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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Tickets for Weekend Escape Bus to go on sale

If you plan on going home for this year's October Break, which is Oct. 3-5, get your bus tickets now.

Tickets will go on sale Sept. 22 through Sept. 25 in the SGA office in Corey Union 217 during SGA office hours. There are no refunds or exchanges.

Model casting for 'Musiq 4 tha Cause' charity event

Male and female models are being requested to show up for a casting search for the annual Musiq 4 tha Cause event.

If interested show up with confidence and swagger tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Voice Office.

Change of Major Workshop to be held soon

The Change of Major Workshop will be held Monday, Sept. 22 from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Sperry 105.

This workshop is for students interested in changing their majors but are not sure of the process. All change of major forms should be in by Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Cortland Nites to host a movie night this weekend

Cortland Nites will be hosting a \$3 movie night on Saturday for the first 150 students to arrive.

Transportation to and from the movie theater will be provided. Look out for updates on the event such as times and which movies will be playing.

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Emotional ceremony unites campus



photo courtesy of Daniel Harding Jr.

Pictured above are students participating in the annual Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony. See story on page 2.

Class transforms a sidewalk into art

Students express memories of Sept. 11 through pastel chalk

Erica Sanderson
Staff Writer

For many people, the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks is a time to reflect, express and remember.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, Professor Liz Sharp's introductory Backgrounds in Art class was able to do just that.

Approximately 75 students used pastel chalk as the tool to express memories of the event with sidewalk squares in the front of Studio West and Park Center as their mediums.

This marks the fifth year that Professor Sharp's art class has participated in this event.

Students used the day to practice "making a strong visual statement," Sharp said.

"It's a dramatic event so students can really get into it."

The bright pastels of red, white, blue, purple, yellow, and orange filled in square after square of pavement to add a much needed splash of color to the concrete.

New York City skylines, American flags, flames, teardrops



photo courtesy of Erica Sanderson

A student depicts Sept. 11 emotions on a Park Center sidewalk for Professor Liz Sharp's art class last week.

and tributes to the NYPD or FDNY were the most popular themes students chose.

Quotes such as "never forget" and "always in our hearts" graced SEE SIDEWALK ON PAGE 2

Record enrollment

This year's freshmen enrollment is larger than ever before

Vicky Paz
Staff Writer

Freshman Tori D'Ambrosia stood on the campus Friendly's seemingly never-ending line in Corey Union Tuesday evening.

D'Ambrosia is one of more than 1,000 freshmen students enrolled in Cortland's largest entering class ever who has newly been initiated to Corey Union's lengthy wait for a scoop of ice cream.

When asked why she chose to begin college at Cortland, she said, "I liked how they had a lot of options for majors. When I visited, I learned a lot and saw that Cortland was a right fit for me."

Cortland also seems to be a right fit for the most freshmen the school has ever seen.

The college has received the most applications and has had the highest rate of enrollment yet this year, significantly beating last year's record.

In 2007, 1,185 out of 10,913 freshmen applicants enrolled at SEE FRESHMEN ON PAGE 2

Freshmen enrollment hits all-time high record

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Cortland and this year, 1,174 out of 11,572 freshmen applicants are enrolled.

"We've become quietly selective...with applicants' GPA and SAT scores at an all-time high," said College President Erik Bitterbaum.

The acceptance rate has decreased from 47% in 2004 to 40.6% in 2008, making Cortland more competitive than ever before. See chart on right for more information.

So what exactly sparked these changes? Educational value, word of mouth, reputation?

All of that and some, says Mark Yacavone, director of admissions. But what he credits the most for this record-breaker is Cortland's dedicated faculty, engagement in promotions and the record-high number of high school seniors who graduated this year.

"I think Cortland spent a lot of time...looking at ourselves as a

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Applications	11,572	10,913	10,117	9,784	9,810
Acceptances	4,701	4,850	4,702	4,674	4,606
Acceptance Rate	40.6%	44.4%	46.5%	47.8%	47%
Mean GPA Deposits	89.7%	89.5%	89.3%	88.8%	88.9%
Mean SAT Deposits	1,100	1,090	1,090	1,090	1,090
Deposits/Enrollment	1,174	1,185	1,081	1,113	1,093
Yield Rate	25%	24.4%	23.0%	23.8%	23.7%

information provided by Admissions Office

Various enrollment and application statistics between the years of 2004 and 2008.

college and promoting what we do really well. We put great efforts across the state to recruit applicants," the most successful of which are the college's open house programs, said Yacavone.

Junior Marissa Martinez was sold when she visited an open house program prior to enrolling.

"After I got accepted to Cortland and a few other schools, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do so I came to the open house here and immediately thought, 'This is definitely where I want to be,'" said Martinez, an elementary education

major.

"We're a friendly campus. The ambiance speaks to people," said Bitterbaum, who has witnessed the steadily-rising enrollment growth in his five years here at Cortland.

He attributes much of the college's growing popularity to educational value, good publicity and a multitude of opportunities available to students.

"Does it make sense to pay three times as much at a private school for the same education?" he said of Cortland, which has been featured in *Kiplinger's* "Best

Values in Public Colleges" and *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" magazine articles this past year.

Still, "even very wealthy students choose to come here," said Bitterbaum, and he's right.

According to the Financial Advisement Office, 1,545 out of a total of 7,294 undergraduate and graduate students come from families whose income is \$100,000 or above. That's approximately 21.20% of the entire student body.

In addition to a diverse range of majors, effective faculty

mentoring, international studies, internships, residential life programs and a variety of clubs and athletics, "we provide a nurturing, hands-on learning experience" Bitterbaum said.

"Students can [participate in or] take on a cause they feel is important...We have a culture that allows us to do that," Yacavone said.

Will the growing trend of applicants continue in the years to come?

"The change in the number of high school graduates will eventually turn in the other direction and will begin to go down in a few years," said Yacavone.

"But what we're most concerned about is how many students enroll rather than the number of applications we receive."

President Bitterbaum agrees. Even with a decrease in applicants, he is confident that "we will still get more than our fair share of quality students."

Sidewalk drawings allow for expressive art from class

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a majority of the drawings. Students had planned their ideas for the day ahead of time in their sketchbooks.

Freshman Laurel Wilsen filled her sidewalk canvas with the former New York City skyline atop of a heart-shaped American flag with the bottom connected to a teardrop.

"I knew I wanted to do something with a heart. The tear represents that we are all still hurt," Wilsen said.

"It's the simple things that say the most."

Another freshman, Colleen Lauer, created a drawing of two hands stretching across a circle from opposite sides. The hands met in the middle to grasp a torch, as an American flag was draped from the bottom of the circle.

When asked what her inspiration was, Lauer said that the torch is representative of the Statue of Liberty, a symbol of freedom and liberty which everyone strides for.

The hands coming together

to hold the torch was indicative of how Americans came together after the attacks.

Lauer said she liked the sidewalk drawings because, "we're getting out of the classroom and spreading our art to others."

"Doing this is good because it made us think about 9/11 because we can often forget," said Courtney Maitland, reflecting on the day.

Not only did the day make Sharp's art class take a moment to remember the attacks, but it also triggered a moment of reflection and thought for all those who passed by that day, where the drawings remained until the rain washed them away.

The art class students who participated walked away knowing that they continued to commemorate an unforgettably tragic moment in American history.

These students, even if for just a moment, poured their hearts onto the sidewalks of Cortland in an effort to reach out to those present and past.



photo courtesy of Erica Sanderson

Students' completed sidewalk drawings of American flags and World Trade Center.

Campus gathers in ceremony to honor those lost on Sept. 11

Community joins together in memory of the tragic day

Daniel Harding Jr. & Rebecca Greenland

Staff Writers

Last Thursday marked the seventh anniversary of the attacks our nation suffered on Sept. 11.

At 9 p.m., hundreds of students and faculty members gathered outside the steps of Corey Union to pay tribute in a memorial to all those who lost their lives.

Holding unlit candles, which were handed out at the beginning

of the night, many students greeted friends while others found a place to sit until the background music and talking ceased when the event began.

Marie Agen, the Catholic Campus Minister, led the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony with a few opening remarks.

"We come together to honor [those lost] and to console one another," Agen said.

At exactly 9:11 p.m. a bell was rung three times and three candles were lit to symbolize the each of the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the crashed plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Following that, the crowd began lighting their individual candles, passing the flame from

one student to another until eventually every person was unified by the same flickering glow.

Even this simple act of students and faculty from various backgrounds passing a small flame demonstrated our country's greatest strength, which is our ability to come together and unify in the face of tragedy.

There were numerous speakers that night, including SGA President Casey Hahl who said that after the attack, "strangers came together not only as Americans, but as humans."

President Bitterbaum spoke as well, reflecting on the tragedy of the day and the growing importance of freedom and liberty in the dangerous and trying world we live in today.

Another speaker of the night was Sociology/Anthropology Professor Kassim Kone, who preached the importance of acceptance in our society.

After these messages of reflection, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Raymond Franco read off the names of the seven SUNY Cortland Alumni who lost their lives in the attacks. Their graduation years ranged from the class of 1977 to the class of 1994.

Then the microphone was opened up for students in the crowd to step up to the podium and share some of their thoughts or experiences from the attacks.

One student shared a lesson about reconnecting with a distant family member. Another read a

poem in dedication of lost loved ones.

