

# THE DRAGON CHRONICLE

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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### Inequality lecture tonight on poverty and danger

Earl Shorris, educator, author and activist, will be giving the latest lecture of the Inequality series.

The lecture, titled "How to Make the Poor Dangerous," will discuss the impact of humanities on both the rich and poor. The lecture will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Sperry 105.

This lecture will also serve as this week's Wellness Wednesday series.

### RHA Masquerade Ball to be held for students

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) will be hosting a Masquerade Ball, free of charge, open to all interested students.

The ball will be held tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the Jacobus Lounge. Free refreshments will be provided and music will be played throughout the evening.

### Alphi Phi Philanthropy Fundraiser this weekend

Alphi Phi will be hosting a "Teeter-Totter-a-Thon" this weekend.

The event will be a Philanthropy Fundraiser to raise money for Cardiac Care.

It will take place from noon on Saturday to midnight on Sunday at 59 Tompkins St. All donations are welcome.

### Time Tickets now available for registration

Spring and Winter semester time tickets for class registration are now available on myRedDragon.

Registration begins on Monday, Nov. 3 for Graduate students and special population undergraduates. Undergraduates can begin registering on Monday, Nov. 10.

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## Emotional premiere of documentary

### Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers visit for showing of film

Erica Sanderson  
News Editor

Tears streamed down the faces of many in the crowd as multiple generations of friends and families greeted each other through hugs and kisses of joy before the yet-unfinished documentary entitled, "For the Next 7 Generations: the Grandmothers Speak" premiered in the Sperry building last Friday.

The documentary follows the journey of The International Council of the Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, a group of grandmothers from indigenous cultures all over the globe who have been united for one essential cause: to save the planet and educate future generations.

The grandmothers come from all directions of the world: North, South, West and East.

Some of the members of the council hail from Tibet, Brazil, Mexico, Africa, Nepal and Alaska amongst other countries.

The council's goals are to teach how to preserve indigenous



provided by grandmotherscouncil.com

The Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers pose together with the Dalai Lama above.

culture and to change people's ways in order to prevent the destruction and decay of the planet as well as to spread knowledge on the use of traditional medicines.

Eight of the 13 grandmothers were present for the film's showing, which was directed by Peabody and Emmy-winning filmmaker Carole Hart.

The grandmothers, as well as many audience members, were

dressed in traditional indigenous ceremonial clothing at the film's showing.

Before the film began, Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim blessed the event with a prayer as the audience stood.

Cheers and applause rang out as the film began, with the grandmothers sitting in the first few rows.

The audience was shown the

first two acts of the film as it still a work in progress, though the documentary is expected to be completed by the end of 2008.

The grandmothers came together when all realized there was a certain calling out there, many had visions from spirits or angels telling them of this future meeting.

The grandmothers met for the

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## Music with a message



provided by Mike Scala

### Scala strolls by a river in Melbourne, Australia, one of several countries he has visited to promote charity.

### Senior combines passions for music and charitable causes

Vicky Paz  
Editor-in-Chief

"All I had was a guitar, a bag, a dream and I made it happen."

Those were the words of

senior Mike Scala, 22, who launched his solo musical career in 2007, and is also the lead singer and guitarist of his band, The Influence, a name quite appropriate for the causes he has taken on.

He has toured throughout the United States, Caribbean and Europe and has recently returned

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## Cortland faces financial woes

### Economy decline impacts Cortland's budget and tuition

Kelsey Delmotte  
Opinions Editor

In the wake of the Wall Street meltdown, many students seem to be uninformed.

In a nutshell, according to the *New York Times*, the Bush administration calls for the government to spend up to \$700 billion to buy mortgages that are in trouble.

Ultimately, American taxpayers will have to come up with the money. If you have a taxable income, this means you.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Wednesday, Oct. 8, President Erik Bitterbaum gave presentations in Jacobus Lounge and the Park Center Hall of Fame Room on how the nation's financial crisis will affect Cortland and the SUNY system.

President Bitterbaum set an optimistic tone at both talks, reminding the audience that "the

world may change."

However, he did not sugarcoat the fact that Cortland will experience budget cuts and will have to find new ways to uphold the standards we are used to.

He used words such as "historic" and "moving target" to signify how important this situation is.

President Bitterbaum also insisted that he will alert people of new information as it becomes available.

This year, Cortland will experience a \$4 million deficit. On top of that, the school needs to absorb another \$1.6 million in the 2009-2010 school year to fund salary increases.

That means Cortland needs to come up with \$5.6 million, and will do so with a \$1,200 tuition increase.

As far as the faculty is concerned, President Bitterbaum stated that sabbaticals would have to be assessed as they are requested.

Some may have to be delayed due to lack of funds. Also, all requests for retirement have been

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# More than 800 students visit Open House

## Annual Fall Open House attracts large crowd of students

**Dustin Good**  
Staff Writer

More than 800 students and their families visited the Cortland campus, many for the first time for the Fall Open House this past Monday.

It seems fitting that on the anniversary of the day recognized as the first interaction between the New World and representatives of Western Society, Columbus Day, that young aspiring collegians would embark on their first university tours.

The presence of academic activity on campus provided an integral element to the open house experience, undoubtedly enhancing the day for prospective students and their families.

Activities commenced on campus around 10 a.m. and continued until shortly after 3 p.m.

Out-of-town visitors to campus began and ended their days much earlier and later than the Open House crew as prospective students and their families came from all over New York State and beyond.

Faculty, staff and students from academic departments and student service offices met with visitors throughout the day and in

individual programs.

In addition, guests toured the campus and sampled food in the many dining areas.

Visitors participated in guided tours of the campus and residence halls led by student employees and volunteers of both the admissions office and residential services from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Many students also attended an Academic Fair and Student Services Fair, featuring department faculty and student services in the ParkCenterGymnasium.

An unprecedented number of freshman, sophomore, junior and senior admissions ambassadors showed up in the Corey Union Function Room to help the offices, staff and tour guides in greeting and leading tours of prospective students and their families.

The group of admissions ambassadors showed a sense of pride and enthusiasm in their college that was trumped only by the unseasonably warm weather on a mid-October day in central New York.

At the conclusion of the event, staff and students alike agreed that the Columbus Day open house was one of the smoothest and most successful in recent memory. This notion was supported by the many approving smiles and sentiments voiced by departing students and family that were most likely converted from prospective to hopeful.

# New debate team already on the way to success

## Cortland's first debate team in 10 years is victorious

**Erica Sanderson**  
News Editor

The Debate Team, a recently established group in its first year, marks the first time a Cortland Debate Team has been formed in over ten years.

This new team has been making great strides as well as a name for itself when the team recently won one-third of all the trophies at their first-ever competition against Rockland Community College and Yeshiva University on Sept. 28.

The team was started by transfer student Trevor Curry, who is now the team president and acts as the group's coach since Curry is the only seasoned debater out of all its members.

Curry recruited the team from the ground up, putting up posters and spreading the word through friends.

"I love debate and I wanted to share it. It's a new experience in the way of public speaking," said Curry.

The other officers are Vice President Jonathan Stoeckel, Press Secretary Elizabeth Cronan and Treasurer Michael Panetta.

At the competition, Curry and Cronan each won one trophy and Stoeckel won two as the team won two out of the three debate rounds.

The team consists of about a dozen people; all are first-time debaters.



provided by Trevor Curry

### Members of the Debate Team show off their trophies.

How a debate works is that a question is given and the team has to choose to be either for or against the issue. They then argue their point to a judge who selects which of the two arguments is more convincing.

Teams have to refute the argument of the opposing side and brace themselves for periods of cross-examination, where direct questions are asked to find flaws in each team's arguments.

There are two formats for debate: Impromptu Debate (ID) or Extemporaneous Debate (XD).

ID involves contemporary questions about environmental, economic or social issues such as the Iraq War or the recent Wallstreet Bailout Plan.

XD has topics solely focused on the upcoming presidential election, so teams have to study and research the candidates.

Competitions are in teams of two and there are around six to

eight schools at each competition.

Competitions are hosted by one of the competing universities. The best of three rounds determines the winner of the competition; there are three debates per semester.

"I love it. It's a great way to meet people not only in your school but from other schools; it hones your skills and everyone is very supportive and respectful," said Cronan.

The team's next debate will be Oct. 26 at Dominion University and the last debate will be held Nov. 22.

"Our goal for next semester is to have a solid team on campus that loves what it does," said Curry.

If interested in joining, meetings for the Debate Team are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. in Dowd 232.

# Grandmothers present film

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first time in Oct. 2004, when the film began shooting in upstate New York.

The grandmothers now meet every six months at each of the member's homelands.

At these meetings, the council performs different business such as prayers and discussions of issues.

The film showcases these meetings and interviews with each of the grandmothers as well as people who come from far and wide seeking help from the grandmothers.

The film also revealed the different treatments the grandmothers use for health problems with traditional indigenous medicinal practices.

After the film, the audience

gave a standing ovation as the grandmothers were seated in front of the audience for a question and answer session.

Several of the grandmothers had tears of joy and gratitude for the reaction to the film and the audience's respect, all of which provided for a very emotional evening with not a dry eye in the house.

The grandmothers addressed audience questions on helping the earth, overpopulation and comments on the film.

The grandmothers took their time to think and ponder the question before responding.

Each answer was saturated with the woman's wisdom and knowledge, which was evident throughout the night, in addition to a genuine passion for world issues and causes.

Many of the responses caused audience members to reflect on their own thoughts and actions. As a result, everyone took away with them different lessons learned that night, lessons to be applied to everyday life.

The night concluded with the audience forming a circle and holding hands as a Cheyenne prayer was spoken.

"I could feel a sacred energy in the room that night and the wisdom of the elders and the messages of protecting the earth were strong," said senior Elizabeth Tucker, who was one of only a few students who attended the event as the majority of the audience was made up of community members.

For more information on the council or to donate to their causes, visit their official website, [www.grandmotherscouncil.com](http://www.grandmotherscouncil.com).

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# Budget cuts

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rescinded for this year.

80% of the budget has already been spoken for, most of which is personnel costs, such as contracts.

The other 20% goes to energy costs, which can run up to \$9,000 a day.

What's more, 18 people on the custodial staff have been cut. That accounts for 17% of the entire staff.

President Bitterbaum stressed the need for students to claim responsibility for their surroundings.

He asked them to clean up after themselves in order to lighten the load for those who work hard to keep our campus clean.

As far as financial aid is concerned, the Pell Grant is underfunded by \$6 billion, all of which the federal government is expected to supplement.

This is coming at a time when more students than ever are not only eligible to receive it, but are seeking to collect.

President Bitterbaum said that as far as this year goes, financial aid should not be affected.

One cut that we may experience is the loss of the yearlong series of lectures and events put on by the College's Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee.

Instead, Cortland will look to its own staff and the professors at surrounding colleges such as Binghamton and Syracuse to give talks to students.

While President Bitterbaum expressed the stressful situation that Cortland is facing, he presented a few ideas of how we can work together as a community to get through the tough financial time.

He mentioned that each dorm on campus has a 'green' representative who can work on ways to conserve energy, such as always turning the lights off when someone leaves a room.

People could also reduce the

amount of paper that is used on campus. He suggested that the phone directory be put online only.

He also opened the floor to suggestions from audience members and was open to exploring any ideas that were brought up.

One idea that got people talking was to ask alumni to donate a portion of their frequent flyer miles to student and faculty travel.

Following the budget cut, there will be no funding for non-essential travel and a donation of miles would ease the financial burden.

There was also a suggestion of instituting a four-day workweek in the summer in order to cut down on energy costs.

President Bitterbaum does not foresee a drop in applicants and does not want to turn away incoming undergraduate students, saying that "students are a good investment."

However, he said Cortland might need to decrease the number of transfer students it allows in each semester.

People will be looking to community colleges in order to save money by living at home, and SUNY four-year institutions may see a surge in transfers.

