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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Author to speak tonight in latest 'Inequality' lecture

Julia Scheeres, author of the memoir *Jesus Land* will be speaking tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Sperry 105.

This lecture is the latest to be featured in this year's "Inequality" series. The author will be discussing the writing process of her memoir, the story of growing up with her African-American adopted brother.

Talent search for 'Musiq 4 tha Cause' charity event

People with talents are asked to sign up with the Caribbean Student Association (CSA) and participate in the annual charity event.

Those interested must sign up in the Corey Union Voice Office or contact cortlandcsa@yahoo.com by Oct. 15.

Pilates Workshop being held for students this week

The Recreational Sports Department will be holding a Pilates Workshop through the American Fitness and Aerobics Association (AFAA) Sunday, Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This workshop is intended for those who are interested in teaching Pilates as an instructor. The cost is \$83.85 for students. Participants must bring their own mats.

Cortland Nites to host a game show this weekend

Cortland Nites will be putting on the game show "Are you smarter than a Freshman?"

The game show will be 8 p.m. Friday in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. Winners will receive cash prizes while they test to see if they are smarter than a Freshman.

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Neubig Dining Hall to close for renovations

The favorite food spot will temporarily shut down in November

Chelsea Leone

Staff Writer

At 6 p.m. on Nov. 25, Neubig Dining Hall will close for its first phase of renovations. The last day for meals will be the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break.

According to Dining Services Director William McNamara, the new Neubig will feature a Mongolian grill station complete with stir-fry and vegetarian selections and a salad bar.

All-day breakfast could also be an option with these new additions.

The seating in Neubig will completely change to create a more relaxed environment as well.

"The seating will be similar to Hilltop with booths and different types of furniture throughout the dining hall," said McNamara.

The ceiling will also be dropped to escape from the cafeteria atmosphere and create a more home-like environment.

During the renovation process, all the other dining halls on campus will extend their hours.

The Dragon's Den will be open for breakfast, Hilltop will be open for dinner and Raquette Pizza will be open for lunch.

"More students will have to take their food back to their room for meals, but the renovations in the long run will be worth it for students," said McNamara when



photo by Vicky Paz

Neubig Dining Hall will return in the Spring semester with a new feel and a new look.

asked what effects Neubig's closing will have on students.

The other dining halls will be busier than usual. However, this construction will not last long.

Neubig will be reopening on Dec. 11 and will be ready for students when they return from winter break.

"I only go to Neubig when I want a salad," said sophomore Fiordalisa Lora.

Lora has grown tired of the same food each day and she is excited about the new Neubig because there will be more of a

selection.

"I will miss Neubig the most on weekends because I always go there before work," she said.

Andrew McCauley, also a sophomore, "is very upset that Neubig is closing because it is the only place you can get all you-can-eat food."

However, McCauley is "optimistic and is looking forward to a more efficient Neubig."

Once the renovation is complete Neubig will go back to its regular hours of operation.

For the second phase of

renovations, Neubig will acquire an international grill station with even more menu options.

The second phase will be completed in time for Freshmen Orientation in July.

McNamara worked with the SGA Student Hours of Operation Committee and acknowledges all their help in establishing dining hall accommodations.

He encourages students to ask him questions about the changes that will be taking place at Neubig this fall.

Meet SGA's new president

SGA's newest leader Casey Hahl has big plans for this year

Alyssa Neely

Contributing Writer

Casey Hahl may be the new President of Cortland's Student Government Association (SGA), but Hahl has been involved with the group since her first days here at Cortland.

Hahl is currently a senior and has been a part of SGA since she was a freshman, having worked her way up to the presidential position, an honor she loves.

Hahl was the vice treasurer for her sophomore year and by her junior year, she became vice president.

A love for leadership and responsibility is apparent when one walks into a SGA Senate meeting and Hahl is ready to go, her energy passing on to the students already tired from a day of classes.



photo provided by Casey Hahl

Hahl is SGA President for the 2008-2009 school year.

She keeps her spirits high and has big goals for this year.

Hahl plans to work intently with the executive board.

"There are many new faces

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Students 'take back the night'

Annual march continues to make a strong statement

Kelsey Delmotte

Staff Writer

The 17th annual Take Back the Night march was held on yesterday. However, The Dragon Chronicle was not able to cover the event due to publishing time restraints.

Students met in front of Corey Union at 8 p.m. to begin the march.

Part of the Wellness Wednesday series on campus, "Take Back the Night" was established to raise awareness about sexual assault towards women.

"Girls are told not to go out alone at night because of what might happen to them. We are literally taking back the night," said

freshman Allison Burke.

The attendance was expected to reach around 200 people. Each person who attended the march was given a candle, which they carried throughout the night.

"It is important that women and men participate in this march, because until both men and women are part of the solution, nothing will happen concerning prevention of sexual assault on our campuses and in our community," said Cathy Smith, a Health Promotion Office staff member.

Participants chanted as they marched from Corey Union, through campus, down Clayton Avenue, past Main and Tompkins streets and back up through campus.

According to the Montana State University Women's Center, the first "Take Back the Night" event was held in England in 1877. San Francisco held the nation's first march in 1978.

SGA President discusses new position

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within the e-board and I want to motivate them and help them learn the inner-workings of SGA so they can become successful future leaders in the organization,” she said.

Hahl also expressed the desire to “encourage the clubs on campus to work together to co-sponsor events on campus”.

Most of all, she wants to respectfully represent the student concerns on campus.

Hahl sits in on Faculty Senate meetings in order to gain a better

understanding of what the faculty concerns are. She brings up important issues pertaining to students up in the student Senate meetings each week so that students in SGA can also be informed of what is going on.

Hahl wants to work with whomever she can to prevent the budget cuts of this year, due in part to the economic downturn, from having a huge impact on students.

She is an extremely motivated individual aspiring to pass her energetic spirit on to other students, peers, and younger generations.

A dual major in adolescent

education in social studies and history, Hahl prospectively would love to teach high school social studies.

“Working in SGA for all these years has taught me many skills that can be applied to what I do after college,” she said.

Learning the responsibilities of leadership first-hand here at Cortland has given Hahl real-world experience which will effectually help her teach younger generations leadership skills, and more importantly, motivate them to get involved in what they are interested in.

Faculty members talk gun rights

Professors discuss different aspects of gun ownership

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Political Science Department faculty members Robert Spitzer and Chris Latimer spoke in Brockway Hall’s Jacobus Lounge last Wednesday for the weekly Sandwich Seminar.

The lecture, entitled, “Guns, Constitutional Rights and You,” discussed gun rights and how the Supreme Court views these rights in regards to the Second Amendment.

Both speakers looked at the courts’ view on the amendment and gave their opinions on the courts’ ruling.

Spitzer, who is the chair of the department, graduated from SUNY Fredonia and went on to continue his education at Cornell University. He has been a part of the Political Science Department since 1979 and has written many articles and books.

Latimer is an assistant professor and graduated from SUNY Albany before attending American University’s Washington College of Law where he received his law degree.

His research has been focused on the Supreme Court, Constitutional Law and Congress.

Latimer spoke first, touching on some past cases regarding gun ownership. First he dealt with Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia’s interpretation of the

Second Amendment and how it can be hard to determine what the country’s founding fathers truly meant with the language they used.

The main case Latimer reviewed was *District of Columbia v. Heller*, in which Heller, a D.C. special policeman, was allowed to carry a gun for work but was denied a gun permit for private ownership.

In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court found the district’s ban of private ownership to be in violation of the Second Amendment.

This was the first time that the Supreme Court had directly ruled in accordance of whether or not the right to bear arms is a right of individuals or one that pertains to collective state-regulated militias.

The court went on to establish that a gun must be used in self-defense and that handguns would be allowed for private ownership.

Spitzer spoke about the problems that this ruling has created. Spitzer said that the Heller ruling essentially created a new constitutional right and that it links self-defense with the ownership of guns.