Lastly, a student shared with the crowd how the Sept. 11 attacks influenced him to join the Air Force in an attempt to prevent another one from ever occurring and to honor the service of his father, who saved lives that day.

After a moment of silence, "America the Beautiful" was sung and Vicki Johnson, the Protestant Campus Minister added some closing remarks.

"You are a citizen of the globe," she said.

"Look around and see those you can help. Go from this place to remember, but go from this place to live."

Cortland County passes new law affecting students

Nuisance Law passed by town to decrease off-campus parties

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

For those of you who check your e-mails regularly and happened to notice the e-mail regarding the new Nuisance Party Ordinance, you at least have a heads up on what's going on.

For those of you who glanced over it and deleted it or still haven't checked your e-mail, you should probably pay attention, especially if you live off campus.

Passed back on April 15, the Nuisance Party Ordinance prohibits the following acts on any premises in the City of Cortland: disorderly conduct, unlawful possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage, outdoor urination in public view, unlawful sale or consumption of alcohol, sale to an underage person, unlawful possession or use of a controlled substance, damage of property or unlawfully loud noise.

If you haven't put two and two together yet, this basically covers many things that can happen at off campus parties.

While this ordinance is applicable to all peoples residing in Cortland, whether they are 20 or 60 years old, those most likely to feel the full force of this are students who host or attend parties off campus.

Due to this fact, students should be aware that anyone considered to be a "responsible person" which is any owner, tenant, occupant or anyone who remains on the premise after a Nuisance Ordinance has been ordered, can be found guilty and is subject to a fine of up to \$500,

imprisonment for up to 15 days, or a civil penalty, also up to \$500 for each offense.

Most students find this new order to be too harsh, as they have moved off campus to avoid being told how to act or what to do.

However, Vice President of Student Affairs Mike Holland would like students to remember that they are here on behalf of the college and should behave in a manner that holds the college in a good standing with the town.

After various incidents in the past regarding students living off campus and causing disturbances, the town sought to take action against anyone, not just students, who created problems for the community.

While the punishment for being found in offense of the ordinance can be very harsh, police officers are not on the hunt looking to give tickets.

Most would rather give out warnings and let that serve as a lesson for the future, although sometimes warnings are not enough and that's when tickets are given.

Students who live off campus are not the only ones who should be careful as landlords can be held responsible too.

However, landlords will only be cited if their tenants continue to cause problems or commit offenses.

When asked about the ordinance, sophomore Michael Briotte said he had not heard about it.

"It doesn't stop me from moving off campus but it does make me think about being more careful if I throw a party."

So from one student to all of you out there, keep the parties under control and don't be a nuisance to the town.

Peace activist group protests War in Iraq

Community members march and stand for peace on Main Street

Alyssa Neely
Staff Writer

Every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m., passersby on Main Street may notice a crowd of people holding brightly colored signs in front of the post office. Some may wonder what exactly these people are doing.

The group that organizes the demonstration is known as the Cortland Community for Peace. They stand outside to protest the war and occupation of Iraq, which they feel to be unjust.

Some of the signs say things such as "Stop the War" or "Support the troops; bring them home."

The largest sign is a banner

that reads: "Peace is Patriotic."

Although the Cortland Community for Peace organizes the weekly protest, anyone can come participate in the demonstration.

"Cortland Community for Peace is a loose-knit group who has similar beliefs as far as peace is concerned," said David Narby, the main organizer for the group.

"We stand here every Saturday to further the cause of peace."

They stand together to bring awareness to those who walk by in hopes of creating some questions or thoughts for the public to ponder. Narby also mentioned that the majority of responses from people who pass by or see what they are doing are positive.

"Doing something positive has a great impact," said John Ogden, a former employee of the

Cortland Study Abroad Department who joins the group every Saturday.

Peacefully and positively protesting the ongoing war in Iraq is what Narby, Ogden and other members of the Cortland community do in hopes of bringing about some awareness to the cause of peace.

Many people preach peace and wish for it, while some stand outside talking about it for a better understanding of the subject.

Students at Cortland, even if not opposed to the war, should possibly take the time to look at both sides of the coin when it comes to war and peace, specifically the war in Iraq.

In lieu of the seventh year anniversary of the Iraq War, we can take this time to remember and support those who serve, as well as open our eyes to what is happening.

Faculty member wins E-award

Computer specialist garners award at the national conference

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

Cortland's very own Bryant Withers, a computer information specialist with academic computing services, was honored as Blackboard Inc. presented him with their 2008 Community Collaboration Award in July.

Withers attended Blackboard World 2008, the company's annual user conference in Las Vegas from July 15-17. It was a nationally-attended conference with representatives from all over the country.

The award is given to those

who work collaboratively with others in the field, sharing tips, techniques and other helpful information.

Through the new Upgrade Team program, Withers was able to participate weekly in tech support oriented webex teleconferencing.

These teleconferences allowed him to share different ideas and solutions, helping others experiencing the same or similar problems as those found at Cortland.

It was for his weekly participation throughout the entire year that Withers was recognized.

The Upgrade Team program also made it possible for the company to recognize Withers' significant contributions which truly reflect the ideals of Blackboard Inc.: community collaboration online.

According to Blackboard Inc.'s president for North American Higher Education, Withers' efforts "really do make a difference in enhancing the learning experience at Cortland and for many other institutions across the globe ... I want to congratulate SUNY Cortland for its leadership and excellence in the support of online teaching and learning."

As well as offering ideas and information to other colleagues, Withers has also sent a number of suggestions, in cooperation with others who attend the teleconferences, to the company, some of which have already been implemented.

He attributes much of this success to the community that he is able to regularly communicate with.

Some of these suggestions Withers and his colleagues were able to implement included more accurate error messages when professors unsuccessfully input grades as well as a warning-timeout message before the user is automatically logged off.

Withers also worked to re-write the documentation of powerlink installations like SafeAssign (similar to TurnItIn - which checks for plagiarism) as to avoid conflicting instructions. This saves installers' time and hassle with tech support as they attempt to make the installation work.

One of the most significant contributions made by Withers was developed right here at Cortland. This solution allows for automating the combination of course sections that are separately structured through the Banner system.

This was a real breakthrough for Withers as it is in high demand at the college. He has been asked to speak on this solution at a future Wizard's Tech conference in October.

It is through efforts like Withers' that Cortland continues to make its name in the national collegiate scene. These efforts not only help other professionals like Withers, but also serve to benefit each and every student on campus.

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Our View

As children, school was a place for socialization. Fifth grade math took a backseat to passing love notes, instructing each other to check "yes" or "no."

In high school, we got a bit cockier, chatting away as the lab instructor showed where to make the first incision.

It was frustrating then, to watch students blatantly ignore the efforts of the teacher. But that was because high school was mandatory and school just isn't for everyone.

Obviously, college would be different because there is money involved, and a lot of it. People would calm down, pay attention and take in what thousands of dollars was paying for.

But that is proving to be a weak argument.

We are adults, if not by maturity level, then in the eyes of the law. And while that means we get to drink, smoke and vote, it also means we should be able to control ourselves in a college classroom.

There is a time and a place to talk about how wasted you got the night before or what a jerk that guy is. During class isn't that time.

Show some respect for your fellow classmates who can't hear above your noise. And don't forget about your professor, who has a PhD and would probably rather be working on a book than competing with you for the attention of the class.

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Senior year: now what?

Cortland students ill-prepared for the job search process

Brittany Hays

Staff Writer

You have just spent the past three years in college, spending countless hours studying and working hard to get to this very important year: senior year.

You are almost finished with your college experience and only a few months away from earning your degree. But what happens after you have it? That's the one thing that college does not prepare you for: getting a job.

For Communication majors like myself, it is vital to graduate with at least one internship experience. But getting that internship may seem impossible.

You think that Career Services on campus might be able to help you find a lead, but their information is outdated and unreliable. They have a few books with internship opportunities, but the contact information in those books has not been updated in years. You usually leave more

frustrated than when you first walked in the door.

They also will refer you to their online resource, Job Connect. However, that resource is limited in results, especially if you are looking for an opportunity in the central New York region.

Then you turn to the internship advisor for your department, another ineffectual resource. Most advisors have so much going on that when you talk to them they are not concentrated on what you are saying. They will tell you to try dead-end leads.

Once again, you are left aggravated. Having connections is a very good way to get your foot in the door with a company, but what happens if you do not have any? Searching through countless online internship postings can be a long and difficult process.

To help solve this problem, a reliable resource should be created and given to the internship advisor for each department or to Career Services.

A binder should be made where any student who completes an internship leaves a page containing employer contact information and a brief paragraph

of what they thought about their experience. This binder would help students find the internship they are looking for, which could turn into a job offer after graduation.

The school should start taking job placement more seriously. Not only will it help their students, but it will also be a reflection of the institution.

A student who just spent four years earning a college degree should not be unemployed a few months after graduation. Their school should have set them up with job connections.

If you are looking for an internship, ask around and see what other people have done. It is a more reliable resource than asking advisors or going to Career Services. Online websites like Craig's List or Yahoo can be good resources if you know how to use them the right way.

Try not to get too irritated when looking for an internship or job; something will turn up.

I hope in Cortland's future, job placement for their students will become a priority, and they will work harder to find more opportunities for them.

