park Center one week prior to the ceremony and graduates will be called for rehearsal during the day on Friday before graduation.

"I am really excited to see how the ceremony will turn out. It is one of the biggest days of my life and I hope that all goes well, but I am sure that it will," said senior and soon-to be-graduate Jaelyn Murphy.

If undergraduate students (non-graduating) are interested in serving as an usher for any or all of the ceremonies, they should contact Darci Bacigalupi, special events coordinator, at bacigalupi@cortland.edu. This is a great opportunity to earn extra tickets toward future Commencement ceremonies.

Greek members receive awards for various achievements

Sandra Wohlleber
Contributing Writer

Members of the Greek Community were recently awarded at the Greek Honors Ceremony or the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet.

The following 41 individuals were recognized for having achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher:

Alpha Phi: Kristin Lisi, Nenagh Lowery, Jessica Woyner

Delta Phi Epsilon: Mallory Anger, Jennifer Bakala, Monica Dayboch, Natalie Dent, Kaitlyn Gerke, Katelyn Grant, Erin Grosso, Nicole LoCascio, Jennifer Nastri, Lisa Nulty, Sonya Possemato, Robyn Shapiro, Amy Weingartner

Nu Sigma Chi: Amanda Berger, Brittney Brenyo, Kendra Jenkins

Sigma Delta Tau: Sheresa Christopher, Courteny Hammond, Jessica Iovino, Shayna Pirkl, Nicole Stam

Delta Chi: Andrew Carnright, Anthony Ferretti, Matthew Muzza, Scott Tompkins, Michael Zitelli

Alpha Phi Omega: Beth Crego, Kathleen Downes, Lisa Hlebica, Alexis Kawalick, Amanda Korr, Kristine Lastrup, Caitlin Mooney, Holly Pierce, Michael Scala, Momodou Sey, Andrea Wissink, Michelle Wolinsky

Other academic awards distributed include the following:

Highest Chapter GPA:

Alpha Phi Omega – All Greeks, Delta Phi Epsilon – All Social Greeks

Highest Associate Member GPA – Fall 2007:

Alpha Phi Omega – All Greeks,

Delta Chi – All Social Greeks

Highest Associate Member GPA – Spring 2008:

Alpha Phi Omega – All Greeks, Delta Phi Epsilon – All Social Greeks

Highest Individual GPA:

Lisa Hlebica – All Greek Female, Jennifer Nastri – Social Greek Female

Michael Zitelli – All Greek Male

Outstanding Chapter Leader awards were presented to the following individuals:

Meghan Ida of Delta Phi Epsilon, Sadhbh Lavery of Nu Sigma Chi, Andrew Trager of Delta Chi, Stuart Levinson of Kappa Sigma and Isidro De La Rosa of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda. Isidro De La Rosa also received this year's **Outstanding Fraternity Member of the Year Award**. Nu Sigma Chi Sorority was chosen to receive the **Outstanding Community Service and/or Fundraising Award** while Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority was selected as the **Outstanding Greek Chapter of the Year**.

Receiving additional awards at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet were the following fraternity/sorority members:

Isidro De La Rosa of Lambda Upsilon Lambda – Outstanding Student Leader

James Lehman of both Delta Chi and Alpha Phi Omega – Outstanding Student Leader, Excellence in Leadership, Vice President for Student Affairs Merit Award, and Outstanding Student Senator

Halie Meyers of Nu Sigma Chi – Outstanding Student Leader

Community Cleanup

SGA and NYPRIG plan cleanup after Spring Fling weekend

Nicole Lucatuorto
Staff Writer

SGA and NYPIRG announced their plans to hold a community cleanup after Spring Fling weekend to help raise SUNY Cortland's reputation in the community.

Executive Assistant Jason Clark created the event and announced it to senate members at their weekly meeting last Monday night.

The event will begin a 2 p.m. Sunday, the day after Cortland hosts their annual Spring Fling concert.

"Since Spring Fling is usually messy, it seemed like a good weekend to host the event and really give back to the community," said Clark.

Community members have a large issue with Cortland students because they feel that they disrespect the town. Vandalism is one of the main problems.

"It's sad that students have such a poor reputation throughout the community; I think the cleanup should be publicized as much as possible so more students will help," said senior Jessica Yansak.

SGA has already told the Mayor's office about the event but decided against opening the event up to the entire community since they usually hold their own cleanup after the college dismisses.

The city of Cortland will deal with garbage disposal while SGA will supply every participant with gloves and garbage bags.

"I hope the event is a success. We should be able to have a good time here while also receiving respect from the community," Yansak said.

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Opinions

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Our View

The end of the semester is right around the corner. Before we know it those two weeks will have passed and we will be home enjoying the summer.

Of course, this means getting through finals first.

After the craziness of finals ends, many of us will be going home for the summer and working or going away on vacation.

For others it's more than just a summer vacation. For some it means graduating and moving on with our lives.

Graduating can be a bittersweet moment. Many people are glad to be finally getting out of school, but sad to leave their friends and all the great memories they've had here at Cortland.

It's funny to think back on your freshman orientation, where everything seemed so big and scary. Now it's all second nature to us. Cortland has become our home away from home these past four years.

Who knew these four years would fly by so fast?

Treasure the moments and your friends. They're what you will remember years down the road, not your tests or the papers you had to write.

Our staff would like to congratulate all the seniors who will be receiving their diplomas on May 17. Good luck in the future. You will be missed.

For everyone else, good luck on your finals. Have a safe and happy summer.

The girlfriend's guide to sports

Writers are happy to help girls learn the rules of sports

Alyssa Hendricks
&
Sarah Wolanin
Contributing Writers

COLUMN

Over the past few months, we have given you ladies information about some of the sports that your man might force you to watch, turn on against your will or watch with you because you told him that you liked that sport, when in all actuality you have never seen a game in your life and never cared to.

From our very first article on baseball (it seems so long ago) we have had *Dragon Chronicle*

readers come up to us and suggest which sport we write about next, or just let us know that they enjoy the article.