President Bitterbaum stood behind Cortland and inspired those in attendance, saying, "We exist for one reason and one reason only: to educate students."

"I think that if students understand why we need a tuition increase then it won't be such a scary idea," said senior Jessica Herring.

On the other hand, student Jenna Troesch said, "The budget cuts will definitely put a strain on the campus and maybe eventually hurt students in the long run."

# Cortland seventh-ranked in voting contest

## NYPIRG gets school into national contest for voter registration

Chelsea Leone

Staff Writer

The last day to register to vote in New York State was Friday, Oct. 10.

According to Alicia Eimer, the project coordinator for NYPIRG, 1,360 Cortland students registered to vote for this year's election.

This is a huge improvement from last year where the estimated number of students who registered was only 600 to 700 students.

Cortland State participated this year in The Ultimate College Bowl, where colleges across the country competed to get the most students at their campus to register to vote.

In the beginning of the contest, all the NYPIRG chapters throughout the United States were in the lead, but other schools began to catch up quickly.

About two weeks ago, Cortland was number seven in the rankings and number four for percentage nationwide.

However, New York State is at a disadvantage because the

deadline to register is earlier than other states.

The grand prize for the Ultimate College Bowl is a free Death Cab for Cutie concert for the school that registers the most voters.

NYPIRG would like to thank all the very supportive professors that allowed its representatives to come into their classrooms to persuade students to exercise their right to vote, said Eimer.

The service-learning department was also a huge help this semester by volunteering their time to help with the project.

Volunteers are always needed for various projects and you do not need to be a part of the club to help out.

Student groups are working to endorse a legislation to reapply for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grant in the middle of the semester instead of only at the beginning.

Ten Cortland clubs need to support this very important piece of legislation Eimer said, as the Senate and the House already support it and the governor needs to sign off on it.

NYPIRG will also need volunteers for a food drive on Halloween.

The community will be notified to leave a box of canned

goods on their doorsteps to be donated. Volunteers and students from NYPIRG will come around in the early evening to pick up the canned goods.

This Sunday, NYPIRG is attending a bike tour. This event will take place in Rochester to raise awareness of the problems related to global warming and environmental issues such as energy conversation.

A few students from Cortland will be biking from Lockport, NY to Rochester, NY. Bikers between Long Island and Rochester will be taking five-hour bike rides to various cities to encourage people to use alternate forms of transportation.

The organization is also pushing a legislation to cut carbon emissions by 80% by the year 2050.

Students are welcome to join NYPIRG this weekend to help in the event.

This is NYPIRG's thirty-fifth year as an issue-based organization where students can freely volunteer for a cause they wish to help out in and support.

Meetings are from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Corey 205.

To join, come to the meetings or send an e-mail to [cortland@nypirg.org](mailto:cortland@nypirg.org).

# Making your vote count

## NYPIRG exceeds goal number to register new voters

Daniella Perruna

Staff Writer

Registering to vote is an important aspect in getting involved in our country's decision-making.

Once 18, every student should register to vote. If opinions are

crucial, make them heard.

NYPIRG has successfully registered 1,360 new voters. They have been working immensely for over a week now, and have exceeded their goal to register at least 1,200 new voters.

As stated in campus-wide e-mails, the organization has overreached their initial goal by over 1,000 students.

This does not mean that there are only 1,360 voters registered in Cortland. This number simply represents all newly registered

voters.

Knowing that students on campus are preparing to get involved in the upcoming election creates a vast, diverse voter pool. Every voter counts.

Cortland is striving to push everyone to vote, especially those students who are new to the process because this election will certainly go down in history as one of the most important.

Speak up and get your voice heard. Voting is on Nov. 4 so get up, get out and get voting.

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## Swim Club anticipates big plans

The newly-refreshed Swim Club team is making great waves

**Katie Rosenbrock**  
Entertainment Editor

Swimming is a sport that a lot of people frequently underestimate.

It looks pretty easy, that is, until you hop in the pool and swim the 25 yards it takes to get to the other side.

Then all of a sudden it's quite obvious how much endurance is really needed to make it across the pool.

This year, Cortland's Swim Club has been taking many initiatives towards making its team the strongest it can be.

In the past few years, Cortland's Swim Club has been a developing athletic program and many breakthroughs and improvements can be anticipated for their upcoming season.

This year, the swim club has 17 members and according to team captain, Alison Charlebois, the team has really been bonding and attendance has been exceptional.

Working alongside Charlebois is Team President Alyson Finch who is and Caitlin De Groat, who serves as the team's treasurer.

The team recently held a pasta party to help members get to know each other and boost team spirit.

When asked what their goals were for this semester, Charlebois said, "We are currently looking to improve the status of the swim club."

She went on to explain that practices have now become mandatory, which is a crucial aspect to the sport of swimming, or any sport for that matter, and the team received new swimsuits funded through the school.

The swim club practices three nights a week: on Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Park Center.

They do not currently have any meets scheduled but Charlebois says they are "hoping to compete in the near future."

The team is currently working on holding a "mini-meet" with only Cortland Swim Club members in order to show new members of the team how a swim meet is run.

Charlebois also mentioned that she has been in contact with the president of the SUNY Binghamton Swim Club and that the team expects to compete against them soon.

So far, it looks as though Cortland's swim club is on the right path towards developing a strong and spirited team.

When asked what her favorite part of the swim club was, Charlebois said, "Definitely our members. They are super dedicated and always positive."

## Meet *The Dragon Chronicle's* web designer

Cortland junior creates her third campus media website

**Vicky Paz**  
Editor-in-Chief

This semester's launch of *The Dragon Chronicle's* official new website can be attributed to Cortland State junior Janina Mizhquiri, 20.

The website features a digital archive of the Fall 2008 semester issues, brief staff biographies, a photo gallery, an interactive guest book and general information about the publication itself.

The Queens native, a Communications major with a minor in Computer Applications, is also an active member of the campus radio station, WSUC, and the campus television station, CSTV.

She has created CSTV's website from scratch and revived WSUC's previously outdated one. She wishes to incorporate web design into her future career.

"I think there's a place for me," said Mizhquiri, who has seen many internship listings seeking Communications majors with web design skills.

"When I was in high school, I went to Delaware State University for a summer course in information technology and learned a lot about web design. Our instructor told me I was a natural and that I should try to pursue it somehow later on



photo by Vicky Paz

Web designer Janina Mizhquiri shows off the paper's newly-established website.

life," said Mizhquiri.

"[My instructor's] encouraging words made me look into it when I came to college...so I became a CAP minor and joined a few clubs. I found the opportunity to rejoin my love of web making through these clubs and the rest is history."

Mizhquiri has received a lot of positive feedback from her colleagues, fellow club members and students on her web design work.

"It's nice to see that *The Dragon Chronicle* finally has a web page. It looks great and it's so convenient for anyone to see past issues if he or she didn't get the chance to pick one up," said junior Marissa Martinez.

"Janina's websites are a great way to learn more about the campus media outlets."

Mizhquiri favors the interactive parts of the websites she's created, particularly the guest books. Some Cortland alumni who

were previously members of the campus radio station have actually reconnected with one another through the WSUC website, she said.

"It makes me proud to help improve the clubs I'm in and to show other people what we're doing and what we're about," said Mizhquiri.

"When I graduate, someone else will take over but I'll be happy to have left my mark on these clubs."

## Mike Scala's charity efforts



provided by Mike Scala

Scala performing at Skycity Concert Hall in Australia.

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from New Zealand and Australia raising money for local and international youth-based charities. Between his musical career and volunteer work with a multitude of organizations, Scala has so far raised close to \$30,000.

"Touring in Australia really defined my career. I had a lot of moments out there that challenged me beyond belief," he said.

"At times I was left with nothing and nowhere to go, down and out with no food, money or a place to stay... but knowing that I wanted to make a difference in the world gave me this uplifting energy that just said, 'You know what you're here for: a reason and a purpose. You can do this.'"

Scala's original song, "Soldier's Cry," was also featured in the nationally televised

Wounded Warrior Project, which aids war veterans and their families in need.

Scala's aspirations don't stop there. The goodwill ambassador recently established a charity of his own, The Mike Scala Charity Foundation for Kids, which he says will be up and running within this month.

It will provide programs and support for at-risk youth across the United States, specifically aiming at children and teens that are victimized by domestic violence, abuse, drugs, neglect or gang affiliation.

He also plans on embarking on another world tour after he graduates next May.

"I'm on a strong mission to help out as much as I can. As long as I have my guitar and my clothes, I'll donate what I have to those

who need it more than I do," said Scala, who has shows scheduled in Cortland for the next three Saturdays.

He will be performing alongside bassist Garrett Beaty and drummer Jon Walsh of The Influence at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Blue Frog Café.

All proceeds of this charity concert will go to the Cortland YWCA's Child Advocacy Center for Victims of Domestic Violence.

"It's an important cause to raise awareness. There are a lot of kids out there that need help," said Scala.

He will also be performing at The Grate Bar, downstairs from Hairy Tony's on 104 Main St. at 11 p.m. on Oct. 18 and on Nov. 1. All shows will have a \$5 cover charge.

The Brooklyn native has been performing and writing music since he was 12 years old and is self-taught on the guitar, piano and vocals. His current songs, which are a cross between acoustic rock, hard rock, alternative and some jazz elements, will be available on iTunes, Rhapsody and Napster on or before Nov. 17. His second album is set to release in December.

"Stay focused and never give up. The industry is rough but you need to keep your head on straight...Know what you want and go for it. Don't give up because nothing is impossible," Scala advises aspiring musicians.

For more information, visit [mikescala.com](http://mikescala.com) or [myspace.com/mikescala](http://myspace.com/mikescala).

## Goofs and Goblets

The annual dinner etiquette program soon approaching

All students are cordially invited to attend the fifteenth-annual Goofs and Goblets Etiquette dinner at 6 p.m. Monday, in the Calieon Room, according to press.

Learn proper etiquette while interacting with alumni and community members in careers that relate to your major.

Mark Westfield, a 1978 alumnus, will serve as the master of ceremonies. He has taught at the highly acclaimed Culinary Institute of America and is currently the General Manager of Operations at the Hempstead Golf and Country Club on Long Island.

The cost is only \$5, which will be refunded upon attending the event. Please register in advance of the dinner at Career Services which is located in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-5.

This event is sponsored by Career Services, Alumni Affairs, SAA and Institutional Advancement. Education majors are asked to wait for the spring etiquette dinner, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" which will be tailored specifically for education majors.

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

## Our View

So here's the thing about news. It isn't always sunshine and rainbows. Sometimes, terrible things happen to people and we have to report it to the best of our ability. It would be irresponsible of our publication to not cover a story or event that could significantly affect the student body and community.

It's important to stay informed about what is going on in the world, especially if it is the world that you chose to be a part of.

Everyone has played the game "Would You Rather" at some point in his or her life. Here is a question that everyone should ask each other: Would you rather turn a blind eye to the events in your community and live a life of blissful ignorance or seek out information to educate yourself and make an effort to change the world around you?

*The Dragon Chronicle* is a publication that strives to inform students on all events that take place in Cortland, good and bad, in a professional rather than personal manner.

## Letters to the editor: Responses to sexual assault article

It has been brought to the attention of the National Council of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. (LUL) that an incident allegedly occurred at the State University of New York at Cortland where a member of our organization is accused of sexually assaulting a female student on campus. Since the revelation, LUL has maintained an open dialogue with the Campus Activities and Greek Affairs Office to address the allegations.

LUL expresses its deepest regret to the victim(s) of this alleged incident. We understand that this is a very difficult time for the Cortland community, and we are committed to doing everything we can to help administration and local authorities resolve the situation.

LUL is a fraternal service organization that believes in a diverse membership, a commitment to academic excellence and a proactive vision towards raising awareness about the Latino culture and history.

The accused individual is an inactive member of our organization. The alleged actions of the accused individual are solely his and in no way represent LUL's mission as an organization.