Greek Convocation set for Sept. 22

Interested in learning more about the ideals and values of our recognized fraternities and sororities?

Join us at the 23rd Annual Greek Convocation taking place Monday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. This event is free and open to the public.

InterGreek Council Announces Officers for 2008 – 2009

This year's elected InterGreek Council (IGC) officers are looking forward to a year in which they can steer the Council towards additional ways to get involved with both the College and local communities as well as building stronger ties between fraternal organizations. This year's officers are as follows:

President: Bonnie Silverman **Vice President:** Jeffrey Valenti

Secretary: Victoria Simoncini

Treasurer: Cheryl Dillon **Sgt.-At-Arms:** Alyson Shapiro

Public Relations: Megan Zahn

Philanthropy: Kayleigh Kohnke **Social:** TJ Schratz

Scholarship: Brooke DiMarco **Historian:** Caitlin Bolembach

Panhellenic Council Announces Officers for 2008– 2009

This year's elected Panhellenic Council officers are looking forward to a year of strengthening ties between all recognized sororities as well as within the College and local communities. The Council is also actively exploring the addition of one additional sorority. This year's officers are as follows:

President: Chelsea Hutton
Secretary: Ashley Amodio
Social: Mallory Anger
Scholarship: Eileen Bennett

Vice President: Katie McEvoy
Treasurer: Kayla Espejo
Public Relations: Kaitlin Conforti
Standards: Kristina Bowe

Membership Selection: Katy Mann

What do you have to say:

How are you getting involved on campus and meeting new people?



Chris Vasley
Freshman
Physical Education

"I will be trying out for Club Wrestling and Volleyball."



John Scally
Freshman
Legal Studies

"I talk to everyone. I do crew and I'm thinking about joining a frat. Watching Jets games on the weekend in the lounge helps me meet people too."



Scott Gilberti
Freshman
Physical Education

"I'm going to join the club team for wrestling. But I've also met a lot of people in my dorm and classes."



Veronica Montrose
Freshman
Physical Education/
Health

"I'm trying out for the varsity track team, so I've met a lot of people at practices. And I just try to be friendly with all the people in my dorm."



Amanda Palmetto
Freshman
Childhood Education

"I'm trying out for the school's plays and musicals."

The girlfriend's guide to sports

Brush up on football to keep up with your guy this season

Alyssa Hendricks & Sarah Wolanin
Contributing Writers

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Hey ladies. We hope you had a great summer.

As promised, we are back with a new set of information you can use to impress the men in your life, whether it's a boyfriend, a brother or even your father.

Since we are at the start of yet another season of football, we thought that we would give you

some history of America's favorite sport.

Founded in 1920, football has grown to become the most popular sport in the United States, surpassing hockey as well as America's favorite pastime, baseball.

Since the NFL is the most watched sport, they have several media partners from CBS, NBC and FOX to ESPN and the NFL Network.

The NFL is comprised of 32 teams that are divided into two conferences: the American Football Conference (AFC) and the National Football Conference (NFC).

Within each conference there are four divisions: East, West, North and South. There are four teams belonging to each of those divisions.

Each team has a maximum of 53 players on their roster but they can only dress 45 of them to play.

The regular season consists of 17 weeks of play from September until December, after which begins a 12-team playoff. This consists of six teams from each conference.

The playoffs are single elimination, with the Super Bowl being the final stop for the two best teams from each conference.

We wouldn't be able to end this article without another piece of trivia that you can use to impress your man. We'll start out with an easy question.

Who was the winner of last year's Super Bowl? The answer is none other than the New York Giants, who stunned the New England Patriots by ending their undefeated season with a 17-14 victory.

To park or not to park?

Students still dealing with lack of parking spots on campus

Megan Martin
Staff Writer

As the student body of Cortland continues to increase, more individuals have noticed the shortage of parking spaces on campus.

Not only are there a limited number of parking spaces, most of those available require a fee.

On more than one occasion, several students have expressed their dislike for the current parking situation.

To counteract this problem, the college built a parking lot across from Van Hoesen Hall.

Although this was intended to be a great solution, the lot does not provide enough spaces for nearly the amount of students who drive to classes everyday.

What's more, you are charged a flat rate for the length of time you are parked there.

The old joke that college

students are poor stands true.

I hate parking in that lot because I have to pay a few dollars everytime. That adds up to about \$10 a week to attend class.

There are some other options, which include parking on the street in front of the dorms or across from the library.

However, to be lucky enough to get one of these spots, you need to leave for class 30 minutes early. Very few students wish to do this.

The situation is even worse during the cold, winter months, when just about every off-campus student intends to drive.

I don't understand how the school expects students to get to classes and other on-campus activities when the parking situation is this bad.

I feel the college has chosen to ignore a problem that plagues the student body everyday.

Incoming classes are growing in size each year, and this situation is only going to get worse.

I do not have a solution to this problem. That is something the college will have to figure out, and soon.

Think hard before going graduate

Grad school proving to be more than another application

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

Is grad school right for you?

That's a question many seniors may be asking themselves. This is a decision that should be seriously thought out.

Grad school is a big commitment, so it shouldn't be

taken lightly.

If you feel like you're ready to be done after four years of college, or if you're uncertain of your future career goals, it's best to take time off.

Grad school involves a big commitment of time and money. Depending on your career path, it's sometimes better to get work experience before you go to grad school.

One thing to keep in mind about getting into grad school is the GRE test.

The Graduation Record Examination (GRE) is required with most grad school applications, and it's recommended to be taken before November for the application process to run smoothly. This is a three-hour test that measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical ability. It's similar to an SAT test taken in high school.

Many students feel that the logical next step in their education is grad school.

There are factors that you should think about before jumping

to this conclusion. It's important that students assess what their goals and interests are to further their career.

Grad school studies are more complex, as are the relationships you have with your professors and the way students critique your work.

Grad school does not allow as much free time for socializing as undergraduate studies, so your commitment must be sincere.

Choosing the right grad school can be tough.

It's critical to check websites, read course catalogs and to do extensive research about programs before you apply to them.

It's not always the most prestigious school that will have the right program for you. Keep your mind open to a variety of options.

Many schools accept an online application, which makes the process easier for students.

If you are thinking seriously about attending grad school next fall, start applying soon.

Blogging from Budapest



photo courtesy of Kaleigh Corgan

Corgan in front of Parliament in Budapest, Hungary, where she is studying abroad.

A Cortland student tells of her study abroad experience

Kaleigh Corgan
Contributing Writer

COLUMN

For a while now, I have been watching the American dollar continue to slump into oblivion, so when I considered studying abroad I knew that Western Europe was no longer an option. Why not Eastern Europe?

Most are in the European Union (EU) but they are not on the Euro; a perfect mix. This was my first reason for choosing Budapest, Hungary, although doing a project on the country and having a Hungarian roommate also influenced me.

When I first arrived, I experienced some things I secretly expected would happen: lost luggage and a crazy cab ride with a driver who had a low, scratchy voice and a thick accent.

What I didn't expect was how beautiful the city was.

I looked online for pictures of Budapest and there were few that did the city justice.

Hungary is bordered by Slovakia to the north, Slovenia and Austria to the west, Croatia, Serbia and Romania to the south and Ukraine to the east. It is essentially right in the middle of Europe.

Budapest, and Hungary in general, have had a long history, and each of its invaders has left a mark on the country.

The area of Hungary was once part of the Roman Empire. It was later invaded by the Mongols and the Turks, and occupied by the Hapsburg Dynasty.

During WWI, the fighting began with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, who

was to take over the Austro-Hungarian throne.

Fighting on the losing side, Austria-Hungary broke apart and later during WWII was occupied by the Nazis. In 1945, the Soviet Union came to liberate Hungary and stayed until 1990.

It has been a rough road for Hungary. Only now are Hungarians feeling more hopeful after joining the EU, but even that is being overshadowed by a political crisis and a poor economy.

From an outsider's standpoint, my experience here has been wonderful.

Our hostel was filled with students from Corvius University, where I am attending school.

Many of the students are from all over Europe and traveling alone, but I felt fortunate to be traveling with another American from the program.

I think we got a little too excited to be here. In three days, we saw almost every main attraction in Budapest, with the exception of entering the museums and things you had to pay for.

We found Budapest to be a thriving and beautiful city trying to live up to EU standards.

The skyline is filled with cranes and the whole city seems to be under construction. It reminded me of my hometown, Rochester. The cranes, however, do not take away from city.

I think it's hard for Americans to appreciate how old things are in Europe. Every building has a unique history and the people, especially in Hungary, have been invaded and taken over multiple times.

It makes some Hungarians pessimistic, which I can understand.

I have not had any major problems speaking English and I have almost forgotten that this city was under Soviet influence.

Finding an apartment was very easy and I feel safe here. The school is a 30-minute walk from my apartment, but there are no hills to

hike up.

Unlike Cortland, the only major hill in the city leads to a beautiful castle, not class.

The school system is a lot less organized than Cortland.

They are just now starting to have an increased number of international students and we are the guinea pigs.

Just yesterday, I walked into class and they decided to cancel the whole course with no warning. I have learned to be extremely patient.

Being from the United States is an advantage in that our English is much better. However, it can be challenging to listen to people speaking slowly and for them to understand you.

Many of the professors speak limited English in the classroom and it is something I have learned to adapt to.