He also said that a person does not necessarily need a gun for self-defense. Scalia had added a personal right for handguns in the home and that by tying the Second Amendment to the common right for self-defense, Scalia had departed from past cases and had written out the first half of the amendment.

Though it is a controversial issue, Professors Spitzer and Latimer were able to thoroughly discuss the different court rulings and perspectives of gun ownership.

Relay for Life’s Kickoff event is soon approaching

The annual cancer charity event will recruit new members

Erica Sanderson & Julia Fleming
Staff Writers

The fourth annual Relay For Life charity event, which is planned by Colleges Against Cancer, will be held in November.

The Relay for Life Kickoff, which is a day for students to register for Relay For Life, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7 in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Relay for Life is not only a program to raise money for cancer research, but an all-nighter commemorating cancer survivors and remembering those lost to the

deadly disease.

Students and staff can participate in event-filled all-nighter.

In the past three years, Cortland has raised over \$140,00 for the American Cancer Association.

Last year was a big success with a grand total of \$55,000 in donations. This year’s goal is to recruit up to 1,000 participants and to raise \$65,000.

Relay for Life teams can be created to represent clubs, Greek life, residence halls or simply a group of friends.

Each team then constructs their own campsite in the Lusk Field House with tents, sleeping bags and decorations in accordance to each year’s theme.

The team whose campsite best fits the theme wins prizes.

Throughout the night, participants from each team will continuously walk the track in the Lusk Field House.

Though the all-night event features games, bands, contests and other activities, the true meaning of Relay for Life should never be forgotten.

Walking the track symbolizes remembering and commemorating those affected by cancer.

The ever-growing epidemic connects billions of people across the globe every day by death and by fight.

Every day, 1,500 people will lose their life to cancer, amounting to six million people across the globe.

Sign up at the Kickoff and pledge to support cancer survivors and fight for those out there currently fighting the battle.

Brooks Museum holds first ‘Culture of Violence’ lecture

Professor speaks about causes of violence in Africa

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

A small lecture hall in the Cornish academic building was packed to full capacity as an eager audience awaited the first Brooks Museum lecture last Wednesday.

The lectures’ theme this year is “Culture of Violence.”

Kevin Dunn explored how the feelings of being to a land first can lead to violence in African states in his lecture, “Sons of the Soil: Autochthony and Political Violence in Africa.”

Dunn is an associate professor of political science at Hobart and William Smith College. He has devoted much of his time to the study of African politics and has been featured several times in the media, including *USA Today* and the *Syracuse Post-Standard*.

According to Dunn, political violence in Africa can be characterized by autochthony, or

the feeling of being indigenous.

Autochthony is a Greek word that literally means “sons of the soil.” It refers to the idea that when one people inhabit a land first, they obtain rightful ownership.

This idea of autochthony is important not only for Africans but for people around the globe, as it is used to constitute political identities and define citizenship for all kinds of people.

In Africa, the idea of “being here first” is associated with access to environmental resources, a precious commodity. In the agrarian societies of Africa, land is everything.

When its citizens are displaced from their original homeland due to civil war or other matters, they cannot easily assimilate into other states because of this native mindset.

Autochthony draws a definite line between the natives and the “others”, framing “them” as alien invaders. Such a view often invokes violence as the natives attempt to reinforce their autochthonous claims.

However, autochthony only provides the illusion of primal identity and security. Such

violence always fails, Dunn said, because it continues to produce more instability and lack of identity as people question if they are autochthonous enough.

Dunn illustrated these points by focusing on four main countries in Africa: Uganda, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Cote d’Ivoire.

In each of these countries, growing ideas of autochthony has led to political violence, much of which is still taking place today.

According to Dunn, autochthony is a growing ideology of the peoples of Africa because it resonates deeply with a population looking for security and identity in an uncertain environment.

These unstable environments that breed such ideas are caused by five main factors: globalization, political liberalization, the crisis of the neo-patrimonial states, marginalized youth and state-making practices.

Globalization leads to boundary deconstruction in many nations. As the borders become less solid they allow for an open flow of people. This puts pressure on land claims and overtakes an

already unstable economic system. When the system begins to crumble, blame is often placed on the newcomers and violence is quick to erupt.

Dunn explained that when African states are freed from colonial rule, they experience an overwhelming degree of political liberalization. This newfound freedom leads to feelings of autochthony as people begin to question their identity and citizenship.

A number of nations, such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, issued identity cards as a solution. Those who are deemed to not be citizens are left disenfranchised, lost without their identity. They often turn to violence against the majority, who used the democratic process against them.

The crisis of the neo-patrimonial state serves as a direct catalyst to an identity crisis for the citizens of the states.

Many African economies are characterized by the patron-client system, in which the state maintains stability through vertical distribution of resources.

However, this system does

not work anymore. When those people in power fail to deliver on their promise again the question of identity arises.

Finally, marginalized youth also contribute to feelings of autochthony in African states. The youth is marginalized socially, economically and politically.

Because of this marginalization, the youths are also subject to this identity crisis and see violence as the only way to obtain access to power.

The question of identity is truly at the core of autochthonous violence. When people fail to understand who they are, they turn to violence as a way to justify themselves, placing blame on “alien invaders.”

As history has shown and continues to show us, this illusion of security and identity through autochthony is just that: an illusion.

Unfortunately, Dunn sees little in the way of a solution. The cycle of autochthony is a vicious one that ebbs and flows throughout time. It is an issue that must be dealt with until it begins to decrease.

Student designs new Lime Hollow nature trail

Senior constructs a beaver trail for Lime Hollow nature center

Erica Sanderson
Staff Writer

Most students know the Lime Hollow Center of Environment and Culture as the destination of Biology class field trips.

Students are guided through a wooded trail, observing the species of trees and flowers as they meander along the unfamiliar territory.

One student, however, took extra notice of the natural surroundings and has now added her own contribution to the area.

Senior Elizabeth Hensel of Romulus created her own "Beaver Tail Trail" design. The half-mile trail takes visitors along a path with six different trail stops, each of which focus on the lives of beavers.

Along the trail, the public will be able to view beaver dams, a beaver lodge, beaver chews and a beaver pond leveler.

The grand opening of the trail will be held this weekend from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 behind the Lime Hollow's visitor center on Beaver Brook.

It is located on 338 McLean Road.

The day's festivities will incorporate a naturalist-guided tour of the trail, a hike and a beaver-related craft geared for children.

Hensel discussed the project and her future plans with *The Dragon Chronicle*.



photo provided by Elizabeth Hensel

The new nature trail, designed by Hensel (pictured above), will be opened to the public this Saturday.

Dragon Chronicle (DC): How did you get involved with Lime Hollow and this project?

Elizabeth Hensel (EH): As part of my major, which is geology with a concentration in environmental science, an internship in environmental science is a required course.

Since I like working outdoors, and would like to one day perhaps work at a nature center, and the

Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture (LHCEC) was close, it was a perfect choice.

DC: What made you want to do this and how did you come up with the idea? Did you see a specific need to target beavers?

EH: I didn't come up with the idea really. It was a project that LHCEC was working on developing.

The topic of a "Beaver Tail Trail" was an idea that was suggested to me by former associate director Kathlene Rowell. I thought it was a great idea and agreed to design an interpretive trail brochure.

As for targeting beavers specifically, there are numerous features throughout the grounds of Lime Hollow; so to give them their own little spotlight is a neat touch.

DC: What exactly does the trail entail? What did you have to do to design it?

EH: The trail is approximately a half-mile hike through the area very close to the new Visitor Center. Along it are six stops, fairly evenly distributed on either side of Beaver Brook, which flows into Gracie Pond.

The beavers used to have a dam in the area and the original trail included walking across the top of the abandoned structure until a flood washed it away.

To design the trail, I used notes from Kathlene and annotations from a walk I went on with her to figure out places to put the stops and what features to highlight.

