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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Peabody-winning filmmaker to showcase new documentary

Carole Hart, an Emmy and Peabody winner, will be showcasing her newest documentary.

The film, titled, "For the Next Seven Generations, the Grandmothers Speak," documents the life of the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. on Friday in Sperry 105.

Presentation to be given for families this weekend

As part of Family Weekend a lecture entitled, "How is Your Student Doing in College?" will be given to parents.

The lecture will be given by different members of the staff and faculty to discuss student life. The presentation will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Annual President's Brunch to be held this weekend

The Annual President's Brunch will feature a discussion from President Bitterbaum and SGA President Casey Hahl.

Both will be talking about all aspects of college life. The brunch take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in the Corey Union Function Room. The cost is 10 Dragon Dollars or a meal for students, \$10 for adults and \$8 for Children 10 and under.

Passport Contest for attending sporting events

Students who attend at least one-half of the sporting events being held this weekend are eligible to win cash prizes.

Students can receive a \$125, \$75 or \$50 gift card to the bookstore from ASC as long as an official stamps your "passport." Passports will be distributed in Corey at the Cortaca T-shirt tables.

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Former student charged with rape

Rape in residence hall leads to an arrest with multiple charges

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Staff Writer

A former Cortland State student was arrested and charged with raping a female student at a campus residence hall on Sept. 27.

Jason A. Nunez, 21, of 74 Lincoln Ave., was charged with felony first-degree rape, second-degree burglary, and criminal trespass, a misdemeanor, said University Police. A court order was also issued, banning him from campus.

Nunez was arraigned in Cortland City Court and was remanded to Cortland County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail or a \$10,000 bond. He was released from jail after posting cash bail, a jail official said this week.

"The reason that the suspect was charged with burglary and trespass was because he unlawfully entered a residence and committed a crime. In this case, the crime was the rape," Assistant Police Chief Mark DePaull said.

The alleged sexual attack

occurred between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., when Nunez walked into an unlocked suite in the hall, police said. However, it was not reported until Sept. 28.

Campus police had responded to a fight in the area of Neubig Road and it was during that investigation that police were told that a rape had occurred the morning prior. The fight was between the suspect and friends of the victim, DePaull said.

The Dragon Chronicle does not identify sex crime victims.

The victim was a college acquaintance of Nunez.

"Anytime anyone in our community becomes a victim of a crime, it affects the entire campus community. It saddens me that one of our students has had to experience this heinous act," DePaull said.

Nunez last attended in the 2007-08 school year and was expected to graduate in 2009.

According to Nunez's Facebook profile, he was active in groups on campus as he was one of the founding *hermanos*, or brothers, of Latino fraternity Lambda Upsilon Lambda and a member of the Caribbean Student Association, Men of Value and Excellence, Black Student Union, La Familia Latina and NYPIRG.

Gandhi's grandson to visit



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Arun Gandhi will speak about peace as part of a conference on Oct. 31. See story on page 2.

Cortland's first Apple Run a success for all

Students participate in newly-established seasonal race

Daniel Harding Jr.
Staff Writer

The cool, clear sunny weather was perfect for the First Annual Cortland Apple Run held on Thursday, Sept. 25, which was sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Against a backdrop of bright orange and red leaves, a number of students chose to run the two-mile race around Park Center.

Students could either walk or run; spots were also open for wheelchair participants. There were a total of 16 students who partook in the event.

The students participating were of various fitness levels. Some students competed for a personal best time, while others were just looking to do something healthy.

Whether they were seasoned runners or just the occasional jogger, everyone seemed to be enjoying the event.

After the students completed the run, they received a free Apple



photo by Daniel Harding Jr.

Apple Run participants display their T-shirts at the conclusion of the race on Sept. 25.

Run T-shirt and enjoyed replenishing themselves with fresh apples and apple cider.

The male winner, James Thompson, finished in an impressive 12:43, while the female winner finished at a strong 16:42.

"It's good that they're having more of these. There aren't a lot of opportunities for students to race

outside college athletics so this is great," said Thompson.

This race is just one of many events that the Recreation Department holds annually. The goal of the Recreation Department is to provide a fun, direct alternative to going downtown.

With sports ranging from dodgeball and broomball to

volleyball and soccer, there are many ways for students to get involved and stay active.

For the running enthusiast, there is the annual Turkey Trot, a 5K race around the time of Thanksgiving break that provides for a fun and healthy experience.

Gandhi's grandson to spread message of peace on Oct.31

Gandhi will speak as part of international peace conference

Erica Sanderson
Staff Writer

Cortland has been known to bring some of the nation's most influential speakers to campus.

This month continues this inspiring trend with a lecture from one of the most profound international intellectuals: Arun Gandhi.

If the name sounds familiar that's because Gandhi is the grandson of the infamous Mahatma Gandhi, the great leader

of non-violence who helped to free India from British colonial rule in the Twentieth Century.

Gandhi continues to spread his grandfather's message of peace and nonviolence.

Gandhi will be speaking at Cortland in conjunction with the 21st Annual Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, to be held on campus from Oct. 30 to Nov. 2.

The conference consists of an international group of philosophers who meet every year at different Universities. This is the first year that Cortland holds the distinction of being host to the event. This year's theme is "Resisting the War, Educating for Peace."

The four-day conference

includes "paper sessions" where different papers revolving around the theme will be presented and discussed. Such paper topics include, "Religion on War," "Poverty and Peace," "Ghandian Nonviolence" and "Building Bridges to Peace," among others.

30 people will be reading papers with a total of around 40 people overall at the session. This crowd entails Philosophy professors and graduate students from all over the nation and abroad.

The conference also includes different nonviolence workshops and possibly a panel of War veterans discussing ways to resist war.

However, the main highlight of the conference will be Gandhi's speech at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct.

31 in Sperry 105. The lecture is free and open to all students and the public.

Gandhi will speak on how to resist war, educating people for peace and what he has learned from his grandfather.

"I met him at a conference at the University of Rochester and asked him to speak for us at this year's conference," said Philosophy Professor Andrew Fitz-Gibbons, on how Cortland managed to acquire Gandhi for the conference.

Fitz-Gibbons is also the Director for the Center for Ethics Peace and Social Justice (CEPS) and is one of the main people involved in the peace conference this year.

"It's a great privilege for us to

host him and the conference and it will link us with the great Ghandian tradition," added Fitz-Gibbons.

Fitz-Gibbons isn't sure what to expect for the student turnout at the lecture since it is on Halloween night, but hopes and encourages students to attend.

"Gandhi is a huge figure in history so I would go to see his grandson," said Korin Edwards, a senior history major.

"With the amount of Education majors here it would be a great experience for them to attend and incorporate his message into their future teaching."

Crime streak hits Cortland

Public lewdness and physical assault cases affect students

Erica Sanderson
Staff Writer

Besides investigating an alleged rape on campus last month, the University Police Department (UPD) also recently investigated a case of public lewdness.

On Sept. 26, UPD charged Dustin J. Eaton, 19, of Cortland with public lewdness, a misdemeanor, for allegedly exposing himself to a female Cortland student on Lankler Drive near the lower playing fields.

The student called UPD, who arrested Eaton in front of Whitaker Hall.

Assistant Chief Mark DePaull credited the student's quick action for being able to catch Eaton, who was also charged with a trespassing violation.

He was arraigned on the charges and a court order was issued, banning him from SUNY Cortland property.

Later that day, police said

Eaton returned to campus to pick up his bicycle, even though the judge ordered for a friend or family member to retrieve it for him.

Police saw Eaton on campus and arrested him in the Van Hoesen parking lot. He was then charged with contempt of court and bail was set at \$1,000.

Eaton posted bail and has been released, Cortland County Jail said on Tuesday.

There were also two off-campus assaults that the city police investigated during the weekend of Sept. 19 to Sept. 21; the campus was notified via a mass e-mail sent out by DePaull.

According to the e-mail, the male students involved are believed to belong to an underground organization.

DePaull said that any students with tips or information regarding either of the two assault cases are urged to call UPD at 753-2111 or the city police at 753-3001.

Students can also use the anonymous "Silent Witness" reporting system on the UPD website at www.cortland.edu/univpolice/silent_witness.

Panel focuses on U.S. health care

Discussion addresses growing concerns as election approaches

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, a panel of medical and academic experts, along with community advocates, spoke about the status of the American health care system.

What candidates Barack Obama and John McCain say they will do for the system if they are elected in November was also discussed.

The lecture was called "Health Care Financing, Cortland Non-Profit Agencies and the Presidential Election."

The crowd consisted of mainly students, with some faculty and others mixed in. The panelists who spoke were Rebecca Elgie, a representative for the Tompkins County Health Care Task Force; Garra Lloyd-Lester of the Prevention Services for Youth, Cortland County Department of Mental Health; and Mary McGuire, an assistant professor of political science at Cortland.

At the discussion, flyers and pamphlets were handed out with facts on the current health care situation in America.

According to these materials, under the current Medicare system, only people over 65, and any youth with disabilities are covered.

Roughly 47 million Americans have no health care, which could explain why America is ranked 37th among industrialized countries in health system performance, the pamphlet stated.

The lecture discussed how as a result of poor health care, 101,000 people have died unnecessarily each year for the last five years due to insurance denials or lack of health insurance.

Due to these grim figures many people have begun to push for a single insurance provider. One single payer health care plan

reports that 100% of people in the USA will receive coverage, saving around \$350 billion in the first year alone.

McGuire spoke first, covering how each candidate for the upcoming election planned on improving the health care system.

Under both candidates' plans, the number of uninsured Americans would drop, along with affordable and portable plans with contained prices being available, McGuire said.

Neither candidate supports a single provider system, but each one would alter the current system. McGuire explained that McCain has said he would encourage competition, allowing for people to shop around for the best prices, therefore lowering prices.

McCain also wants consumers to be aware of the money they are spending, and make it harder for people to sue doctors, which causes increases in insurance prices.

McCain would make it so that doctors can only be sued if they do not follow clinical guidelines, or endanger their patients.

McCain would also eliminate tax deductions for health care, instead giving people checks which they could spend on any procedures they would need. Individuals would receive \$2,500 checks, with families getting \$5,000 as predicted by McCain's plan.

Under Obama, the health care system would be built on employer based coverage.

As McGuire explained, this means that he would make it so that all employers could give their employees a form of coverage, and would ease the cost of providing this.

Large companies would pay premiums, and smaller companies would be given a 50% tax credit as an incentive.

Obama would also create a National public plan, and would make it so that everyone essentially gets the same coverage that members of congress do.

However, both candidates have yet to discuss what exactly affordable prices would really be, or how children would be covered under their plans.

Lloyd-Lester, who has spent most of his career working with the disabled and various components of the child welfare system spoke also.

He gave some very unsettling facts, such as 25% of people who are uninsured have a mental illness or substance abuse problem.

One reason for this, is that the cost of health care and health insurance is more than most can pay, and therefore 80% of people with these problems do not get the treatment they need. Even with insurance, 34% of those cases are not treated Lloyd-Lester said.

