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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Variety of festivities for Homecoming Weekend

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m. the annual Homecoming Pep Rally will kick off outside the Stadium Complex.

The Pep Rally will feature performances by Kickline, Danceworks, cheerleaders and Fire Jugglers. There will be a bonfire, crowning of Homecoming King and Queen and a Dragon Olympics competition for the Homecoming Cup.

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.

Sign-ups for annual Relay for Life event now open

The annual Relay for Life charity event to raise money for cancer awareness is soon approaching.

Students and community members can sign up under their teams now or create one of their own. Log onto relayforlife.org to do so. Registration costs \$10, which can be paid either online or at the door on the day of the event.

Film screening of "Pine Nuts" in Dowd Fine Arts

The film screening of "Pine Nuts" accompanying an artist talk will be showcased tomorrow from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

The film, by Lasse Lau, is on the political and social relevance of Horsh Beirut Park as told by Lebanese Immigrants.

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Cortaca tickets on sale tomorrow

Each student entitled to one free ticket for this year's home game

Amy Marshall
Staff Writer

The Cortland Campus Activities Office will be distributing Cortaca Jug tickets to students this

week between the dates of Oct. 24-29 in Corey Union room 406.

Athletic fees accompany the tuition as a fee payment, which covers the ticket price. Every student who has paid their tuition, has most likely satisfied the athletic fee requirement entitling each student to one free ticket.

To obtain his or her ticket, students and faculty members

must present their current Cortland student or faculty ID at the time of pickup.

Pickup times begin at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow. They will continue to be distributed at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and at 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8

p.m. on Wednesday, which is the the last day of free ticket distribution.

If a student does not pick up his or her ticket by Wednesday or if a student wishes to acquire extra tickets, he or she will have to purchase a ticket if there are any

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New York Times staff members to speak

The Times' sports editor and Cortland alumnus to visit

The New York Times' sports editor, Tom Jolly, will discuss the publication's coverage of the 2008 Olympics during a talk at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 in Sperry 204, according to press.

Jolly will be joined by Justin Sablich, a 2005 graduate of Cortland, who produces web news for the sports desk at The New York Times.

Named sports editor in 2003, Jolly has worked at The New York

Times since 1993 as a copy editor and assistant sports editor in the Sports Department and as an assistant news editor.

From 1985 to 1993, Jolly worked at The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as associate sports editor, deputy editor, overnight editor and copy editor.

After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1977, Jolly began his career as a reporter for the Delaware Gazette in Ohio.

He was a reporter and editor between 1982 and 1985 at The Capitol in Annapolis, Md.

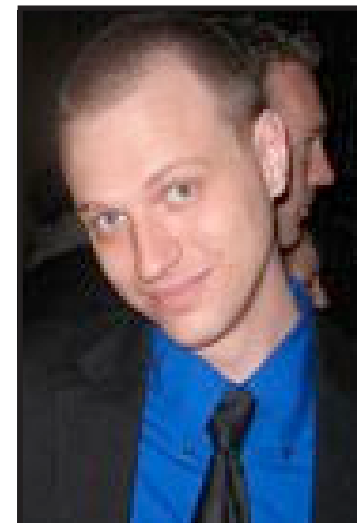
Sablich joined The New York Times after earning a master's



provided by John Hartsock
Tom Jolly
Sports Editor

degree in new media at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

While at Syracuse, Sablich interned for Internet Consulting



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Justin Sablich
Web News Producer

Services and for Syracuse.com. A native of Binghamton, Sablich received his bachelor's degree in Communication Studies with

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Advocate discusses educating the poor

Earl Shorris gives lecture on programs to educate the poor

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

As citizens of a democracy, we are all endowed with a certain power: the power of the vote.

With this formidable weapon, citizens are able to fight for change within the nation.

However, for some citizens, this power is one that has been steadily slipping out of reach.

The poor of America are at a distinct disadvantage in terms of exercising this great power.

Earl Shorris, an innovative educator and advocate for the poor, has made this quandary his life's work for over 10 years.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, Shorris shared his approach to an eager audience in Sperry Hall, in a lecture entitled "Making the Poor Dangerous."