All questions regarding LUL in this incident should be forwarded to Eneuri Acosta, National Council President of Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. at [president@launidadlatina.org](mailto:president@launidadlatina.org). All questions will be answered promptly.

*-LUL National Council  
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Your front page October 9, 2008 article "Former student charged with rape", by Amy Marshall, has offended the Voice Office clubs that were mentioned in the article.

I am currently President of Caribbean Student Association, and have been an active member since I transferred here in fall of 2006.

Our campus has faced some unfortunate circumstances during the past few weeks. We do understand that the community needs to be notified when these accusations of violence happen. We do not support violence in the Voice Office.

As President of Caribbean Student Association, member of Black Student Union, La Familia Latina, and Men of Value and Excellence, we do not find it relevant to include the names of our clubs in this article.

Many of the members of these clubs are appalled by this negligence that the clubs were not notified before the article was released.

We would like to know why the clubs were not interviewed prior to printing the article. What do the clubs that he was related to have to do with the act of rape?

It seems like our clubs are being slandered. The act of one individual should not represent the whole group, and we are disheartened to see our names mentioned in the same article about rape.

There was a lack of knowledge and research done for this article.

The Voice Office clubs promote diversity on campus we work very hard to put together

effective programs.

Every year Caribbean Student Association fundraises for charity. Last year alone we raised \$1500 for the Meghan Williams fund. Men of Value and Excellence also holds an annual charity basketball game which our President Bitterbaum attends every year.

Black Student Union has put together various lectures in order to help promote diversity as well. La Familia Latina has created educational trips and dinners for our members.

There are so many programs and events that our clubs have constructed that if covered we would probably fill your paper to capacity.

As students, we are more concerned with how we can prevent these situations.

We have received an e-mail stating that we want Cortland to remain a safe environment and that any act of violence that is sent through judicial whether discrimination or sexual assault will be taken seriously and also that the counseling center is available.

Is this enough? Instead of including us in her article we feel Amy should address the actions the campus has taken to rectify this situation and the progress it is making, which her article clearly lacks.

*-Ravin Joseph  
Caribbean Student  
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## Greek life clarifications

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As the Greek Advisor on campus, I feel compelled to address the incorrect information that was presented in a Sept. 25 article.

While the author's intentions were good, the article created some undue concern amongst the students thanks to the material that was presented.

There is room in our fraternal community for any and all students who are interested, especially with the recent additions to the Greek system.

The cap that was referred to in the previous article does not exist for a fraternity. Fraternities can take as many members as they

choose.

Each chapter will decide how many offers of membership it will make each semester. There are three recognized and college supported fraternities recruiting new members this fall: Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Phi. La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. only takes a new line in the spring semester.

The other fraternities, Beta, Kappa, Omega, and Teke, are not appropriate for our students to join.

Beta and Kappa are permanently banned and membership therein may result in either suspension or expulsion from the College.

Omega Delta Phi (Omega or ODPi) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE or Teke) have had their charters pulled by their parent

organization and are functioning as renegade local groups. They have no ties to the real thing.

The National Panhellenic Conference, NPC, does have a policy about the number of members a sorority may have.

Total is the allowable chapter size as determined by the Collegiate Panhellenic and includes both new members and initiated members.

The purpose of Total is to provide opportunities for growth of the Panhellenic community and parity among the chapters. It is to allow the maximum number of women to participate in the Greek life experience.

Total for all sororities has been at 75 for the past six years or so. None of our sororities ever came

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# WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

Who are you planning to vote for in the  
 upcoming presidential election? 



provided by Brittany Hays

"I'm not really sure who I'm going to vote for yet. I think both candidates have their strong points and weak points. I'm waiting for all the debates to happen before I make my decision."

**Courtney Lambertson**  
**Sophomore**  
**Elementary Education**



provided by Brittany Hays

"Obama, because he's in touch with reality and stands for everything I believe in. For example, a greener economy, a substantial plan for health care and civil unions for gay and lesbian couples. Basically, Obama's eyes are open, not closed like John McCain's and Sarah Palin's. I will vote for Barack Obama because in my eyes there is no opposing or competing candidate."

**Lisa Baumgartner**  
**Senior**  
**Communications**



provided by Brittany Hays

"I am voting for Obama. I believe that he has the knowledge and vision to lead this country out of one of the worst crises of our history."

**Michael Herzhauser**  
**Senior**  
**Sports Management**



provided by Brittany Hays

"I actually have no idea who I am going to vote for this election. I haven't had a chance to watch any of the debates. From what I know, I don't really like either candidate."

**Lindsay Vetere**  
**Senior**  
**Childhood Education**



provided by Brittany Hays

"I'm voting McCain because he is much more experienced than Obama. I think that as a veteran he only has the best interests of the troops in my mind. McCain wants the economy to benefit people with jobs and families, unlike Obama who is more interested in helping those on welfare."

**Jessica Mahoney**  
**Senior**  
**Communications**

## The power is yours

**Classic television reveals new meaning as an adult viewer**

**Dustin Good**  
*Staff Writer*

The advent of digital cable has brought on an endless number of television stations that have further diluted the amount of quality programming that can be viewed on the brain drain.

One of the genres of new broadcasting that has begun programming are stations that are airing programs in syndication that can only be appreciated by our generation of collegians. For example, *Legends of the Hidden Temple*, *GUTS*, *Double Dare*, etc.

Now, these shows are an ingrained part of my nostalgic memories of childhood, as I'm sure they are a part of many of yours as well.

Even with the knowledge that viewing our childhood's favorite shows as an adult may conflict with memories of yesteryear, it is difficult, if not impossible, to ignore these shows when they are on.

One afternoon I turned on the tube and accessed the recorded programs list on the DVR.

I was part pleasantly surprised and part dismayed to see that an

episode of *The Adventures of Captain Planet and the Planeteers* had been recorded by one of my roommates.

To watch it and realize that it was a horrid excuse for a show would be like watching an episode of *Entourage* in 20 years and realizing it actually sucked.

While watching the recorded episode of *Captain Planet* I realized for the first time that this time around I was enjoying the show like never before.

The ideologies of the writers were conveyed in the program. It is important to expose young minds to these ideas at an early age if we are going to save the planet for future generations.

The thematic headlines of the show include environmentalism, globalism and multiculturalism. Sub themes of the first three include, but are not limited to, love, hope, peaceful non-violence, grassroots activism, anti-science and earth worship.

These themes are embodied by the Planeteers, and further facilitated by villains who act as foil characters to the Planeteers.

The more obvious aspects of the show are most evident in the cast.

The five members of the show come from five different continents: Africa, North and South America, Asia and Europe.

The choices of countries

include the Soviet Union and the United States, an interesting note as the show aired during the final years of the Cold War.

Much of the programming, for all ages, had decisive and fervent anti-communist and anti-Soviet undertones. The pinnacle of cross-cultural teamwork yields Captain Planet.

Captain Planet is a hero who cares for the environment above all things, a new definition of the word altogether.

Captain Planet and the Planeteers indirectly preach a message of peaceful non-violence in combating their villainous, corporate and greedy enemies.

Captain Planet and his sidekicks never engage in violence against their foes. Many times Captain Planet uses the world around him to combat the environmental destruction and/or manipulation brought on by the show's antagonists.

He has this ability because he and the Planeteers have a loving and harmonious relationship with earth and its spirit, Gaia.

Throughout history, science has been used as a justification for the manipulation of the environment.

Earth worship argues against science as undeniable hard facts. This is because its foundations are part of a larger paradigm that history shifts and changes

overtime. Thus, the next paradigm shift will make everything that we know now obsolete. For example, we used to believe the earth was flat.

Each of the villains has an ignorant goofball sidekick for comic relief and Dr. Blight is no exception.

Her sidekick, or henchman, is a supercomputer named MAL. MAL's miscalculations are often responsible for Dr. Blight's unsuccessful plans of planetary destruction.

It is also important to note that the show rarely, if ever, talks of religion. Instead the Planeteers take their daily direction from Gaia, who lives on Hope Island.

Gaia is the closest thing that the Planeteers have to a god. Gaia, though, is not the only being that has been spirit of the earth. Thus, she does not operate under the same pretenses of an ultimate being.

Gaia serves as a medium for earth to speak to the Planeteers, more than an alpha and omega.

Each episode also ends with a public service announcement from the Captain and the Planeteers explaining what each of us can do in our community to help the environment.

Captain Planet's most recognizable catch phrase, "The power is yours," preaches the message of grassroots activism and community involvement.

## The girlfriend's guide to sports

**Sarah Wolanin & Alyssa Hendricks**  
*Contributing Writers*

### COLUMN

This week, we will be discussing our favorite type of golf, Golden Tee.

Beginning in 1989, the video game Golden Tee took the bar scene by storm and it is now a popular fixture in almost every bar throughout the world.

After choosing the number of players and making your course selections using the infamous trackball, press start and you are ready to begin.

You are then able to choose your club, your shot and perform your back swing by rolling the trackball backwards and pushing it forward. The harder you roll the trackball, the further the shot goes when you roll it forward.

So if you have a close shot, you may not want to use all of your force when moving the trackball.

This week's trivia you can use to impress your man is all about the wonderful sport of Golden Tee.

Question: How many different countries have Golden Tee present in their pubs?

Answer: Over 12 different countries enjoy Golden Tee video games along with other bar sports pool and darts.



## Music lacking on campus

Students should play a more active role in Spring Fling planning

**Megan Martin**  
*Staff Writer*

I have experienced many different campus activities in my four years at Cortland, from sporting events and coffeehouses to guest speakers and lectures.

The one area where I feel the school is lacking the most is in the selection of celebrity music groups who are asked to perform on campus.

For those who do not remember, last year's Spring Fling event was Chamillionaire and J. Holiday.

It resulted in issuing free tickets and returning the money to those students who did pre-pay because one of the performers opted not to show up. It was a complete disaster.

This was the one Spring Fling event I would have been interested in going to, since all past performers have been those not really of any interest to many others and myself.

I feel the school should establish some sort of survey in regards to potential music groups and artists coming to perform on campus.

There would be a much bigger turnout if the school invited performers that the majority of the students were interested in. They might even consider having more than one music event throughout the semester, allowing students to experience various artists and performers.

Conducting a questionnaire or survey would make the process of choosing performers much easier if they already had a general idea of what the students wanted.

The fact that we have a chance to experience artists perform here at Cortland is a positive thing, but I feel they could improve upon this by focusing more on the desires of the students.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“**Rarely is the questioned asked: Is our children learning?**”

**George W. Bush**  
**Florence, S.C.**  
**Jan. 11, 2000**

# Three's a crowd

Living in a forced triple can cause double the stress

**Danielle Eckert**  
*Staff Writer*

My best friend from high school and I were ecstatic that we had both fallen in love with Cortland and were planning to attend together. The decision to room together excited us even more.

Much to our parent's dismay and warnings from current college students, we were set to be roommates. We had the floor plan of our dorm already mapped out by April and our sheets and comforters matched perfectly.

The housing form asked us questions like, "What kind of music do you prefer?" and "During what hours of the day do you like to study?"

Although these questions didn't matter to me since I already had my roommate picked out, I couldn't help but think that a few simple questions couple determine what type of person you would best fit with as a roommate.

The questions were impersonal, had only two or three choices for each answer and there were only a dozen of them at the most.

A few weeks later, the manila envelope arrived from Cortland with the roommate assignments enclosed.

My best friend and I were together just as we had hoped. But there was one small issue; we were tripled.

We were warned at orientation about being tripled, since this year it was going to be more common

than ever, due to the amount of students that decided to attend the school.

I tried to have a positive attitude about being tripled. I got to room with my best friend and also have another new friend to become close with.

I spoke with my new roommate on Facebook several times before I met her and it seemed like we would get along very well.

But in the last couple weeks of summer, I realized that trying to fit my entire life into one room with just one roommate would be difficult. In a tight space with three girls, it would be impossible.