Then, I read a little bit up on interpretive writing and set to work formulating the story I wanted to tell about beavers.

DC: What do you hope the public will get out of your trail?

EH: I hope the public will be able to learn a bit of information that they didn't know before and most importantly, develop respect for all things natural.

DC: What was the best part

of making the trail?

EH: I would have to say the best part was the experience. Between meeting and working with new people who are interested so much in nature and developing a brochure that will hopefully create more interest in nature, it's hard to pick what was the best.

It was a wonderful project and I had a great time working on it and with the staff of Lime Hollow.

DC: Do you have any plans in the future to do something like this again? Would you do it again?

EH: I don't exactly have plans in particular for a trail I'd like done, but I would love to do something like this again. I had a lot of fun and being able to showcase a particular species is of great interest to me.

Although I am a geology major, I have a strong interest in biology so to design a trail that would teach others in a relatively informal and fun manner about a vital or unknown creature or ecosystem is really awesome.

DC: What are your future career goals?

EH: I have several dreams and goals I'd like to accomplish, including gaining Wildlife Rehabilitator certification and going dog sledding or skijoring at least once.

Whatever I end up doing, I want it to involve nature, particularly entire ecosystems, from soils and water on up through the colorful flora and fauna that live there.

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What do you have to say:

What do you think of the new myRedDragon Portal?



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Amy Weingartner
Junior
Communications

"It is convenient because it provides us with a lot of information and we can access eLearning through it, but it is a little confusing."



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Jackie Reis
Junior
Early Childhood Ed

"I like some of the aspects about it but I have had some problems getting on to some of my classes, which is frustrating. I do like that I can get on to everything like e-mail and BannerWeb from one place."



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Melissa Bithorn
Senior
English

"myRedDragon seems like a system that has the potential to be really convenient, once all of the kinks get worked out. So far, for me, it's worked a little more than half the time. As soon as it works all the time, it'll be nice to have all the student-related things in one place."



photo by Brittany Hays

Kyle Hebden
Sophomore
Political Science

"myRedDragon is simpler but the design is something to be desired. I feel that if it went the way it was, then it would be better but the new system isn't that bad."



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Stacey Zimmerman
Senior
Childhood Education

"I haven't had any problems with the new myRedDragon and I like that it has combined the E-learning and BannerWeb. But, I wish the school would pick one and stick with it. It's obnoxious to come back every year and have to learn how to use a new program."

Punishment for the non-partier?

Weekend campus programs could use some improvement

Danielle Eckert
Staff Writer

As I filled out questionnaires online during my junior and senior years of high school, I answered numerous questions about what type of college I would want to attend. "Do you prefer a small school or a big school? A party school or a more reserved school?"

I always had trouble answering these questions

because I found myself pretty much divided down the middle.

Sure, I liked to have a good time, but I had never been the girl who went out and partied every weekend.

Many counselors, teachers and current students reassured me that college was a place where everybody fit in. There were as many people who partied that didn't, so I could easily find something to do.

After only a few weeks at Cortland, I agree very much with what my older friends told me. I have groups of friends to hang out

with whether I want to go out or stay in. However, having a movie night in a small cramped dorm weekend after weekend can get boring fast.

After two weekends of hanging around in the dorms, my friends and I got bored of being the lame non-partier type. We decided to see what Cortland had to offer for the weekend activities. We found out that Cortland Nites was sponsoring a wax hands and jousting party.

My friends and I thought it would be a good way to have fun

Strict rules...make it hard to have fun without going out

without getting into any trouble and to meet new people who had the same intentions as us. We entered the Corey Union Function Room a few minutes after 8 p.m., when the event started. We soon realized that the night would be nothing more than a long wait in line to dip your hand in one of four choices of wax colors.

After waiting in line for over an hour and a half, my friends and I debated on whether or not to leave. We wanted to do something other than watch movies, so we decided to suck it up and continue to wait in the line.

At midnight, as the company began to pack up the supplies and leave, I removed my hand from the wax.

Instead of partying and having a good time, I waited in line for four hours. I made a wax mold of my hand that melted into a ball of purple, slimy mush later on that week.

What is the reward for not going to parties? What does Cortland have to offer for students who follow the rules on campus?

The Cortland Nites program has good intentions. But two volunteers trying to make molds of hundreds of people's hands in a few hours did not make

for a fun time.

Strict rules, such as enforced quiet hours and limits on the number of people allowed in a dorm at one time, make it hard to have fun without going out. Speaking for others and myself, we all seem to agree that Cortland needs to provide more activities on campus during the weekends.

They don't need to be very extravagant; many people would be satisfied with an 80s-themed dance party or a basketball free-throw competition. But something must be done, before more kids resort to going out and partying illegally.

How to coexist in Cortland

Students should not forget about their local neighbors

Sandra Wohlleber
Asst. Director, Campus Activities & Greek Affairs

Whether you choose to live off campus or in a residence hall, you are a vital part of the residential Cortland Community.

This community extends outside campus boundaries, down the hill and into the city. You represent the College in all that you do.

It can be something as simple as how you behave when walking up the hill from Main Street after grabbing pizza or food.

Respect and understanding are expected in all interactions with your "neighbors." Yes, whoever lives in the house that you pass by at 2 a.m. on a Saturday night is your neighbor.

You may not know who they are; you may not ever see their face. But they are your neighbors, and as neighbors, you have an impact on each other. Let's make it a positive one.

Common courtesy will help make this a pleasant experience for everyone. Here are some tips that will help make this a successful year.

During the day, feel free to stop by and say hello to your neighbors. This will give them a positive opinion of you from the start.

When coming back from downtown late at night, be courteous. Most people are asleep by then. Also, neighbors do not appreciate waking up to find their yards vandalized or possessions missing. Please do not urinate in their lawns or on their cars.

Be aware and courteous of your noise volume at all times. Many people aren't aware of how far their voices (or stereos, televisions, car radios, etc.) carry. It's possible your neighbors work at night and sleep during the day, or there may be small children near by that go to bed early.

Take your trash out and recycle regularly. Follow the proper guidelines on how to do so. Piled-up garbage is not only an eyesore, it also attracts rodents.

City of Cortland guidelines for recycling, lawn debris and blue bags can be found online at www.cortland.org/city/dpw. The city or your landlord can fine you for improper garbage disposal.

And remember that windstorm last week? I know it's extra work, but when Mother Nature gets cranky, we have to pick up the pieces.

Park legally and in your own driveway. For example, did you

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Quote of the week:

"I learned three important things in college - to use a library, to memorize quickly and visually, to drop asleep at any time given a horizontal surface and fifteen minutes."

Agnes DeMille
Dance to the Piper
1952

Coexist in the community

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know that no cars are to be parked on city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.?

Did you know that the use of any upholstered furniture manufactured primarily for indoor use, including mattresses, is prohibited on any front or side yard visible from any public place, sidewalk or highway?

And those beer pong tables? Well, that's another story.

Pay attention to the new Nuisance Party Ordinance that the city adopted.

Enjoy yourself, but never forget the others who live here year-round.

A friendly smile and a little thoughtfulness can go a long way.

The next time you are heading home think about holding on to that plastic cup, napkin or pizza plate for just a few more minutes.

The simple gesture of not throwing it on someone's lawn will say more than you can imagine.

Look both ways

Students finding it harder to walk to class

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

More and more students are choosing to walk to campus as the

student body at Cortland continues to increase and the parking spaces are decreasing.

It's hard to believe that a single crosswalk light could make a difference when you're on your way to class, but it does.

Many students who live across Groton Avenue can relate.

During the middle of last week, the stoplights at the corner of Groton Avenue and Graham Street were changed. In the middle of this, the workers removed the old crosswalk light, which has made it almost impossible to cross the intersections at certain times of day.

This has caused an inconvenience to many students as they're rushing to class. If you hit the rush hours between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. or anytime between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. when local schools

and business workers are getting out, it may take a few light changes to finally get across.