Garra spoke about how federal actions, such as budgets or spending eventually trickle down and impact state and local levels, which can explain why people in rural or lower economic levels do not get the treatment or coverage they need.

The last to speak was Elgie, a health care system reform advocate.

Elgie had spoken previously at Cortland on Sept. 9 to discuss Michael Moore's documentary film "SICKO", which talks about the current failures of the health care system.

Elgie claimed that the current system is inefficient, fragmented and broken. That even with coverage, you can still run the risk of not being covered for certain procedures.

Such was the case of Donna Smith and her husband, who went bankrupt after they could not afford the medical bills for operations which they had no coverage for.

High costs of health care, prevent many from seeking help until it is too late, or instead forces people to visit the E.R, which is one of the most expensive forms of treatment available, Elgie said

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Author recounts personal story of bigotry and abuse

Julia Scheeres discussed the trials her brother faced

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

Blatant bigotry. Violent punishment. Twisted Christian fundamentalism.

These elements characterized the night of Thursday, Sept. 25, as Julia Scheeres, author of *JesusLand*, retold her heart-wrenching story of racism, inequality, and the never-ending bond of a brother and sister.

In Sperry hall the audience listened as Scheeres gave a riveting account, detailing her experiences with her adoptive African-American brother David.

Their journey led them from a small private Christian school to a larger public school in rural Indiana.

Her story culminated at an oppressive reform school in the

Dominican Republic. The theme of inequality ran deep through the entire oration.

Scheeres' presentation was sponsored by NeoVox, the international online Cortland magazine and the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee as part of Cortland's yearlong theme of "Inequality."

JesusLand is a memoir and a tribute to Scheeres' adoptive brother David. Throughout the novel, the audience gets a first hand account of the ardent racism and the backwards fundamentalist attitudes, as Scheeres sees it, that characterized the 1970s.

After growing up in a small Christian school with a class size of 12, moving to a large, rural public school was quite the shock for 16-year-old Scheeres.

Scheeres was even more shocked by the abuse her adoptive brothers David and Jerome faced as the only two African-Americans in the school.

Scheeres said she was used to being treated differently. Her parents had originally wanted to adopt a white boy but were pressured into adopting two African-American boys. As

devout Christians, they felt obligated to adhere to principles of their faith.

At home, however, those principles were often perverted to justify the inequality and abuse Scheeres remembers so well.

In her speech, Scheeres' recalls that her father would often beat her two adoptive brothers. When punished she would be grounded or sent to her room.

In a strict interpretation of the bible, Jerome and David, on the other hand, were whipped. The welts were so bad at times that the boys refused to take their shirts off, for fear that someone would see the wretched markings.

The boys were also forced to share a room in the basement while Scheeres occupied a room on the second floor. This clear apartheid often made her feel like the enemy of her brothers simply because she was white, Scheeres said.

Despite these obstacles, Scheeres explained how she and her brother David developed a close relationship. He was only three months younger than her, but they had known each other since they were three years old.

Upon entering the public

school, Scheeres recalled putting distance between herself and David because he was so heavily picked on that she did not want to be associated with him and the abuse.

At the Indiana school, David was subject to horrible racism and abuse with absolutely no one to turn to.

Scheeres said that the kids, who had never seen a black student in high school would chant "KKK!" and threaten him, once even pressing hot metal to his skin, snickering "Let's see how black skin burns!" while the teacher looked on in silence. David, slight and shy, would rarely stand up for himself.

After months of torment, David grew despondent and depressed Scheeres remembered; he began cutting himself with a pencil sharpener.

His parents, frustrated with the situation, sent him to a Christian reform school in the Dominican Republic.

Six months later Scheeres joined him because she had been caught fornicating with her boyfriend.

Despite the pamphlets

painting the school as Caribbean paradise, David and Scheeres soon found out that it was an oppressive institution where even the smallest freedoms were taken away, as Scheeres described it.

As punishment, the children would be forced to scrub the floors with a toothbrush or cut the grass with a machete.

There were also boxing tournaments held between the students and the teachers that were really just an excuse for the teachers to beat the students.

Scheeres said that all of the children's letters to home were censored so none of these abuses ever reached a parent.

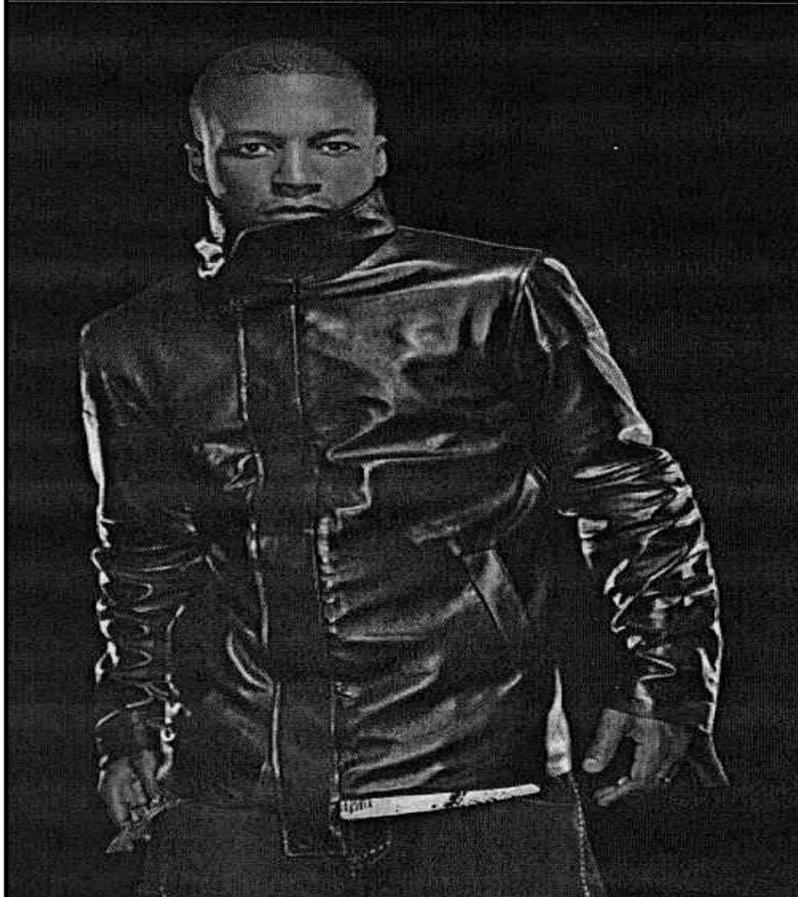
Nevertheless, this reform school served to renew their relationship as David and Scheeres finally had a common ally.

Unfortunately, this newly established relationship was not to last. Fate had other plans and David was taken from Scheeres when he was only 20 years old.

Her memoir is a tribute to him, but it also serves as a catharsis for Scheeres in reconciling with the past and putting her own demons to rest.

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MTV "Real World" stars encourage students to "Rock the Vote"

Stars use the power of speech to educate students on election

Alyssa Neely
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 25, two reality stars from the hit MTV show, "The Real World," came to Cortland for the "Rock the Vote" program, presented by the Student Activities Board (SAB).

The event was to speak to students about the importance of voting as well as the issues directly pertaining to the youth of this generation.

Normally, while on television, Rachel Robinson and Alton Williams are not talking about politics or motivating youth to get out and vote, but in the Corey function room last Thursday, that is exactly what they were doing.

Prior to the stars coming out on the stage, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) handed out voter registration cards to students.

Afterwards, NYPIRG had a booth outside the function room to catch students who had been motivated by the talks to register.

Robinson and Williams both cracked some jokes to lighten the mood and made it understood that they too are still in the youth category when pertaining to political issues of the day.

This was youth talking to



photo provided by SAB

MTV's "The Real World" stars Alton Williams and Rachel Robinson spoke to Cortland students last month about the importance of voting in the upcoming election.

youth with the hopes of putting this country. There is a huge s o m e complicated " issues into a bit less complicated terms.

Robinson mentioned in the beginning of the talk that, "If we all show up we can sway it one way or another," when speaking about the youth voice of

I was already planning on voting, but now I realize just how important the youth vote actually is.

- Rachel Woodburn, junior

student body all over America and

Robinson was trying to convey the point that the youth deserve to be heard.

"I was already planning on voting, but now I realize just how important the youth vote actually is," said junior Rachel Woodburn.

On Election Day, November

4, the youth can be heard since it is the day to go to the polls and voice your opinion.

"Your voice is not heard at registration, your voice is heard at the polls," Williams said. Williams also explained that if the youth are seen as an important factor through voicing their opinion, then politicians will make it a greater point to work on issues that affect the younger generations.

After the motivational speech the two MTV stars moved on to speak of the issues specific to this time period and this election. Neither forced their political views or opinions onto the crowd.

A Power-Point presentation was used to show both of the candidates and some of their basic history, followed by where each candidate stands on each issue in an attempt to educate the students on the positions of each. Williams and Robinson shared speaking time about each candidate's stances such as: Abortion, Gay rights, health care, immigration, social security, and the economy. After each section, students were given an opportunity to voice their concerns with these specific issues.

The last words from the stars were motivations to not only get out and vote but inform oneself about the issues and where the candidates stand on those issues. Williams and Robinson told the students to look at different sources, become informed and require themselves to vote in this exiting election.

Variety of events for Family Weekend

A series of fun-filled events are lined up for the annual weekend

Daniella Perruna
Staff Writer

Family weekend will be an eventful time for all students starting Friday, October 10.

There will be events through Sunday evening for ambitious students and parents who wish to be physically active and participate in various campus activities.

Friday will begin with a "Paper Politics" sessions on printmaking at 10am.

Scattered throughout the day will be an art exhibition, a volleyball tournament, a dinner, a Men's Soccer game, versus the Buffalo State Bengals, and a glow-in-the-dark skate.

Saturday will feature an informational meeting on "How Is Your Student Doing in College?", as well as a repeat paper politics, art gallery, brunch, and then a

football game: Cortland Red Dragons vs. Montclair State Red Hawks and a Field Hockey Game against the Geneseo Blue Knights.

In the mid-afternoon there will be a planetarium show in Bowers and in the evening will be a Men's Soccer game versus Fredonia preceding a Campus Artist and Lecture Series.

The David Field and Lusk Field House will be open for walking from 7am-9pm Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, the Tomik Fitness Facility will be open from 9am-10pm and from 9am-11pm on Sunday. However, parents must be pre-registered.

Every event will be a great opportunity to spend time with parents, siblings, and other family members.

Students can show their family members around campus and let them get to know their friends as well as how they live.

For more information on this weekend's events, visit <http://www.cortland.edu/family.familyweekend2008.pdf>.

Club Spotlight: ACME

ACME is a club that explores Japanese culture and media

Chelsea Leone
Staff Writer

The Asian Culture Media Experience, also known as ACME, is making strides on campus to get itself known this semester at Cortland.