In all honesty when we started writing this weekly column we weren't even sure if anyone would read it, so to have people say that they look forward to it every week is extremely flattering and we really appreciate it.

We hope that by giving you ladies a heads up about some of the most popular sports in the U.S and abroad we were able to spark your interest and you will now be able to enjoy watching games with your man, instead of being forced to or even just pretending to.

For the last time this semester we give you a little bit of trivia.

The question is: Which two of your favorite writers will be back next year with a similar column in the *Dragon Chronicle*?

The answer is us, of course. Have a great summer and we'll be back next year.

We'll miss you Caleion Room

Colleen Cahill
Staff Writer

Time for student to say goodbye to a Cortland memory

COLUMN

Tuesday at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at 7 p.m. To an ordinary person this may mean nothing but to me and my friends these are...these are the times to remember.

These times signify our reservations for our last full week at the Caleion Room. We discovered the Caleion Room freshmen year and have been what we like to call V.I.P. members since.

Well, not really. Not until this past week. After four long years of French onion soup and oriental chicken salads, no oranges and dressing on the side, we had been noticed.

For those of you who don't know, first of all the Caleion Room is located on the third floor of Corey Union and is basically Cortland's very own little restaurant.

They have waiters and waitresses who are extremely friendly and the best fountain sodas on campus.

The menu consists of appetizers, salads, soups, burgers, sandwiches and an array of desserts.

The best part of the Caleion Room is that you can use your meal plans meals, connections or dragon dollars to pay. They also let you order your food for take out.

The one complaint we have about the Caleion is that it is no longer open on Friday afternoons like it had been last year. There was nothing like strolling into the Caleion after a nice Thursday night for a fountain soda and Big Cheese with C.

So as this semester comes to an end, our last semester here at Cortland we will cherish our few times left at the Caleion Room. We will go in now with reservations and smiles as the staff who once didn't know us call us by our first names.

These glorious days will go down as great memories.

I mean who could ever forget. Tuesday: Chicken Noodle. Wednesday: Broccoli Cheese. Thursday: Lobster Bisque. Not me.

An editor's farewell

Editor-in-Chief says goodbye to the Dragon Chronicle

Nicole Lucatuorto
Staff Writer

Here it is, the night before my last issue of the *Dragon Chronicle* and I'm sitting here at my computer staring at my blank word document. To be honest, this word document has been blank all day except for the word "BYE."

It's kind of strange for me to have to write this, because it really isn't "goodbye." I'm not leaving the *Chronicle* forever; I'll be back from London in the spring.

On the other hand, it is goodbye. For me, there will be no more midnights spent sending out sections; no more Tuesday's spent running around campus trying to get that last minute story or "What do you have to say" picture.

It's a strange feeling, I must admit, but I don't think I'll miss the chaos. Not one bit.

There are parts of the paper I'll miss of course, like the jokes and the people. Thanks to the newspaper I've met people who I honestly have to say have made the past two years at Cortland irreplaceable for me.

Scott, without your help these past two years, I think the paper might have fallen apart. With most of us coming in as sophomores and knowing nothing about newspapers our first year, you never gave up on us. I've learned

so much working with you and I don't think words can express how thankful I am.

Kayla and Christine, without you girls, I don't know how I'd have gotten through the *Chronicle*. We went from knowing nothing about newspapers, or each other, to knowing so much about both.

You both work so hard for this paper and I can't even express how much I appreciate everything you do for it, and for me. I'm going to miss you both more than you can imagine next year.

I really can't believe it's actually over, we worked so hard and well... you can finish that sentence. I love you both; thank you.

Vicky, you're an amazing and dedicated person and I'm so happy that you're taking my place next year. It's going to be hard, I'm not going to lie, but it will be so worth it in the end. You'll do a fantastic job.

Just remember not to let anything get to you (especially those grumpy subway women) and always gossip about those who are in earshot. It helps; good luck.

Colin, even though you "resigned" halfway through (I'll never forgive you); I have to say thanks for all you did at the newspaper.

You're such a good friend to me, and I wish you stayed this last semester. It really wasn't the same without you.

Carmine, I know the paper was probably more of a burden than fun

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Non-stressing tips

Don't let finals stress you out on the last week of school

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With the Spring 2008 semester coming to an end, for many students it is the most stressful time of the year.

Professors are cramming in last minute assignments and students are becoming more stressed with each passing day.

The anxiety is enough to drive any normal person insane and the thought of summer being right around the corner is barely enough to keep someone focused. If you do not get your stress under control you may suffer a lot more than you think.

Test performance can be hindered by stress, which is the complete opposite of what you want. Insomnia can occur from thinking about all the work you have to do, but you need all the rest possible around this time.

Stress can also cause a deficiency in your immune system, making it easier to get sick.

It is recommended to take short breaks in between study sessions to help clear your mind and relax. It is not a good idea to overload your brain with information because more likely than not you will perform worse on your test if you try to over cram your brain.

Get plenty of sleep; seven to nine hours is the recommended amount. For most college students that seems impossible, but try the best you can. Pulling an all nighter is probably the worst possible thing to do before a test.

Your body will be exhausted from getting no sleep and your brain will not be able to function the way you need it to.

Do not overload on caffeine, small doses are fine but if you drink too much you will crash and feel worse than you did to begin with.

Doing some sort of physical activity will help stimulate your body and make you able to focus for longer amounts of time.

Try to take on one thing at a time, and remember finals only last for one week so you will be able to get through it and look forward to the summer.

If any of these tips don't work for you, a bowl of ice cream can solve any problem.

Increasing gas prices

Ridiculous gas prices cause students to worry about future

Colleen Cahill
Staff Writer

COLUMN

Chances are in the past few weeks you have either filled your own car up with gas, been in the car with a friend or family member when they filled up or maybe have just passed by a gas station.

If this is so, chances are also that you have noticed the ridiculously high prices of gas and the steady climb in the cost.

It started to bother me that so much of my money is going to gas and I really didn't know why. I found out that the cost of gas increases due to four reasons.