It seems as if the city of Cortland doesn't care that students and community members cross this hectic intersection on foot many times a day. One would assume that the crosswalk light would be replaced when the lights were, but that did not happen. Now,

"[Removal of] the old crosswalk light has made it almost impossible to cross...at certain times of day."

two weeks later, you may see what looks like a cross walk light, but don't be fooled. It isn't even turned on yet. How pointless is that?

Students have started walking or running out in front of cars to get across the intersection in a timely manner. Drivers haven't paid much attention to the fact that there is a crosswalk there and that they are supposed to obey it.

Without the crosswalk lights turned on, it's pointless for the city of Cortland to have installed new crosswalk light posts. It's important that we can cross safely as walkers, but without the crosswalk lights turned on, this is a challenge we face every day.

Hungry? You'll have to wait

Campus dining hours not conducive to student schedules

Megan Martin
Staff Writer

Like most freshmen, I was excited about all the food options on campus when I first arrived at school.

Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Raquette Pizza and Dragon's Den, which features tacos, sandwiches, salads, and fried food in addition to many healthy options. And let's not forget about Hilltop and Neubig.

However, as the semester progressed and the work began to pile up, my friends and I began getting food at odd hours every night.

The problem was that places like Subway, Dunkin Donuts and Dragon's Den all closed at an unusually early hour. Neubig was always an option, but let's face it: after about two months, I never wanted to eat there again.

We found ourselves working around the dining hours on campus. In reality, shouldn't the dining hours be working around us, the people who pay thousands of dollars to attend Cortland each year?

What's worse, I was assigned to Cheney Hall my freshman year.

If I was hungry, it was a long walk to get food. Although Old Main was offering food at the time, the hours were still hit or miss.

Luckily, for students who live in Cheney and Degroat now, Brockway Hall serves breakfast and lunch. This improves the situation somewhat.

We faced the same problem sophomore year, settling for food we did not always want because that was all that was available. Finally, we reached junior year, and we ate the majority of our meals off campus.

However, there was always that craving for a Dunkin Donuts coffee or a Subway sandwich. Much to my surprise, I soon learned that Dunkin Donuts had decreased their hours of operation by four hours.

Now if I wanted a coffee before my night classes, I would have to travel to the off campus Dunkin Donuts. That didn't seem to add up.

As a senior, I have noticed the hours of operation of many of the dining services have not improved at all. If I ever want to get food on campus, I usually just save myself the hassle of trying to time it right and end up eating at off-campus restaurants.

This is what many of my friends and I have resorted to, which is not how it should be.

The girlfriend's guide to sports

Yankee Stadium closes its gates after 85 years of baseball

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COLUMN

In honor of Yankee Stadium closing, we thought we would give our readers some information on one of the most famous sports venues in the United States.

Yankee Stadium, located in the Bronx, opened on Apr. 18, 1923 and quickly became known as "The House that Ruth Built."

It was named after Babe Ruth, one of the most famous baseball players of all time.

The first game at the stadium was against the Yankee's rival team, the Boston Red Sox.

By the 1970s, the stadium was in need of a major renovation. After Rice University bought the stadium from the City of New York in 1972, the renovations began.

In the 1974 and 1975 seasons, the Yankees played their home games at Shea Stadium, the home of the New York Mets. Yankee Stadium reopened in 1976 with many changes, including modernized seats, restrooms, elevators, a larger press box and a luxury seating area.

About half of the bleacher seats were removed, which reduced the listed capacity.

There are many features that are unique to Yankee Stadium. Monument Park is a section of the stadium that has retired numbers and many plaques and monuments dedicated to past Yankee players.

The Frieze is a white fence-like structure that runs around the roof of the scoreboard and billboard wall. It is an icon of the stadium and is often used in graphics for the stadium and for the Yankees.

Another structure that the stadium has is the Louisville Slugger Bat that is located outside by the main gate. It is a 138-foot long exhaust pipe that is modeled after a bat used by Babe Ruth.

This is the last season that the Yankees will play at the current Yankee Stadium. After this season, they will move to the new Yankee Stadium, which is located adjacent to the old one and costs approximately \$1.6 billion to establish. The old stadium will be demolished and turned into parkland.

This week's trivia question: who hit the first homerun at Yankee Stadium?

Answer: Babe Ruth

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Coffeehouse open mic showcases students' talents

Students perform while getting the audience to sing along

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Last Tuesday in Corey Union's Exhibition Lounge, seven performers took the stage at the Coffeehouse's Open Mic Night.

About 50 people attended the show, which featured different musical styles performed by talented students on the guitar, piano and violin.

First up was Bill Renkes, who covered the Manchester Orchestra's "I Can Hardly Breathe" and got the audience singing along when he played Wyclef Jean's "Sweetest Girl."

He also performed an original titled "My Wolf." When asked what his inspiration was for his music, Renkes said, "I write what I feel. I usually write about what's going on in my life, happy or sad."

After Renkes's acoustic guitar performance, Kyle O'Rourke took the stage to play All Time Low's "Running from Lions" and then switched to the piano to play a more subdued song, "Miserable at Best."

He finished with an original mix where he took different songs by artists such as T-Pain and Flo Rida and sang them to his own musical styling.



photo by Rebecca Greenland

A student performing Gavin DeGraw's latest single, I'm In Love With a Girl" at the Coffeehouse's open mic.

John Fontanelli and Andrew Widell also covered some popular songs like "Outloud" by Dispatch and sang some originals, including one titled "Uncertainty."

They were very personable and the audience seemed to really enjoy their set. Like O'Rourke's last performance, Fontanelli and Widell also created a mixed song from artists such as Yellowcard and Jason Mraz, and featured Madeline Williams who contributed an even fuller sound when she accompanied on violin.

Another talented Cortland

student, Justin, showed off his abilities on the piano when he played "I'm In Love With a Girl" by Gavin DeGraw, and got the audience to echo back "Waiting" when performing John Mayer's "Waiting On The World To Change."

He also played Jason Mraz's "Wordplay," a quick song that took a lot of talent to perform.

Last to take the stage was Jesse Orto, a graduate student who says he has been performing for about ten years.

He sang the first song he ever

wrote, "Revelation" which calls for social change. He normally plays at small places in town and admitted to being a bit nervous due to the new audience but was confident and energetic on stage.

"I was really surprised, I didn't expect to see so much talent," said sophomore Tony Nguyen.

He didn't have any expectations for the night but wound up really enjoying it.

At next Tuesday's show, William Fitzsimmons will be performing. His music has appeared on ABC's Grey's

Anatomy and Lifetime's Army Wives.

The show was extremely pleasant to all that attended and was a great opportunity to showcase different types of music and people.

Open Mic Night is sponsored by SGA and SAB. It is organized by Event Director Kevin Pristash and Student Intern Lauren Zuber. Coffeehouse events are hosted every other Tuesday in Corey Union.

Apple launches new and improved iPod Nano

Apple switches new version of iPod back to its slim design

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Apple redesigns their iPod Nano once again. On Sept. 9, a sophisticated model including a new genius feature, rounded design and slimmer look was introduced by the company as the hit video-music player for the year.

Unlike the last model, the iPod Nano Fourth-Generation reverts back to the slimmer pocket-style design, has 24-hour battery life, features an accelerator, and includes a 2-inch widescreen display.

The new generation also has a new curved aluminum exterior, resembling the iPod phone and touch models.

The line is now marketed as "nano-chromatic," introducing a variety of new colors including silver, purple, blue, yellow, green,

orange, red, pink and gunmetal. In this assortment, everyone can buy the player in their favorite color or shade.

Along with its new variety of colors, the Nano also highlights a new Genius feature in the product.

While listening to your favorite songs, the Nano has the ability to find other songs that are from your music library that are of similar genre and/or style.

Through this feature, the nano

can create unique play lists and act as a personal DJ by matching songs to your mood or interest.