The club is based on learning the Japanese culture through watching anime and reading literature about Japanese society.

Jennifer Jones, the president of the club, recently ordered 15 books on Japanese society, which will be available in the Cortland

Memorial Library on the second floor in the recreational reading section. These books will soon be available to all students and faculty.

In each meeting, the club watches four different anime shows which all members vote on to agree on the media that is being displayed.

All the shows are watched in Japanese with English subtitles to help pick up the language. The club also has a Japanese word of the day to further learn the very complex language.

The club will be participating in a community fundraiser for the Cortland SPCA, as well as the "Festivus" where SGA runs booths for children and their parents in the

Cortland Community.

The Festivus event gives parents a break from their children and it gives Cortland students a chance to share their club's interests and give back to the community.

The club's goals for the semester are to be more active on campus and recruit more members to the club.

They are also planning a night out to a Habuchi restaurant named "Kampai" in Binghamton.

There is not a charge to be in the club and free donuts are available at every meeting.

The ACME club meets every from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Friday in the Fireplace Lounge in Corey Union.

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Our View

With the recent events that took place on our campus, we need to think about ways we can protect ourselves. Everyone should know how to handle his or herself in a compromising situation.

First, and most important, don't walk alone at night. This goes for men and women. The campus is not very well lit in most places. The buddy system isn't just for Girl Scouts; it still applies in college.

Second, learn how to physically protect yourself. The gym offers kickboxing classes, and while the cramped auxiliary room may not seem like your first choice, it wouldn't hurt to perfect your uppercut.

Lastly, take advantage of the resources offered. While Saferide is a thing of the past, the bus runs from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at various stops on campus, as well as a shuttle from 281 lot from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. on weeknights, and 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. on weekends.

And if you're stuck at a time when the bus isn't an option, flag down a police officer. There is a lot less paperwork involved in giving you a ride than filing an assault case.

Letter to the editor: Now what? That's up to you.

John Shirley

Career Services

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Most Cortland students are well-prepared for the job search process

We would like to take this opportunity to address concerns detailed by Staff Writer Brittany Hays in "Senior year: now what?" (9/18/08 *Dragon Chronicle*).

While we agree with Hays statement that "a student who just spent four years earning a college degree should not be unemployed a few months after graduation," we believe it is the student, not an advisor, faculty member or office, who should take primary responsibility for his or her own future.

Faculty members and professional staff across campus are committed to student success, both academically and

professionally.

We will continue to do everything in our power to help students maximize potential, secure a solid education and develop the skills necessary for success after graduation.

Rich learning experiences with student groups, community organizations and area businesses are available every semester.

The campus supports experiential education and has dedicated resources to provide pre-internship classes, fieldwork, "executive-in-residence" programs, on-campus recruiting and alumni speaker events.

Each year, hundreds of Cortland students are able to secure high-quality internships around the world. Hundreds more are engaged in service learning, volunteer programs, field work and community service.

We encourage students to get involved and take full advantage of opportunities to network and make valuable job contacts.

Students must be willing to

put in the effort to find an experience that matches their interests. The dynamic work environment requires that students learn how to search for a position rather than be spoon-fed job postings.

It may be easy to point to an internship directory with contact information at Merrill Lynch. That information, however, is worthless right now due to recent events in the financial sector.

Knowing how to research, identify opportunities, make the initial contact and follow-up with an employer will always be valuable. This is why most career development offices across the country have moved away from the "placement" model and why Cortland is at or near the top among all SUNY comprehensive colleges on a variety of career development assessment measures including access to internships.

Now what? The next move is up to you.

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Think before you charge

Students need to protect themselves against credit debt

Amy Marshall

Staff Writer

Imagine walking across the stage as you graduate college, ready to embark on your adult life and on top of your student loans, you owe close to \$3,000 in credit card debt. Ideally, this is not the way you want to get started. Here are some tips to avoid falling into common credit card traps.

Young Money Magazine notes that the average college student carries around \$2,700 in credit card debt on top of their student loans. Knowing this, credit card companies target college students. *Truth About Credit* states that college students are solicited several times a week through flyers, online advertising and on-campus marketers.

I know that many students opt to open credit cards to help pay for educational needs or to build their credit history, which is smart. The problem is most students end up getting in over their heads.

They see credit cards as an opportunity to spend money they don't have on clothes, going out to eat, booze and the big one: spring

break. Learning not to reach for the plastic every time a want or need is realized is important.

Some good alternatives to credit cards are debit cards and secured credit cards.

Debit cards allow students to use their money similarly to a credit card by not having to carry cash and being able to make ATM withdrawals. Instead of running up a bill that charges interest, it deducts the amount of a purchase immediately from a bank account.

Secured credit cards require students to set up a bank account of several hundred dollars as a backup against default.

If you feel it is absolutely necessary to have a credit card, there are some ground rules to follow, which can help you stay out of debt.

First, do not have more than one or two credit cards. The more cards you have, the more likely you are going to get in trouble.

Remember to keep a low limit. Many credit card companies want you to spend money you don't have, so most cards will periodically raise your credit limit without consulting with you. If this happens, call and request your limit be lowered.

The next cardinal rule is not to be tempted by freebies, rewards or discounts. *Truth About Credit* talks about how credit card companies

give trinkets to get college students to apply for credit cards on college campuses. Freebies include low cost airline tickets, T-shirts, stuffed animals, candy, pizza, Frisbees, mugs and much more.

Be especially wary of this gimmick here at Cortland. I have seen numerous Greek organizations and sports teams use credit card fundraisers. These fundraisers ask students to fill out a credit application and in doing so they are given a free T-shirt.

What many people do not know is that excessive credit inquiries negatively affect your credit score. Filling out many of these applications to help your friends raise money can actually hurt you.

I have participated in these fundraisers several times and was assured that I was not getting a credit card.

Years later, when I requested a copy of my credit report, I found that I had three accounts in my name with limits of \$5000 each as a result of these credit card fundraisers.

Credit card companies also design rewards programs that offer you free merchandise when you spend a certain amount. However, the only people profiting from these types of programs are credit

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What do you have to say:

Do you think Cortland's drop/add period is long enough for you to make the changes you need to your schedule?



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Andrea Odell
Senior
Early Childhood Education

"No, some classes are only once or twice a week, the drop/add period needs to be at least a week longer."



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Danielle Takacs
Junior
Adolescent Education/
Political Science

"No, the drop/add period should last two weeks. It would give the students a chance to get a better feel for the class they may want to take."



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Lauren Turner
Junior
Social Studies Education

"No, it's not. I think that giving students two full weeks would allow them to judge whether or not they would like to make any changes to their schedules."



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Samantha Simmons
Junior
Math Education

"I think it is long enough. We have our CAPP report to see the classes we need and sometimes we all experience a bad teacher."



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Susan Dittrich
Senior
Physical Education

"I have never really needed drop/add but from what I have heard from my peers, it should be longer than a week."

Election update

McCain falls behind in polls and inspires little confidence

Dustin Good
Staff Writer

Based on recent polls, it seems the margin between the Democratic and Republican presidential tickets and the number of days until the casting of ballots is inversely proportional.

According to the Oct. 6 Gallup.com poll of likely voters, Barack Obama holds an eight point, 50 percent to 42 percent lead over John McCain for the tenth straight day.

It seems now that it has become the Democrats' election to lose. Thus, the question to ponder is whether an October paradigm shift is possible.

From the days leading up to the Iowa caucus to the last day of voter registration Obama's campaign has been out on the trail turning apathy into empathy and registering voters, young and old, for the election.

Conversely, McCain has done little to conjure support from his party's base and even less to reach out to independents who may at one time been his best chance before he sold his soul and his ideologies to the Republican

machine.

First, there is his fledgling vice presidential candidate who has insulted us each time she replaces her inability to intelligently articulate an answer to even the simplest questions with poor attempts at witty humor and winking.

Palin's record during her time as governor of Alaska shows a history of censorship and abuse of power. Her ideologies go against the basic foundations of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights.

If elected, she seems primed to continue the corrupt legacy of the Vice Presidency that has been

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set by the not oft talked of Dick Cheney.

Team a nose-diving economy with McCain's fervent support for the last eight years of foreign policy and you have a debacle that can be described, at best, as atrocious.

Not to mention the coercive nature with which our civil liberties and inalienable rights have been robbed in the name of patriotism and you can agree that McCain and Palin's chances are quickly slipping away.

The spin-doctors that tanked John Kerry's presidential candidacy have found new lows in their attempts to slander Obama.

Apparently, according to an e-mail that was circulated by the editor-in-chief of the *National Review*, the Book of Revelations describes the "anti-christ" as a man of Muslim descent in his forties who will have Christ-like characteristics.

First of all, in the Christian Bible, the story of the end of days is encompassed in a section called the Book of Revelation, singular, and in it, no such passage exists. I know this e-mail exists because it made its way to my in-box weeks ago.

Sooner, rather than later, if it has not already, McCain's strategy will undoubtedly turn exclusively to mud-slinging and an unprecedented amount of negative advertising, as is the historical trend.

Negative campaigning is never a successful solution however, and is often the direction a campaign will go when its momentum slows and their end is in sight.

Although, what choice does McCain have? His numbers are falling faster than the Dow Jones Industrial average.

Family Weekend tips

Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance's tips for family fun

www.theglenhaven.com

•Fabio's Italian Restaurant: "Classic Italian Ristorante" 179 Homer Ave. Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 753-6969 www.fabiositaliankitchen.com

•Hairy Tony's Pub & Fare: Locals rave about the menu. 102 Main St. Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 662-0239 www.hairytonys.com

"Isn't there anything else we can do as a family?"

•How about apple picking? Beak & Skiff Apple Farm Beakandskiff.com Apple orchard, farm store 4472 Cherry Valley Turnpike Lafayette, NY 13078

•How about apple squishing? Hollenbeck Cider Mill: Cider press, bakery, hayrides on weekends. 1265 Route 392 Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 835-6455

•Something more energetic? Lighthouse Landing Canoe & Kayak Rentals: Canoe and kayak rentals, lessons, river tours. 3782 Route 11 Marathon NY 13803 Phone: 423-5639 lighthouselanding.org

It's Saturday afternoon on Family Weekend and everyone has seen the dorm room, the campus center and met the roommate. Now you are standing outside on the grass outside your dorm wondering what else you can do. Here's your chance to show your family you can plan ahead.

"I want to buy you one good meal before I leave."

•The Elm Tree Inn: A family restaurant serving delicious and reasonable lunches and dinners from Wednesdays to Saturdays. 2 McLean Cortland Road, McLean, NY 13102 Phone: 838-3313

•Hollywood Restaurant: A 50s-themed family restaurant with Italian cuisine. 27 Groton Ave. Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 753-3242

•Community Restaurant: A Greek and Italian restaurant operating from the same location since the 1930s. 10 Main St. Cortland, NY 13045 Phone: 756-5441

•The Glen Haven: Casual, fine dining on the southern tip of Skaneateles Lake. 7434 Fair Haven Road Homer, NY 13077 Phone: 749-3779

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Quote of the week:

“A professor is one who talks in someone else’s sleep”

W.H. Auden

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Credit

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companies because they encourage you to rack up large balances that earn them higher interest. More often than not, the free merchandise received does not compensate for the debt you're building.