According to Shorris, many of the poor are products of their environment, trapped in a vicious cycle of force, constantly battling hunger, violence, abuse, racism, crime and, all too often, simply bad



photo by Ashley Jones

Earl Shorris speaks to students in Sperry about the Clemente course he established.

luck.

Because of this brutal habitat, many have no time to do anything except react to the factors surrounding them. They are too busy to vote or be involved with civic work.

Because citizenship is defined

by being a part of this civic atmosphere, the poor are not really citizens; they are powerless, said Shorris.

To empower the poor, Shorris knew they had to become active participants in the civic arena, so he developed a course to teach

them how to become citizens.

The Clemente course was developed to recreate the Greek experiment, claiming that democracy developed with humanity in ancient Greece.

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CROP Walk

Walk-a-thon raises money for the hungry locally and globally

Katie Rosenbrock
Entertainment Editor

Cortland students and community members gathered outside of the Grace Episcopal Church on 13 Court St. last Sunday, which marked the starting point for this year's annual CROP Walk, sponsored by the Church World Service.

The CROP Walk is a walk-a-thon event that helps to raise money for the hungry, both locally and globally.

CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty" and the organization works with interfaith hunger educators to organize

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European Sports Study Seminar available

Students can go abroad for a two-week long seminar

Kristi E. Eck & Aaron R. Zipp
Contributing Writers

"Unite your love of sports, travel and adventure; create a platform for a career in sports, management, ethics, communications; the options are limitless.

Today's employers, regardless of their profession and geographic location, all share a common desire: to hire a workforce of innovative and confident individuals who possess the ability to communicate across cultures and meet the expectations and needs of global consumers.

Therefore, as one prepares to enter the job market upon the completion of his or her studies at Cortland, the Clark Center for International Education, in conjunction with the college's Sport Management department and LanCon Education, offers students the opportunity to enroll in the European Sports Study Seminar and cultivate cross-cultural competence while simultaneously traveling to numerous countries in Northern Europe.

One can partake in lectures and discussions with the world's premier European sport executives.

The European Sports Study Seminar will allow students and instructors to become globetrotters as they travel abroad for two weeks to destinations such as Paris, France; Lausanne, Switzerland; Basel, Switzerland; Cologne, Germany; Rotterdam, Netherlands; Amsterdam,

Netherlands and Heerenveen, Netherlands.

This two-week tour is an affordable and comprehensive way to study abroad because, through group travel, operating costs remain economical and due to the seminar's unique structure, one is able to see more of Europe and discover its unique cultural attributes and professional opportunities than he or she is likely to accomplish on a self-designed vacation conducted while studying abroad for a semester-long academic program.

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LanCon Education and SUNY Cortland ensure the seminar's quality, cross-discipline breadth of study, and safety while abroad.

Join the ranks of an elite group of students who share in LanCon Education's mission to "exchange ideas and people between

American and European sports worlds" and learn through lectures from leaders of FIFA, IHF and the International Olympic Committee, to name a few.

Through the completion of the seminar, students will earn six credit hours from Cortland to be applied to your major and/or General Education graduation requirements and the awe of prospective employers, family and friends who will commend you for investing in cross-cultural awareness, world travel and professional development with international corporate leaders.

For more information on how to apply, please contact Aaron Zipp, aaron.zipp@cortland.edu of the SUNY Cortland Sport Management department and/or Kristi Eck kristi.eck@cortland.edu of the James M. Clark Center for International Education.

Blue Frog to host Community Forum *Times* staff to talk

Open forum will let students and local residents interact

Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

As students here at Cortland move up in grade level, they tend to seek off-campus living.

They're in college, and it is only natural to want to experience the thrill of having their own house.

Students must live on campus for two years, but after that the choice is up to them if they want to stay on campus.

Once the students move off campus they are no longer subject to floor meetings or RA rounds, but that doesn't mean that anything goes.

They might have moved out of the college community, but they are living in the community of

Cortland and students are not the majority there.

That's why from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at the Blue Frog Cafe on 64 Main Street, there will be a College Community forum, aimed at helping students to be better neighbors in the community.

Steve Holland, Vice President of Student Affairs, said that he wants students to remember that they are living off-campus, and in the city of Cortland, not in dorms.

This means that while they might be having parties on weekends, or staying up until five in the morning, their neighbors might not share the same lifestyle.