It took a few days, but we finally got everything organized in our room. Being in a triple was manageable and all three of us got along very well.

As long as everything stayed neat and clean, the room was livable. As soon as something was out of place, the room turned chaotic and clothes went from being in drawers to on the floor or stuffed in the corner.

I am usually a neat person and I found myself cleaning the room constantly because I can't live in a space that is cluttered.

For my roommates, this wasn't always a priority, so I became frustrated many times when I couldn't concentrate in the room.

Living with three different personalities and lifestyles all in a small cramped room takes a lot of determination and patience.

For my friend and I, who were already close, sharing everything was something we decided from day one.

We would feel awkward sharing things with a girl we didn't know very well, but would be comfortable and content sharing a desk, bunks, and closets, even if it

meant we would be more cramped.

At first I didn't mind not having my own space, but after the first couple of weeks, it got annoying that my bed served not only as my bed, but a couch, a study area, a dinner table and a computer desk.

Although my roommates and I got along, and made strong friendships easily, our living habits weren't the same.

I prefer to work in a quiet space and sometimes have to leave the room and go to the library or lounge. My other roommates are okay with working with the TV on or music blasting.

I don't mean to be rude or abandon my roommates, but I can't get work done in the room with them. Having almost identical schedules with one of my roommates makes it so I have little to no alone time in the room, which can be stressful.

I'm happy with the roommate selection Cortland chose for me, but I am looking forward to being de-tripled. The Resident Assistants in the building have given triples an approximate time of de-tripling and it could potentially be next semester.

Also, some of the upperclassmen residence halls are being remodeled. All the residents of those halls will have to find a new place to live.

The College should have scheduled remodels at another time. Instead of remodeling older halls, the campus' priority should be to first make sure they have enough room for all the students who will be living in residence halls.

Cortland should add more dorms as the number of students they accept and the number who attend increase each year.

## Safe and sound?

Poor lighting and easy entry to dorms worries students

**Danielle Eckert**  
*Staff Writer*

Stories of violence flood the news daily. Crimes of violence, hate and even killing sprees overwhelm college campuses around the nation. With the high school scare of shooting rampages such as Columbine and college attacks like at Virginia Tech, students may begin to wonder, "How safe is my campus," or "Could this happen at my school?"

University Police seem to do a good job patrolling campus, but many students wonder if they spend too much time giving out parking tickets and not enough time protecting students.

There are 12 officers with at least one on duty at all times. Campus is also equipped with the blue light phone system, which serves as an emergency callbox for students.

There are currently 27 phones located on campus that any student can pick up, and University Police will automatically respond. This can be reassuring for students who are walking back from class late at night, especially alone, but how quickly can a person in serious danger react and find a box to call for help before they are in trouble?

"I feel safe when I'm by one of those boxes, but it's hard to find them," said freshman Lyndsay Rowell.

Some places on campus are well lit for night walking and

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## Cortland police could use time more effectively

Police overlook the bigger problems to target students

**Megan Martin**  
*Staff Writer*

Being a senior, I think I have pretty much experienced it all. That includes witnessing many students get taken out of bars to be issued a ticket for underage drinking, a fake ID, or some sort of other alcohol-related offense.

Don't forget the hundreds of strikes that have been issued by Cortland UPD to students found drinking in the dorms.

I feel many of these students are underclassmen, wishing to partake in the nightlife of the "college experience" stereotype. They are the most vulnerable to being flagged by cops as the perfect target.

I am in no way contending that this issue is not worthy and should be ignored. However, I do feel there are more important things Cortland police could spend time doing.

At other college campuses I have visited, the atmosphere is the

same. However, chances of seeing a police officer at a downtown bar are very rare.

Instead, they are most likely investigating valuable cases or arresting individuals for serious offenses. Is drinking a few beers with your friends at a bar really considered a serious offense by the local police departments here at Cortland?

According to the most recent crime statistics available, in 2006, 18 rapes occurred in Cortland County where a suspect was never found. Were Cortland's police officers too busy issuing underage drinking tickets to be exploring all possible approaches to these serious crimes?

The county makes the majority of their income from college students paying fines for drinking tickets. Could this play an important role in why Cortland cops feel the need to administer so many tickets throughout the year?

Another factor that angers me is that Cortland cops think that just because we are college students, they have the right to neglect certain laws and procedures.

Going into the field of criminal justice, I know about a few of the

legal rights and regulations associated with the criminal law.

On more than one occasion, I have seen officers take unruly action when handling a situation related to drinking.

One instance occurred with a female who was over the legal age of 21 and was drinking on her own property. The police officer came onto the property to question her and after a few question-and-answer statements, the officer proceeded to handcuff the individual and literally throw her onto the ground in the process.

I would like to know where in the rulebook this would be permissible, when the individual was giving full cooperation to the officer. Was he just displaying his authority as an upholder of the law?

Another situation, again dealing with drinking event, took place in a similar environment. However this time the individual in question was not over the legal age.

Since this is against the law, it was necessary to issue an underage ticket. Somewhere in the midst of this process, the issuing officer handcuffed the individual

and placed them in the back of the police car.

Again, there was complete cooperation on the part of the individual and no justification for the action of the officer.

Furthermore, the individual knew this and asked for the officer to please read her Miranda Rights, in the event that the situation should escalate; the officer refused. If this incident had ever needed to appear in court, the impending officer would have a great deal of explaining to do when this circumstance was raised in regards to the denial of reading these rights.

These are the many questions and concerns I have regarding the policing system in Cortland County. I am upset and angered when I see the amount of time spent on the drinking that goes on at college and neglect for other issues.

I think the Cortland Police Department should examine their priorities when it comes to "fighting crime" and start to mend these issues from the inside out.

# Zero tolerance for violence

## Judicial Affairs informs students on Cortland's policies

**Mike Pitaro**

*Contributing Writer*

Did you know Cortland has a zero tolerance policy for violence stance? What does zero tolerance mean? The Judicial Affairs Office wants to let you know.

Zero tolerance means that the College will not tolerate any act of violence including, but not limited to physical assault, rape and sexual assault.

If a student is found in violation of any of these policies, the sanction will likely include suspension or dismissal from the College.

The definition of physical assault in the *Code of Student Conduct* is inflicting bodily harm, taking any action for the purpose of inflicting harm, or threatened use of force upon any person.

The policy further states that physical assault is subjecting another person to unwanted physical contact.

That could be pushing or punching another person. Cortland has high standards for our students.

The *Code* definition of "assault" may vary from the legal and criminal definition. Keep in mind, students accused of violating the *Code* may or may not

also have to answer to the legal system.

On a similar note, even if the students involved do not want to press criminal charges, Judicial Affairs receives referrals of this nature and will pursue charges because an alleged violation of the *Code* has occurred and in order to protect the safety of the community.

Remember that the college has jurisdiction off campus of alleged violations of state, federal and local laws, as well as the Code of Student Conduct.

Alcohol is typically a contributing factor in many assault cases involving college students.

Many physical assaults begin with a dirty look or a glare combined with "liquid courage" (alcohol) and "beer muscles," a person thinks he or she can take on the world.

There is no doubt that alcohol and physical violence go hand in hand within a college setting.

Alcohol influences behavior, heightens emotions and will make someone act out of character. Alcohol may explain the behavior but it does not excuse it.

Remember, a person is still responsible for their actions, regardless if they had been drinking.

Self defense is often misunderstood and misrepresented.

Within the college judicial system, the concept of "self-defense" in assault cases will only

be considered in those cases when physical contact by a respondent is unavoidable. Also, and only when the attempt was of equal force and not sustained in nature, and in an effort for the respondent to remove him or herself from the situation.

Self-defense is not assaulting someone before they assault you, or because you heard he or she was going to assault you later in the day.

A person, when approached, needs to take the high road and walk away or try to get out of the situation. There are many alternatives to physical violence.

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close to Total until this past spring when chapter sizes ranged primarily in the low seventies.

Thus, if a chapter graduated 15 women they could only recruit as many women as they had open slots until Total was hit. It is time for Total to change.

The change does not occur in the InterGreek Council, but rather is a topic for discussion in the Panhellenic Council.

It was expected that one of our undergraduate sorority members would bring the topic up for consideration. No one has.

Therefore, I have put it on the agenda for the next meeting. I

anticipate that once each chapter discusses this topic, a vote will be taken to raise Total to a more appropriate level.

This reflects an increase in sorority interest by the undergraduate, unaffiliated women of Cortland.

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# Safety on campus

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provide students with safe access back to their dorms, but other places on campus are dim and creepy in the dark.

"Around the fields and Park Center is one of the places on campus that could use more light," said sophomore Nick Wilson.

Even walking back from the library which is on a well lit street can be scary because the roads are busy with cars passing.

As a freshman on campus, the one place I hoped to feel secure would be my residence hall. The doors to the halls are equipped with sensors to only allow

residents of the building in, and the night clerks watch the doors at night. But anyone can slip through the doors, especially during the day.

Living in a residence hall with a few hundred people, the door to the building is opened hundreds of times a day, and there is nothing stopping people who don't live in the building from entering.

There is no guard on duty except for the night clerks, who are only on duty for a few hours each night. Even guests from out of town can be in the building before the night clerks go on duty and can be in the building for an entire weekend without anyone noticing.

The majority of students feel that a school shooting won't happen here. However, security could do better at cracking down on the environment of the campus at night.

The entrance to residence halls and the campus itself needs to be more secure and the side doors to buildings should be monitored by cameras.

Campus security has made a good effort so far, but more improvements need to be made to make more students on campus feel secure and safe.



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## Musicians rock for a good cause

Local artists perform to raise money for the Belize Zoo Project

Chris Ryan  
Contributing Writer

### REVIEW

The SUNY Cortland Rock and Blues Ensemble and other local musicians put on outstanding performances at Lucky's last Friday night.

The performances were not just to put on release a new CD but were also to help support a great cause.

The "Belize Zoo Project" CD is a collection of songs by the artists that performed at the show, the proceeds of which will be given to the Belize Zoo.

Led by Steven Barnes and Cortland political science professor Thomas Pasquerello, the project collected donations in the front of the bar to raise awareness and money to save species that are located in the Central American zoo.

The artists performing understood that this concert was for more than just entertainment.

"I was glad it was for a good cause," said junior guitarist Antonio Mancilla, who plays in the Rock and Blues Ensemble.

"I'd do it free every time for a good cause like this."

The Rock and Blues Ensemble



photo by Chris Ryan

The SUNY Cortland Rock and Blues Ensemble performed for the Belize Zoo CD release at Lucky's last Friday.

consisted of two groups, the Tuesday and Thursday sessions.

Performing classic hits from artists such as Whitesnake, The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley, both sessions had the audience singing and clapping along.

"I'm very green at performing in front of crowds," said Mancilla, "but it was so much easier when a lot of people are supporting you."

The other bands that played along with the ensemble included the Coyote Cowgirls, Ten Man Push, Coleen Kattau and some

other talented local acts.

These groups gave a different musical flavor to the night, playing some original folk and country music as well as some covers of classic rock hits. All the artists put on an enjoyable show.

The CD will be sold at Lucky's

and at Ultimate Music on Main Street for \$10.

To learn about the cause, you can visit The Belize Zoo Blog at <http://tbzblog.blogspot.com> for more information.

## Cortland community prepares for Halloween

Community provides a wide variety of seasonal activities

Samantha Ficken  
Staff Writer

Halloween season is sneaking up on us and what better way to enjoy it than going out and getting scared.

There are a bunch of Halloween themed events happening on campus, in the town of Cortland and in surrounding areas.

Coming up on campus there are events that students can enjoy. One event is the Haunted Hall. This year, Cortland RHA is hosting a Haunted Hall on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday October 25 in Whitaker Hall. It is open to everyone, students and community alike.

This year, SGA is decorating

halls, rooms and lounges to mimic horror movie themes. Scenes from Halloween, Friday the 13th, Bloody Mary, as well as some other scary exhibits.