On the other hand, all of the students speak better English than I do Hungarian, so I can't complain.

Everyone is here to have a good time and the international student organization has organized pub-crawls and trips.

This weekend, I went to Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central Europe.

I am looking forward to spending the next four months here and I hope to visit the surrounding countries as well.

Have an opinion?

Don't be shy!

Meetings are Mondays at 9:30 p.m. in Corey 111.

Cashing in on your kids

For moms in the spotlight, drama equals dollar signs

Kelsey Delmotte
Staff Writer

When I think about my mom, I think about someone who is always on my side.

Then I think about the mothers of Hollywood, namely the moms of Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan, and I wonder what their kids think about them.

When I go through a rough patch or a breakup, my parents keep it private and barely mention it to me. But the mothers of Hollywood are all too quick to expose the shortcomings of their children, and for a price.

OK! Magazine allegedly paid Lynne Spears \$1 million for the rights to the story of daughter Jamie Lynn's pregnancy.

Spears, mother of the infamous Britney, published a book called "Through The Storm: A Real Story Of Fame And Family In A Tabloid World." It is a memoir of what it is like to be the mother of famous daughters.

Did she ever think that maybe being the mother of a famous

daughter doesn't entitle her to fame as well? What's more, her daughters' fame doesn't entirely come from being talented. It comes from an unfortunate haircut, mental instability and an accidental pregnancy.

In the "real world," teen pregnancy, and all pregnancy for that matter, is a family issue, not one for People magazine.

Maybe Sarah Palin will follow suit, as her pregnant teenage daughter was also more notable than her for an uncomfortably long period of time.

Another famous mom is cougar Dina Lohan. She is the mother of Lindsay, who was in and out of rehab and found to be in possession of cocaine on more than one occasion.

Where were you when your daughter was falling apart and embarrassing herself in the industry that you worked so hard to get her into? Oh yeah, prostituting your youngest daughter, Ali, on reality television and trying to take Lindsay's place as the oldest Lohan while she got her life together.

The moms of Hollywood need to re-think their position in the limelight. Go home, turn off the cameras and be there for your children.

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Dowd art gallery displays Paper Politics

Series of art work answers questions about politics

REVIEW

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

Election time is upon us and now is the time to start researching and formulating opinions on what is thought to be best for our country.

For the past few years, things around the country have been questionable and for most people, it is hard to understand what exactly is happening.

Luckily for Cortland students, the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery has a new exhibit to shed light on and influence some questions and opinions.

The best way to help people understand is by showing them and that is just what curator Josh MacPhee and the artists involved in Dowd's new art exhibit, Paper Politics, want to do.

The exhibit is compiled of hand-printed works from various artists hoping to open the eyes of the public.

The pieces range from issues dealing with homeland security, globalization, sexual identity to voting and more.

For those who are politically savvy, the art display does not support only one side of the spectrum.



photo courtesy of Samantha Ficken

Here Meeks photo deals with the issue of poverty.

In fact, it does not directly touch on the republican vs. democratic struggle. However, the exhibit does show the not-so-pretty side of the world, especially issues happening in America.

"It is important for students to know what is going on in order to make educated decisions about the future. Paper Politics is a great way to influence students to get involved in politics.

Opening the door to issues through art definitely helps make students more interested in what is going on and also helps them become more educated about such issues.

Shown above is just a taste of the messages that Paper Politics artists are trying to get across.

Through the slogan "Keep your coins; I want change", artist Meek displays very important

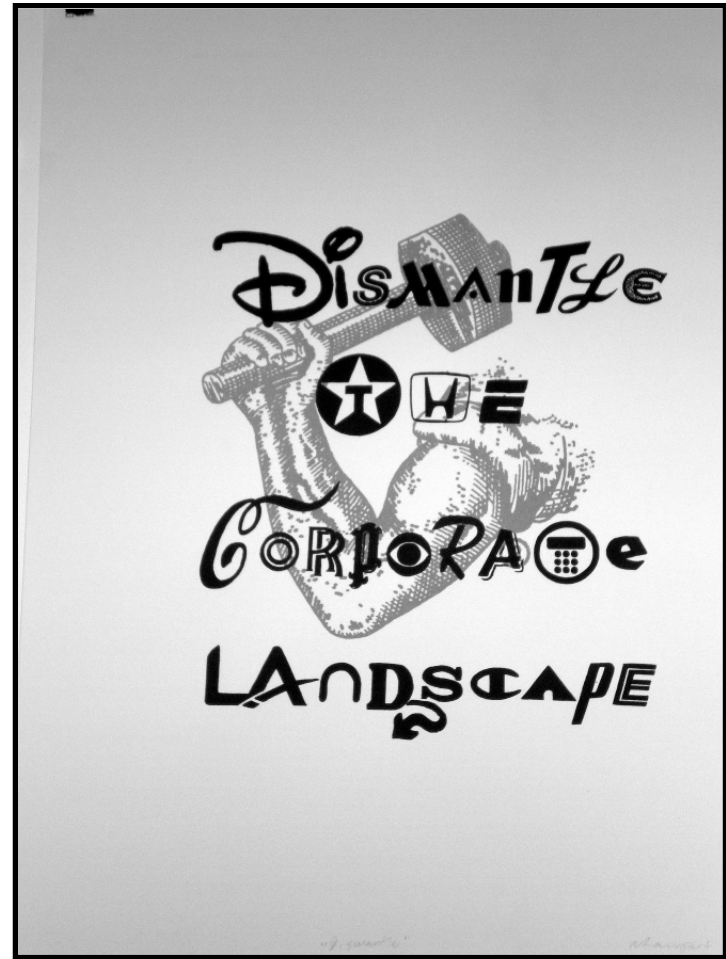


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Another photo deals with the issue of large corporations.

issues of not only homelessness and poverty but of a need for revolution.

Another prominent issue that is sometimes overlooked is the monopolized control of large corporations.

N. Lampart's painting, "Dismantle," sends a message about big businesses through the creative use of letters from different trademark logos.

These are only two pictures out of many that stir up feelings about the issues in our nation.

Art displays such as this one need to be seen as its images raise thoughts and can hopefully influence the number of voters. There is still time to view Paper Politics.

For more information, go to cortland.edu/art or just check it out in Dowd from Sept. 9 – Nov. 6.

Cortland bars compare to those of Manhattan

Many changes and additions to be made at The Stone Lounge

Amy Marshall
Staff Writer

The Stone Lounge and Grate Bar announce exciting new changes and additions coming soon this semester.

Why the changes? Speculations attest it to the ever-increasing demands of college students and community members.

Cortland nightlife may have been able to get away with college dive bars in the past, but Cortland is, figurately speaking, raising the bar due to high demand from students and competition amongst bars downtown.

The Stone Lounge, Cortland's premier bar and lounge, has been busy at work updating its menus, facilities and specials ever since opening in early November of last year.

The Stone Lounge, one of the largest and more popular bars in Cortland, has been able to offer

students something different: an atmosphere unlike any other in Cortland, comparable to the level of class and luxury seen in Manhattan.

The Stone Lounge, already known for its plush leather couches, LG flat screen HDTV's, stone fireplace, GQ VIP room, bottle service and lavish restrooms, has done it up again.

With the creative ingenuity of contractor Pete Griswold, the Stone Lounge has added a partially-covered outdoor patio attached to the side of the bar.

The patio, equipped with lighting, speakers, tables and chairs will soon feature LG flat screen HDTVs of its own this spring.

The patio has been a huge selling point for the bar, as it is the only bar in Cortland with a patio and outdoor liquor license, allowing people to drink or have a cigarette outside under the stars.

To add to the Stone Lounge's repertoire, there will now be a live music venue every Friday along with more T-Shirt options to choose from.



photo courtesy of Amy Marshall

The Stone Lounge now features flat screen TVs, a VIP room, and lavish restrooms.

Another promising addition to the bar is their new kitchen, from which bar snacks and light meals at happy hours will be served, said owner Joe Hage.

Open for only ten months, the bar is already making a name for itself. The Stone Lounge was honored with the Golden Cup Award for the best signature drink in Cortland, its Stone Mojito, at the Taste of Downtown this summer.

Expect big things from the

Stone Lounge for the remainder of the semester and in years to come.

Another Cortland favorite, the Grate Bar, has also announced some new changes for this semester as well.

Formerly known as the Grate Bar or Basement, the bar will now be known as Hairy Tony's Dragon Den.

This year they are extending their hours of operation from Tuesdays through Saturdays at 4

p.m. to 2 a.m.

They will now be offering food until midnight, which is later than other bars in Cortland who primarily serve meals during happy hour periods.

Food available will be a full menu including pizza, wings, mozzarella sticks, burgers, and more.

An additional feature now offered by Hairy Tony's Dragon

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Musical talent showcased at local coffeehouse

Cortland students and residents perform at Blue Frog Cafe

Jessica Leopoldo
Staff Writer

REVIEW

The pouring rain did not stop the crowd from coming to the Blue Frog last Saturday.

As Ron Pleban greeted his guests from the lighted stage, students enjoyed the musical show with plenty of drinks and danishes in hand.

The Blue Frog Coffeehouse is located at the intersection between Court and Main streets. While the coffeehouse has a calm and quiet atmosphere by day, the place is transformed into a musical haven at night.