The price of gas consists of the crude oil itself, the refining of the crude oil into gasoline, the selling of the gasoline at gas stations and the federal and state taxes on gas.

This leaves you with the equation of Crude Oil (57%) + Refining Process (11%) + Retail Sales/Distribution (14%) + Taxes (15%) = Gas Price.

Our personal vehicles alone guzzle 140 billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each year, which is up 3.2 percent from a year ago. A big part of this is America's obsession with sport utility vehicles (SUV's).

As Americans we drive more than 2.5 trillion miles per year in automobiles, light trucks and SUVs, according to a MEMA report. That's equal to 14,000 round trips to the sun and is double the number that was driven in 1980.

Analysts expect gas prices to peak near \$3.80 a gallon. The federal Energy Department, in a recent forecast, said prices could average \$4 a gallon nationally at times.

Driving from Ithaca back to Cortland over the past few days I came up with the following prices: \$3.69, \$3.71, \$3.75, \$3.76, \$3.79 and back here in Cortland, \$3.81.

As summer is approaching I am happy to say I plan on trying to get where I'm going by other means than my car, although with work and going to go places like the beach will make this hard.

All we can do is hope that this rise in gas price ceases and we can return to paying slightly ridiculous amounts of money for gas and not insanely ridiculous ones.

Only time will tell.

Sports complex helps students

Sports complex offers many opportunities for students to use

Ed Resier
Contributing Writer

There are many hidden gems in and around the Cortland community that often get overlooked by students.

The J.M. McDonald Sports Complex located off of Homer Ave. is one of them.

The J.M.'s mission statement states, "The J.M. McDonald Sports Complex provides an affordable, family-oriented, multi-purpose facility for our entire population.

It is a community resource, committed to meeting the needs of our youth for indoor soccer, hockey, figure skating, lacrosse, 4-H programs and much more."

Plain and simply the J.M. serves the community. However, many of Cortland's students do not consider themselves members of the Cortland community. In reality they represent a large portion of the city's population and play a key role within the community.

The J.M. McDonald Sports Complex offers a variety of programming that can be utilized by the student population.

They have an ice arena that has open skate during the winter for an affordable price. The J.M. also has a large indoor field turf surface that can be rented hourly and is used for flag football and indoor soccer leagues that are open to all members of the community including students.

Many of these opportunities are offered to students through the college and utilize campus facilities for no additional costs. Many of you may ask why pay for something you can get for free. The J.M. offers another outlet for the those who have the interest and enthusiasm to participate in recreational athletics.

Many of the leagues run longer and at different times of the year then the short and sometimes overwhelmed Rec. Sports Intramurals.

Along with serving as a beneficial entertainment venue the J.M. serves as a great place for students to be involved in civic engagement.

The J.M. is the home of the CHAMPS program, an after school program that is staffed by many SUNY Cortland Physical Education students as part of the PED 201 Motor Development course. The staff is willing and eager to work with students to meet the community service requirements of many classes here on campus including CPN 103 which is taken by many freshmen.

They offer a variety of opportunities to meet those requirements including; helping plan events, staffing events,

coaching youth leagues, and much more.

The staff has a positive outlook and creates a comfortable atmosphere to volunteer and work in.

As a student who has taken the initiative to become involved within the Cortland community; believe me when I say it is truly a rewarding experience. I encourage all of you to give back a little to the community that has given us so much.

There is no better place to do so than the J.M. McDonald Sports Complex.

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Farewell

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for you this semester, especially working with a team of girls as close as we are, but I just want to say thanks for all you've done.

Professor Hartsock, although you're not directly a part of the paper, I need to say thank you to you as well. You taught me so much about the newspaper business and always led me in the right direction, even if you're still mad at me for becoming an English major. Thanks.

To everyone who has worked as a staff writer or a copy editor in the past few years, I give my thanks for all your hard work.

I also have to thank the communications department and SGA for sponsoring this paper and allowing me to have the experience working at the Dragon Chronicle.

From misidentifying a random speaker as Eliot Spitzer and starting a gossip group, my experience at the Dragon Chronicle has been amazing.

I'm sad that it is over, but glad to be moving on. Goodbye and good luck Dragon Chronicle, it's been fun.

What do you have to say: What are you most looking forward to this summer?



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**Mike Zarcone, senior,
physical education**

“Seeing my dog.”



photo by Vicky Paz

**Michelle Mcke, freshman,
education**

“No schoolwork and getting rest for my schoolwork for next year.”



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**Emily Oltman, freshman,
fine arts**

“I’m excited to work and be home.”

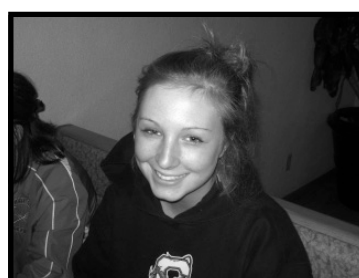


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**Amanda Wright, freshman,
education**

“To see Taylor Swift in concert with my friend, Emily.”

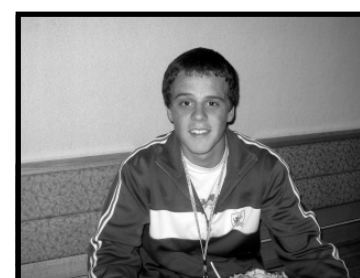


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**Matt Therrien, freshman,
kinesiology**

“Just relaxing.”

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Letter to the editor: Student upset with dance article

After reading the article “Don’t Miss a Beat’ dance show doesn’t fulfill its potential,” as read in the last Thursday issue, I was astounded at the lack of professionalism.

I questioned how it actually was put to print, and more importantly why it was not in the opinions section of the paper.

It is one thing to write a review of a show; however, when you are a journalist of any sort you must critique from a neutral ground and spare your audience of rude and disrespectful opinions.

An opinion should be placed in the opinion column, and not masked as a review.

I feel that in the future a more professional standard of expressing opinions should be set. Clear boundaries as to what opinions and reviews should be set as well, as there is a clear difference.