Students on campus are the performers and will either be portraying a movie character, or scary monsters and haunted house themed characters.

The event takes place from 7pm-11pm and it is a chance to get spooked the weekend before Halloween.

"It is actually really scary and I look forward to it every year because it is such a great time that everyone can enjoy" says senior Shirley Tyler.

"It is cool because since it is open to everyone, you see the kids in the town get scared as well as the college students" Tyler says.

Senior James Potter said, "It is really awesome because everyone works really hard to make it work and it definitely shows."

When asked what she thought about the event, freshman student Becky Schwartzman said, "I would

definitely go; my friends and I are really excited."

Also on campus at Neubig on Monday Oct. 20, there is a "guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest. The object of the contest is to guess the weight without going over.

If there is a tie, there will be a draw for the winner. The winner gets a \$25 ASC gift card to use at the school store, and the pumpkin.

A popular Halloween event that many students look forward to on campus will be taking place again this year.

Ghost Hunters John Zaffis and Chris Moon are coming to explore the campus and take students along to find ghosts.

The event is to be held on Oct 15 at 8pm in Corey Union Function Room. The Ghost Hunter's show documents ghost haunting and talks about their experiences.

Junior Nick Battiste says, "I watch the show whenever I can catch it; I'm really excited to hear about what they've seen and then hopefully see it for myself."

Around town there are also a lot of seasonal events going on. On Oct. 25, the Cortland High School Baseball team is sponsoring a Haunted Hayride.

The times are still being determined, but it will take place at Cortland Water Works on Broadway.

A new event that has been spreading around the upstate region is Fright Night, which will take place in Syracuse.

It started on Sept. 28 and is running until Halloween on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Fright Night takes place on the fair grounds in Syracuse. It is only about a half an hour away and great for a group to go and get scared.

This exhibit has haunted houses and trails to go through for cheap prices. There are four houses all with different themes and it is \$20 to go through all of them.

Student Jack Korzyp adds, "It is definitely worth it. The themes made the houses really

interesting." He goes on to explain some of the themes, "One house was like a circus, another was a crypt, it was actually really scary."

Another attraction that Korzyp enjoyed was the mini carnival with different games and fun prizes that could be won.

Also in Ithaca there is a myriad of events going on. Ithaca is only about 20 minutes away and is filled with different places that are putting on parties such as black light parties, pumpkin carving parties, Halloween masquerade parties and so much more. Mostly everything is under \$10 per person, so it is affordable.

Each year Halloween is a time for everyone to enjoy getting scared. There are great things around campus, around town and around the area that can definitely get everyone into the Halloween spirit.

# Tune into 90.5 FM: The Dragon

**Campus radio station has been on the air since 1976**

**Rebecca Greenland**  
*Staff Writer*

Sit down, relax, and tune into channel 90.5, Cortland's very own radio station. WSUC, "The Dragon," hosts a variety of shows and music so that every Cortland student can be entertained.

Indie Rock, Hip Hop, R&B, Alternative and Dance Party music can be heard on the channel, as well as a variety of shows such as "Into the fire," a sports talk show, "Between 2 Worlds," and "Digital Divide."

Before 1976, WSUC was only an AM carrier-current station. In order to get an FM signal, the founders needed to submit 5 different call letter possibilities to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Originally known as WSCU, the station submitted WCSU, WMLF, WCJL, WRTC, and finally as a joke, WSUC.

Ironically enough, the first four combinations were taken, so WSUC officially went on the air



photo provided by WSUC

**Students must have ten hours of training before they are able to broadcast live.**

November 29, 1976.

The station has an e-board of eleven people and the overall club has nearly fifty members.

The e-board includes, Station Manager/Legal Director: Andrew Pearlman, Programming Director: Vanessa Hamilton, Executive

Director/ Webmaster: Janina Mizhquiri, Business Director: Cassandra Peters, Operations Directors: Colin Smith, Music Director: Dio Hall, Librarian: Craig Krempa, Sports Directors: Michael Millstein and Steve Cuce, Promotions Director: Kelsey

Delmotte, PSA/News Director: Sean Dolberry, and Faculty Advisor: Peter Johanns.

In order to get on the air, students must apprentice and go through ten hours of learning how to be a DJ.

After five weeks, apprentices

take a test and are then allowed to go live.

There is also a communications course run by Dr. Kaltefleiter where students learn how to run a radio station.

Steve Cuce, the Sports Director says, "The station broadcasts games live on Saturdays and would like to get game coverage on weekdays."

He mentioned that he would love to integrate call-ups into Saturday shows from 12-3pm, where game spectators could call the radio station to update them on how the teams are doing.

Steve has a talk show along with Michael Millstein and Kelsey Maxon on Monday nights between 6-8pm, called "Into the Fire."

WSUC, "The Dragon" has an impressive website where viewers can look up the radio schedule, learn the history of the station, get a list of new events and see pictures from old ones, and view the e-board.

As of six years ago, the website also allows anyone to listen to the radio station, even if they are out of range. Listeners need QuickTime in order to hear the broadcast. The website is located at [www.cortland.edu/WSUC](http://www.cortland.edu/WSUC).

## Wellness Wednesday: The truth about hookups

**Mary Dykeman**  
speaks to students  
about hookup safety

**Jessica Leopoldo**  
*Staff Writer*

Can anyone truly define what a "hook up" consists of? Mary Dykeman, a public health educator at the Jacobus Center for Reproductive Health, hosted an open discussion on what hooking up really is and why it happens on college campuses so often.

While the program was part of the Wellness Wednesday series, Dykeman's lecture was very unique. She began the event by introducing herself and welcoming everyone to the discussion.

After teaching sexual education for 19 years, she became a public health educator and now hosts a popular informational program known as *Condoms and Candy*.

Unlike other lectures on campus, Dykeman presented her information in a very informal manner.

The audience was broken into sections and given questions to consider. After discussing the questions within groups, students were then chosen to present their thoughts on a specific question to the rest of the audience.

Even though she hosted the program, Dykeman was more interested in what the students had to say. "Adults do not really understand the culture that you live in," explained Dykeman.

While there are many college-

age individuals who are committed to relationships, a high percentage of college students partake in the modern "hooking up culture" that Dykeman alluded to.

"After this session is over, adults should have a better understanding of hooking up," said Dykeman.

While many students agreed upon the spontaneity and impulsiveness of hook ups, it was hard for everyone to agree on a common definition.

Hooking up can lead to numerous possibilities. How can a person truly define a hook up?

Dykeman asked students how far they go during a hook up.

While some people believed that it mainly consists of making out, others said that a hook up included having sexual intercourse.

"I define hooking up as doing something sexual," Dykeman added after listening to her audience.

Students commented on how no rules or guidelines are determined when hooking up with an individual for the night.

People learn to read each other's body language and play off each other's signals. Many people also believed that alcohol helps influence these late night activities.

"Even though we are living in a hooking up culture, I believe all sexual relations between individuals should be planned and should not be regretted," stated Dykeman.

While many college hook ups are not planned, students like the freedom and impetuosity that they consist of.

## CSTV-20: Cortland's own television station

**Students can watch live broadcasts of sporting events**

**Chelsea Leone**  
*Staff Writer*

Are you bored to tears by the same reality shows on VH1? Are you too tired to make it to the football game on Saturday, but wish you could watch Cortland win?

Then tune into campus channel 20 to watch the game live while you lie in bed working on your paper that is due Monday.

According to Kelsey Maxon, the president of CSTV, students can watch live broadcasts of sporting events that are going on during the day on Saturdays.

This week there will be a

broadcast of the hockey game and the following week, the football game.

If you are not near a television, these events can also be viewed streaming live on the web through the club's website, <http://web.cortland.edu/cstv/>.

On Tuesdays, there is a News show, which airs at 7:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays a sports show, which airs at 8 p.m.

The web casts and live showing of sporting events are possible this year thanks to new equipment the TV station has received.

CSTV is also trying to get all clubs on campus to make advertisements, which will be aired to help gain student interest.

Their goals for the semester are to get live broadcasts all over campus and loop their shows so

they are constantly running to raise more awareness about the station.

So why join CSTV? Maxon claims, "It's a fun club, where you can make shows and come out of it with the satisfaction of producing something you are proud of."

Maxon finds it "exciting to watch people make something and seeing their names in the credits."

Past members of the club have walked away with internships at David Letterman, NBC sports, ESPN, and MSG.

If you are a communications major, this club will only make you more marketable for jobs or graduate school applications.

You can join the club for fun or for one credit, where forty service hours are required. If you are interested in CSTV, meetings are every Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Corey Union room 302-303.

## A taste of Italy at Neubig

**Students enjoy variety of authentic Italian meals at Neubig**

**Jessica Zito**  
*Staff Writer*

### REVIEW

A taste of Italy was brought to Neubig last Tuesday when Neubig presented students with a wide range of delicious Italian dishes

Many students often miss the taste of a good, home-cooked meal

and Neubig provided students with some familiar dishes that differed from your typical campus food. Chicken parm was very popular among most students.

Another unique dish that was served was the fried ravioli. Some students were seen eating an entire plate full of the fried ravioli and it looked very appetizing.

The most popular choice for dessert that night was the tiramisu. The rich treat was savored by

many Cortland students.

Tim Blaise, a student who is part of the Neubig kitchen staff, had the day off, but said that it was "absolutely delicious."

Some other dishes that were served that night

included spaghetti, cannolis, bruchetta and a few more.

Overall, the night was a hit among students who enjoyed a different meal for a change.

**Tim Blaise described the tiramisu as 'absolutely delicious'**



# Rock and Blues Ensemble perform in Neubig

## Rock and Blues Ensemble entertains Neubig diners

Rebecca Greenland  
Staff Writer

Cortland's Rock and Blues Ensemble entertained hungry students with a variety of covers from famous bands in Neubig last Wednesday, Oct. 8.

The ensemble is created from a class offered by the school and is cut into two bands for the two classes a week it is held, Tuesday and Thursday.

First to perform at 5pm was the

Thursday group, composed of about 14 people.

They played covers from bands such as O.A.R., Dave Matthews Band, J.R. Wells, The Blues Brothers, and The Grateful Dead. They also "played 'Let It Be,' by The Beatles, and Whitesnake's 'Here I go Again.'"

Cortland Sophomore Heather Harrington

commented, "I enjoyed the song selections and was impressed by the talent of both bands."

It was also fun having something to listen to and watch while eating dinner."

After Thursday's group performed, it was Tuesday's turn. They played "Ticket to ride" by The Beatles, Jethro Tull's "Cross Eyed Mary," "No Woman No Cry"

Cutler, Dan Evans, Kristen Fedor, Marissa Gannon, Katy Greene, Mike Labruna, Greg Ledar, Marley Myrianthopolous, Mike Scala, Joanna Verdi, Frances Zaenglein,

Greg Brooker, David Goldenberg, Brooke Hoffman, Alex Langen, Antonio Mancilla, Aileen Morris, Richard Rose, Neil Stambaugh, Jon

Walsh, Bryan Welsh, Eddie Delcastillo, and Lois Pfister.

The Ensemble is directed by Professor Steven Barnes who is also the professor of the course.

Tuesday's drummer, Jon

Walsh said about the class, "I like the fact that you can just have fun with it. We have a lot of musical freedom and can choose the songs we want to play."

The Rock and Blues Ensemble incorporates a large variety of musical instruments such as the keyboard, guitar, bass, tambourine, flute, drums, violin, trombone, and singers.

The class is open to all students with an interest in music and performing, and it is a one credit course.

## I enjoyed the song selections and was impressed by the talent of both bands

- Heather Harrington, sophomore

by Bob Marley, "Gloria" by Van Morrison, Jimi Hendrix's "Fire," and "I Walked in From Nazareth" by Java Blues.