Like a Wii controller, the iPod can be controlled through hand movements and direction.

By tilting the nano on its side, you are able to look through more album covers and scroll through songs more quickly.

If you want to be surprised, the iPod can now be shuffled when given a slight shake.

Similar to the other Nano designs, the Fourth-Generation features a selection of games for enjoyment.

The model includes Maze, which lets you use your iPod by titling, turning, and making your way through a variety of mazes. You can also find numerous games in the iTunes store for your new iPod Nano and accelerator.

With all of these new features, Apple has definitely upgraded its

already-popular line of music players and has brought them into the new century.

Along with the new interactive features and updated battery and memory life, the machine is able to hold hundreds of photos and play high-definition movies on the widescreen.

Although all of these features may create a new iPod experience

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The newly designed fourth generation nano features a slimmer and sleeker design similar to past nano models.

Give Cortland's student radio station a listen

Below is the schedule for Cortland's college radio station, 90.5 WSUC.
Programming began on Monday and will continue throughout the semester.

Schedule Fall 08	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 pm-4 pm	NPR	Radio Ga-Ga Variety w/ Joanna Saturno & Dana Fermestad	NPR	The Digital Divide w/ Dr. K's Class (3-4pm)	Dance Party Dance Music w/ Dio Hall & Lisa Portelli	Octopus Garden w/ DJ Dukes & DJ Jammin (12-2PM)	NPR
4 pm-6 pm	NPR	NPR	A&J on Air Sports Talk w/ Andrew Pearlman & Jason Silver	Between 2 Worlds Variety w/ Lisa Musso & Janina Mizhquiri	Kansas City Shuffle Variety Music/ Talk Show w/ Kelsey Maxon, Mike LaBruna & Steve Cuce	NPR	NPR
6 pm-8 pm	NPR	Into the fire Sports Talk Show w/ Mike Milstein, Steve Cuce & Kelsey Maxon	Alternative Airwaves Variety w/ Sara Trapani	Haceremos lo que queremos Hip Hop/ R&B w/ Melanie Wetlaufer & Rachel Gorman	Under The Sun Variety Music w/ Cassandra Peters	Alternative Airwaves Variety w/ Sara Trapani	NPR
8 pm-10 pm		AM in the PM Sports Talk w/ Matt Ianno	Westwood Radio Variety w/ Craig Krempa & Dan Baran	Unknown Hip Hop/ Sports Talk w/ Sean Dolberry	Mixin' It Up Hip Hop/R&B w/ Vanessa Hamilton	NPR	NPR
10 pm-12 am	Weekend Wrap-up Showz (Indie Rock) w/ Colin Smith	Pardon the Argument (Sports Talk) w/ Mike Orecki & Ryan Powers	<div>http://web.cortland.edu/wsuc</div> <div></div>				

Study Abroad Fair informs students of overseas opportunity

SUNY schools promote international study programs

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

On Sept. 16, several SUNY schools gathered in Corey Union to educate Cortland students about the benefits of studying abroad. When one walked into Corey, it may have been hard to see past all the tables of brochures and vibrant photographs. Many students felt very overwhelmed and anxious after talking with the representatives. "There are so many options to choose from, I left more confused than when I came in," said Stephanie Battista. She was not the only student to feel this way. "There are so many choices for every major, which makes it so difficult to narrow your decision down to one place, said junior Lisa Kolibar.



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Cortland's study abroad program allows students to study in cities like Beijing.

However, for those students who knew exactly where they planned on studying abroad, everything was made easy. Some of the places that Cortland students can choose from to study abroad include Australia, Belize, China, Egypt, France, England, Germany and even Ghana. Representatives were very helpful. Every student who was there talking about their trip described it as "the time of their

life." "I had never thought seriously about studying abroad, but after hearing the reps talk about what amazing times they had, I think I may give it a shot," said sophomore Carrie Toner.

iPod

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for consumers, the question still stands if it is worth upgrading. If Apple continues to upgrade newer models each year, how do we know which ones to buy? Do we wait another year or invest in this new, high-tech model? It's probably not possible for anyone can answer this question. It seems that the company is retailing its new product at a cheaper price compared to the earlier versions. At \$149, the iPod nano now includes an 8GB memory and updated features. Although Apple's older models of the iPod Nano are sufficient, this new musical player seems to be the favorite of the season.

Cortland Nites program presents \$3 movie night

**Bangkok Dangerous
is not your typical
action-packed movie**

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Weekend nights in Cortland do not have to be spent partying. Going to the movies, especially on the Cortland Nites \$3 movie night, is a great way to get out of the dorms without doing "questionable activities."

The Plaza 6 Cinema on Tompkins is always open to students looking to spend a night at the movies.

Movies out now include *My Best Friend's Girl*, *Righteous Kill*, *Bangkok Dangerous*, *Disaster Movie*, *The House Bunny* and *Mirrors*.

On Saturday, I took advantage of the \$3 movie night and saw *Bangkok Dangerous* with a couple of friends. The movie would definitely fit into the action genre; there were high-paced chase scenes, gunfights and fistfights. The movie is about an assassin



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In Bangkok Dangerous, Cage plays a hitman who must devise plans to murder people without getting caught.

(Nicolas Cage) who is in Bangkok on a four-person job.

With each job he is assigned, he is required to set up a plan to kill the person without being caught. This in turn leads to a couple of creative and crazy death

scenes. There were a few bloody scenes, but nothing too gory or distasteful.

However, this movie was not a mindless action film; there was also a touch of a quirky love story.

As most assassin movies go,

the hitman always runs into trouble and has to change his plan. This movie is no different, but an unexpected twist in the ending will definitely throw you off.

Most reviews are split down the middle. This is definitely a

movie to either love or hate. It kept my attention and was definitely worth the \$3. My advice is to take advantage of the promotions Cortland offers; you could see a movie for \$3 that could end up being one of your favorites.

What the stars have in store for you this week

Aries

You should have plenty of energy as the week gets going if the stars have their say. But when it comes to where you want to direct it, that's your department. What matters most to you right now and down the road? Then it's matters of the heart that are in the forefront on Wednesday and Thursday. The heat is on; if you've got a notion, get it in motion. Chances are they'll love it.

Taurus

Nesting sounds nice as the week begins, and it's the right season for quieting down and resting up. But do get outside for a walk, and do get on the phone or online for a talk. You've got good energy now if you choose to use it. Then, you may think you know it all on Wednesday and Thursday, but what are the chances of that?

Gemini

You're just not as outgoing as usual at the start of the week and really, it's your prerogative to keep whatever you like to yourself. Wednesday and Thursday are

much better suited to engaging in all sorts of interesting interactions, at work and elsewhere.

Cancer

Dare to dream as the week begins, and dare to take action when it comes to going after those dreams. The stars favor the moves you're making now, the bolder the better. Then around Wednesday and Thursday, you've got some great creative power, but you're gonna have to be focused in order to direct it. Choose a project or two (work, personal, whatever) and block out some time to be imaginative.

Leo

Behind the scenes isn't your usual scene, but it's the perfect place to do your thing at the week's outset. You'll learn more and develop a fuller sense of things (work-related and personal) if you're quiet but persistent now. Then, it looks like you're center stage around Wednesday and Thursday. Dress to impress and bring that awesome smile. Talk about star power.

Virgo

You're both organized and idealistic as the week begins, and it's a powerful combination. You can make real headway when it comes to your dreams now. Don't be afraid to aim high and use all your resources.

Libra

What with work demands, errands you can't quite get done and important relationship discussions, not to mention some random disruptions that are likely now, time to decompress is gonna be hard to find on Monday and Tuesday. Still, it's crucial.

Scorpio

You might feel the need to schedule every minute and anticipate every move as the week begins, but serendipity has some sweet surprises in store for you, if you can let go. The time to get serious about life management this week is around Wednesday and Thursday. Work could get sticky, and you'll need healthy outlets to minimize frustration.