Pleban, a student at Cortland, began hosting shows at the Blue Frog last year. After showcasing his talents and bringing in customers, Pleban now hosts the open mic nights at the coffeehouse every Thursday between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Many of the performers that sign up on Thursday nights play the guitar or even sing with a friend.

On Sept. 11, the owner of the coffeehouse even played a few tunes while welcoming her

customers.

The Blue Frog Cafe offers a diverse menu of smoothies, milkshakes, coffees, teas, and sweets.

Customers are welcome to sit and enjoy an refreshment or can request to take a drink to go.

During afternoon hours, the Blue Frog also prepares a small lunch menu featuring wraps and sandwiches.

Open Mic nights offer students, as well as Cortland residents, a chance to perform on coffeehouse's stage.

While individuals sign up on a list to sing, Pleban introduces each performer and plays a few tunes of his own.

The entertaining host's first show of the year took place last Saturday evening.

Although the rain did not hold out, plenty of fans came to watch the talented student. While Pleban sang a combination of popular songs, such as Mat Kearney's "Undeniable" and John Mayer's "Waiting on the World to Change," he also included some unique originals.

Not only is Pleban a strong singer, writer and performer, he is a great friend. Pleban's show featured many other Cortland students.

Marley Myrianthopoulos, an adolescent math education major at Cortland, made an appearance at the show singing many well-loved songs, like Louis



photo courtesy of Jessica Leopoldo

Ron Pleban worked the crowd while on stage at the Blue Frog this past Saturday.

Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World" and The Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun."

During the show, Myrianthopoulos and Pleban announced their new band name, "The Night Staff."

The two talented students became good friends last year while working on their music together.

Pleban and Myrianthopoulos are determined to utilize their

diverse styles and combine their singing talents for upcoming shows.

Along with Myrianthopoulos, Pleban also welcomed other guests to the stage as the night progressed. Katy Fitzgerald, John Chandler and Rachel Carrozza all performed at the coffeehouse as well.

Each singer brought their own style to the stage and received an enthusiastic applause after each

performance.

The Blue Frog has posted a schedule of its upcoming musical performances this September and encourages people to visit its online blog at myspace.com/bluefrog.

Whether you want to reveal your talent to the community, listen to some great live music or just stop by for a quick dessert and coffee, the Blue Frog is the place to go.

What the stars have in store for you this week

Aries

Look out for losing it on Monday, whether it's your keys or your cool. Things may not be lined up quite to your liking now, but the stars are shifting in your favor as the day goes on, and over the next couple of days good things are afoot. Taking the initiative and maybe a romantic risk looks really, really good on you now. Thursday and Friday are more about sustained effort across all areas of life.

Taurus

You'll do your best work and have the most fun with a partner or a team as the week begins. The support is great, conversations are revealing and someone just might keep you from making a mistake: major or minor, professional or personal. Around Thursday or Friday, the stars send extra luck your way. Delve into your interests, strut your stuff and act on your feelings. You're highly productive and highly attractive now.

Gemini

The stars are on your side as the week begins, especially when it comes to finding creative ways to take that next step in work, love, personal growth or good karma.

Let those around you, particularly love interests, in on your thoughts and hopes. Their ideas and support will come in handy.

Cancer

Take time during a busy Monday to touch base with somebody who matters to you; you know who it should be.

Your interpersonal instincts are spot on right now, whereas over the next couple of days, your vivid imagination or strong feelings are liable to get the best of you. Now you'll want to touch base with someone who's a good sounding board and reality check. And for best results starting Thursday and lasting all through the weekend, don't be shy or retiring. Life and love demand that you take an active part now. Perhaps by acting on an out-there idea?

Leo

Taking things at face value means you're only getting part of the story, especially as this week gets going. Moreover, once you start to dig in finding more information and asking more questions (some of yourself), you'll find you're really involved with and invested in the learning process. Then around Thursday and Friday, you'll learn most and feel best by staying low-key.

Virgo

Supposedly, digits don't lie and money talks, but as the week begins there's a lot more to finances and figures than meets the eye. Be extra-sure that you know what you're getting yourself into. Then Thursday and Friday are all about interpersonal matters, and if you put your mind to it, all kinds of relationships can flourish beautifully now. Look to make values-based connections — call it mutual soul! And say what's on your mind now, because this weekend you're just not quite silver-tongued. In fact, look out for putting your foot in your mouth.

Scorpio

You just might surprise yourself with your own brilliance on Monday; that's how good you are now. But beware of a tendency to want to tangle over the next

couple days. Choose what you're going to fight for carefully, making sure that the desired end result is really worth it. Around Thursday and Friday, though, a little discord might actually be a healthy thing. A difference of opinion, handled considerately, can bring you and a certain somebody closer.

Sagittarius

Monday could be a lost-and-found kind of day: lose your keys; find the solution to a longstanding problem. Try to keep track of the little things now, and the big things will sort themselves out over the next couple of days. What fires you up now? Creating things, playing, acting silly, getting romantic and more. Watch the sparks fly. Then if someone asks you a favor on Thursday or Friday, do it if at all possible.

Capricorn

You're a real people person on Monday, with a winning way about you both at work and in more personal affairs. But almost everything is likely to take a little extra effort over the next couple of days. Just do your best not to be too hard on yourself or let stress get the best of you. Then on Thursday and Friday, the values you bring to any given situation are invaluable. Let them know exactly how you feel.

Aquarius

You're in need of a reality check on Monday, and it's way better to seek it out than to have it imposed on you. Then over the next couple of days, you've gotta be you. If anything feels stifling, you'll be tempted to break free of it. Just be aware of the repercussions of any brash actions you take now.

Pisces

Figuring things out is its own reward as the week gets under way, and you're good at it. Enjoy the process, whether it's at work or in your personal life; it's only when you achieve flow that you'll unravel what's really happening now. Then, it's your love life that's really happening starting Thursday — or it can be, if you're ready, willing and able to go there.

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The Poetry Corner

Owl and Mouse

Richard Polk
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Circling and landing	The owl closed its mouth with a snap
On the tough green earth	And quickly swallowed
The owl says to the mouse	The mouse who is now experiencing
Who had watched his decedent	A world he has never seen before
With great interest	And the owl has just been fed
Enter my mouth	The point of this story
And you'll see a world	Is simple and true
Beyond your wildest dreams	Always air on the side
Trust me would I ever lie to you	Of caution
The mouse who was young	When listening to others
And thought the world	Weigh your options
Could do no wrong	And decide what is right
Obliged the owl	For you
And walked confidently into his mouth	

Evergreen Skies

Richard Polk
Contributing Writer

Blue ever green skies
Fill my minds eye
As the trees whisper songs
Of the wind chimes
That blow puffy white clouds
On their merry way
Through sun streaked skies
All of this - I take in
through my two blue eyes
Pondering not the meaning of life
Nor asking God why
For determined am I
to have peace of mind
Even if it is -just for tonight

Rose

Richard Polk
Contributing Writer

The red rose pedal	Threatening to tear it out	by
Falls solemnly to the frost	By its roots	Noticed the withered rose
covered earth	The rose holds	And decided it was time for her
As the withering plant	With all her might	to go
slowly ends its long journey	Determined to live	Gathering his tools he knelt down
That began with its birth	If just for one more day	And dug out the dirt around her
And now ends with its death	But it was not to be	Cutting the roots he tossed the
As the cold October wind	For even though the wind had	rose
Starts to blow	stopped	In a barrel filled with other plants
Whipping the rose	And the sun had just come out	Who's job it was to decompose
From side to side	The gardener who was walking	All that had made her grand

Get ready for Cortaca

Cortaca tickets will be on sale Friday, Oct. 24

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

On November 15, Cortland will be hosting the fiftieth annual Cortaca game.

This is a very special event to students all over New York State. This game is known as "the biggest, little game in the nation."

There have been rumors that ESPN will be covering the game this year because of its fiftieth anniversary.

To celebrate this game, each Cortland student will be given one free ticket starting on Oct. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

However, after every student has been given the opportunity to pick up their ticket from Corey Union, the leftover tickets will be going on sale any time after Oct. 29.

There are only 9,000 tickets for the game. These tickets are divided among both Cortland and Ithaca College students and faculty.

One thing to keep in mind is when you're having friends come up for the game. Remember, you can only sign in two people to your dorm room and you are responsible for them all weekend long.

We hope to make this a fun, safe and memorable weekend. And of course, to recapture the Cortaca Jug.

The Hills

Reality show labeled as "drama" becomes comical

Katie Rosenbrock
Staff Writer

REVIEW

I will admit it. Watching LC, Audrina and Whitney every Monday night is a guilty pleasure of mine but not so much for the drama, more so for the comedy.

The Hills is referred to as a "reality" show, but even if you've seen a commercial for it, you can tell that some, if not most, of it is scripted.

But was Spencer and Heidi's most recent fight real, or did the writers hand them a script?

If you did not see the most recent episode, I am referring to when Spencer called Heidi out of work because he had something "important" to tell her.

What was so urgent that Spencer needed Heidi to leave work for? Heidi's sister erased Spencer's TiVo recordings.

For Spencer's sake, I hope this was made up; otherwise he needs some serious help.

Apparently I am not the only one who finds the show comical.