Many students are involved in the Ensemble, including Kasey

# Codas Part XXXV: Asunder

## The nothingness of Mu lives up to its name of nonexistence

Andrew Hamilton  
Contributing Writer

### COLUMN

"What else is there but here?"  
"Elsewhere, which must be somewhere."

"Can there really be anything?"

"Have you forgotten already?"

"I don't know; if I have I've forgotten."

"No you haven't, you're still you."

"Who am I?"

"It's hard to say...holding you when I was...what was it? Was I sleeping? Holding you when I was sleeping? No, that's not it...holding you..."

"Let me try again."

"I'll wait."

"Warm, like something alive. That's what you are, you're a very

gentle flame."

"What? I am *not* anything."

"No...that's right...but you were my fire, my little candlelight in the darkness. It wasn't strong enough to warm me up or light up a whole room, but the light that you were was enough for me to find my way down darkened stairways in the middle of the night."

"A light? I was...?"

"Even though I didn't know where I was going, I knew that I could at least see the path that I walked on in the night because of you."

"Why does the word 'tear' come to mind?"

"I held your hand all the way to the end."

"When?"

"And...I was wondering if you cried for me. Not that I wanted you to be sad forever, but I wondered how deeply you felt me."

"A figure in a black hood...a crown of thorns."

"I didn't even get to see my brother at the end of it all, but you were there. I liked...I wanted that."

"Fear...was I afraid? Tremble...quake...fear me."

"I've found you."

The sudden presence of being in an environment of nothingness shocks the soul like forcefully being submerged in freezing water shocks the body.

The soul in atrophy tenses and loses its average cognizance as it struggles to adjust to the sudden pang of actual feeling.

Instead of trying to break away from the unbridled sensation, to escape from the icy liquid, it instead tries to keep itself stabilized with as little feeling as possible.

It dumps all memory and sets its empathy into a comatose state to regain the sensation of non-feeling.

It was just at that moment that a hand, a physical presence, entered the dimension of nothingness known as Mu and seized one of the wayward essences squirming within the nothingness.

The captured spirit struggled to maintain its nothingness and tried to deny the existence of its own shoulder that the captor's foreign hand now clenched, but it was all in vain for it was that very instant that the soul in atrophy was pulled out of nonbeing with the violence and shock of a human

body crashing through a solid block of ice.

Suddenly, the nothingness of Mu lived up to its name of nonexistence as the spirit pulled from nonbeing realized that it could see its own hands, that it had eyes with which to see, that it had a body complete with eyes and hands (and a working respiratory system and ears as it could hear itself gasping for air); all memory, thought, and feeling returned to *his* being.

His mind immediately lurched with images, words, sounds, remembrances of pain and feeling.

The explosion of thought and memory had seized him so completely that he didn't even realize that he was reciting them all out loud with the speed of one possessed by holy conviction.

"There are twelve Guardians, and I am one of them. A man named Alucard told me that."

We are the protectors of the Son on earth, whose mission it is to renew the planet from the evil that now overruns it.

The Son's name is Emanuel, a child, I met him. There were others with us, Beowulf, a woman named Carmen, a priest...but the priest

betrayed us.

He is a Guardian, but he is the descendant of Judas Iscariot. He's the one that..."

He felt his stomach sink as he touched the small of his back and felt a long scar left by a deadly knife wound.

"Emanuel is in danger; I need to get back there. The Iscariot said he killed Beowulf and Alucard!"

The man raised his eyes to a stary night sky for the first time in full realization of what, or rather who, he was.

"The Author of the World's Fortunes." The voice was not especially loud or threatening, yet it cause the Author's body to make a startled jerk as he let out a mild bark of surprise (understandable since he has been entrapped in a world of nonbeing for several months).

To be continued...

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# What the stars have in store for you this week

## Aries

The most important relationship in your life is the one you have with yourself. That becomes clear at the start of the week, especially if you find yourself projecting disowned parts of your life onto the people around you.

## Taurus

Looking for answers isn't nearly as important as making sure you're asking the right questions, especially on Monday or Tuesday.

## Gemini

No matter how well you plan, you can never be totally sure of the outcome, which is why it's helpful to pay attention to all the matters in front of you, big or small.

## Cancer

You can get what you want, but first you have to figure out what you really want on Monday or Tuesday.

## Leo

On Monday and Tuesday, you excel at starting projects, but

finishing them is best left to Wednesday and Thursday.

## Virgo

You have some very specific wishes you want fulfilled at the start of the week. That's a special kind of pleasure, when you know just what it is that you want.

## Libra

Integration is the key word for this week, especially as you explore all the oppositions and polarities within yourself.

## Scorpio

Smooth, charismatic, in control — these are all adjectives that can be accurately applied to you.

## Sagittarius

Getting your inner critic out of the way during the first half of the week helps you feel more relaxed and be more creative.

## Capricorn

Let yourself be spontaneous and irreverent at the start of the week.

## Aquarius

It's easy to see that you're creative in one area of your life, but other channels may not be as freely flowing. On Monday and Tuesday, identify the areas where you'd like to have more energy, flexibility and inspiration

## Pisces

Have you been letting someone in your life get away with far too much? At the week's start, it's time to see the truth.

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## College football recap

As season continues, so do the upsets in college football

**Matt Savino**

*Contributing Writer*

High rankings haven't exactly foreshadowed success in college football this year, and Saturday's action lived up to that billing. With three of the top four teams falling in their games, including the number one team in the country, it was an exciting week to be a college football fan.

Number one Oklahoma fell to southern rival number five Texas 45-35 in the annual Big XII match up. With Texas trailing most of the game, it looked like the Sooners would keep their spot at the top of the rankings. It wasn't until the Longhorns recovered a fake punt attempt in the third quarter, and Longhorns junior quarterback Colt McCoy led the offense downfield, that Texas was able to grab lead.

While McCoy padded his Heisman credential with a four-touchdown performance, another

Big XII quarterback saw his Heisman stock take quite a tumble.

Number three Missouri quarterback and Heisman hopeful Chase Daniel threw three second half interceptions that helped the number 17 Oklahoma State Cowboys defeat the Tigers 28-23. The undefeated Cowboys looked strong behind sophomore running back Kendall Hunter, who rushed for 154 yards including a 68 yard score.

Number four Louisiana State couldn't come up with an answer for Tim Tebow and number 11 Florida's offense. The Gators set the tone early jumping out to a quick 17-0 lead. Tebow threw for two scores and ran for one in the 51-21 drumming of the LSU Tigers.

In other games around the country, undefeated Penn State picked up its seventh win against Big Ten rival Wisconsin.

Notre Dame came up short to number 22 North Carolina, in Notre Dame's first time visit to the Tar Heels since 1975.

Newly ranked number 25 Ball State continued its Cinderella season beating Western Kentucky 24-7.

## Women's soccer plays two tie games

Red Dragons come away with two ties in SUNYAC competition

**Kristen Borgosz**

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The Cortland women's soccer team traveled this weekend for SUNYAC conference play and battled Buffalo State to a 1-1 double overtime tie on Friday.

Freshman Bridgette DeSantis scored her second goal of the season in the 26th minute of the first half. She headed in a corner kick from sophomore Kelsey Allen to give the Red Dragons the lead, but Buffalo State tied the game later in the 33rd minute.

The assist was Allen's fourth

of the year, which leads the team, and sophomore goalie Pam Monnier recorded three saves. Buffalo State is now 6-5-1 overall and 2-2-1 in SUNYAC play.

The second game of the weekend on Saturday night also resulted in a double overtime tie with defense dominating most of the game. No goals were scored by either team in the contest as Cortland played Fredonia State to a 0-0 tie. Monnier made nine saves, including three in overtime play, to record the shutout.

The Red Dragons now stand at 5-3-4 overall and 3-1-2 in SUNYAC play, while the Blue Devils are 8-4-1 and 2-3-1, respectively.

Cortland is back in action this weekend as they host SUNY Brockport on Friday and SUNY Geneseo on Saturday.

## Club baseball wins three

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support that Bradley would need, who pitched all seven innings giving up three hits, zero earned runs, three walks, and eight strikeouts.

"I felt good out there. I wasn't hitting my spots like I would like to, but they weren't hitting me very hard so it worked," said Bradley.

Cortland won the game 4-0 after Sophomore Tim Holder added some insurance with a two-run home run in the third inning. Senior Sean McGee went two for three with a stolen base.

In the second game of the double-header the bats woke up for the Red Dragons as they belted Albany pitching for 12 hits and 12 runs as the team won 12-2.

Amongst the hitting for Cortland, Torres was two for three with two doubles and two RBI's,

Freshman Chris Telesco went two for three with two doubles and four RBI's, and Holder went two for two with another two-run home run.

"On the first home run I went up there looking to go up the middle but he came with a fastball when he was behind in the count. The second one was just hung 0-2 changeup that he left up in the zone," said Holder.

"Holder did a great job hitting for us today, and Telesco came up big with a three-run double in his first college at-bat," Bradley said.

The scheduled nine-inning game for Sunday was forfeited by Albany. This sweep moves Cortland's record to 3-0 atop their division. The team has a three-game series against Syracuse University starting the weekend of Oct. 25 in Syracuse.

## Major League Baseball Most Valuable Player candidates

With the end of the MLB season comes the race for MVP

**James Hopkins**

*Contributing Writer*

Like the Cy Young Award, in baseball the Most Valuable Player Award for each league is voted on by the members of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

There is a difference in voting. Each BBWAA voter has a ballot of ten players, where first gets fourteen points, second gets nine and so on down to one. On their website the BBWAA has listed the awards to come out Nov. 17 for the National League and Nov. 18 for the American League.

The key to this award is the definition of value, which there are a lot of viewpoints on in baseball. Some people think it should go to the best player no matter what, some think that it should only go to players on a playoff team, and some people think factors like playing time, position, salary and the players usual level of play help determine the most valuable player.

The candidates for the award in the American League are more open than in the National League, where there is a clear-cut leader in Albert Pujols.

Here are the top three candidates for each league.

National League:

1. Albert Pujols, first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals. Pujols finished the season with a .337 batting average with 37 home runs and 116 runs batted in.

He lead baseball in Value Over Replacement Player, which is a statistic used by baseball prospectus and it measures the number of runs a player is better than a replacement player at the same position in the same number of plate appearances. Pujols finished first with a 96.8 VORP.

Pujols doesn't just hit either. He was arguably the best fielding first baseman in the National League, and he is second in the fielding bible's +/- system, making 20 plays more than the average first baseman.

This wouldn't be the first time Pujols has won the MVP award; he won it back in 2005.

2. Hanley Ramirez, shortstop for the Florida Marlins. Hanley finished the year with a .303 batting average with 33 home runs and 67 runs batted in, adding 35 stolen bases on top of that.

Ramirez finished second in VORP, finishing with an 80.7 total. And while his defense is not that good at shortstop, he improved his +/- from -37 last year to three this year.

Shortstop is also one of the premiere defensive positions in baseball, so even being slightly above average holds some value over other positions.

3. Lance Berkman, first baseman for the Houston Astros. This spot could be called 2a since Berkman and Ramirez can be interchangeable in these spots. Berkman finished the year with a .312 batting average with 29 home runs and 106 runs batted in. He also stole 18 bases this year.

Berkman finished the year with a 72.2 VORP, in which he was fourth in baseball.

His defense also improved as last year he was a negative three at first base and this year he finished with 18.

Both Berkman and Hanley had good years and if either one was in the American League they probably would have won, but Pujols was just too good this year.

American League:

1. Dustin Pedroia, second baseman for the Boston Red Sox.

In the American League there is not a clear-cut number one player, so the voters will probably vote based off of their own opinion of value.

Pedroia this year was a lot like

Jimmy Rollins last year. He'll be looked at as the spark plug for the Red Sox team. He finished the year with a .326 batting average, with 17 home runs, 83 runs batted in and 20 stolen bases.