They could be a couple with young children, or an elderly couple, or someone who has work early and needs to get to sleep at a reasonable hour.

Holland had this to say to students: "How would you feel if someone was playing music or partying late into the night and keeping your grandmother up?"

That is why the forum on Oct. 29 will help town citizens and students to see eye-to-eye and be better neighbors.

The forum will be co-sponsored by Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3).

Some of the topics that will be addressed at the forum are police presence, the new nuisance party ordinance, new students housing and planning for the Cortaca Jug game.

One suggestion Holland had for students was for them to take the time to introduce themselves to their neighbors, to walk over and say hello.

Even to give them their number, or tell them that if there is ever a problem to come and say something to the students.

Hopefully, by forming a friendship of some sort, any problems that might arise can be easily resolved.

Holland also said he knows that the students here at Cortland

are good people and if the town could see that, then things would be easier in the future.

Speaking of future, Joe Perry, a sophomore, who recently signed a lease on a house for next year, had this to say on the event,

"I think it's cool what they're doing. It's a good idea to get students and the community closer."

For more information on the event, call The Blue Frog Cafe at 607-758-7989.

The Blue Frog Cafe accepts Cortland connections!

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a concentration in journalism from Cortland.

As an undergraduate, he covered Fantasy Baseball and Major League Baseball for SportsFiends.com and wrote about music and sports for other online publications.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the President's Office, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost's Office, the Communication Studies Department, the Alumni Affairs Office, the Campus Artists and Lecture Series, *The Dragon Chronicle*, WSUC-FM and CSTV.

For more information on the lecture, contact John Hartssock, associate professor of communications studies, at (607) 753-4303 or via e-mail at john.hartssock@cortland.edu.

Inequalities of the poor discussed

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Therefore, as the poor are taught courses in philosophy, history, art history, literature and logic, they learn democracy and what it means to be a citizen.

Shorris piloted the first Clemente course in 1995. He began in New York City at an organization in the South Bronx.

Of the 31 students that registered, five had been in prison, three were homeless and they were of many races and religions. Seventeen finally completed the course and all went on to find work or achieve a college education.

From the course have come two dentists, a nurse and a Ph.D candidate in philosophy and

english.

Another woman who took the course found a new sense of self-respect and no longer allows her husband to beat her.

The Clemente course focuses on adults with less than bright economic and social backgrounds and participants must be literate in order to take the class.

It is taught at the college level and students can obtain up to six credits for the course.

It takes place over the course of one year and is taught in a rigorous fashion using only original texts. The classes are primarily discussion-based.

Instructors also attempt to organize field trips to plays or museums.

Today, the Clemente course operates at over 60 sites on all five inhabitable continents.

Shorris claims that the poor are in a state akin with slavery. Their state is permanent and multi-generational. They live apart with no time for leisure.

Most of all the poor, like slaves, do not vote. It is only by reintroducing them to the concepts of democracy that they can attempt to better themselves.

Shorris' lecture is part of the yearlong series on inequality sponsored by the College's Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee.

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Cortaca tickets to be sold online

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still available.

The previous system of waiting hours in long lines in Park Center often made it difficult for students to obtain additional tickets for guests.

Fortunately, this experience will be cease to exist since the Athletic Department's website has announced an online ticket sale system to be utilized this year. This will end the frustrating long ticket lines of previous years.

Any leftover tickets will be available for general sale online beginning at noon on Sunday, Nov. 2. Tickets will be \$6 each with a maximum of two tickets per person.

Tickets can either be mailed to the buyer or left at the will call window for pickup on game day; the will call window opens at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the game.

There is a \$2 handling fee charged for mailing the tickets. There will be no on-campus or phone sales. Additional tickets will only be available online.

The details of the website's link where tickets can be purchased will be announced soon.

The Cortaca Jug football game against Ithaca College is home this year and will kickoff at noon on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Students not planning on attending the game can watch it on TV as it is scheduled to be televised live in Cortland and Tompkins Counties by Time Warner Cable, with channels to be announced. The broadcast will not be available via satellite.

The game will also be broadcast live on both WXHC (105.5 FM) in Cortland/Central New York and WCIB (91.7 FM) in Ithaca. Both of these broadcasts will be simulcast on the Internet.