To put a picture of all of the dancers smiling and proud of their extremely hard work and endless hours spent in the dance studio, and include a headline such as this one, makes the dancers look like fools.

Cortland prides itself on providing its students with a safe, and more importantly, a supportive school community. When you pick up a newspaper and read blatantly mean opinions followed by lackluster compliments, you

definitely do not feel that support. There are prospective students and their families on campus all the time and for a future student to pick up something like this is not encouraging.

If the writer of this article did her research she would find out that the CDC is completely student run, that it was built from the ground up, and that they teach local children how to dance.

The focus should have been on the positive aspects of the dance company’s achievements this year.

There is always room for improvement in everything we do. What should truly shine is the dance company’s success in what they have done over the past three years.

The critique should have focused on the dancers’ abilities to continue on with the show no matter what happened....bottom line.

**Sarah Bermudez
SUNY Cortland senior**

Greek life steps up

Community and volunteering services increase in Greek life

**Kendra Jenkins
Contributing Writer**

This past year has been an outstanding achievement in regards to both community service and the fundraising efforts of our Greek organizations on campus.

There has been a strong Greek presence at almost every event that campus has held, and even more that have been arranged directly by the Greeks themselves.

Greek life has really stepped up this past year to participate in events and areas.

These events include the breastcancer walk, Rock For A Cause, Adopt A Highway, Relay For Life, and many more.

Cortland Greeks have been continuously increasing their support of community service and fundraising events over the past couple of years and this year has been no different.

This semester, Nu Sigma Chi sorority won the award for Outstanding Community Service and/or Fundraising at the Greek Honors Award Ceremony for their efforts in on and off campus community service/fundraising events.

Greek life has been outstanding in activities thus far, and plans on continuing their positive role on our campus and in the surrounding community.

Radical cartography panel discussion

Discussion of the cultural art movement held in Dowd gallery

Erin Tiernan
Staff Writer

“An Atlas,” a traveling exhibition of artists, came to the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery last week for a public panel discussion on radical cartography.

Radical cartography is a practice that uses maps and mapping to promote social change.

Traveling artists Alexis Bhagat and Lize Mogel organized the art exhibition and on April 22, the pair presented a descriptive variety of cartography to Cortland students, scholars and members of the community.

Bhagat and Mogel explained how radical cartography is part of a cultural movement that cuts across the boundaries of art, geography and activism.

Works presented included those by Ashley Hunt of the Center for Urban Pedagogy, Jane Tsong, Trevor Paglen and John Emerson.

Mark Monmonier of Syracuse University, Scott Anderson, Associate Professor of Geography and GIS at Cortland and Gail Wood, a Cortland librarian, each participated in the panel discussion, adding thoughts from their personal experiences with mapping.

“Maps are really fascinating with their effectiveness and [ability] to show connectivity or



photo courtesy of Erin Tiernan

Alexis Bhagat, Lize Mogel and Scott Anderson discuss the different aspects of the radical cartography movement.

movement,” Monmonier said.

Anderson is part of a program that teaches students with a GIS major to make maps. He states new technology has taken away the artistry and traditional level of mapping.

“Maps are now dull,

uninspired and quick to create because the new democratic technology allows anyone to make maps,” he said.

Bhagat agreed. “The new technology obscures the level of handcraft,” he said.

However, Anderson said that

the availability of increased technology can also be a positive thing because students can express a whole range of ideas with multiple tools at their disposal.

Wood discussed the issues that maps bring within the library. “The main concerns are to make

them available and accessible to students, scholars and others, and to also preserve and keep them maintained,” she said.

Group visits or guided tours of the art exhibition can be scheduled by calling Andrew Mount at (607) 753-4216.

Grammy award-winning artist performs at Cortland



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Latin folk singer Lila Downs performs with her band at the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

Lila Downs performs in a cultural and enriching concert

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

Latin Grammy award-winning singer Lila Downs performed with her band in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater last Wednesday.

Her night in Cortland was an enriching experience for many students. Many Spanish professors encouraged their students to attend the cultural event.

Downs came out wearing a colorful dress, representative of her Latina heritage.

Although some were unsure of the meanings of the Spanish lyrics, her body language conveyed a story to the audience.

“The performance was rich both in culture and content,” said

Spanish education major Marissa Martinez. “I enjoyed seeing an entertaining performance relevant to my field of study and would definitely love to see Lila Downs perform here again.”

The 40-year-old discovered her talent as a singer at a very young age. She started singing mariachi songs at the age of eight and when she turned 14, she began taking voice lessons.

Later on in her life, she graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in vocal music and anthropology.

In 2005, Downs won a Latin Grammy for the Best Folk Album for her album, “One Blood.”

“The performance was interesting because it is very important to understand the language you’re studying,” said freshman Terry Horton. “Hopefully the Lila Downs Band will return next year.”

Annual kids carnival

Cortland hosts games, arts and crafts for local children

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

Cortland held its annual kids carnival on the second floor of Corey Union last Sunday.

Thanks to the residence halls on campus, there was an array of activities available for local children to enjoy a free afternoon of fun on a beautiful and sunny day.

Resident Assistants, students involved with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) and those just looking for an afternoon of fun participated in helping out at the event.

Some of the activities at the carnival included sand art, balloon dart games, picture frame crafts, can jam, mini golf, games of musical chairs and bean bag, ring and ball tosses.

In addition to the fun activities available, there were also many different treats such as cotton candy, fresh popcorn and snow cones.

Overall, it was a fun-filled day both for the smiling children and the dedicated students.

"My family happened to visit this weekend and we decided to check out the carnival. It was great; I think I had more fun than my little sister did. They should hold events like this more often, especially with the weather getting nicer now," said sophomore Jacqueline Marconi.



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A local child participates in sand art, one of the many activities offered at the carnival.

Downtown's Folk Series features Jennie Stearns

The local musician will perform at Blue Frog Coffeehouse

The Downtown Folk Series will continue this Saturday at the Blue Frog Coffeehouse on Main Street with singer-songwriter Jennie Stearns.