Sagittarius

While you might not want to talk politics or philosophy at work on Monday and Tuesday, you'll love getting in-depth at the right place and time. Be sure to leave some freeform room in your life over the next couple of days, when following your nose will lead to incredible things.

Capricorn

It's not spring, but the stars are asking you to do a little bit of housekeeping. Out with the old, in with the new will apply to many possibilities as the week gets going. You might not be totally sure what's next, but you do know what can go. Then, someone might be stepping on your toes around Wednesday or Thursday. There's likely room for everyone, but getting clear about boundaries is more politics than shoving.

Aquarius

All the input you're getting as the week begins could be a bit overwhelming, but you don't have

to go it alone. Get together (or get on the phone) with someone who really resonates with you. Once you get those feelings sorted out, you'll be ready for the charged energy that Wednesday and Thursday bring.

Pisces

Where is there room for improvement in your life? Monday and Tuesday give you some amazing powers of transformation, especially in the interpersonal realm. Over the next couple of days, however, you'll need to let the bigger things take care of themselves and get busy being level-headed about the day-to-day.

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Field hockey wins two non-conference games



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Sam Spehler scored two goals in defeating Hamilton.

Cortland defeats Hartwick College and Hamilton College

Brian Verdi
Staff Writer

The Cortland field hockey team finished their first string of non-conference games with two victories over Hartwick College and Hamilton College. They now head into conference play with an overall record of 4-1.

Senior forward Kayla Chambers scored the game's only goal nine minutes and 53 seconds into the second half as nationally 10th-ranked Cortland defeated Hartwick, 1-0.

Hartwick sophomore goalie Mackenzie Chapman's 13 saves were not enough for the Hawks, as they fell to 1-4 on the season. The Red Dragons improved to 3-1 with the win and out shot their opponent 21-2.

Senior goalie Stacy Billings made one save for her third shutout of the season.

Following the victory over

Hartwick, Cortland headed to Clinton, N.Y. to take on Hamilton College. Chambers and senior Sam Spehler scored two goals each as the Red Dragons defeated the Continentals 6-1. Chambers added an assist to her two goal performance and junior Kylie Burghardt recorded a goal and an assist, while sophomore Brenda Semit scored her third goal of the season. Chambers now leads the team in goals, with 6, and points, with 14.

Spehler scored the team's first goal five minutes and 13 seconds into the game. It was all but over after that, as Cortland took a 5-0 lead into halftime. Hamilton ruined Cortland's fourth shutout bid of the season by scoring their only goal with a little over eight minutes left to play in the game. The Red Dragons out shot Hamilton 23-3 in the game and held a 14-1 advantage on penalty corners.

Cortland now begins their conference schedule with two road games at Oswego and Brockport. Their first home conference game is on Oct. 1, when they host Morrisville. This will be the first of five straight home games, culminating with a non-conference game against William Smith.

No-hitter for Zambrano

Cubs pitcher gives up zero hits against Houston Astros

Gabe Schaub
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday Sept. 12, Carlos Zambrano threw the first Chicago Cubs no-hitter in 36 years. The Cubs ousted the red-hot Houston Astros 5-0 at Miller Park in Milwaukee. It was just the second loss by the Astros in their last 16 games.

This was the second no-hitter of the year after the Boston Red Sox's pitcher Jon Lester threw a

"no-no" early this season. This no-hitter was even more impressive given the fact that Zambrano (14-5) was making his first start in 10 days due to recurring inflammation in his rotator cuff. He struck out 10 hitters and only threw 107 pitches.

The game was moved away from Houston's home field of Minute Made Park after Hurricane Ike's destruction through the Houston area. This lead to a near home game for the Cubs who only needed to travel 100 miles, while the Astros traveled over 1000 miles. The mini Wrigley Field crowd was quite apparent as Zambrano received a huge ovation.

Women's soccer defeats New Paltz

Red Dragons win defensive battle 1-0 on late goal by Deluise

Kristin Borgosz
Contributing Writer

The Cortland women's soccer team pulled away with a victory Saturday afternoon on Holloway Field as they hosted New Paltz. It was the first SUNYAC game for both teams as Cortland improved to 3-2-2 on the season and New Paltz dropped to 2-4.

The game featured little offense because of the tremendous defense that was displayed by each team. Scoring opportunities were hard to come by as the score was tied at zero until late in the second half.

The Red Dragons broke open the scoring in the 78th minute as freshman Jackie Deluise scored her second goal of the season. Freshman Bridgette DeSantis sent a through ball toward the goal where Deluise raced toward it and beat a defender on the move. She placed a shot inside the post and past the Hawks goalie to give Cortland the lead.

Sophomore goalie Pam Monnier had a tremendous save with only a few minutes remaining that helped preserve the win over the Hawks at 1-0.

Cortland will be back in action at home on Saturday at 1 p.m. as they take on SUNY Morrisville.



photo by Kristin Borgosz

Kayla Sweet contributes to a 1-0 win over New Paltz as the Red Dragons improve their record to 3-2-2.

Five to watch for in MLB in 2009

Many players look to make an impact in professional baseball

James Hopkins
Contributing Writer

This is a list of five players who have spent most or all of the 2008 baseball season in the minor leagues, and has a chance to make an impact at the major league level in 2009.

Of course this list is arbitrary in that there is still the whole off-season to go, where trades, free agent signings, new management, and injuries could possibly affect a players status in an organization.

David Price – LHP – Tampa Bay Rays. Price is the number one prospect in baseball, which is why his September call-up has gotten a lot of media attention. He features a 90-94mph fastball with a great slider and a low 80's changeup.

Being a lefty only adds to his value, and it's conceivable to think that he will be in the Rays rotation to start the 2009 season. One thing that will work against him is that he has only thrown 109.2 innings in the minors and 6 in the majors so far.

Matt Wieters – C – Baltimore Orioles. If Price is the number one prospect then Wieters is number 1a or 2. Wieters dominated the Carolina league (high A ball) only to be promoted to double A where he put up even better numbers.

He has a plus bat and a plus arm behind the plate, and while he can handle playing defense at catcher, his size (6-5, 230) could affect him long term behind the plate. Either way his combination of patience, contact and power will grant him a look into the major leagues next year.

Travis Snider – OF – Blue Jays. Like Wieters and Price he started the year in high Single A ball and has moved himself up the ranks. While he did have a decline when he went up to AA, when he was called up to AAA he improved his numbers over 18 games.

What puts Snider on the list is that he was called up to Toronto and has played 17 games so far and has a .333 avg/.375 obp/.549 slg. His best numbers this year have come at the major league level, and he will be of rookie status next year.

Matt LaPorta – OF – Cleveland Indians. LaPorta might be best known for being the main piece Cleveland got in return for C.C. Sabathia.

After the trade, LaPorta struggled in the Eastern League. His OPS went from .978 in the

Southern League to .649 in the Eastern. He also played with the United States Olympic baseball team and missed a month of minor league games.

He might be a true result hitter in that he'll hit a lot of home runs, walk a lot and strikeout a lot.

One thing in his favor is that Cleveland did not get much production out of Left Field this year and he will figure to be an immediate upgrade.

Colby Rasmus – OF – St. Louis Cardinals. This one has more risk because Rasmus struggled in Triple A this year, although he was starting to get it going until he suffered a knee injury. Rasmus should be getting a call up early in the season.

Others to watch for: Tommy Hanson (SP, Atlanta Braves), Alcides Escobar (SS, Milwaukee Brewers), Taylor Teagarden (C, Texas Rangers), Cameron Maybin (OF, Florida Marlins), Andrew McCutchen (OF, Pittsburgh Pirates), Kila Ka'aihue (1B, Kansas City Royals), Ivan DeJesus (SS, Los Angeles Dodgers), Angel Salome (C, Milwaukee Brewers), Aaron Cunningham (OF, Oakland Athletics), Carlos Carrasco (SP, Philadelphia Phillies).