On a recent episode of *The Soup*, host Joe McHale pokes fun at Lauren in a scene where her and long-time friend, Audrina, make up after a fight and Lauren begins to cry causing mascara to run down. He comments, "Jeeze Lauren. We gave you this script weeks ago. You couldn't have worn waterproof mascara?"

Whether you take the show seriously or not, there is no denying that you laughed when Spencer told Hedi that her sister probably hadn't contacted her all day because she was in a tunnel. Sometimes Spencer really makes me wonder.

Bars

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Den is that they allow under-21 admission until midnight.

Bartender Katie O'Sullivan comments on what a great feature this is because it allows students who are not 21 to come have fun, eat great food and to experience Cortland nightlife.

Hairy Tony's Dragon Den can expect to see greater crowds as they are the only bar in Cortland to cater to those who are under 21.

The bar, with its new transformations is now fully open to the public as of Tuesday.

From the constant changes and renovations from campus to downtown, Cortland is only getting better.

The popular bars on Main Street have been consistently improving their standards and offering more to students and community members than ever before. So get out there and experience what Cortland's new downtown has to offer.

Codas Part XXXIII: MU

Azrael realizes the change that has occurred in him

Andrew Hamilton
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COLUMN

"Angelus," cried Dr. Johann Georg Faust, tears welling in his eyes as he looked over the lifeless form of his angelic comrade.

The decadent seraph Angelus lay dead, his lovely white hair tinted wine-dark with his blood. The angel's luminous blade that shared his name rested far from its master, dripping with the gore it rendered in his last battle.

The deck of the Flying Dutchman erupted as its crew suffered the grief of losing the decadent, legendary warrior.

Some fell to their knees with fear and despair and bewailed Angelus' death out loud. Others stiffened their lips grimly, silenced their sorrows and still more drew their blades in tribute to the fallen angel as hot tears that demanded vengeance coursed down their faces.

The Dutchman's captain, Van

Der Decken, removed his hat in mournful reverence to Angelus, but could not find the strength to place a hand over his heart or lift his head to look up from the fresh tears that fell upon the tips of his boots.

Dr. Faust felt his stomach lurch as he clutched at his staff to stay on his feet. He felt as if his lungs had been punctured, for he could inhale no amount of breath that could satisfy his throbbing chest.

Three times he felt his blood halt as his heart stagnated and three times he fell to the ground with only the barest strength left to bring himself back to a stand.

The shepherd's crook that held Dr. Faust up was given to him by the Virgin Mary herself, it was a priceless, magical, holy thing.

Now though, the magic had all vanished and there was no comfort to be found in the staff that he had once used to perform the miracles that brought salvation to himself and his allies.

With Angelus' death, it seemed that all hope was to be abandoned.

Angelus' murderer, the archangel Azrael, looked down upon his fallen enemy with a look that did not become a creature of the Celestial Height.

An angel's face was not meant to deign to frown, or furrow the

brow in hatred or anger.

So it was that the mortal eyes upon the Flying Dutchman witnessed the halo of the beauteous archangel Azrael fizzle into nothingness as a slew of vicious prongs emerged from his head.

Where the heavenly loveliness of an angel once stood now loomed the bloody ill-gutted wretchedness of a wingless newborn archdemon, transformed by the evil that had grown in his heart.

Then, by some inexplicable means, the Flying Dutchmen fell silent with the ring of a single, calm voice.

"Well, let's get this over with."

The voice was of Tony the rake, who had taken up Angelus' sword and slung it over his shoulder.

Azrael's eyes fell upon Tony, and his eyes took on a twisted crimson color and his once-smooth flesh became speckled with patches of coal black at the sight of the mortal man who now challenged him.

It seemed that it was only then that Azrael realized the change that had occurred in him, and he growled monstrosously at the sight of the hideousness he found in himself.

"What is the meaning of this?"

How can I be so transformed?"

"You gave up your grace, plain and simple," Tony replied fearlessly.

Tony didn't even flinch when the new archdemon replied with a bestial roar. "But how?" It is his back to the blank nothingness of infinitude.

To say that where he was could be described as looking into a night's sky without stars would be inaccurate.

The endless nothingness he looked upon rested somewhere beyond the mortal scope of meta-infinity. To comprehend the very emptiness of that place, it may be better for one to think of it as more of a state of mind than a place to exist physically.

It was akin to the state of closing one's mind and straining to clear the mind's eye of all image and sound, which is impossible, except in this place of non-being it is instead a meaningless struggle to mentally envision or imagine anything.

All thought is banished. This is the nothingness that the Author has come to know as Mu.

To be continued...

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Cortland women's golf team off to a good start

Red Dragons set school records at St. Lawrence Invitational

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The Cortland women's golf team set single-day and two-day scoring records at the St. Lawrence Invitational Saturday Sept. 7, and Sunday Sept. 8, en route to a second place team finish.

Three Red Dragons golfers finished in the top ten of the 41-player field. Junior Rebecca Infante finished ninth with a two-day total of 168 strokes; sophomore Meghan Brunswick

tied for sixth with 165 strokes; and junior Rasmita Taylert placed fifth, shooting a team best 164 on the weekend.

"We were very excited, to not only set a school record last weekend at St. Lawrence University, but to see that we are very capable of standing up against some of the best teams in the region," said Cortland Head Coach Michael Discenza. "I think now they realize they are a very solid golf team capable of doing some great things this year."

Cortland freshman Jessie Berman tied for 21st, shooting a 178, and senior teammate Melissa Blom finished 37th with a 220. New York University's Theresa Apozanski won the individual championship, shooting a 157.



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Rebecca Infante contributed to a school-record score for Cortland.

As a team, the Red Dragons shot a school best 334 on Saturday, and followed that performance

with a solid 341 on Sunday.

Cortland shot a combined 675 for the event, second only to St. Lawrence University who won the event with a team score of 650 strokes. Nazareth College placed third with 681 strokes, and New York University finished fourth with 709. William Smith College, Elmira College, and St. John Fisher College rounded out last three places in the seven-team event.

The Red Dragons finished fifth in their second competition of the year last weekend amidst a tough field of 11 teams at the William Smith Invitational, hosted by the Clifton Springs Golf Club in Clifton Springs, NY. Cortland shot a combined 690 on the weekend.

"This was one of the better fields that we will be in all year so a

fifth place finish is pretty good," Discenza said. "If you consider three of the four teams that finished in front of us of this weekend were ranked nationally last season, it's a good indicator of the company that we are in and where we hope to be soon."

Allegheny College won the tournament with a team total of just 639 strokes throughout the event.

Taylert tied for fifth out of a field of 60 golfers in the individual standings, shooting her single-day career best 78 on Saturday and then an 84 Sunday. Brunswick also finished in the top ten individually, tying for ninth place overall.

Cortland's next event is scheduled at the Cortland Country Club on Sunday Sept. 28.

NFL season up and running after week two



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James Hardy of the Buffalo Bills catches a touchdown pass in a week two win over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

NFL season begins with win for Super Bowl champion Giants

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The NFL regular season is upon us again, and there are already some important stories following week one.

The season began on a Thursday, where the defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants overpowered Washington 16-7.

Their defense played extremely well, despite being without Michael Strahan (retirement) and Osi Umenyiora (season-ending knee surgery). Only time will tell if the Giants can

continue their super momentum.

Another big story to come out of the first week was the Patriots' Tom Brady, last season's regular season MVP, who tore both his MCL and ACL against Kansas City and will be out for the rest of the season. Matt Cassel, who hasn't started a game as quarterback since high school, will replace Brady. The Patriots will have an uphill climb in the much improved AFC East.

A team that will look to capture the top spot in the AFC East from New England is the New York Jets, led by newly signed, future Hall-of-Famer, quarterback Brett Favre. He prevailed in his Jets regular season debut over the Miami Dolphins and former Jet Chad Pennington 20-14.

Everyone should look for another wild and unpredictable football season this year.

USC strong against Ohio State

College football rolls on as top teams show strength in week three

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If you had paid any attention to ESPN or Sportscenter this past week, you had to have heard of the "Collision in the Coliseum" between top-ranked USC and the fifth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes.

Saturday night's match-up was more like the "Clobbering in the Coliseum" if anything. The USC Trojans defeated the visiting Buckeyes 35-3 as the Trojan defense shelled a depleted Ohio State offense.

It was announced earlier in the week that Ohio State running back and Heisman Trophy candidate Chris "Beanie" Wells would not play due to a toe injury suffered in the opening game against Youngstown State.

The USC defense held Ohio State to only 207 total yards of offense and their only score came on a 29-yard field goal in the first quarter.

USC's big rival to the east, Notre Dame, came into this week facing a Michigan team who lost their opening game to Utah before beating Miami (OH) last week. The Fighting Irish were looking to avenge last year's 38-0 blowout loss.

Notre Dame capitalized on two early Michigan fumbles and a failed fourth down conversion to jump out to a quick 21-0 lead with just under five-minutes to go in the first quarter. The Irish would later score on another Michigan fumble to make the final score 35-17.

In all, the Wolverines would commit six turnovers in a game that was played in steady rain, becoming heavy at times.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis showed his own heart and desire after being wiped out by one of his own players during a punt. Weis' left knee was taken out, tearing both the ACL and MCL just before half time. Weis was



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Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel celebrates a touchdown.

immediately put in a leg brace and put on crutches, which is how he remained for the entirety of the game.