He finished third in the American League in VORP with a 62.3. Second base is another premiere defensive position, and Pedroia finished fifth at second base with a +/- of 15. So between the defense and a good overall output on offense, Pedroia will likely win the award, although the voting could go another way because of the lack of a standout player in the American League.

2. Joe Mauer, catcher for the Minnesota Twins. This one could easily be Mauer's teammate, Justin Morneau, but the edge should go to Mauer for playing the catcher position. Mauer finished with an American League leading .328 batting average, with nine home runs and 85 runs batted in.

Mauer finished eighth in the American League in VORP with a 55.5.

Since +/- doesn't measure for catchers, we can look at how Mauer had a .363 caught stealing percentage, good for fourth in baseball, and he finished tied for first with only four passed balls.

3. Grady Sizemore, center fielder for the Cleveland Indians. Sizemore finished with a .268 batting average, with 33 home runs, 90 runs batted in and 38 stolen bases.

The MVP buzz just never generated for Sizemore, even though he probably was the best overall player in the American League. He finished second in the American League in VORP with a 62.7.

He also plays a premier position on defense, coming in tenth in +/- for center fielders with a seven. If the Indians didn't have key injuries and were in contention for a playoff spot late in the season then Sizemore may be the one winning the award.

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## Red Dragons hold off Montclair State in home thriller

**Red Dragons football holds on in victory over Montclair State**

**Dan Curtis**  
Staff Writer

In its second home game of the season last Saturday, in front of a packed house, the Red Dragons football team defeated Montclair State 23-17 to remain undefeated in both conference and overall play.

The game came down to the wire with Cortland's defense prevailing on two very important late game stops against Montclair State's offense. With 8:10 remaining in the fourth quarter, Cortland senior defensive lineman Ben Nagle blocked a critical field goal attempt by Montclair which kept the score tied up at 17 points a piece.

Later in the quarter, after Cortland senior tailback Andrew Giuliano pushed the Red Dragon's lead to 23-17 with an eight yard touchdown run, the Cortland defense stopped Montclair again in the red zone; this time to seal the Red Dragon victory.

"Our defense is predicated on an aggressive attack," said Head Coach Daniel MacNeill. "On that



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**Senior Andrew Giuliano scored a late touchdown to give the Red Dragons the lead.**

red zone stop Josh Jablonski came through with a critical sack and tackle for a loss. Then Brian Haas made a critical third down tackle for a loss and Ben Nagle blocked the field goal attempt."

Cortland senior quarterback Ray Miles kept a steady pace

throughout the game for the Red Dragon offense, throwing for an impressive 302 yards and two touchdowns. Miles completed 19 of his 30 pass attempts on the game.

Cortland wide receivers Eric Hajnos (senior) and Zacc Guaragno

(senior) each tallied over 100 yards receiving on the day; both scoring touchdowns.

"Having play makers like Eric and Zacc make us very effective as an offense, if not explosive," MacNeill said.

Miles' longest pass of the day

came in the second quarter when he connected with Hajnos for a 47-yard touchdown to put the Red Dragons on top 10-7.

With just 69 yards rushing on the day, Cortland's lowest rushing total this season, the Red Dragon's passing game gave the team the boost it needed to fend off an undefeated Montclair State team.

"We want to establish the run," MacNeill said. "By doing so the defense needs to focus there and then the pass is more effective. We threw the ball for over 300 yards and two touchdowns while not allowing one sack. We can throw the ball effectively."

The victory improves Cortland's record to 5-0 and the Red Dragons are now ranked 13th nationally on D3football.com. The win also puts Cortland in sole possession of first place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference as the only unbeaten team remaining.

"Winning each game is important," MacNeill said. "The fact that we are the only unbeaten is a good thing but our goal is to win the NJAC Championship. With that in mind it's always best to win them all."

The Red Dragons will try to keep their winning streak alive on the road this Saturday, when they're scheduled to play 2-2 NJAC rival Western Connecticut.

## NHL season gets under way

**The National Hockey League takes center stage once again**

**Nathan Vaji**  
Staff Writer

With the beginning of October, not only do the leaves start to change and the weather becomes cooler, it also means hockey season. The 2008-2009 NHL season looks to be an exciting one. Here are some of the teams and players to keep an eye on throughout this upcoming season.

The Favorites:

**Detroit Red Wings**—The defending Stanley Cup Champions will look to repeat their performance from last season. The Red Wings resigned their top defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and obtained Marian Hossa through free agency. Detroit also is anchored in the net by veteran Chris Osgood.

**Montreal Canadiens**—In their 100th year of professional hockey, Montreal will look to jump to the top of the Eastern Conference and

make a run at the Cup. They are led by veterans Saku Koivu and Andrei Markov. The Canadiens also have one of the top young goaltenders in the league in Carey Price.

**Pittsburgh Penguins**—Led by one of the top players in the world, Sidney Crosby, Pittsburgh will look to repeat their Stanley Cup appearance from last year. Crosby is joined by young stars Evgeni Malkin and Marc-Andre Fluery. The Pens took a big hit early in the pre-season when top defenseman Sergei Gonchar separated his shoulder. This injury required season-ending surgery.

Top Players:

**Alex Ovechkin**—The 2007-2008 Hart Memorial Trophy winner (MVP) led the league in goals last season with 65. His stock is still rising as long as he stays healthy. Ovechkin is considered one of the faces of the NHL and continues to open new doors for the league.

**Sidney Crosby**—The other face of the NHL, Crosby, played only 53 games last year but scored 72 points in those games. Crosby missed time with a high ankle

sprain that lingered throughout the last weeks of the regular season and into the playoffs. If Crosby can stay healthy, he can put up career numbers and lead the Penguins back to the glory days of Mario Lemieux.

**Nicklas Lidstrom**—Lidstrom is one of the oldest players in the league at 38 years of age, but he also is one of the best. Lidstrom won the 2008 Norris Trophy, which is presented to the league's top defensive player. He will play an important part in Detroit's quest for a repeat as Stanley Cup Champions.

Watch out for....

Keep an eye on the Washington Capitals. They do have the reigning NHL MVP in Alex Ovechkin, but with a lot of young players, the team chemistry still isn't there. Goaltender Jose Theodore is one of the most underrated players in the league and if he continues to play well, this team could cause a shake up amongst the top teams in the Eastern Conference.

## Women's hockey team hits the ice

**Red Dragons women's ice hockey returns to action**

**Mark Nader**  
Staff Writer

The women's ice hockey team is ready to lace up the skates and hit the ice, as their 2008 season gets under way. They are coming off of a 5-17-3 record and hoping to improve on last years record.

"My expectations are standard. I expect the players to work as hard as they can in practice, games and in the classroom. I expect each player to give the best they can in every situation," said second year coach Earl Utter.

Like everything, each season is a learning process for both players and coaches.

"I learned that our players need to be more fundamentally sound and that I have to have a larger roster. The team will have to find new sources of offense, losing their top two scorers last year from graduation. I think we have some first year players that will score goals for us. However, I also believe that we have some returning players that, if they approach the game differently, will be able to contribute nicely for us. Of course, even if a team scores ten goals a game and gives up eleven, the team will lose," Utter

said.

"I think our goaltending situation has improved. Our goalies understand how they contribute and every day they are working as hard as they can to help the team experience success."

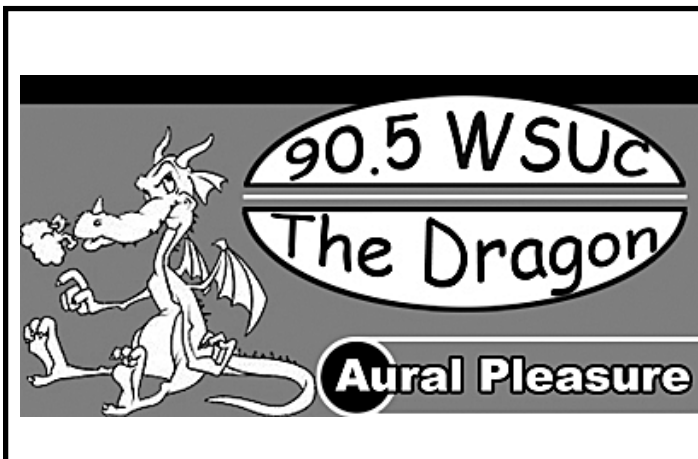
The Red Dragons return their top two goalies from last year in senior Melissa Stern and sophomore Brianna Bartlett, both of whom won two games last year.

However, Coach Utter realizes the season is not about all out victory and the progress the team makes throughout the year is just as important.

"My goal is to develop a program and that takes time. So the goal I have set for our team is not a goal of so many wins and losses, rather it is a goal of being the hardest working team on the ice every night. It is a lot easier to build a program if you set small measurable goals that can be attained rather than goals like wins and losses," Utter said.

"Judging your team by its work ethic is much easier on a young team like ours and easier for young players to grasp. In the long run, not judging your team on wins and losses, especially at the Division III level, is the best way to develop a program that, eventually, will win a lot of hockey games in the future."

The team will begin its season with its first four regular season games on the road before returning home on November 11th to play Buffalo State.



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# Cortland men's soccer victorious in two games

**Bryan Patterson a major factor for Red Dragons in victories**

**Jason Silver**  
Contributing Writer

Bryan Patterson scored two game-winning goals as the Cortland men's soccer team was victorious twice this past weekend.

They defeated the Buffalo State Bengals on Friday by a score of 2-1 in overtime. Less than 24 hours later, on Saturday, Cortland knocked off defending SUNYAC champions the Fredonia Blue Devils by a score of 3-1 at the Cortland Stadium Complex. With these two victories, the Red Dragons improve their record to 7-2-2 overall and 5-0-1 in SUNYAC play.

It was déjà-vu all over again for the Cortland Red Dragons when they hosted Buffalo State. The last time Buffalo State came to Cortland was on October 30, 2007 in the SUNYAC Quarterfinals and Cortland won 4-2 in penalty kicks to advance and play Fredonia in the SUNYAC Semifinals.

Cortland trailed 1-0 on an early Buffalo State goal under the three-minute mark in the contest.

Seven minutes later, the Red Dragons responded and tied the game up at 1 when Patterson got possession of the ball and passed the ball to Jimmy Eichas on the right side of the field. Once Eichas received the ball, he found a streaking E.J. Reutemann on the left wing and played him with a thru ball.

Reutemann then shot the ball, which was saved by the Buffalo State goalie, but quickly snared the rebound off of the goalie's body and collected the ball and tucked it into the open net.

Reutemann's goal was unassisted and it was his fourth

goal of the season.

Cortland had a great opportunity to take the lead later in the first half, but the Buffalo State goalie, Dan Corti, stopped a Steve Bartkowski shot by making a diving save at the left post.

Going into the second half, the Red Dragons had 12 shots on goal. Six of them were by Patterson. In the second half it was all Cortland who dominated play and had two great chances to win in regulation, but was denied.

In the 49th minute, sophomore Andrew Schwert had an 18-yard shot that went over the left corner of the goal and then in the 60th minute Patterson had a 25-yard shot that hit off the crossbar. Cortland controlled the tempo and regulation in the second half as Cortland out-shot Buffalo State by a 20-8 margin.

In overtime, Cortland got a big break as Buffalo State nearly secured a road victory when a shot from A.J. Johnson, from the left side of the 18-yard box, went past senior goalie Steve Axtell and hit right off the right post into his arms. With less than 30 seconds left in overtime, Eichas played a ball into space and passed the ball up field intended for Patterson.

Buffalo State goalie Corti made a mistake and wanted to chase Eichas' ball off of his line, but Patterson made Corti pay, as he got to the ball first and flicked a shot over the goalie and into the upper right corner of the net for the game-winning goal. The goal was his team-high sixth of the season.

"Our back four was unbelievable tonight. Goalie Steve Axtell played great and after we scored to tie the game up we settled down and played our game," said Reutemann after the game.

"We came back and scored quickly after Buffalo State scored which was important," added Coach Dwight Hornibrook. "I am just happy that we were able to continue to create sharper in



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**Bryan Patterson leads the way for Red Dragons soccer.**

position and the way we cleared the ball."