Lastly, always remember to read the fine print in regards to interest rates and fees. Many students are lured to open a credit card because of low “teaser” interest rates. However, these rates can expire suddenly and without notice, usually around 90 days.

Also, many credit cards jack up your interest rates if you make a late payment just once or if you go over the limit. Credit card companies are making it easier for you to slip up, often shortening the time between when a bill is sent and when it comes due.

Credit cards are the main reason so many college students today are getting trapped in debt. They are useful in emergencies and important to build credit history, but understanding the credit card industry and learning not to spend beyond your means is a must.

Give me a break

Students need more time to make October break worth the trip

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

Does it seem possible that mid-terms have passed and it's only the first week in October? Is the mid-semester mark “

here already? Many students could agree that the time has flown by so far this fall.

Cortland has significantly shortened the fall break in the past few years in

efforts to get out earlier for winter break.

It's as if the school has intentionally made our academic calendar shorter and our winter break longer. It doesn't make any sense. Many students are disappointed that the academic calendar is like that and I don't blame them.

Is this an effort to save energy in the buildings? Do professors, faculty and staff want longer winter breaks? Who knows?

Many students didn't even bother to go home this past weekend for October break because of lengthy trips to get home. The break was only one day longer than a regular weekend and some students couldn't make the trip in just three days.

Cortland is trying to promote diversity at the college with students from out of state and they should consider how far some

students travel to get home when they schedule breaks. It's sad that some students couldn't make it home for the three-day weekend because the travel time included two entire days of the break.

Other schools in the SUNY system have fall breaks that are two days long combined with a two-day weekend, which makes much more sense.

Another disappointment with the scheduled break is that

“Many students didn't even bother to go home this past weekend for fall break because of lengthy trips to get home.”

family weekend is the weekend that follows fall break. For students who did return home to see their families, it wouldn't be reasonable for parents to travel up if they had just seen you. It's foolish that fall break and family weekend would be scheduled back to back.

I'm sure many more parents would agree to come if it wasn't right after their student was just home for break. Many parents probably won't even bother to come to enjoy the family weekend that Cortland is offering this year. They will most likely choose another weekend to come that's a bit more spread out on their calendars.

It's safe to say that our academic calendar could use a bit of work. It's not fair that some students aren't able to make it home due to travel time; if they could make it home I'm sure they would be more than glad to go. A fall break that gives you one day off just isn't long enough for students who live far away.

Extreme Cortland makeover

Cortland renovations are less exciting than anticipated

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

When I came to Cortland last year, the building I fell in love with was Old Main. I thought it was beautiful and historic. To make things more perfect, I could carry around a picture of Old Main because of my Cortland ID card. Not anymore.

A couple weeks ago my card cracked in half and I was unable to use it. I went to ASC thinking I would get the same card. Unfortunately, I was handed a white card with red diagonal lines in the corner.

My beautiful picture of Old Main was traded for a boring dull card. People comment about how they do not like the new Cortland look. A lot of things around campus are starting to change. Even something as small as the “C” in Cortland has changed.

The Cortland logo, which was once a classy red font, now just

has an oversized italic “C”. The new Cortland makeover is not enhancing the look of Cortland, but instead making it look boring. It is taking away one of the most unique characteristics of Cortland and one of the first things that caught my eye.

Not only is Cortland changing on the small scale, it's obvious that it is physically changing. Last year, we had the luxury of cutting through Van Hoesen. It seems that Cortland is “saving money” to rebuild things that do not need to be redone, such as the Corey stairs or the school store.

I understand wanting to update the campus, but update the things that need to be fixed, like the roads or the parking. I know that when I came to this school during Open House, I noticed the things that made this school different, such as Old Main.

Also, there was not much construction and I was able to see the school the way it was meant to be seen. I think the Cortland makeover, especially in regards to the new ID cards, is not a way to keep Cortland looking unique and fresh.

The girlfriend's guide to sports

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For the past few weeks, we have been giving you all some standard information on conventional sports. This week, we thought we would share with you some rules and facts about bar sports. Some of the more popular bar games include darts, pool and golden tee. This week we'll share with you some rules and facts about darts.

Dartboards are common in bars everywhere. For people who don't know how to play darts, it can be a bit confusing and look like people are just throwing things at a board.

Darts can be fun to play and easy to understand once you know the rules. There are usually two people who play each other and take turns throwing three darts at the board, or you can play with two teams. There are many different games that can be played with darts and a dartboard, but we'll stick to the official game.

Each player starts with a score of either 501 or 301 and you play until someone gets down to zero. There are 20 numbered sections ranging from 1 to 20 points. Each part of the board is worth a different point value.

The large part of each section, usually the black and white part, is worth the points of that section. The thin outer part, usually red and green, is worth double the amount of that section. The thin inner part, which is also red and green, is worth triple the amount of the section. The center circle, also known as the “bull's eye” is worth 25 points.

The highest score you can get in one turn is 180 points, or a “ton 80.” This is achieved when all three darts land in the triple 20 section.

This week's trivia question you can use to impress your fellow bar-goers is, what do you call the metal framework on the face of the dartboard? Answer: A spider. The spider can be detached on some higher-quality boards so the board's life can be extended because the dartboards numbers are attached to the spider.



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Pumpkinfest kicks off Cortland's fall season

Pumpkinfest proves to be a popular event for all of Cortland

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

This past weekend, while most students were home for October Break, the people who stuck around Cortland had an opportunity to see the town at one of its most anticipated times.

When the leaves start to change and Halloween is creeping up, it is an indication that the craft fair and hay rides can be found in the annual Cortland Pumpkinfest at Courthouse Park.

Sponsored by most of Cortland's bank branches, Cortland's Pumpkinfest was first established in 1996. Community members and volunteers from different organizations have come together to make the event memorable ever since.

This is truly a wonderful time for the town to get together and take pride in an event that anyone can enjoy.

Attractions such as petting zoos, pony rides, arts and crafts, pumpkin-painting contests, live music, kids' games and micro brew tasting appealed to both children and adults.

The games for kids included pumpkin bowling, pumpkin fishing, ring toss and more.

The games cost 25 cents and everyone received red tickets to collect his or her winnings. The more red tickets one earned, the



photo by Samantha Ficken

Pumpkinfest provides Cortland students and community members with a variety of fall-related activities.

bigger the prize he or she could pick from. There truly is something for everyone.

There were games and arts for the kids, and micro brew tasting for the adults and of-age college students.

There were contests as well, such as the Pumpkin Run and the largest pumpkin weigh-off.

Although cars on the road have to watch out for the tractors coming down the street, hay rides

are a great way to spread the fun of Pumpkinfest throughout the whole town.

It seems almost everyone is involved with planning Pumpkinfest, including the fire department, which displayed exhibits and a children's obstacle course.

The craft fair was another big event. There were tents set up where people sold their hand-made goods.

Wooden sculptures, glass blown pendants, pillows, blankets, dream catchers, homemade stuffed animals, painted mugs, and dolls were just a few amongst the many things being sold.

Another part of Pumpkinfest that cannot be forgotten is the food. There are homemade pies, cup cakes, lollipops, jams, sauces, cookies and more.

Under the big food tent you could get anything from hot dogs,

hamburgers to this year's special, deep-fried macaroni and cheese. Of course, season-friendly candy and caramel apples were also available.

The surrounding churches threw a "pancake breakfast and supper" for anyone to come and enjoy breakfast before attending the festivities.

Revived cultural play directed by Professor Sam Kelley

Kelley's play is based on Chesnutt's "The Youth of His Wife"

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Students and community members alike got a taste of what it is like to encounter racism within one's own race when they saw "Blue Vein Society," which was performed at The Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company in Syracuse and directed by Communication Studies Professor Sam Kelley.

Based on Charles Chesnutt's short story, "The Wife of His Youth," the play is about an African-American man named Mr. Ryder (Ryan Travis), who escaped from a plantation.

He established a new life for himself and was the dean of "The Blue Vein Society," which was a society for lighter African-Americans whose skin was fair enough that their veins could be seen.

However, just as Mr. Ryder proposes to a fellow light-skinned African-American woman, Ms. Molly Dixon, "his darker-skinned wife from his days on the plantation, Liza Jane (Annette Adams-Brown) shows up at his door.

In an emotionally-charged scene, Mr. Ryder is forced to come to terms with his past and accept responsibility for who he has become.

He is now the head of a society who discriminates against the very people who saved his life when he was running from the

plantation.

Mr. Ryder must chose between his past and his present and between the lighter and darker-skinned African-American people of his race.

The theater company wanted to open their season with two one-act plays and Professor Kelley was asked to direct "Blue Vein Society,"

[Mr. Ryder] is...head of a society who discriminates against the very people who saved his life...

which was produced by the company twenty years ago.

Kelley has been writing plays for more than 30 years. He directed and played the lead in "A Raisin in the Sun" when he was an undergraduate majoring in speech and drama.

He wrote and directed his first play, "Pill Hill," in Cortland in 1981,

which has since gone on to national acclaim.

"Class and color in African America and their impact on identity is the central issue for me," said Kelley when asked what the main idea he wanted his students and wider audience to get from the play.

"It is important to also see how race and color attitudes within the dominant society can impact a subdominant culture and one's sense of self at the individual level."

Freshman Communications major, Alex Greif went to last Thursday's showing of "Blue Vein Society."

He sympathized with Liza Jane and said, "One thing that bothered me was how Mr. Ryder wouldn't allow his darker friend to attend the event with 'upper class' people."

He also commented that he

enjoyed both "Blue Vein Society" and the second play, "Sweat" which dealt with gender and oppression.

"Blue Vein Society" and "Sweat," another one act play by Zora Neale Hurston, directed by SU student James Miller, can still be seen at The Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company in Syracuse.

Performance times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 25 through Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. and Sundays for special groups only.

They are held in the Dee-Davis Room located at 805 E. Genesee Street.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public \$8 for students and seniors with ID and \$5 for group rates.

Brazz Tree to headline annual Family Weekend

The world music duo will perform in Corey Union on Saturday

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When Brad Hammonds answered a Craig's List ad posted by Mazz Swift for "an acoustic guitar player who didn't play Irish music and had influences ranging from Jazz to Classical to Metallica," to perform with her on an Irish gig, he knew this was going to be an interesting experience.

On their first meeting, the two discovered their musical and intellectual chemistry expressing a love of Indian fusion derived from artists such as Peter Gabriel and Shakti and socio-spiritual texts by novelists such as Ayn Rand.

This New York City-based duo's sound can only be understood by their backgrounds.

Juilliard-trained violinist Mazz Swift, makes up for one half of the beautifully chaotic synergy created in Brazz Tree.