Earlier in the day, California traveled to Maryland in a non-conference showdown. Maryland jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

Maryland quarterback Chris Turner threw two touchdown passes to lead the Terrapins to a 35-27 upset over the #23 Cal Bears.

Another upset took place in Arizona as UNLV defeated the #15 Arizona State Sun Devils 23-20 in overtime.

A UNLV field goal during their possession in overtime put the Rebels up three as Arizona State got the ball. Arizona State drove down to the Rebels' eight-yard line where they would line up for a 35-yard, game-tying field goal. However, UNLV's Malo Taumua busted through the line and blocked the attempt giving the Rebels the upset victory over Arizona State.

Ninth-ranked Auburn went to Starkville, MS on Saturday night to face an improving Mississippi State team in the first SEC game this season for both schools.

Auburn kicker Wes Byrum proved to be the hero in this defensive battle. Byrum's 35-yard field goal in the second quarter proved to be the difference maker as Auburn held on for the 3-2 victory.

Mississippi State was held to

just 116 yards of total offense and their only points came on a safety due to a penalty in the end zone against the Tigers. Only 38 of Mississippi State's 116 yards came through the running game.

Another Heisman Trophy candidate, Chase Daniel, made history Saturday. Daniel became Missouri's all-time passing leader in the 69-10 victory over Nevada.

Missouri scored on its first ten possessions in the blowout victory. Overall, Daniel would throw for 405 yards and four touchdowns.

Next week's key games will be all about bouncing back.

The #25 West Virginia Mountaineers will travel to Colorado for a Thursday night tilt as they look to come back from a heartbreaking loss to East Carolina two weekends ago.

The recently upset Arizona State Sun Devils will square off with number-two Georgia. Georgia is coming off a 14-7 win over South Carolina.

Ohio State will be facing a much weaker Troy team, but it will be interesting to see how the Buckeyes bounce back after Saturday's loss.

Finally, keep an eye on possibly the biggest match-up on Saturday, as number-seven Auburn will face number-nine LSU in a battle for SEC West bragging rights.

Cortland field hockey off to 2-1 start

Cortland field hockey looks strong in two non-conference wins

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The Cortland field hockey team has continuously been one of the best varsity teams the school has had in the last several years.

They are constantly ranked in the top 25 of Division III and are among the nation's top five best teams a good majority of the time.

This year's team is no different. Entering the game at RPI on Saturday, the Red Dragons were ranked eighth nationally in Division III.

Eleventh-year head coach Cynthia Wetmore has coached 20 All-Americans in her time at Cortland. She was awarded the Division III Field Hockey Coach of the Year honors in 2001, as her team finished as the national runner-up.

This year's team is led by senior captains Kayla Chambers and Katie Johnson and junior captain Christine McCabe.

Cortland opened the season with a 7-0 blowout win at Houghton College. Chambers scored three goals in the shutout and Johnson added a goal and three assists for the Red Dragons.

Four days later, they recorded their second shutout of the season, a 3-0 victory at the University of Rochester. Johnson added two more goals in the win,

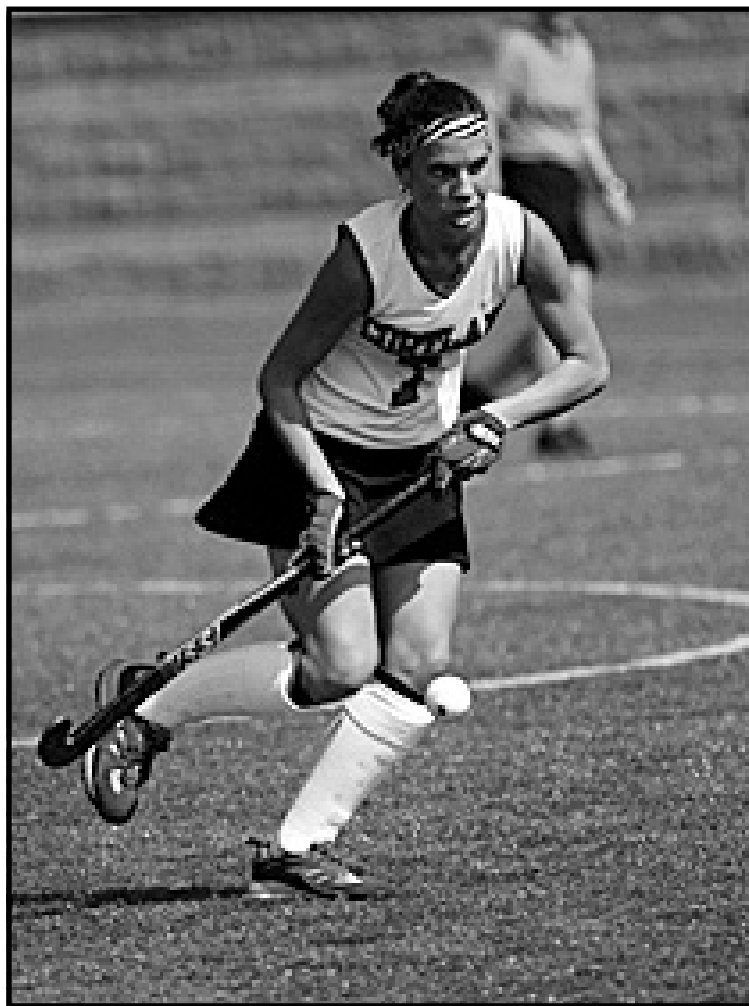


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Katie Johnson has three goals for Cortland this season.

and Rochester recorded only one shot the entire game.

Following the Rochester victory, the Red Dragons hit the road again for a showdown with RPI, the team's third straight non-conference game on the road.

Cortland out shot the Red Hawks 22-7, but could not come out a winner, losing by a final score of 2-1. It was their first loss of the

season, dropping their record to 2-1.

Next up for Cortland is an away game at Hamilton College on Sept. 20, followed by the first conference game of the season at SUNY Oswego. The first conference home game of the season for the Red Dragons is on Oct. 1 against Morrisville.

Fantasy football... it has arrived

With football season upon us, fantasy football returns

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It's time once again for Fantasy Football. The time when you sit down and watch football all day – not necessarily because you're cheering on your team, but because the Steelers are playing the Jaguars and you have both Hines Ward and Maurice Jones-Drew on your team.

It is the time when even though you're a Giants fan, you need Tony Romo to have a big day if you want to win your week's match-up.

Leading up to the season everybody has his or her league draft. It's the thirty minutes before the draft hoping that you get first pick of the draft so you can jump all over LaDainian Tomlinson. Anyone can take L.T. with the first pick. It is the "sleepers" that can make or break your draft.

That is where we all go wrong. The Ryan Grants and the Earnest Gramms of the world always go undrafted.

My question to all is, when is a sleeper no longer a sleeper? It seems that seven days before week one of the NFL started, everyone had the Titans, Chris Johnson and the Colts, Anthony Gonzalez as their sleepers. Does that even make them sleepers?

The point of a sleeper pick is that nobody has ever heard of them or knows of their whereabouts.

They are the players like DeSean Jackson of the Eagles who moved up to number one on the depth chart after Kevin Curtis and Reggie Brown went down with injuries.

Or Robert Meachem, a Saints wide receiver that may be third on the depth chart, but with an injury or double coverage of teammate Marques Coleston or Devery Henderson could become a reliable player.

However, we cannot forget the "bandwagoners". Those who after week one are saying "I said Michael Turner would be awesome and Eddie Royal is going to have a great year." Although I do believe the first statement, it is way too early to predict how "great" either player will be.

But isn't that what makes Fantasy Football so great? It's about you drafting Tom Brady in the first round, him getting hurt in the first week and you finding a solid replacement to win you your league. That's why predictions get thrown out the window once the season starts and why fantasy football has the appeal it has.

Without further ado, my picks that I like, dislike, and sleepers. I like:

Thomas Jones: There is no doubt that the addition of Brett Favre legitimizes the Jets running game. Last year Jones became the first running back ever to run for over 1,000 yards and only score

one touchdown. After week one he already tied last years touchdown mark and I'm sure there are plenty more to come.

Ricky Williams: I am very positive about Williams for many reasons. Not only is Ronnie Brown having problems staying healthy, but with Chad Pennington at quarterback, expect many screen passes and many rush attempts for him.

Jake Delhomme: He seems to be healthy again and with the addition of Jonathan Stewart to the backfield, it looks like the Delhomme-Steve Smith connection could be back once Smith comes back in week three. I dislike:

Derek Anderson: I don't believe Derek Anderson will produce like he did last year, like some expect him to. He's still not healthy after recovering from a concussion in the pre-season.

Willis McGahee: With rookie quarterback, Joe Flacco at the helm, expect many teams to stack the line and stop the run. Plus, rookie Ray Rice looks like he will be taking some carries away from McGahee as well.

Chad Johnson "Ocho Cinco": I like his name a lot more than his game. The Bengals have only one ball to give to three receivers between T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Chris Henry and Ocho Cinco. His other two teammates will take catches and touchdowns away.

Not only does he have his teammates to compete with, but also the Bengals defense looks to be one of the worst in the league and will have a hard time keeping opposing offenses off the field. Sleepers:

John Carlson: This is what you call a sleeper. Carlson is a rookie tight end for the Seattle Seahawks. In an offense where the tight end gets a decent amount of touches expect Carlson to see the ball coming his way, especially with wide receivers Nate Burleson out for the year and Bobby Engram missing some time as well.