The show begins at 7 p.m. Seating is limited.

Stearns is a classic American songwriter. Her songs are evocative, poignant and haunting. Quintessentially human, her strong yet intimate vocal style and the vivid imagery portrayed by her lyrics gently draw the listener into her world.

Despite the often-somber mood, you'll find yourself strangely at one with her perspective, akin to the intimate atmosphere of a late night, red wine confessional with a lifelong, much-loved friend.

"I've been drawn to dark and beautiful ballads ever since I was a kid. It's the sadness that I sense

I'm somehow connected to. There's something soothing about the ballads too, a desire to make everything ok," she said.

Stearns' most recent self-release, "Birds Fall," is beginning to cause a stir internationally.

Stearns went to Austin, Texas to record with producer Gurf Morlix (Lucinda Williams, Mary Gauthier, Slaid Cleaves).

"Birds Fall" features contributions from drummer Rick Richards (Slaid Cleaves) and Grammy winner Jim Lauderdale singing on two tracks.

Stearns hails from the small town of Ithaca. She was a founding member of the roots band, Donna the Buffalo, and the Indie band, Tin Roof. She toured for years as a duo with her ex-husband, Rich Stearns, and Mary Lorson's Saint Low.

These days, she plays most often with keyboardist Mike Stark, best known for his work with Johnny Dowd, along with Mary Lorson on vocals, and Tyler Ramsey on guitar, keyboard and

vocals.

When not touring, writing, or in her home studio, she can be found at Volume Records in Ithaca, an Indie record store she now co-owns.

"The Downtown Folk Series at the Blue Frog introduces Cortland residents to great local musicians," said Lloyd Purdy, Director of the Cortland Downtown Partnership.

"Often, it also introduces these very same musicians to our community. It helps put downtown Cortland on the map from a cultural perspective."

The Downtown Folk Series at the Blue Frog Coffeehouse brings regionally-recognized musicians to historic downtown Cortland. Shows are scheduled for the first Saturday of every month. This performance is supported by The New York State Music Fund, established by the New York State Attorney General at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

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Codas Part XXX: The True Captain

Captain Davy Jones holds three women hostage on his ship

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

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The door of the captain's quarters flew open as Davy Jones, the boulder-shaped captain of the Flying Dutchman, stomped out of his cabin with a large chain wrapped around his hand.

Along the length of the chain, Jones dragged along with him three hostages. All of his captors were women of dangerous beauty and all of them had their eyes fixed on the rotund captain.

Jones was not distracted with the women, though. He had been brought to the deck by a great booming noise and a painful cry.

"What deuce's machine is racking out here?" said Davy Jones as his inebriated, bloodshot eyes scanned his ship and his crew. The wild-eyed mariners of the Flying Dutchman were in their proper positions.

At first, it seemed as if the crew and vessel were in perfect working, dare I say ship-shape, order and Davy Jones was almost convinced that there was nothing amiss.

He was about to return to the bottle of wine he had been nursing in his quarters when he at last observed that his crew was completely silent and staring directly at him.

Captain Davy Jones never suspected that a blade would be put to his neck at that moment nor

did he imagine that his prisoners in the brig had escaped and that his wickedly silent boatswain Edward Teach was sinking to the bottom of the sea a league away.

He raised his hands in surrender and dropped the chain that bound his recently procured harem to the deck. Jones didn't dare to move for fear that the rapier at his neck would fulfill its purpose.

The adversary that dared ambush him slowly stepped around to Jones' front, savoring the intense wooden "clunk" of each footfall as he moved.

Davy Jones closed his eyes and sighed when he saw the face of the man who had outdone him; it was his former prisoner, Van Der Decken.

"I should be supposed at this juncture to surrender all that I have seized, eh?" said ex-captain Jones with a defeated smile. He then removed his too-small cap from his bulbous scalp and placed it on Van Der Decken's head for a perfect fit.

"My apologies, er...Captain, sire."

The crew joined in unison as Van Der Decken sheathed his sword and tossed a cook's apron into Davy Jones' face.

"Forgive us, Captain; we were desperate. Don't despise us. The mutiny was Jones' idea."

Dr. Johann Georg Faust and Angelus revealed themselves from their hiding places behind a pair of cannons on the deck. Tony was already at work removing the chains from the harem girls.

"Hope you didn't miss me too much," he said with a smirk.

The three women, a blonde, a brunette and a redhead, shot Tony with disapproving looks.

"You say that like we were the

first ones to crack and escape so we could be with you," the blonde chuckled as she rolled her eyes.

"Easy there, Eva," Tony replied to her.

He then turned to the other two and nodded to the brunette.

"You too, Mary and especially you, my little secretary."

"Whatever you say, 'boss,'" the redhead said mockingly as all three of them smiled at the man who kept them all together. They could never stay mad at him.

Captain Van Der Decken forgave his crew quite generously for following in Davy Jones' mutiny against him and he even allowed for Jones to return to his old occupation as the ship's cook.

Immediately after regaining control of his vessel, the Dutchman's true captain let the ship's course be determined by Dr. Faust, for the Virgin Mary once foretold to Van Der Decken in a dream that Faust and the other Guardians should use the ghostship terror of the sea to find their way to the lost city of Atlantis.

It may seem to the reader that all of these happenings seem to be of a great and rushed coincidence.

I assure you my assignment is to write only the truth and it was by design that all of these "coincidences" occurred. Destiny is like that sometimes, and forgive me for the accusation, how selfish would you be as a reader to accuse Fate of having plot holes?

Besides, I have not even begun the next "coincidental" arrival of Azrael and his battle with Angelus that nearly destroyed the Flying Dutchman and all of its passengers.

To be continued...

Choral Union concert to feature music of Ralph Vaughan Williams

Choral Union will perform works by the British composer

Cortland's Department of Performing Arts will present a concert by the Choral Union, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, at 6 p.m. this Tuesday in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

The program will feature music by the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The program consists of three major works, the "Serenade To Music," "The Mass in G-minor" for double chorus and solo quartet, and the "Five Mystical Songs" for baritone and chorus.