After she discovered she needed more freedom than the classical or jazz worlds offered she set out for unlikely outlets for a Juilliard musician: the subways and Irish Pub jam sessions of New

York.

Swift's mastery of the fiddle and raw, distinctive vocals are only matched by Brad Hammonds' aggressively precise, acoustic guitar work.

A Columbia University graduate of their post bac psychology program, Brad has an equally diverse musical background.

Growing up listening to grunge and classic rock, Hammonds now cites guitar influences ranging from John McLaughlin to Ani DiFranco.

Together, the two have created a style of their own, unconfined by any current genre label.

Their new album *Spiral On*, which was featured in *Paste Magazine's* 'Recommends' section, features their eclectic blend of Celtic, Rock, Folk, Indian and Jazz with a Tribal/Roots twist.

The duo has performed all over the US including the annual SXSW festival in Austin, Texas.

Brazz Tree is on *Relix Magazine's* compilation CD and can be spotted on numerous "best of 2007" lists including NPR's WNYC best live performance.

Brazz Tree offers the music world something truly unique and interesting that can be appreciated by all music lovers.

Join Brazz Tree at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge for an unforgettable performance.



provided by Amy Draheim

The unique sounds of Brazz Tree will fill the Exhibition Lounge this weekend.

Smarter than a freshman?

Students compete in a reality show-based game show

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A small crowd of students participated in the Cortland Nites game show, "Are You Smarter Than a Freshman?" on Friday, Sept. 26.

The game show was based on the hit T.V. show, "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" and gave students a chance to showcase their smarts.

The game show was hosted in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Tempted by the promised cash prizes, some students came and won up to \$50 in cash instantly.

Although Cortland Nites sent out emails and posted advertisements around the campus, the event unfortunately brought in very few students.

Contestants, including freshmen, were selected from the audience to begin the game.

The freshmen rotated turns, helping out the contestant with questions from various categories.

If the contestant did not know the answer to a question, he or she would have the chance to peek, copy or be saved by their freshman's answer.

The categories ranged from a

wide variety of subjects, including travel, music, math, social studies, shopping, reading and even cartoons.

After choosing a specific category, the contestants had the chance to answer the questions by themselves or with a little help from some college freshmen.

While some questions were based on common knowledge, like how many sides are there on a trapezoid, others were a little more difficult.

One student was asked for the material that Aussie boots are made of, while another was asked what Mark Twain's real name is.

By answering questions correctly, each student could earn cash and prove that he or she is, indeed, "smarter than a freshman."

Cortland Nites hosts weekly programs for students to attend on Friday evenings.

Cortland Nites sponsors activities and a variety of programs every month, including movie nights and build-a-bear activities.

"Whether it is a trip to the local movie theater, a round at the golf course or a reality game show, each program is an entertaining and fun way to get away from schoolwork and hang out with some close friends for the night," said junior Marissa Martinez.

Celebrate culture and commerce in historic downtown Cortland

Creative talent to be displayed in downtown Cortland area

On Saturday, Oct. 18, Cortland's creative talent will converge on Historic Downtown Cortland for *Arts in Motion*, according to press.

From 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 20 downtown retailers and restaurants will be open and offering downtown visitors a special opportunity to meet local artists and their work. Plus, every hour between 1 and 6 p.m. one of downtown Cortland's churches will offer a free organ concert.

Downtown visitors may purchase an artist palette for \$5 from the Beard Building Gallery at 9 Main Street before and during Saturday's tour.

These painter's pallets list the locations of the tour sites and will serve as a memento to participants. A \$5 painter's palette will serve as a ticket for the tour.

The Cortland Downtown Partnership and the Cultural Council of Cortland County created a similar event last year as a way to

kickoff the Cortland County Arts Trail.

This year the downtown kickoff party has been renamed and re-imagined as a stand alone event including a full Saturday afternoon of music and artwork from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

This year's tour *Arts in Motion* includes retailers, restaurants, and nonprofit organizations each sponsoring an artist and their artwork.

The tour provides an opportunity for local creative talent to exhibit their work to the public.

It also gives residents within the community and surrounding

County.

The inclusion of organ concerts at downtown churches also adds a component of motion to the whole event.

Arts in Motion is produced by the Cortland Downtown Partnership and the Cultural Council of Cortland County with support from the 2008 Community Arts Decentralization Grant Program administered by the Cultural Resources Council in Syracuse NY.

Central to the development of a more active and vibrant heart for Cortland is the introduction of arts and culture activities into the

commerce of downtown Cortland, said Lloyd Purdy, Executive Director of the Cortland Downtown Partnership.

Whether we're promoting downtown's culturally significant historic architecture or celebrating our local heritage through special events; the cultural and social activities that find a home downtown help make this community a better place to work, live and visit.

...the concept is about getting people moving around, visiting different places and meeting new artists...

areas the opportunity to view and appreciate the artwork and meet the artists that make the Finger Lakes a great place to live, work, and visit.

We called the event *Arts in Motion* because the concept is about getting people moving around, visiting different places and meeting new artists, said David Beale Director of the Cultural Council of Cortland

Legendary amusement park subject of new musical at Cortland

Luna Park will premiere on Oct. 24 in the Dowd Theater

One of the most famous of all amusement parks, Coney Island's Luna Park, is the subject of a new musical play premiering at Cortland from Oct. 24 and playing through Nov. 2 at the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, according to press.

Manhattan composer Hye Young Kim, lyricist Michael Cooper and book writer Daniel Levin, winners of the Jonathan Larson Development Award, were commissioned by the college's Department of Performing Arts to write a new musical to be first presented on campus.

The result is "Luna Park," a

musical play about the partners Skip Dundy and Fred Thompson and their creation of the Coney Island amusement park that was beloved by New Yorkers for 40 years.

A full generation before Walt Disney, Dundy and Thompson envisioned a themed amusement park that offered more than just traditional rides.

The team developed such popular attractions as a simulated trip to the moon, a steeplechase, and a roller coaster that floated on water. The two colorful showmen opened their park in 1903 and at night it blazed with thousands of lights, a dazzling sight in an era when outdoor electricity was a novelty.

The partners added new attractions over the years and even

kept the park running during the Depression by giving away sugar and other necessities as prizes.

A fire destroyed Luna Park in 1944 and, although Dundy and Thompson vowed to rebuild it, the legendary amusement center never returned.

Luna Park was one of three notable amusement parks on Coney Island, only a nickel subway ride from Manhattan. Dreamland and Steeplechase were also popular but none had the allure and panache of Luna Park.

By the year 2000, the only remaining park on Coney Island was called Astroland, a tawdry shadow of the great entertainment centers of the past. Astroland closed for good at the end of the summer of 2008 and only the Cyclone roller coaster and the

Parachute Drop remain because they are designated as historical landmarks.

The musical "Luna Park" is about the partnership of Dundy and Thompson, their early efforts at creating amusement attractions, their establishment of Luna Park, the widely divergent reactions it stirred up, and its eventual demise.

The musical is filled with real and fictional characters involved with the park, as well as a romance between Dundy's sister Luna and a young worker at the park.

The original musical score blends period and contemporary music and the production recreates some of the famous sights and sounds of Luna Park.

Kevin Halpin directs and choreographs the SUNY production with musical direction

by Corrine Aquilina, scenic design by Howard Lindh, and lighting by Joel Pape.

The large cast consists of SUNY students, community members, and local children. Performances for "Luna Park" are October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 at 8 PM with Sunday matinees at 2 PM on October 26 and November 2. Ticket are \$16 for general public, \$14 for senior citizens and SUNY staff, and \$7 for students and children.

Tickets are on sale at Jodi's Hallmark Shop on Main Street, and at the door before each performance. Call 753-2811 for further information or visit the department website at cortland.edu/performingarts.

Codas Part XXXIV: On being and nothingness

A realm of nothingness called Mu is revealed

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

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Comprehending nothingness is akin to imagining something infinite. In both cases, despite what some may think, it is practically impossible for the mortal mind to completely fathom either.

Most commonly when one thinks of infinity, the vastness of the universe is often evoked; someone with a lesser imagination may picture an object growing greater and greater without end, and the even less imaginative person would think of calculus.

Regardless of these common conceptions applied to the standard of infinitude, they are all utterly incorrect.

Infinity has no end, and it is that way as opposed to becoming that way.

The universe has an end, an object growing without end is not infinity itself, (merely expanding infinitely and calculus is merely a train of human thought that embraces the *concept* of infinity). Thus, while the theory of infinity is comprehended we know naught in its practice.

Now, reader, consider the frustration and falsehood that is your own struggle to imagine infinity and reverse that entirely.

The opposite of ever-presence is, of course, nothingness. There is a realm of Nothingness. I have seen it; it exists nowhere between the passage that all mortals cross on their way from life to death.

The name of this place is Mu. The world of Mu cannot be placed on any map nor can it be found if it is acknowledged by those searching for it.

Some may speculate my meaning, saying that it's impossible for such a place to exist or that is simply cannot be.

In both cases, such skeptics would be right. Mu does not and can not exist. Nothing exists in nothing, not matter, nor form, nor being, nor even thought.

Allow me to dispel what the reader may believe to be a mental image of the nothingness of Mu, for it is common for individuals to imagine Mu as a blank, black, endless void.

That is not the case at all. Black and white, and the concept of all other colors, has no meaning in Mu. Even meaning has no meaning there.

To best describe Mu itself, it would be better for me to say nothing at all on it.

It would be imprecise of me to say that anyone was, is or will be in Mu at any given moment at any time.

Though it may happen that a soul may be trapped in the nothingness of that realm, the entrapped individual at that point is more of a being of and in nothingness.

To enter Mu is to become a part of its nothingness and therefore the very essence of the visitor is dissolved within the nothing.

Think of spilling a drop of dye into a glass of water and watching the color spread through the liquid; this is the best way to describe what happens to the soul in Mu.

The nothing is a dispersion of the essence of individuals, who are there and not there all at once.

Regardless of their placement, though, these essences may still communicate. With all of this in mind, we shall continue.

"Hello? Hello?" a single, disembodied, thoughtless voice said into the void.

"Keep it down, will you?"

"Who was that?"

"Despair and woe, another poor, misguided spirit has come among us!"

"What is your name?" "Who was your father, boy?"

The responses were so many and in so many different languages that it would take millions of pages to record them all. I merely wished to demonstrate speech in Mu as myriad, instant, convoluted, and yet individual all at once.

There are millions of souls in Mu and all of them have a tendency

to speak at once. Yet all of them perfectly understand each other, every one of them.

There was only one reply that the original speaker took interest in.

If all emotion and tone had been demolished in Mu, it would have been a sweet, timid voice.

"You came."

"What do you mean?" the initial voice returned amid millions of others.

"I don't know...just something that I feel I'm meant to say."

"Oh..."

"Who are you?"

"I'm not quite sure myself."

"That's because of this place, nothing exists here, not even identities."

"But then..."

The first speaker was at a loss. It tried to remember itself, to recognize its own image in the blankness that he was. It was impossible though; the voice had no memory with which to do so.