Steve Slaton: A rookie like Carlson, Slaton is expected to split time with Ahman Green. However, the last time Ahman Green played 16 games in a season was 2003. Expect Slaton to get the bulk of the carries.

DJ Hackett: With the rebirth of Delhomme and Steve Smith returning soon, expect teams to double cover Smith leaving Hackett with one-on-one coverage.

Andrew Giuliano: I doubt this Cortland running back is available in any ESPN or Yahoo league, but if he is, grab him. Giuliano ran for a school record 287 yards on 29 carries while scoring four touchdowns.

In a typical Yahoo league those numbers would produce 44 points in the win over SUNY Morrisville. That was more than Joseph Addai, Maurice Jones-Drew, Carson Palmer, Clinton Portis, Ryan Grant and Eli Manning combined (40).

Barry Bonds a Brave? Maddux a Yankee?

Baseball history changed forever after one historic deal

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I'm not talking about Barry Bonds signing with a team any time soon, but I am talking about a trade that happened, briefly, in spring training leading up to the 1992 season.

I was reading through John Schuerholz's book, *Built to Win*. For those who don't know, Schuerholz was the General Manager for the Atlanta Braves from 1990 to 2007 and is currently their President. In chapter one of his book, he talks about a trade that would have forever changed the landscape of baseball. Before the 1992 season, Schuerholz and then Pirates General Manager, Ted Simmons, agreed to a trade that would have sent Barry Bonds to the Braves for Alejandro Pena, Kevin Mitchell and a prospect to be named later.

The deal was agreed to over

the phone, which when two General Managers agree verbally to a deal, it rarely, if ever gets negated. But when Schuerholz called Simmons to try and get the timing of the releases, Simmons told him that he could not do the deal. What had happened was, when the Manager of the Pirates, Jim Leyland, heard of the deal, he went into the Pirates President's office and went on a tirade, and in trying to diffuse the situation, the President told Simmons not to do the deal.

And just like that, the deal was over; Bonds would remain a Pirate for 1992. What happened in 1992? Well, Barry Bonds won the MVP with the Pirates, the Braves beat the Pirates in the National League Championship Series and would later go on to lose to the Blue Jays in the World Series. I think it's fair to say that Bonds would've been a huge upgrade over Ron Gant, David Justice or Otis Nixon in the Outfield for the Braves and would've improved their chances of beating the Blue Jays.

Where Greg Maddux comes in is that if the Braves would have landed Bonds, Schuerholz was confident that with their rising

payroll that they would've been able to sign Bonds to an extension. If they would have signed Bonds to an extension they would not have went after Greg Maddux, who was almost a lock to the Yankees before the Braves swooped in very late and got him with a five year deal for \$28 million. The two selling points were that the Braves were winning and the quality of family life in Atlanta versus New York. Just imagine Maddux on the Yankees from 1993-1997, where he won three NL CY Young awards and over those five years was probably the best pitcher in the majors.

Looking back over the story, the ramifications of a Jim Leyland tirade certainly changed baseball history, as we know it. Maybe Bonds never gets involved in BALCO if he is not in San Francisco, maybe the Braves win the 1992 World Series, maybe the Yankees win more World Series', maybe Bonds never gets to break the home run record. It's all speculation looking back at it, but its fun speculation because of the magnitude of the teams, players and history involved.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Next: Saturday @ Rowan

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 1
Sherbrooke (Canada) 3
Next: Saturday @ New Paltz

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oswego Laker Invitational-
Third Place
Next: Friday @ Oneonta
Airfield Invitational

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oswego Laker Invitational-
Second Place
Next: Friday @ Oneonta
Airfield Invitational

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 1
Hamilton 2
Next: Saturday vs. New Paltz

FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland 1
RPI 2
Next: Saturday @ Hamilton

Athletes of the Week



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Travis DeRusso
Cross Country



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Stephanie DiCapua
Tennis

Red Dragons women's tennis on a roll

Cortland tennis wins big in three straight home matches

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The Cortland Red Dragons women's tennis team won three straight home matches this past week. Cortland defeated Le Moyne by a team score of 8-1 on Wednesday, Sept. 10, defeated Hartwick by a team score of 8-1 Thursday, and then closed out the week defeating Plattsburgh on Saturday by a team score of 9-0. By winning the opening three home matches, Cortland is on a three-match winning streak after falling to New Paltz in its season opener as the Red Dragons improved their record to 3-1.

The Red Dragons defeated Plattsburgh by a team score of 9-0 last Saturday. Cortland exploded out of the gate in doubles action to take a team lead of 3-0 and then continued its momentum winning all six singles matches. All of the nine matches won by the Red Dragons were two set victories.

In doubles action, the first doubles team of Alyssa Tretter and Stephanie DiCapua breezed to an 8-0 victory, Meg Cole and Kristina Lazzaro in second doubles won 8-3, and Amanda McElroy and Alana Sullivan won 8-1 in third doubles.

It was no different in singles action as McElroy was the first Red Dragon tennis player winning her match by a score of 6-1, 6-0. She won 12 straight games after losing the opening game in the first set. "Patience was the key, waiting for my opponent to make the unforced errors, and when I hit the ball I



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Amanda McElroy has Cortland women's tennis off and running.

Painted the lines," said McElroy.

Ten minutes later Cole clinched the Red Dragons team victory by winning 6-0, 6-0 in second singles. "I was very aggressive in both my singles victory and my doubles win with Kristina Lazzaro without over hitting the ball," said Cole.

Other winners for the Red Dragons were Tretter in first singles winning 6-0, 6-3, Lazzaro in fifth singles winning 6-1, 6-1, and Gabriella Medina in sixth singles winning 6-1, 6-1. Medina is

undefeated this fall with a record of 5-0. "I liked the construction of my match today, meaning the variety on how I won my points by hitting my ground strokes and switching it up by slicing the ball over the net and the way I put away my volleys," said Medina after the match.

The most exciting singles match of the day was in third singles as DiCapua won her match by scores of 7-5, 6-1. DiCapua rallied back to win five straight games winning the opening set

after being down 5-2. With the win, she improved to 4-0 at third singles this fall. "I was making errors early in the first set, but I stayed poised and kept hitting the ball over the net and waited for my opponent to make the unforced errors," said DiCapua when asked about how she rallied back.

"Alyssa and I had great shot variation and communication, which were the two keys in our victory," DiCapua said when asked about her doubles victory with Tretter.

The Cortland Red Dragons are looking to improve from a 2-8 record in the 2007 season finishing in 8th place in SUNYAC play. This season's squad is comprised of nine freshmen, two sophomores, one junior and three seniors.

"Our attitudes this season and playing ability has been a huge change from last season's team in 2007, so this season is much better. Everyone on this year's squad is highly competitive with all of our players contributing in a positive manner with each of them being very skilled," Cole said when asked about the difference between this season and last season.

"As a team this season we are a more cohesive unit and expect to be one of the top SUNYAC teams in the conference with our ultimate goal to win the SUNYAC championship," McElroy added.

"This season our recruiting made a big difference from last season with nine new freshmen and we have a lot more depth and the team is stronger," said assistant coach Fred Lenhard.

Cortland continues their season going on the road to Canton, New York to play St. Lawrence University on Friday.

Sport Management Club holds golf tournament

Annual event set for Willowbrook Golf Course in Cortland

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The Sport Management Club will be holding its 13th annual Wingate Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 27 at the Willowbrook Golf Course.

The tournament is in memory of Dr. Suzanne Wingate. Dr. Wingate began working at Cortland in 1985, when she was hired to establish the sport management program. She was known as a great teacher and had a passion for golf like no other.

All proceeds from the

tournament go towards the Suzanne Wingate Memorial Scholarship Fund for sport management majors.

Individuals can still enter for a fee of \$50. Entry includes green fees, carts, skin games, and a barbecue chicken and pasta dinner.

If you would like to get involved but can not attend you can sign up to sponsor a team for \$200, be a tournament hole sponsor for \$125 or be an exclusive hole sponsor for \$250.

There will also be a driving contest, putting challenge and a silent auction. Items, such as autographed sports memorabilia and merchandise will be auctioned.

All entries and donations can be sent to Professor Mark Dodds at Studio West, Room 156 G.

Women's soccer defeated by Hamilton

Cortland loses to 24th ranked Hamilton by a score of 2-1

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The visiting Cortland women's soccer team could not handle nationally 24th ranked Hamilton on Wednesday, losing 2-1. It was the first ever meeting between the two schools, as the Continentals improved to 3-0 on the season and the Red Dragons fell to 2-2-1.

The score was 2-0 with just over eight minutes remaining in the second half when Cortland finally

put themselves on the scoreboard against a tough Hamilton squad.

The Red Dragons were given a free kick after a Hamilton foul on one of their players. Sophomore Kelsey Allen took the free kick and served a long ball toward the goal. Senior Kiley Hadzicki was right there to head it past a diving attempt by the Continentals goalkeeper to successfully finish off the play in the 82nd minute. It was Hadzicki's first goal of the season and Allen's second assist.

Sophomore goalie Pam Monnier recorded four saves for the Red Dragons.

Cortland will be back in action at home on Saturday as they take on New Paltz.