The Serenade is a setting of a text from Act V of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

Originally conceived for an orchestra and sixteen soloists, this performance will feature soloists Marion Giambattista, Mary

Frankel, Bonnie Hutchinson, Charlotte Wallace, James Ulrich, Charles Feiszli, Dominic Fantacone, and Ahilya Willis.

"The Mass in G-minor" will be performed by a double chorus, with each group spatially separated.

The solo quartet, consisting of soprano Barbara Jo Williams, alto Judie Murphy, tenor William Sieling and bass Emmanuel Sikora, will be placed at the center of the stage as a "sonic buffer" between the two choruses.

The final selection will be the "Five Mystical Songs," featuring baritone Steve Jones.

This profound work is a setting of five poems by the British mystical poet, George Herbert.

Alan Giambattista will provide the keyboard accompaniment.

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Record setting 28 straight wins

Baseball wins 28 in a row and will host SUNYAC tournament

Sophomore Matt Tone allowed three hits and struck out seven over eight and one-third innings and sophomore Andersen Gardner's two-run single broke a scoreless tie in the seventh as Cortland defeated St. Joseph's College of Long Island, 4-0, in the first game of a twinbill.

The nationally third-ranked Red Dragons (32-3) completed the sweep with a 9-0 win in the nightcap to extend their school-record winning streak to 28 games.

Senior John Giametta Jr. homered and drove in three runs in that contest.

Tone, now 6-0, battled with St. Joseph's lefty Dave Sommo in the opener.

Tone allowed a leadoff single to Mike Gerdes in the first – one of two hits by Gerdes in the game – but retired the next 14 batters he faced before issuing his lone walk with two outs in the fifth. Junior J.J. Potrikus

relieved Tone with one out in the ninth and retired both batters he faced.

Sommo set down the first nine Cortland hitters before Adam Dimino singled down the left field line to lead off the fourth. Dimino was caught stealing, however, and Sommo faced the minimum number of batters through six innings.

In the seventh, Dimino was hit by a pitch and Mike Avery reached on a bunt single. A throwing error on the play allowed Dimino to go to third. A groundout moved Avery to second and Matt Vitalone was intentionally walked – Sommo's only walk – to load the bases with one out. Gardner followed with a two-run single through the right side.

The Red Dragons added a pair of runs in the eighth. Steve Nickel reached on an error and Joey Russo singled. A Dimino single down the right field line scored Nickel and Avery's sacrifice fly plated Russo. Dimino finished 2-for-3 and was hit by a pitch in four appearances.

Sommo lost for the first time



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Sophomore Andersen Gardner's two-run single broke a scoreless tie in the seventh inning of the first game.

in five decisions. He gave up five hits and four runs, three earned, struck out one and walked one.

In the second game, freshman Michael Mahay earned the win as the first of a group of predetermined pitchers for the Red Dragons. He allowed only two hits and one walk and struck out three in three and one-third innings. Senior Ryan Hooper retired all five batters he faced, one by strikeout, and senior Nick DeVito gave up one hit in the sixth. Justin Mattes and Nick Serio completed the shutout in the seventh.

Senior John Zilnicki's RBI single gave Cortland a 1-0 lead in the second. Mike Zaccardo tripled to lead off the fourth and eventually scored on a two-out, two-run homer by Giametta. A Khyle Dimino sacrifice fly extended the lead to 4-0 in the fifth.

The Red Dragons broke the game open with five runs, four unearned, in the sixth. Zaccardo started the inning with a double

and pinch-runner Ryan Benson scored later in the inning on a Giametta RBI single, with another run scoring on the play after an error. A pinch-hit, two-run single by freshman Nick Faust – his first collegiate hit and RBIs – and an Anthony Coromato RBI single finished the scoring.

Zaccardo went 3-for-3 with a triple and two doubles and Giametta finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

St. Joseph's best threat came in the sixth when Fred Morales reached on an error and Mike Hernandez singled to start the inning. With one out, catcher Gardner picked off Hernandez at first, with Morales going to third on the play. A groundout ended the inning.

Cortland hosts Cazenovia on Tuesday at 4 p.m. and will host the four-team SUNYAC tournament Friday through Sunday, May 2-4. The Red Dragons will play Friday at 3:30 p.m. versus an opponent to be determined.

Accomplishments all over as Lax ends season

Win over Potsdam sends lax team into SUNYAC tournament

Senior Kyle Simensky scored a career-high seven goals as nationally third-ranked Cortland defeated Potsdam, 19-8, for its ninth straight victory.

The Red Dragons (13-1, 7-0 SUNYAC) are finished with their regular-season slate and will host the SUNYAC tournament that runs throughout the weekend.

Simensky also recorded an assist to finish with eight points.

Senior Ryan Heath added two goals and three assists and has 80 points (43 goals, 37 assists) this spring. Heath is the sixth player in school history to record 80 or more points in a season and the first to accomplish the feat twice. He totaled 82 points (50 goals, 32 assists) last season.

Sophomore Brandon Misiaszek finished with two goals and two assists while senior Josh Cittadino registered two goals and one assist and won 12-of-16 faceoffs. Freshman Jay DiStefano also scored twice and senior Billy Fuchs scored once and assisted on

two goals.

Junior Mike Robinson started in goal for the Red Dragons and made six saves over 47:11. Freshman Tom Holden made one save and allowed two goals over the final 12:49.

Freshman Cody Schroeder scored twice for Potsdam (7-6, 4-3) and six other Bears scored once each.

Freshman Chris Ehde made 18 saves over the first three quarters and freshman Pat Corbine topped two shots in the fourth quarter.

Cortland led 3-0 after one quarter on two Misiaszek goals and a Simensky tally.

Potsdam came back, however, to tie the game at 3-3 on a man-up goal by Dustin Dunn, a Schroeder even-strength goal and a Corey Reinhart man-up goal in the first eight minutes of the second quarter.

The Red Dragons responded, however, by scoring the next eight goals – four by Simensky – and led 11-3 with 11:48 left in the third quarter.