"Don't worry," said the second voice.

"We needn't both be prisoners here much longer."

To be continued...

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Cortland's RHA Week

RHA Week helps gain student interest in residential program

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The week of Sept. 22, Cortland held its second annual RHA (Resident Hall Association) Week. This tradition was started last year by Will Ahern.

The main purpose of the event is to make students more aware of the RHA program and to recruit students to join the organization.

This year, several fun activities were held in Corey Union and all over campus.

Some of these events included cotton candy giveaways, betta fish pong, condom guesses, tie-dye crafts, snow cones and much more.

Members of RHA volunteered their time tabling and leading the activities throughout the week.

Overall, the week was very successful. Many students seemed to be curious about the cause and interested in participating in future RHA events.

"I enjoyed the activities that RHA Week provided and learned a lot of things that I didn't know," said junior Lisa Kolibar.

"I'm definitely interested in joining. It's a great way to get involved directly with the hall you live in as well as the campus community in general."

Every residence hall has a Residence Hall Association. Contact your Residence Hall Director if interested in becoming an active member in the group.

Some upcoming RHA events include the Masquerade Ball on Oct. 17 and the Haunted Hall, which will be held in Whitaker International Hall this year.

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Cy Young Award candidates

The Cy Young Award will be given to the best pitchers in MLB

James Hopkins
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The Cy Young Award is annually given to the best pitcher in each league in Major League Baseball. It was first introduced in 1956. Members of the Baseball Writers Association of America in each league city vote on the award, so the American League will have 28 ballots and the National League will have 32.

This award is very much opinion based and like a lot of awards in sports, everyone has their own opinion and it differs from one person to the next. The voters for the Cy Young Award typically put heavy weight into the more traditional pitching statistics like wins, innings pitched, earned run average, saves and strikeouts.

Wins and saves are always a hot topic of debate because the pitcher himself doesn't have complete control over them. A pitcher can allow one run over nine innings and still get a loss, even though he was spectacular, and a closer can't control how many save opportunities he has each year.

For the 2008 award, here are the top three candidates for each league.

American League:

1. Cliff Lee, Starting Pitcher for the Cleveland Indians. Lee is pretty much the clear cut favorite

to win in the American League, unlike the National League where there is more of a debate.

Lee went 22-3 this year with a 2.54 ERA in 223.1 innings, which is a line that every year will either win or put you in contention for a Cy Young in any league. Lee has already won some hardware this year by taking home the AL Comeback Player of the Year after an abysmal 2007 season filled with injuries and a demotion to Triple-A. Lee also had 170 strikeouts, and just 34 walks and 12 home runs allowed this year.

2. Roy Halladay, Starting Pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays. A lot of people can make a viable argument for Halladay. One of the better arguments is that Halladay has faced a lot better competition, but the voters traditionally will not see it that way.

But Halladay also had a magnificent season going 20-11 with a 2.78 ERA in 246 innings pitched. One thing that makes Halladay so valuable is that he had nine complete games this year. Only C.C. Sabathia with ten, has more.

3. Francisco Rodriguez, Closer for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. K-Rod passed Bobby Thigpen's save record of 57 and ended up with 62 saves. On top of those 62 saves he had a 2.24 ERA in 68.1 innings pitched.

Surely, setting the season save record is a great record, but the knocks that will come out against Rodriguez is that closers don't have anywhere close to the amount of impact on a game as starting pitchers do. But in terms

of closers K-Rod did what he was called upon to do.

National League:

1. Tim Lincecum, Starting Pitcher for the San Francisco Giants. Lincecum is the youngest of the candidates, being only 24 years old and, for those who haven't seen him pitch, he is very small and has a longer stride than the normal pitcher.

This year, he went 18-5 with a 2.62 ERA in 227 innings pitched. He led all of baseball with 265 strikeouts and led the National League with only eleven home runs allowed. If you're a believer in the idea that pitchers can only completely control strikeouts, walks and home runs, then Lincecum is the leader. Or even if you're more traditional with innings pitched, ERA and their win-loss record, then Lincecum should still be the leader.

2. Johan Santana, Starting Pitcher for the New York Mets. Santana led all starting pitchers with a 2.53 ERA to go along with a 16-7 record in 234.1 innings pitched. People for Santana will argue that he has faced tougher teams in the NL East than Lincecum has in the NL West. While fans of Lincecum will say that Santana had a better defense behind him.

This is the closest race and while one could certainly make the argument that Santana was the better pitcher, the voters will likely give Lincecum the edge because of the win-loss record and strikeouts.

3. Brandon Webb, Starting Pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Webb was tied for the major league lead in wins with Cliff Lee at 22. On top of that he had a 3.30 ERA in 226.2 innings pitched. Webb was probably the leader for the first half of the season and would have won if he had been able to keep his ERA lower than it was.

Webb is known for having one of, if not the best, sinkers in the game today. There are other close options in the National League for this spot: Cole Hamels, Ryan Dempster or even Derek Lowe.

Wingate Golf Tournament a success

Golf event honors founder of sport management program

Jason Silver
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On a wet, rainy and damp day, the Cortland Sport Management Club held the 13th Annual Suzanne Wingate Memorial Golf Tournament located at the Willowbrook Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The proceeds of the Suzanne Wingate Golf Tournament benefit the Suzanne Wingate Memorial Scholarship which goes to a senior Cortland sport management student.

Dr. Wingate was hired in 1985 to establish the sport management program at Cortland. She had a commitment to the overall growth and development of her students. Suzanne lost her battle with cancer in 1995. This tournament is held in her memory and honor, designed to perpetuate the legacy that she began.

Each of the teams had four players.

Also, while teams were competing, each person had the option to participate in a longest drive contest, hole-in-one contest, closest to the pin contest, and also a putting challenge.

Once all the players were done completing their round, Nate Fisher announced the winners of each of the individual competitions and the team winner.

Sarah Zipp, Cortland sport management professor, won the women's closest to the pin contest, and Team Seyfried won the team competition with a score of -11.

Team Seyfried included Cortland sport management professor Matt Seyfried.

Team Bitterbaum came in second place in the team

competition with a score of -9 and the team consisted of President Bitterbaum, Mike English, a junior at Cortland a member of the Cortland men's club golf team, Rebecca Infante, a junior on the Cortland women's golf team, and women's golf team assistant coach Jenna Chamberlain.

This was an event shared by all who participated and was in honor of Dr. Suzanne Wingate.

"I think that all of our hard work for the past year or so really paid off," said Scott Hill, co-President of the Wingate Tournament Committee. "It was great to hear everyone had a great time at the tournament while raising money in honor of Dr. Wingate, someone who we as sport management majors owe a lot of gratitude to for starting our major and giving us an opportunity that we otherwise wouldn't have here at Cortland."

"First off, I would like to thank Professor Mark Dodds, our advisor," Hill said when asked about people he would like to thank. "He was a great help in answering any of our questions and was a great resource to bounce ideas off of."

"I also want to thank everyone that took part in the tournament, whether it was playing in a foursome, sponsoring a hole, or donating an auction item for our silent auction. Our committee members and workers deserve a lot of thanks, because without them, this whole tournament could not happen."

"I want to thank the Timmerman's, owners of Willowbrook Golf Course for hosting the tournament for the last 13 years and I look forward to working with them again in the future."

"Lastly, I would like to thank Joy Hendrick and Donna Margine for founding this tournament 13 years ago, without them, this tournament would not be where it is today."



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Club baseball wins tournament

Club baseball wins championship in Pennsylvania

Gabe Schaub
Staff Writer

The Club Baseball team went into Williamsport, Pennsylvania with a young team but a winning mindset as they tried to vindicate a sub-par showing in last year's tournament. They won four out of their five games due to timely hitting and great pitching on their route to the title.

In the team's first game, they squandered a great pitching performance by Junior Toby MacCart (5 IP, 1 ER, 2 H, 7 K, 7 BB) against the University at Buffalo.

The Red Dragons took a 4-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning where consecutive singles, a defensive miscue, and a walk-off homerun led to them losing 7-4. Sophomore Tim Holder went 2-4 with a double and a run scored in the loss.

Since the tournament's format is "Pool Play," Cortland's next game vs. Lafayette College was a must-win.

"Yes there's always nerves when you're starting a must-win game, but we just had to keep the game close, limit the damage and give ourselves a chance to win," said Coach and Starting Pitcher Bruce Bradley.

Bradley did give his team a chance to win, going five strong innings giving up two runs, three hits, five strikeouts, and four walks. With the team down 2-0 after two innings, the Red Dragons responded by scoring six runs in the third, which was capped by a



photo by Gabe Schaub

Bradley, a junior, is starting pitcher for the Red Dragons.

majestic 400-foot grand slam by Senior Mike Torres.

That inning and also a pinch-hit home run by sophomore Phil Steinkraus propelled Cortland to a 9-5 win. "Torres' grand slam really turned the tournament for us," Bradley said.

In the afternoon game, the team played Alfred University. An eight-run first inning which included eight walks and eight stolen bases boosted them to a 17-1 victory which gave them the number one seed in Sunday's championship rounds. Freshman Alex Santa went 2-3 with a double and two runs scored.

Cortland played the University of Pittsburgh in their semi-final game. Sophomore Josh Britt was the starting pitcher for the Red Dragons as he went four and one-third innings and gave up two earned runs.

Senior Dan Huestis entered the game as pitcher in the fifth inning with one out and two men on. He proceeded to strike out the

next two batters, squandering the Panthers rally.

Huestis finished as the winning pitcher, going two and two-thirds innings giving up zero earned runs, zero hits and zero walks, leading to a 4-2 win.

"I felt like my pitches were working, and that would allow me to deny their offense," said Huestis.

In the championship game, the team played Hofstra University. Cortland took a 1-2 deficit into the bottom of the fifth inning, when Britt led off the inning with a single, which started an eight-run rally for the Red Dragons. In the rally, Torres added a two-RBI single, and Senior Gabe Schaub added a three-run triple with the bases loaded. They took the momentum of that rally and great relief pitching by Toby MacCart (3 IP, 1 K, 0 ER, 1 BB) to beat Hofstra, 9-5.

Cortland has a three-game series against the University of Albany this weekend at home.

Men's soccer strong in SUNYAC play

Cortland defeats Potsdam 3-0 in SUNYAC game

Jason Silver
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On Saturday the Cortland Red Dragons men's soccer team hosted the Potsdam Bears in a SUNYAC match-up. From the opening whistle of the contest, the Red Dragons dominated the pace and control of the game as they made crisp passes to one another and spread the field by communicating and creating space for one another.

Anytime the Bears had control and were attacking in the Red Dragon end, the defense led by senior Mike Jock and freshman Luke Wear, got control of the ball and kicked it up the field.

The Red Dragons won by a score of 3-0 and with the victory they improved their record to 5-2-2 overall and 3-0-1 in SUNYAC play.