Controversy surrounds week two in NFL

Football season going strong after exciting week two

Chris Ryan
Contributing Writer

The second week of the football season saw some great games, wild finishes, and also some controversy.

Referee Ed Hoculi was in the middle of a major controversy in the Denver/San Diego game. He ruled a play that was clearly a fumble an incomplete pass, giving the Broncos a second life in the late minutes of the game. Denver would take the lead, and eventually win the game.

Hoculi admitted his mistake, and has responded to all his hate mail, deeply apologizing to San Diego fans.

Week two also saw the New England Patriots in Matt Cassel's debut start at quarterback prevail over the Jets. Many Jet fans were upset at the fact that Brett Favre was not given any passing plays with a chance to take the lead late in the game.

The Giants improved their winning streak on the road to twelve games by rolling past the Rams 41-13. "Big Blue" looks to be as tough of a team as ever to beat, and it will be interesting to see who can beat them.

The Monday night game was a wild shootout between two NFC East rivals Philadelphia and Dallas. The Cowboys prevailed 41-38, after numerous lead changes and wild touchdown passes. The Eagles played tough, and look to be well improved from a disappointing season last year.

It was the most watched Monday Night Football game in cable television history.

U.S. wins Ryder Cup over Europe

USA wins golf competition against team from Europe

Nathan Vaji
Staff Writer

For the first time since 1999, and only the second time second since 1995, the United States has won golf's Ryder Cup held at Valhalla Country Club in Louisville, Kentucky.

The 16.5 to 11.5 victory for the USA over Europe is the largest margin of victory since they won the Cup in 1981.

The United States was lead by captain Paul Azinger and veterans Phil Mickelson and Jim Furyk.

The US team competed this week without the face of golf, Tiger Woods. Woods is still recovering from reconstructive surgery on his left knee after winning the U.S. Open in June. Woods had surgery on June 24 to repair a torn ACL and a double stress fracture of his tibia. He is expected to make a full recovery and begin golf activities next season.

This year's Ryder Cup team had many newcomers who stepped up in the clutch and made big shots. Ryder Cup rookie Hunter Mahan led the US team with a 2-0-3 record, while picking up 3.5 total points.

Youngster Anthony Kim finished the weekend with a 2-1-1 record, including a convincing victory over Tour veteran Sergio Garcia in their singles match, while picking up 2.5 total points for team USA.

Also picking up 2.5 points

were Kentucky native J.B Holmes and Boo Weekley. J.B. Holmes was a captain's pick along with Mahan, Chad Campbell, and Steve Stricker.

The European team was lead by big name players Sergio Garcia along with three-time major champion and fourth-ranked player in the world Padraig Harrington. However, Ian Poulter led the Europeans with four overall points.

Garcia only earned one point and Harrington grabbed .5 points. European captain and Ryder Cup veteran Nick Faldo was disappointed in his three superstar golfers Harrington, Garcia, and Lee Westwood. These three players did not win a match for the European team.

For those unfamiliar with the Ryder Cup, it is a three-day event with each golfer playing two rounds of match play Friday and Saturday and one round Sunday.

The Ryder Cup happens every two years and the site alternates between a course in the United States and one in Europe. The team captains choose the pairing for their team.

Friday and Saturday's matches are two man teams playing best ball. Sunday's matches are all single matches.

The scoring system may seem confusing at first but overall it is quite easy to understand. If you win your match, you pick up one full point for your team. If you tie your match, you earn one-half point. Obviously if you lose your match, you receive no points.

In order to clinch the Ryder Cup, a team must win at least 14.5 points. If the Ryder Cup ends in a tie, there is no playoff.

The team who won the last Cup retains it until the next Ryder Cup competition.

Volleyball coach wins 100th career match at Cortland

Cortland volleyball splits matches against SUNYAC competition

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

Midway through the season, the Cortland Volleyball team seems to be on track for another attempt at a league title. The five time defending SUNYAC champions currently have a record of 11-6 and are 2-2 in SUNYAC play. Most recently, the Red Dragons went to the SUNYAC East Round Robin where they split finishing 2-2, sweeping both Plattsburgh and Oneonta while falling to Potsdam and New Paltz.

Arguably the best tournament for the team so far this year was the Gettysburg Battlefield Classic, where the team finished with the third best record in an 18 team field, finishing 3-1.

Although the team did well, it was Coach Pam Hoerup who stole the spotlight, winning her 100th career match against Lycoming. She currently has a record of 105-38 in her fourth season as head coach.

"It is a nice accomplishment that I share with several women volleyball players who have worked hard to keep the Cortland Volleyball program a success," said Coach Hoerup. "It means a lot to me when I think about the wins that

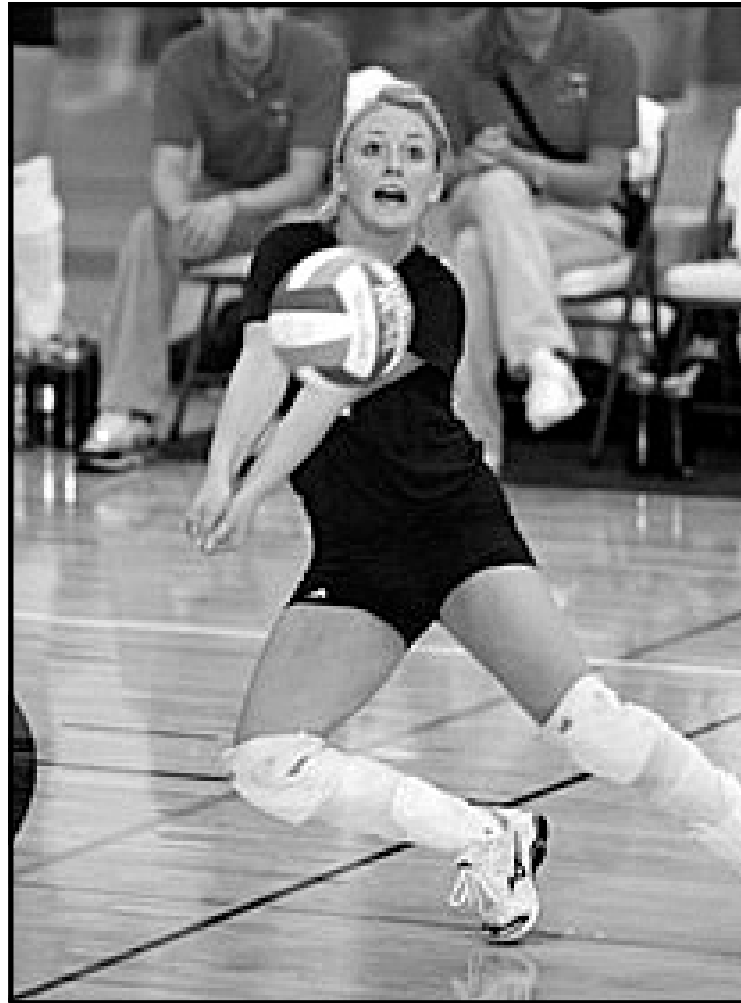


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The Red Dragons went 2-2 in round robin play.

I was a part of as a player here and now to be a part of 100 more wins as a coach is pretty cool."

Between her victories as coach at Trumansburg High School for 1990-2003 and her time here at Cortland, she has more than 300 wins on her resume.

"[The team] has a few things

to work on in order to get better and have another successful year. We will keep working on those things and the expectation is to defend our SUNYAC championship," Hoerup said when asked how her team can continue the success they have had early this year and in previous years.

SEC dominant so far this season

SEC shows strength in week four with four teams in top 10

Nathan Vaji
Staff Writer

With four weeks down in the 2008 college football season one thing is for certain, the SEC is the best conference in America. As of Sept. 21, the SEC has six teams in the top 25 and they have four in the top 10.