Cortland also finished the third quarter on a 5-2 run to lead 16-5, and the teams each scored three times in the fourth.

Women's lacrosse clinch SUNYAC title

Cortland will host the SUNYAC tournament this weekend

Sophomore Jessie Fritz scored four goals and five other Cortland players tallied two goals apiece as the Red Dragons clinched the SUNYAC regular-season title with a 14-11 win at Geneseo.

Sophomore Nicki Mahoney added two goals and two assists for the Red Dragons (11-5, 7-0).

Seniors Elizabeth Acee and Beth Elmer each finished with two goals and one assist, while senior Rachel Cornwell and junior Danielle Torre scored two goals apiece.

Sophomore Deanne Abell recorded 16 saves.

Senior Colleen Byrne led Geneseo (11-4, 4-3) with three goals. Junior Maggie Morris finished with two goals and one assist and

junior Hannah McKee made eight saves.

Geneseo held a 6-3 lead with 9:33 left in the first half after consecutive goals by Tara Murphy, Byrne and Morris.

Cortland responded with a four-goal run, starting with a Mahoney goal at the 9:18 mark and capped by Fritz's goal with 1:29 left, to take a 7-6 lead.

The hosts tied the game with 50 seconds left in the period on a Morris goal and held their final lead at 9-8 with 19:22 remaining after goals by Byrne and Anna Hutchings.

Fritz tied the game with 16:27 left and Acee gave the Red Dragons the lead for good at 10-9 with 14:45 on the clock.

Goals by Mahoney and Cornwell extended the advantage to 12-9 with 8:39 left, and the lead was at least two goals after that.

Cortland will host the four-team SUNYAC postseason tournament this weekend.

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New York Giants 2008 draft recap and analysis

The Giants added youth and talent to both sides of the ball

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The New York Giants had a very successful draft this past weekend finding good value and filling needs with every pick.

In the first round the Giants selected Kenny Phillips, a safety from the University of Miami.

Many speculated that this would be the Giants first round draft pick however some felt that Phillips would not be available at number 31 overall.

General Manager Jerry Reese said that this was the highest rated player on their draft board at the time.

The Giants like Phillips versatility and size (6'2", 213 lbs) combined with his 4.55 forty yard dash time. He also has a clean record, something NFL teams value highly after seeing troublesome defensive

back Pacman Jones miss numerous games due to suspension.

Miami played a system much like the Giants where their safeties were interchangeable. Kenny Phillips is a playmaker who will challenge right away for a starting position.

The Giants next selection came in the second round at number 63 overall.

Many people speculated that the Giants would take a cornerback early in this draft and they were right. Terrell Thomas of University of Southern California was the next rookie chosen by "Big Blue".

Thomas was a great player for the Trojans, but was often found on the injury report. He has had surgery on both shoulders and a knee which makes this pick seem odd considering Coach Tom Coughlin has referred to injuries as a "cancer."

Scouts love his size (6'0", 198 lbs) and speed (4.49 forty yard dash) combination. Thomas can tackle, cover and has above average hands.

The Giants will use him initially as a nickel back where he can use his physical play against smaller receivers.

The third round pick of the Giants was wide receiver Mario Manningham of Michigan. It is very possible that this pick will be looked at as the steal of this draft a few years down the line.

Manningham is a complete wide receiver who slid to the third round because of some off the field issues.

He has great hands, is smart, can create separation, and most importantly makes solid adjustments on the ball. His biggest asset is his uncanny ability to reel in the deep ball making him an explosive deep threat.

The Giants are familiar with troubled rookies as they took a chance on Ahmad Bradshaw in last year's draft who had similar issues off of the field.

Manningham should be able to stay out of trouble as he has a good mentor in former Michigan wide receiver Amani Toomer. Manningham has said his problems are behind him and its obvious Reese and the front office believe that is true.

In the fourth and fifth rounds the Giants added linebackers Bryan Kehl from BYU and Johnathan Goff of Vanderbilt.



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First round draft pick Kenny Phillips brings talent and versatility to the Giants and may start as a rookie.

The Giants must have thought highly of Kehl as they traded up in the fourth to assure the pick.

Perhaps this was not the pick people expected but his speed, intelligence and versatility will pay dividends if not immediately on defense, at least on special team's. He is a sure tackler and can make up for any faults with a solid football I.Q.

Goff has tremendous speed for an inside linebacker. He has a nose for the ball as he led Vanderbilt two straight years in tackles.

He will sit behind Antonio Pierce early in his career but will be groomed as his eventual replacement.

In the sixth round, the Giants drafted a player who does not fill an immediate need but is just too talented to pass on.

With the 198th overall selection, New York selected Andre' Woodson, quarterback from Kentucky.

This is a player many thought would go earlier on in the draft as he was considered a Heisman Trophy candidate earlier on in the year. In November he was thought to be

a sure first round pick, but slid due to questionable mechanics and a poor Senior Bowl performance.

Don't expect him to start in the league anytime soon as he will sit behind Eli Manning, but he will have plenty of time to develop.

The Giants rounded out the draft with another sixth rounder in defensive end Robert Henderson of Southern Mississippi.

Henderson is a project who possesses good size and disruptive ability and will have a chance to develop behind Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck and Michael Strahan (if he returns).

It has been reported that the Giants have signed numerous undrafted free agents but no contracts have been officially announced. Some of the reported signings include: WR D.J. Hall, Alabama, OG Glenn Bujnoch, Cincinnati, OG/OC Andrew Bain, Miami, OT Dylan Thiry, Northwestern, OT Carnell Stewart, LSU, DE Wallace Gilberry, Alabama, DE Antonio Reynolds, Tennessee, DT Nate Robinson, Akron and SS Nehemiah Warrick, Michigan State.