The Red Dragons quickly got on the board as sophomore mid-fielder Andrew Schwert got control of a loose ball, from a corner kick, dribbled past the Bears goaltender and kicked the ball inside the left post of the goalie. The goal for Schwert was his third goal of the season.

Ten minutes later, Cortland scored its second goal of the game as senior mid-fielder Kyle Stepanovsky scored on a low long shot through traffic. That goal was his first goal of the year off of an assist from freshman mid-fielder E.J. Reutemann.

Cortland continued its attack in the second half as junior forward Mark Gunsch scored off an assist from Schwert. The Red Dragons were on a three on two break heading to the Bears goal area and Schwert passed the ball to the left side of the field to Gunsch who faked out the Bears defender and knocked the ball in the bottom right hand corner of the goal, past a diving Bears goaltender to extend Cortland's lead to 3-0.

Senior goalie Steve Axtell played for 60 minutes as he was substituted for senior goalie Jack Carillo who played the final 30 minutes of the contest and both goalies collected 1 save each.

"It was crucial that we controlled the tempo of the Potsdam game. We had a lot of players who played a lot of minutes the night before, so it was important that we moved the ball well, and made Potsdam chase the game. I think we did this pretty effectively, especially in the second half and this forced Potsdam to chase the ball and we eventually wore them out," Matt Kutzer said when asked about the control tempo and pace in the win over Potsdam.

"We work hard on our foot skills and our ability to play in small areas," said Mark Gutzer. "When these skills are translated to a big field it gives us a lot of confidence on the ball and gives us the ability to really spread teams out. Having so many skilled and confident

players creates many match-up problems for other teams, which makes us very dangerous."

The previous night in the "City of Seven Valleys", at the Cortland Stadium Complex, the Cortland men's soccer team tied the Plattsburgh Cardinals 1-1 in double-overtime. Plattsburgh won the tiebreaker penalty-kick shootout, 4-2, which determines the higher seed in the final standings should the two teams be tied at the end of SUNYAC play.

The game was very physical, intense, had players lying on the ground left and right, and lasted for one hour and 50 minutes.

In the first half, the Plattsburgh Cardinals had numerous opportunities on goal but due to outstanding defensive play by Jock and Wear and goalie Axtell, the Cardinals did not score.

The scoring opened up with a Bryan Patterson goal off of a 30-yard pass from mid-fielder Kutzer. Kutzer kicked the ball in the air towards Plattsburgh's goalie John San Flippo. While the ball was in the air, Patterson was running to meet Kutzer's pass.

When Patterson and the Plattsburgh goalie met, he headed the ball over Plattsburgh's goalie and into the back of the net to give the Cortland Red Dragons the 1-0 advantage with five minutes left in the first half.

For Patterson that was his fifth goal of the season which leads the team and Kutzer collected his first assist of the season.

In the second half, both teams battled as play intensified. Fifteen minutes into the second, Plattsburgh got on the board and tied the game up at one.

Axtell came up big in the second half as he stopped eight shots on net for Cortland and kept the game tied at one.

Cortland had two strong scoring opportunities to win the game in regulation with under two minutes remaining. Schwert received a feeding pass and took a shot that hit the outside of the left post and with under 20 seconds left Patterson was at the top of the 18-yard box and headed the ball wide right.

The game could not be decided after two 10-minute overtime periods.

The best chance for the Red Dragons came in the first overtime when Patterson headed the ball forward 20 yards out as senior David Jacques was running towards the ball, but was unable to get full possession for a clean shot on net.

"We proved tonight that we can compete with the best in the SUNYAC conference and right from the get go we knew it was going to be a physical war and I was proud of how the team responded," said Coach Dwight Hornbrook.

The Red Dragons next matches are on Friday against Buffalo State at 7 p.m. and on Saturday against defending SUNYAC champion Fredonia at 6 p.m. Both games will be held at the Cortland Stadium Complex.

Giants stay perfect, Bills go down

One New York team stays undefeated, while another loses

Nathan Vaji
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The New York Giants are a good football team, especially away from The Meadowlands. They have not lost a road game since Week one of last season in Dallas on Sept. 9, 2007. Dating back to last season the Giants have won eight games in a row overall and 12 in a row on the road including the playoffs. Now over a year later, the Giants have continued winning both on the road and at home.

Two weeks ago, the Giants defeated a struggling Cincinnati Bengals team at home in overtime. Quarterback Eli Manning continued his stellar play by completing 26 of 43 passes for 289 yards and a touchdown.

Meanwhile, running back Brandon Jacobs added a rushing touchdown.

However, the real hero of the game was kicker John Carney. Carney converted all four of his

field goal tries including the game winner in overtime to lead the Giants to the 26-23 win. Carney was signed before the beginning of the season to fill in for injured kicker Lawrence Tynes.

Linebacker Antonio Pierce led the defense with 13 total tackles with 10 being solo.

On Sunday, New York put together a dominating performance to defeat an injury-depleted Seattle team 44-6. Both offensively and defensively, the Giants were dominant and the numbers showed it.

Eli Manning threw for 267 yards and two touchdowns and powerhouse running back Brandon Jacobs ran for 136 yards and two touchdowns while only touching the ball 15 times. The defense held the Seahawks to only 187 yards of total offense. The Giants' offense posted a season-high 523 total yards.

The Giants are leading the NFL in total offensive yards per game with 431 and are also leading the league in rushing yards per game with 181.2 yards. This upcoming week the Giants take on the Cleveland Browns on Monday Night Football.

Meanwhile, another undefeated New York team lost

their undefeated status. The Buffalo Bills traveled to Arizona for a showdown with the Cardinals. Going into the game, the Bills had an unblemished 4-0 record.

On the third play of the game, starting quarterback Trent Edwards was knocked out with a concussion and was carted off the field. Edwards was replaced by J.P. Losman who threw an 87-yard touchdown pass to Lee Evans in the second quarter.

However, it was the defense that let the Bills down. Kurt Warner completed 33 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns as the Cardinals' offense put up 41 points and over 370 yards of total offense. Cardinals' rookie running back Tim Hightower rushed for only 51 yards but scored two touchdowns and veteran Edgerrin James added one.

The 41-17 loss was the largest margin of defeat since Week 11 of last season in which they lost to the New England Patriots 56-10.

Buffalo will have a much needed bye-week this weekend and will next take the field against the San Diego Chargers in Buffalo next Sunday.

College football continues excitement

Another week of college football saw upsets and dominance

Chris Ryan
Contributing Writer

This week, college football saw exciting finishes, close games and top teams showing their dominance, but it wouldn't be a week of college football without heavily-favored teams getting upset. The top nine ranked teams defeated their competition, including number-two ranked Alabama holding on against Kentucky 17-14.

Also, ninth-ranked USC looked impressive, trouncing twentieth-ranked Oregon 44-10.

However, there were numerous ranked teams upset. South Florida (#10) was not so lucky against unranked Pittsburgh. The Bulls were defeated with a touchdown in the waning minutes by the Panthers, led by quarterback Bill Stull (16-27, 228 yards, 1 TD) and running back Lesean McCoy (142 yards rushing,

2 TD).

Unranked Hawaii also kicked a game-winning field goal in overtime to take down Fresno State (#22) 32-29. It was the Warriors' first road win against a ranked team in school history.

Twenty-fourth ranked Connecticut was also upset against the Tar Heels of North Carolina, who ripped the Huskies 38-12.

Upsets were not the only thing seen this week. There were also some exciting games with ranked teams going against other ranked teams, some that could be previews of bowl games later in the year.

Number 19 Vanderbilt defeated thirteenth-ranked Auburn 14-13 and became 5-0 for the first time since 1943.

This week also saw number 14 Ohio State squeaking by the Wisconsin Badgers (#17) with a touchdown run by freshman QB Terrelle Pryor with one minute and eight seconds remaining. The win by the Buckeyes snapped Wisconsin's 16-game home winning streak, which was the second longest active streak in the country.

MLB playoffs continue run in October

NL and AL Championship Series' kick off this week

Matt Savino
Contributing Writer

Major League Baseball's playoffs have arrived and kicked into high gear. With the divisional series winding down and the field slimming from eight to four teams, players' dreams of the World Series glory are looking more real.

The National League Championship series is set with the Los Angeles Dodgers playing the Philadelphia Phillies in a best of seven series. The pitching matchups in this series are intriguing with the Phillies budding ace Cole Hamels at the top of their staff. The Dodgers' pitching has been rolling through October with Los Angeles starters sporting a 3-0 record and an even 2.00 ERA.

Philadelphia's line consists of three of the best hitters in the National League with reigning MVP Jimmy Rollins, 2006 MVP Ryan Howard and the always consistent Chase Utley. While this offense would seem very imposing they've been very hot and cold this year. The Dodgers offense has come to life after the deadline deal to acquire Manny Ramirez, who has continued his torrid pace in the postseason hitting .500 with two homers.

This series is going to come down to pitching, as most do, come October. While the Phillies have a very good staff, it lacks the depth compared to the Dodgers. If the

Phillies offense doesn't set the tone early in the series they could be sent packing sooner rather than later

Prediction: Dodgers in six
The American League Championship series is a little more up in the air. The Tampa Bay Rays and Boston Red Sox are both in after winning Monday night.

The Rays have looked stellar this season and in their 3-1 series win over the White Sox. For what the Rays pitching staff lacks in experience they make up for with pure stuff, with youngsters Scott Kazmir and James Shields teaming up as possibly the best one-two punch in the AL.

The Red Sox staff is very experienced, returning their top three starters from the World Series team a year ago. The big question is whether ace Josh Beckett will let his back problems continue to limit his performance.

On the offensive side the Rays have a young line up with Cliff Floyd and Carlos Pena adding some veteran presence. Look for rookie Evan Longoria to continue to lead the Rays offensively, as he has done much of the year.

The Red Sox have a veteran line up anchored by David Ortiz and MVP candidate Dustin Pedroia. Their offense could come down to whether J.D. Drew and Mike Lowell snap back into form after late season trips to the DL.

While this series is tough to call, look for the Rays to continue their unprecedented run into the World Series. Their pitching has been lights out and they have a chemistry that seems to be perfect for October.

Prediction: Rays in seven.

Women's soccer splits road games

Cortland Red Dragons improve to 2-1 in SUNYAC play

Kristen Borgosz
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The Cortland women's soccer team went 1-1 on their road trip this past weekend as they battled in a hard-fought loss to Plattsburgh last Friday and outlasted Potsdam for the win the following day.

Plattsburgh scored the first goal of the game early in the first half to take the lead and it remained that way until there was about eight minutes left in regulation. The Red Dragons tied up the game when freshman Jackie Deluise scored off an assist from junior Ashley Mewhorter. It was Deluise's team-high fifth goal of the season.

The game went into double overtime, where the Cardinals snatched the victory when they scored with just over four minutes remaining. Sophomore goalie Pam Monnier finished the game with eight saves.

Plattsburgh improved to an impressive 9-1-1 record overall and 3-1 in SUNYAC play.