They are led by third ranked Georgia, fourth ranked Florida, fifth ranked LSU, and eighth ranked Alabama. Also in the top 25 is Auburn at 15 and newly ranked Vanderbilt at 21.

This week's games were headlined by top ranked showdowns. First in Alabama as Auburn battled LSU for SEC West supremacy. Auburn jumped out to an early lead but LSU was lead back by sophomore quarterback Jarrett Lee.

LSU also used a bit of trickery by running a halfback pass at the end of the third quarter to put them up 17-14. However, Auburn battled back to take a 21-20 lead with 6:40 remaining. Jarrett Lee hit Brandon Lafell with just 1:03 to go to give LSU the 26-21 victory at Auburn.

Meanwhile, under the radar Alabama defeated Arkansas 49-14.

Arkansas committed four turnovers including two interceptions returned for touchdowns in the defeat. Alabama running back Glen Coffee ran for 162 yards on only 10 carries and scored two touchdowns. Alabama is now 4-0 this season and stands atop the SEC West standings with LSU.

Number three Georgia traveled out west to Arizona State for a showdown with the Sun Devils. This was the first time that Georgia traveled west of the Mississippi River for a non-bowl game since 1967.

Knowshawn Moreno ran for 149 yards and two touchdowns to lead the 'Dawgs to the 27-10 victory. Georgia dominated the Sun Devils offensively. Georgia amassed 461 yards of total offense opposed to Arizona State's 212.

Texas quarterback Colt McCoy set the school record for career passing touchdowns Saturday against Rice. McCoy threw for 329 yards and four touchdowns giving him 62 for his career.

He also led the seventh ranked Longhorns in rushing with 83 yards on only eight carries and added a touchdown run. Texas takes on Arkansas this week and then will take on Colorado to open Big 12 conference play.

This season's Cinderella story may have lost their glass slipper this week. Number 15 East Carolina,

who had upset Virginia Tech and West Virginia, was upset this week by North Carolina State in overtime.

Tied 24-24 going into overtime, East Carolina and their leader Patrick Pinkney got the first possession, but Pinkney fumbled and the Wolfpack recovered. Andre Brown ran in the game-winning score to give N.C. State the 30-24 win.

Sixteenth ranked Penn State continued its early dominance of their non-conference schedule with a 45-3 victory over Temple. Penn State begins its Big 10 slate this week vs. number 22 Illinois.

Out west, number 14 BYU continued its hot start with a 44-0 victory over Wyoming. BYU currently has the nation's longest winning streak at 14 games.

Finally, in the ACC, number 18 Wake Forest won a defensive battle against number 24 Florida State 12-3. Wake Forest kicker Sam Swank connected on 4 of 7 field goals to score all of the Demon Deacons' points.

Wake Forest safety Kevin Robinson intercepted two passes and Alphonso Smith intercepted one.

Florida State committed seven turnovers in the defeat including five interceptions thrown between two quarterbacks. This is the second time in a row that Wake Forest beat Florida State on their home turf.



Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Cortland	27
Rowan	20
Next: Saturday @ Kean	

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland	2
New Paltz	0
Next: Saturday @ Morrisville	

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oneonta Airfield Invitational-
First Place (Tied)
Next: Saturday @ Hoffmann
Invitational

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Oneonta Airfield Invitational-
Fourth Place
Next: Saturday @ Hoffmann
Invitational

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland	1
New Paltz	0
Next: Saturday vs. Morrisville	

FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland	6
Hamilton	1
Next: Saturday @ Brockport	

Athletes of the Week

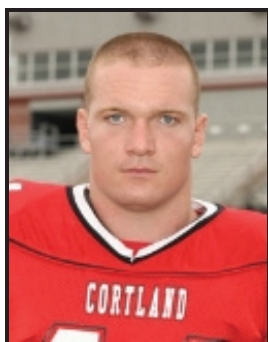


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Jim Smith
Football
Game-high 11 tackles
in win at Rowan



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Brittany Brunetto
Cross Country
Second out of 95 at Oneonta
Airfield Invitational

Cortland wins at Rowan for first time in 44 years

Giuliano brothers lead the way for Red Dragons in 27-20 win

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The Cortland football team won on the road last Saturday, beating NJAC rival Rowan 27-20 for the team's second win of the season, extending its record to 2-0.

The win was Cortland's first at Rowan since 1964.

It was also the 71st career win at Cortland for head coach Dan MacNeill, moving him into second place on the all-time wins list.

Senior running-back Andrew Giuliano had another strong performance in the Red Dragons' second game of the season.

The senior rushed for 136 yards and scored two of the team's three touchdowns.

Sophomore wide-receiver Anthony Giuliano, Andrew's younger brother, had a tremendous day of his own, catching five passes for 122 receiving yards.

"Our offense has the ability without question," said coach MacNeill. "Our goal is to score



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The Red Dragons defeated rival Rowan 27-20 on the road.

points. We need to continue to perform well."

Senior quarterback Ray Miles threw for 220 yards, completing 12 of his 20 passes on the day. Senior wide receiver Eric Hajnos was Cortland's second leading receiver with four catches for 81 yards.

The Red Dragons led the contest 27-7 with 49 seconds remaining in the third quarter. They barely managed to avoid a late game comeback by Rowan, who scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

For much of the game, the

Cortland defense played extremely well against the run and the pass, allowing Rowan just 267 total yards, a vast improvement over the 505 total yards given up to Morrisville in game one.

"Our defense played very well against a strong run game and talented receivers," MacNeill said.

"Without question, we improved from game one to game two."

Linebacker and senior defensive captain, Jim Smith, led the defense with 11 total tackles on the day including a sack. Senior defensive-end Ben Nagle recorded nine tackles of his own, followed by linebacker Josh Jablonski who had eight.

Coach MacNeill attributes much of the team's improvement to the early bye week.

"Having a second week [to practice] and seeing the improvement across the board speaks more to the character of this team," MacNeill said.

"There's no such thing as an 'off' week, only defeating a 'bye' week with improvement."

Cortland's next game is scheduled for Saturday at Kean University where the Red Dragons will look to extend their record to 3-0.

A fitting farewell to baseball at Yankee Stadium

New York's famous baseball stadium closes its doors forever

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For those who didn't know otherwise, the Yankees' 7-3 win over the Orioles Sunday night was as inconspicuous as the team's other 161 games.

Andy Pettitte recorded the win over the Oriole's Chris Waters. The Yankees' Bengie Molina broke open the game with a two run home run to left field and Mariano Rivera recorded the final out to seal the Yankee victory.

However, it wasn't the results or even the play on the field that made Sunday's game special, it was the field itself.

Sunday marked the final game played at Yankee Stadium. After 85 years of hosting some of sport's most memorable moments, the stadium will be closing its doors and the Bronx Bombers will be moving into their new home right across the street.



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Yankee Stadium lights up for the final as the famous stadium closes after 85 years.

Throughout its years, Yankee Stadium has seen some of sports' greatest events and more. The stadium has hosted 37 of the 86 World Series seen in its lifetime.

It has also been the host of many heralded boxing matches, featuring big names such as Joe Lewis and Muhammad Ali.

The 1958 NFL Championship or "the greatest football game ever played" as the game is often called, took place on the frozen ground of the stadium.

Speakers such as Nelson

Mandela and Pope John Paul II have also graced Yankee Stadium with their presence. While no one with such stature was on hand Sunday night, some of the Yankees' greatest players were there to see the stadium off in style.

Fans and players alike were able to walk around the warning track before the game, with the stadium opening early so spectators could have extra time to cherish the moment.

Yankee greats such as Reggie Jackson, Yogi Berra and Whitey

Ford were on hand to celebrate and watch Babe Ruth's daughter throw out the first pitch in the building her father was credited with building.

After the game, Yankee players stayed on the field. With Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" playing in the background, Yankee captain Derek Jeter gave an impromptu farewell address to the fans before leading the team on a lap around the warning track waving goodbye to the fans and the stadium as well.