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Sports



Cortland Athletics Scores

BASEBALL

St. Josephs 0
Cortland 9
Next: Fri. vs. Plattsburgh (SUNYAC Tournament)

SOFTBALL

Cortland 2
St. John Fisher 6
Next: TBD (SUNYAC Tournament)

MEN'S LACROSSE

Potsdam 8
Cortland (13-1) 19
Next: Sat. vs TBD (SUNYAC Tournament)

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Cortland (11-5) 14
Geneseo 1
Next: Fri. vs. TBD (SUNYAC Tournament)

Athletes of the week



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Amaan Siddeeq- Men's Track and



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Sarah Kimball- Women's Track and Field

Men's Track team wins SUNYAC title

Cortland wins SUNYAC title for second year in a row

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The only finish acceptable for the men's track team the SUNYAC finals this past weekend was first place; anything else would have been a disappointment.

With the meet finally on their home turf, the defending SUNYAC champions felt confident even with powerhouses Brockport, Geneseo and Buffalo State chasing after them. The track team entered the meet knowing that they had put in the necessary work and that they had already been competing against the best teams in the nation throughout the season.

With the sun shining and temperatures in the seventies, the weather was ideal for race day. Family, friends and Cortland supporters alike filled the stadium grandstands. Perhaps it was the importance of the meet or the support from all those cheering trackside, but the Red Dragons competed



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The runners take off at the SUNYAC championship held at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex Saturday.

with a high level of intensity in every event.

Two athletes broke long standing school and meet records. Junior Josh Henry won the title in the 10,000-meter race with a time of 31:00.42 also securing a new meet record. Amaan Siddeeq also broke both the school and meet records in the 100 and 200-meter dash.

Sophomore Justin Wager had a very impressive meet. He won titles in both the 800 and 1500-meter races, while earning a spot

to compete in the ECAC championships in two weeks.

Another sophomore, Kyle O'Brien ran with true urgency as he secured the title in an extremely competitive 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:21.14, which is the NCAA provisional time.

Junior Jake Zenetti was on a mission to defend his SUNYAC pole vault title from last year, which he accomplished by clearing an impressive 14'11.5".

The upper classmen were not

the only ones competing well that day as two freshmen, Gino Bisceglia and A.J. Allen placed first and second respectively in the 400 meter hurdles. Gino also achieved the NCAA provisional time.

"It was great to have my first SUNYAC win at home, and it was awesome to have two Cortland runners finish first and second," said Gino.

Besides winning eight titles, Cortland also had dozens of place winners such as J.J. Riese, Matt Bieringer, Jerry Greenlaw, Joe Keleher, Will Razzano, Niko Viglione, Drew Hilker, Noah Rappahahn, Will Coston, Shamus Nally, Reid McGrath, Steve McCaffrey, Seth DuBois, Trey Monaco, Nick Wilson and James Barracca.

These place winners and many others all contributed points to help Cortland recapture their SUNYAC team title with 214 points with second place Brockport falling 148 points behind.

Congratulation goes out to the entire Red Dragon Track and Field team for achieving a goal that they had worked so hard to attain. Good luck to these athletes as they compete in the State, ECAC and National Championships in the coming weeks.

Women's Track and Field finish third

Alanna Hollborn and Sarah Kimball won titles at SUNYAC's

Junior Alanna Hollborn and junior Sarah Kimball each won individual titles as Cortland finished third at the closely-contested State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

The meet was held Friday and Saturday at the Stadium Complex. Only 22 points separated the top three schools.

Geneseo won the title with 165 points, followed by Brockport at 146 and Cortland with 143. Rounding out the field were Buffalo State (117), Fredonia (71), Plattsburgh (63), Oswego (43) and Oneonta (30).

Hollborn won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with an NCAA provisional time of 11:10.83 seconds. She was also third in the 1,500 meters (4:46.03) and fifth in the 800 meters (2:25.96, 2:18.85 in prelims).

Kimball and junior Keri Laviska each established new school, meet and conference records and provisionally qualified for nationals with heights of 11' 9" in the pole vault. Kimball repeated as league champion due to having fewer misses than Laviska. Kimball also finished eighth in the 100-meter hurdles (16.89, 16.64 in pre-

lims).

Sophomore Kristen Serikstad turned in runner-up performances in two events. She provisionally qualified for nationals in the high jump with a height of 5' 5.25". She matched the winner's height and tied the meet record, but placed second due to more misses. Serikstad was second in the javelin with a throw of 116' 0".

Freshman Andrea Palen finished second in the 10,000 meters in 37:53.78.

Cortland took the top four spots in the pole vault. In addition to Kimball and Laviska, sophomore Katie Taber (Montour Falls/Odessa-Montour) finished third (10' 3.25") and freshman Sarah Wignall (Weedsport) finished fourth (9' 3.25").

Junior Carly Kennedy recorded a third-place time of 15.72 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles and was seventh in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:08.08 (1:07.72 in prelims).

Senior Christa McGough placed third in the triple jump (35' 11.25") and sixth in the long jump (16' 8.5") and junior Brittany Brunetto was third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (11:55.47).

The Red Dragons also finished third in two relays. The 4x100-meter combination of Taber, sophomore Mallory Baker, McGough and senior Ashley Wirges were clocked at 51.31 seconds and the 4x400-meter quartet of Baker, Kennedy,



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Kimball successfully defended her title in the pole vault.

freshman Kristie O'Reilly and freshman Jessica Stanton finished in 4:04.81.

Kate Ramsbotham posted fourth-place finishes in both the 800 meters (2:25.39, 2:21.39 in prelims) and the 1,500 meters (4:46.20), while sophomore Lauren Phillips was fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (12:06.70). Stanton finished fifth in the 400 meters (1:00.71, 1:00.24 in prelims) and eighth in the 800 meters (2:33.31).

Sophomore Valerie Reynolds

placed fifth in the high jump (4' 11.5"), Baker was sixth in the 400 meters (1:00.79, 1:00.43 in prelims) and Wirges was seventh in the 200 meters (26.35).

The Red Dragons' other points at the meet came from eighth-place finishes by sophomore Katie Dylag in the 5,000 meters (19:40.76), junior Kara Cangemi in the high jump (4' 9.5") and sophomore Erin Sills in the long jump (16' 0.25").