Cortland rebounded the next day with a 1-0 win over SUNY Potsdam. Mewhorter scored her first goal of the season in the seventeenth minute, which would eventually stand as the game-winner. Sophomore Kelsey Allen was credited with the assist and Monnier stopped the one shot she faced to earn the shutout.

Cortland's record improved to



photo by Rebecca Job

Freshman Callan Joseph contributes for Cortland.

5-3-2 overall and 2-1 in SUNYAC play from the weekend while the Bears dropped to 7-3-2 and 0-3-1, respectively.

The team continued to play excellent at home this season with a 6-0 win over Morrisville State on Saturday Sept. 27. It was their second SUNYAC game of the year, which improved them to 2-0 in the standings, and 4-2-2 overall. Morrisville dropped to 0-3, and 0-9 overall.

Cortland dominated throughout the game, even playing at times with one or two players down. Deluise put the Red Dragons ahead with her first of two goals of the game early in the first half with a shot right inside the left post. Sophomore Carly Williams and freshman Callan Joseph each recorded their first goals of the season to make the score 3-0. With less than a minute remaining in the first half, senior Kiley Hadzicki scored a goal, her second of the

season.

In the second half, Cortland continued to control the game when freshman Jordan Miller registered her first collegiate goal in the 75th minute with a shot inside the right post. Deluise made her second goal of the contest an exciting one, as she headed a long ball from sophomore Emmie Doin past Morrisville's goalie for Cortland's sixth and final goal of the game.

Senior Kayla Sweet and freshman Bridgette DeSantis each tallied an assist. Sophomore goalies Monnier and Dayna Moneta shared duties to earn the shutout.

The Red Dragons are on the road again this weekend as they travel to Buffalo State on Friday and Fredonia on Saturday.

Field hockey improves to 8-1 with win over #17 Springfield

Red Dragons continue season on six game win streak

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The Cortland field hockey team is now on a six game winning streak after defeating Oswego, Brockport, Morrisville and Springfield in their last four games. The Red Dragons hold an 8-1 overall record and a 3-0 conference record.

On Sept. 24, Cortland traveled to Oswego for their first conference game of the season. Sophomore forward Brenda Semit scored career-high three goals and the Red Dragons cruised to an impressive 6-0 victory.

The game marked this year's version of the "Dragon Sword" game between the two teams. The victor receives an actual three-foot long Samurai-style sword with a dragon's head as the handle. Cortland has won the annual

contest the last nine years.

The team then headed to Brockport for a showdown with the Golden Eagles. This one was close all the way to the wire, but senior Katie Johnson scored off a penalty corner with 14 seconds left to lift the Red Dragons to a 2-1 victory.

Their first goal of the game also came off a penalty corner, when junior Kylie Burghardt put away a pass from Semit. Cortland out shot Brockport 25-4 in the game and held a 19-3 advantage in penalty corners.

Cortland's first home conference game was a 3-0 victory over the Mustangs of Morrisville State. The Red Dragons got contributions from everyone, and three different players were able to get on the board with goals.

Junior captain Christine McCabe scored her second goal of the season just four minutes and 20 seconds into the game, and it turned out to be the game-winner.

They dominated the first half of play but were unable to get back on the scoreboard until early in the second half. Seniors Sam Spehler and Kayla Chambers both scored in the first six minutes of the half to

put the game away.

Cortland out shot Morrisville by a 30-1 margin and held a 19-2 advantage in penalty corners.

Following the victory against Morrisville, the Red Dragons faced a stiff opponent in the Pride of Springfield College. Cortland came into the game ranked 12th nationally in Division III, while Springfield was ranked 17th overall in Division III.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie in the first half, but Spehler scored off a pass from junior Lauren Eichenberger 26 seconds into the second half to put the Red Dragons ahead 1-0. It would be all they would need, as the game finished in a 1-0 victory for the home team.

Senior goalie Stacy Billings made two big saves to record her fifth shutout of the season.

The Red Dragons' next two games are at the Cortland Stadium Complex. They will face conference opponent Geneseo and then take on a non-conference foe in William Smith.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Cortland	35
Buffalo State	14
Next: Saturday vs. Montclair St	

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland	3
Potsdam	0
Next: Friday vs. Buffalo St.	

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Paul Short Run-Ninth Place
Next: Saturday @ Hamilton Invitational

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Paul Short Run-First Place
Next: Saturday @ Hamilton Invitational

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland	1
Potsdam	0
Next: Friday @ Buffalo St.	

FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland	1
Springfield	0
Next: Saturday vs. Geneseo	

Athletes of the Week



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Steve Axtell Soccer

Recorded four saves against regionally-ranked Plattsburgh



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Brittney Horton Volleyball

Surpassed 4,000 assists for career

Red Dragons roll in home opener

Cortland football defeats Buffalo State in strong showing

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The Cortland football team beat the Buffalo State Bengals 35-14 Saturday in the team's first home game of the season.

With its first three games of the season being away, the Red Dragons were relieved to finally play at home.

"Playing at home is fun," said Head Coach Daniel MacNeill.

"No travel hassles. Friday is a day you can enjoy rather than travel. Saturday we exist in our own confines, more fans are wearing red and white and post-game is just more enjoyable. It's like sprinkles on ice cream. Never a bad thing."

After a scoreless first quarter from both teams, Buffalo State managed to strike first on a 32-yard pass from quarterback Jeremy Mountain to wide receiver Greg Meyer with eight minutes and 55 seconds remaining in the first half. The Bengals only other score of the game came halfway through the fourth quarter.

Cortland's defense had its strongest outing of the year, allowing Buffalo State just two



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Guaragno scored Cortland's first touchdown of the game.

scores and 258 combined yards.

"The defensive play has improved greatly since game one," MacNeill said.

"The grand nature of this game is that all aspects count. We believe in strong special teams play, running the ball and stopping the rush. So far those elements have had a strong emphasis in winning."

Junior defensive lineman Bryan Wiley led Cortland's defense with nine tackles including the team's only sack, which resulted in an 11-yard loss. Defensive back, Mark Schaller had eight tackles while sophomore defensive back, Chris Hanlon had seven. Linebackers Brian Haas and Josh Jablonski each had six.

Once again, Cortland's offense provided plenty of sparks through the air and on the ground. Senior tailback, Andrew Giuliano rushed for 153 yards and scored two of the team's five total touchdowns. The game marked Giuliano's third this season with 140 rushing yards or more.

Senior Quarterback, Ray Miles completed 12 of his 21 pass attempts for 153 yards, including a 20 yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver, Zacc Guaragno for Cortland's first score of the game with less than seven minutes remaining in the first half. Tight end Jeffrey Lang and wide receiver Eric Hajnos, both seniors, each had two catches for a combined 48

yards.

The victory marked the Red Dragons fourth of the year and kept the team's hopes of an undefeated regular season alive, pushing its record to 4-0.

Cortland's last road trip came against Kean University on Sept. 27, when the Red Dragons defeated the Kean Cougars 32-28 in an offensive showdown.

Cortland's rushing game gained a total of just 86 yards on the day, but quarterback Ray Miles threw for a season high 304 yards and three touchdowns, giving the offense the boost it needed to fend off the Cougars.

Ranked twelfth nationally prior to the Buffalo State game, Cortland seemingly isn't feeling the pressure of its ranking.

"Pre-season rankings and mid-season rankings are about respect, nothing more," MacNeill said.

"The only ranking that has any meaning as a team is the final ranking. We try to temper any meaning other than winning games expands respect."

MacNeill went on to say that pressure is self-imposed and that the team is still focused on each game and is narrowing its focus accordingly.

The Red Dragons' second home game of the season is scheduled for this Saturday at 1 p.m. against Montclair State.

Air or ground: Giuliano brothers attack defenses

Brothers have been offensive threats for Cortland football

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The era of the Andrew Giuliano running past defenses is soon coming to an end with his graduation this year. But the senior captain running back still has some time to leave his mark on the Cortland State football program.

So far this year, Andrew has yet to be contained by an opposing defense, rushing for a total of 650 yards and nine touchdowns while averaging more than 160 yards per game on the ground and has helped lead the Red Dragons to 4-0 start and a ranking of twelfth in the nation by the AFCA.

Although Andrew will be leaving Cortland, the Giuliano name will continue on, with his younger brother Anthony, an up-and-coming wide receiver in his sophomore year. This year, Anthony has caught a total of 11 balls for a total of 183 yards and a score while starting two games.

With Anthony, not playing a

Varsity minute last year, it is the first time where the opposition can't worry just about Andrew running up the middle for a 20 yard run - they now have to worry about the deep threat that Anthony can be. No teams have yet been able to stop both brothers, including Rowan College who gave up 140 yards rushing and two scores to Andrew. Quarterback, Ray Miles was able to air it out to Anthony for a game high 122 yards receiving on five catches including a season high 81-yard pass in a 27-20 victory.

But this is not the first time the two have shared the field together. Standouts at Westlake High School, the brothers teamed up to cause every defense trouble.

"We played on high school on the same team for one year as well," said Andrew. "My senior year, his sophomore year, it was the same situation and even the same results. At this point in the season during high school, we were also undefeated."

Not only was Head Coach Dan McNeill able to find a good recruit in Andrew, but also Andrew was able to find a good recruit in his younger brother.

"I probably wouldn't have found Cortland if Andrew hadn't

gone here," said Anthony. "I came to some games when I was still in high school and when looking at schools I really liked the Cortland program and what it had to offer."

"It's nice, we both give each other support and advice to make us both better," Andrew said when asked about what it's like to have a brother on the same team.

But what is the biggest difference in their games besides playing two different positions? "He can run over kids, I try to run around them," Anthony said.

But they wouldn't be brothers without a little competition. "I'm faster by one hundredth of a second, and I think I have better hands," Anthony said.

However Andrew disagreed with Anthony. "Anthony thinks he is faster," Andrew said. "I think our numbers in our times are one hundredth of a second different. However, I am faster than him, especially for my size compared to his. He probably has better hands than me now but that's only because that's all he does at practice, but that's not a guarantee."

No team can be successful without good communication whether it is from coach to player, player-to-player or in this case

brother-to-brother.

"I think our on-field communication is better than our off-field communication," the older Giuliano said. "On the field we are both trying to do the same thing, and that's win. So in that case, we're on the same page. Off the field we obviously are going to have different friends and interests so we still talk, but it's different."

"On the field I know that the way I play affects the way my brother runs so I try to keep that in the back of my mind, that I'm really helping him out and trying my hardest so he can do well," Anthony said. "While off the field the roles are switched where he is usually the one helping me out."

In some aspects the Giuliano brothers are like UPS or FedEx. They get to their destination, the end zone by either ground or air and they deliver within one week or in this case every Saturday afternoon.

However unlike UPS the question isn't, what can the Giuliano Brothers do for you? Instead, what can they do to continue the success of the 2008 Cortland football team and the chance to bring home the 2008 NJAC conference championship or even more on the national stage?