Last Saturday the Cortland men's soccer team was back at it hosting the Fredonia State Blue Devils at Chugger Davis Field. Before the game, associate sport information director Dan Surdam honored 11 Cortland seniors as he addressed the achievements of each of them.

The seniors that were honored were Peter Degere, David Jacques, Armin Oster, Kyle Stepanovsky, Ayinde George, Jack Carillo, Satoshi Arai, Eric Hankin, Adam Jurcic, Axtell, and Patterson.

Cortland got on the board early on an own goal as George got control of the ball in the offensive zone and kicked the ball towards

Fredonia's goalie, but the ball deflected off a Fredonia State defender and into the back of the net in the 16th minute.

Twenty minutes later, Patterson intercepted a Fredonia pass at mid-field, chased the ball down, went right by a Fredonia State defender and poked it past the Fredonia State goalie, T.J. Cavanaugh, for his seventh goal of the season giving Cortland a 2-0 advantage.

With four minutes left in the first half, the Blue Devils trimmed Cortland's lead to 1 on a goal by Cory Paine.

In the second half of play, there neither team was generating any good scoring opportunities as play was mostly controlled in the

mid-field.

It was not until junior Mike Jock passed the ball from the right side of the field to Patterson who finished the rest by kicking the ball into the right side of the net in the 71st minute that they preserved the 3-1 victory. It was the second night in a row that Patterson scored the game-winning goal for Cortland.

"Senior Night was great," said Patterson. "This one was especially great for me because I have never defeated Fredonia in Cortland and to score the game winning goal at senior night was extra special for me. Our team is firing on all cylinders as Steve has been playing fantastic at goal, our defense has been phenomenal, our mid-field dominated games, and our forwards have been scoring key goals for us."

"Everything is going our way right now, the starters are on the field, are clicking the right way and scoring goals, our substitutions are coming in off the bench and doing what they need to do to get the job done," said Schwert. "Everyone has their role on the team whether for 90 minutes of play or just for five minutes of play as each of us are playing in a positive manner for the betterment of the team."

"Our seniors have worked very hard and responded well to the set backs they have encountered along the way and continued to pursue excellence," Hornibrook said of his team. "What more can a coach ask for? The younger players are learning quickly on what it takes to get through the grind of the SUNYAC schedules. I am impressed with their efforts."

Cortland now travels to Brockport to take on the Brockport Golden Eagles on Friday and then travel to Geneseo to take on the first place, undefeated Geneseo Blue Knights in big SUNYAC match-ups.

# National Football League heats up in week six

**No clear NFL team distancing themselves from competition**

**Brian Verdi**  
Staff Writer

We are a little more than a third of the way through the NFL season, and we do not know much more than we did at the beginning of the season. That is the beauty of the NFL.

What you think you have figured out after one week becomes completely irrelevant the following week. Every single game means so much, and you never know what surprises you will see from one week to another.

In the NFC this season, the four best teams could very well be playing in the same conference. The East is loaded with impressive

teams, led by the 4-1 New York Giants. The defending Super Bowl champions looked like the class of this division in their first four games, but lost to a Cleveland Browns team in week six that had been struggling.

They had a 41-point outburst at St. Louis in week two and exploded for 44 points three weeks later against Seattle. We will find out what they are really made of in weeks eight through ten, when they travel to Pittsburgh, face Dallas at home and then head to Philadelphia for a showdown with the Eagles.

The other three teams in the East, Washington, Dallas and Philadelphia, have all had their ups and downs early on in the season.

The Redskins were looking like one of the best teams in the NFL until their week six loss at home to the previously winless St. Louis Rams.

Philadelphia was without all-pro running back Brian Westbrook for two of their first six games, while

Dallas will be without Pro Bowl quarterback Tony Romo for up to four weeks, after he broke a finger on his throwing hand in the team's week six overtime loss at Arizona.

While the teams in the NFC East will be beating each other up throughout the season, there are a few other teams to watch out for in this conference.

The Arizona Cardinals look like the team to beat out West as everyone else in their division has struggled early on.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Carolina Panthers and Atlanta Falcons are all 4-2 in the South while Reggie Bush and the New Orleans Saints sit just a game behind at 3-3.

Green Bay, Chicago and Minnesota are all 3-3 in the North, and are expected to battle it out until the final week of the season.

When discussing AFC favorites the last few years, conversation usually started and ended with the New England Patriots. However, they have not

looked like the team of old without "all-world" quarterback Tom Brady who was lost for the season in week one with a knee injury. They have struggled to put points on the board and were blown out on national television by San Diego in week six.

In the South, the Tennessee Titans are the only remaining undefeated team in the NFL. They are 5-0 and their defense has been outstanding, yet somehow they are still flying under the radar.

There is a long way to go and the Indianapolis Colts and Jacksonville Jaguars will be pushing hard to win the division all season, but expect the Titans to be in the thick of things in the end.

The other stand-out teams in this conference appear to be the Pittsburgh Steelers, Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers.

The incomparable LaDainian Tomlinson has been slowed by a toe injury this season for the Chargers, but is still top 10 in the league in rushing yardage. If he

ever gets completely healthy, they may become the team to beat in this conference.

The East seems to be up in the air. The Buffalo Bills were looking sharp until they were blown away by Arizona in week five.

Brett Favre is leading the league in completion percentage and has single-handedly kept his 3-2 New York Jets in games.

The Miami Dolphins have beaten both the Chargers and Patriots, but lost to the Houston Texans.

The Patriots are still coached by football genius Bill Belichick. We just have to wait and see what happens with this division.

It is fun to speculate and predict who will win the Vince Lombardi Trophy come February 1, 2009 in Tampa Bay.

You may live for the NFL and think you know everything there is to know about it. However, even the most intelligent NFL fan has learned this: the only thing you can do is to expect the unexpected.

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# Sports



## Cortland Athletics Scores

### FOOTBALL

Cortland 23  
Montclair St. 17  
Next: Saturday @ Western CT St.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 3  
Fredonia 1  
Next: Friday @ Brockport

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Hamilton Invitational-  
Sixth Place  
Next: Friday @ Penn State  
National

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Hamilton Invitational-  
Seventh Place  
Next: Friday @ Penn State  
National

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 0  
Fredonia 0  
Next: Friday vs. Brockport

### FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland 4  
Geneseo 0  
Next: Saturday @ New Paltz

## Athletes of the Week



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**Ray Miles**  
Football

Threw for 302 yards and two touchdowns against Montclair



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**Gabriela Medina**  
Tennis

Placed second in the sixth singles flight at SUNYACs

## Cortland volleyball places second at invitational

**Brittney Horton sets new career assist record for Cortland**

**Jason Silver**  
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, Brittney Horton became the all-time career assist leader for Cortland.

The Cortland women's volleyball team hosted the two-day Cortland Invitational where seven schools competed in a predetermined schedule held at Corey Gymnasium.

Last Friday, the Cortland women's volleyball team faced off against Hunter College where they won in four sets by scores of 24-26, 25-22, 25-10 and 25-21.

For the Red Dragons, junior Michele Gaufman led the charge as she had three blocks, 15 digs, and 18 attacks in the victory. Junior Ariel Rakita finished with 13 kills, with only one error in 33 attempts, and contributed eight digs. Also, senior setter Horton completed the match with 10 digs, four kills, and 44 assists. Cortland posted a .313 attack percentage versus Hunter College.

With only 30 minutes to rest in between matches on Friday afternoon, the Red Dragons played the Fredonia Blue Devils and were not as successful, as Cortland lost by scores of 30-32, 24-26 and 17-25.

In the match against the Blue Devils, Rakita led the Red Dragons with a team high of 16 digs and 11 kills. She finished day one of the Cortland Invitational registering a combined 24 kills while only committing three attack errors in Cortland's two matches.

Last Saturday, day two of the Cortland Invitational, it was the Horton show, as she became Cortland's new career assist leader with 4,366, surpassing Adriane Battaglioli who had the original assist record with 4,326 from 1995-1998.

The Red Dragons were



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**Brittney Horton sets a new assist record for Cortland.**

victorious in their two matches on Saturday where they defeated Geneseo by scores of 25-18, 25-18, 25-21, and Vassar College by scores of 20-25, 25-15, 25-17 and 25-15.

Horton was 33 assists away from breaking the record heading into Saturday's two matches and she registered 28 assists in the win over Geneseo and then broke the record dishing out 45 assists in the win over Vassar.

Another contributor in Cortland's two victories was senior Jessica Bonczar leading the team with 11 digs in the win over Geneseo. Freshman Ashley Coyle led Cortland with 16 kills in the win over Vassar and sophomore Kayla Gallipeau had seven kills and three blocks.

The Red Dragons finished the Cortland Invitational posting a 3-1 record, finishing in second place behind the undefeated winner, Fredonia, who completed the

tournament with a perfect 4-0 record.

Earlier in the week on Tuesday Oct. 7th, the Cortland women's volleyball team competed against Ithaca College in a home dual match on senior night.

The match was also Dig Pink Night where both Cortland and Ithaca wore specially designed shirts to support the event, which raised money to help fight breast cancer. The money that was raised during the match went to The Side-Out Foundation; a Virginia based national non-profit organization that was created in 2004 to help fight breast cancer.

Before the game, the three Cortland seniors Bonczar, Haleigh Muka, and co-captain Horton were honored, as sport information director Fran Elia spoke some genuine words about their Cortland careers.

As for the match, senior night

was not disappointing as the Red Dragons defeated Ithaca in four sets by scores of 25-17, 25-19, 19-25 and 25-19. In the first game against the Bombers, the game was tied at 13 and then the Red Dragons exploded going on a 7-1 run to go up 20-14 on kills by Horton, Gaufman and Gallipeau. They eventually won the first game 25-17.

The Red Dragons started strong out of the gate in game two by gaining an early 7-2 advantage. Ithaca battled back to take a 10-8 lead and then Cortland responded winning the next seven points to take a 15-10 lead. Once again Ithaca crawled back and tied the game at 19, but Cortland won the next six points to take a two games to zero lead winning 25-19.

After Ithaca won game three, the Red Dragons made sure there would not be a comeback for the Bombers by taking an early 13-5 lead in game four. Cortland's largest margin in game four was 10 on two separate occasions at 19-9 and 20-10, which was triggered by four Rakita kills. Ithaca was unable to trim the lead as Cortland won game four by the score of 25-19 and the match three sets to one.

"We have been playing constantly well and we are building on how well we have been playing," said Coach Pam Hoerup after the match. "The key to the victory was our consistency on serve receiving points on the attack."

"The team was into the match tonight as Ithaca is our biggest rival and the intensity that we brought onto the court tonight won the match for us," said Bonczar.

"Our defensive play tonight triggered our offense and that is especially sweet to beat Ithaca on senior night," added Horton.

With the win over the Ithaca College Bombers and going 3-1 in last weekend's Cortland Invitational Tournament, the Red Dragons are 19-8 overall and 2-2 in SUNYAC play. This weekend the Red Dragons travel to Plattsburgh to compete in the SUNYAC East Round Robin Tournament.

## Club baseball sweeps Albany in league opener

**Red Dragons club baseball looks strong in sweep over Albany**

**Gabe Schaub**  
Staff Writer

Looking to capitalize on the momentum stemming from their Williamsport Tournament Championship last weekend, the Cortland Club baseball team took on the University of Albany Great Danes in their league opener this past weekend at Beaudry Field.

"Winning last weekend was definitely a great way to start off the season, but now we have to concentrate on the games at hand because these are the ones that really matter," said coach and starter of the first game Bruce Bradley.

The Red Dragons jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning after Junior Steve Campbell was knocked in by Junior Toby MacCart. MacCart then scored on a fielder's choice by Senior Mike Torres.

This proved to be all the run



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**Tim Holder hit two two-run home runs for Cortland.**

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