Budget blues will lead to changes

Students can do plenty to help ease strain of budget costs

Daniella Perruna

Staff Writer

President Bitterbaum addressed the Student Senate with a notification on the SUNY budget issue at the Student Government Association meeting on Monday, Oct. 13.

All SUNY schools are in the process of taking budget cuts. Eighty percent of the budget goes toward faculty and staff and the remaining percentage goes toward renovations and work done on campus.

Therefore, budget cuts will lead to layoffs. Although, as of right now, no faculty will be laid off.

To be clear, this is not the first time the budget has been a problem. When SUNY schools received their first cut it wasn't very much to talk about. The second cut was manageable, while the third cut worried many.

The fourth and current cut, is the largest one to speak of in the history of SUNY with \$4 million less in budget than prior years.

Because of this loss, SUNY has arranged and negotiated a set budget with the faculty and staff. Next years predicted loss is \$5.6 million.

Retirees will not be replaced with the exception of police officers and health care providers as they are crucial to the campus. As it stands, Cortland is 17 janitors short. There is talk about a tuition increase which has not been done in 14 years. No figures currently stand.

Things that students can do to help with this problem are very simple. Being mindful of energy conservation can save about one million dollars a year. Classes will most likely be larger to benefit faculty and staff and not all students will graduate in four years.

This is a community issue that everyone should be aware of. Please try to accommodate with the school by turning off lights and electronics when not in use and always recycle.

Walk

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fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service.

CROP Walks take place in some 2,000 communities across the U.S. each year and are unique because individual donors can designate other approved hunger organizations to receive their donations.

During the event, volunteers walk either one or three miles to represent the many miles that hungry people around the world must walk everyday in order to get food and water.

Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from the CROP Walk will go to hunger fighting organizations in Cortland County and the rest will be donated to other world hunger organizations.

Several Cortland sororities and fraternities attended the event. Besides these organizations, many other Cortland students and community members were present.

"It felt good to know that I took part in helping raise money for the hungry people of the Cortland community and around the world. Sometimes it is easy to take simple things such as food and water for granted and the CROP Walk brought attention to the fact that some people in the world, and even in our community, don't have these simple necessities," said Sigma Delta Tau member Cheryl Dillion.

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Our View

The United States is experiencing a time of extreme economic uncertainty, suspended civil rights and class separation. The rich are getting richer, and the middle-class is cleaning up the mess.

The *Dragon Chronicle* believes that Barack Obama is best suited for the job of restoring the United States to a place where the American dream is attainable for everyone, not just those with deep pockets.

Obama may not be as experienced as John McCain, or have a wealthy, political upbringing, but where has that gotten us in the past? It is time for someone with a new perspective to bring a multi-cultural view to the White House.

He opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade, and will keep women's reproductive rights in the hands of women, where they belong. Decisions regarding a woman's body should not be made by a group of elderly men.

Obama is committed to ending the war in Iraq by the summer of 2010. It is a war that has resulted in thousands of unnecessary deaths, both of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians.

He will create the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which allows the first \$4,000 of college tuition to be free, in exchange for 100 hours of community service.

He recognizes that the United States is not a nation made up entirely of Christians, but of many faiths. He sees separation of church and state not as a way to keep religion out, but to allow all religions, and those who practice no religion, to take part in the same government.

Barack Obama calls upon the nation to take responsibility for one another, and does not see the government as the only resource to bring change.

Letter to the editor:

I am writing this in response to "Music Lacking on Campus" published in last week's issue because the majority of information offered in the article is false and I would like to set the record straight.

I serve as Music Coordinator for Student Activities Board (SAB) on campus. I, along with other members of the club, plan the Spring Fling concert at the end of the year. We work very hard on this event.

The work on this event begins in November with our annual "Spring Fling Artist Survey," which, in opposition to what your writer established, is tabled in Corey Union. Students fill out and chose which genre they would like at the concert for at least two to three weeks.

The survey is then sent out and placed in all the mailboxes of students on campus and is put into your paper, *The Dragon Chronicle*, where students can fill it out and drop it off at the Information Desk in Corey Union.

This so-called "non-existent" survey has been conducted and handed out for many years and every year we get a valid response for which genre of music students would like to see in the spring.

I simply do not understand or see why your writer, who claims to have gone to this college for the past four years, has not seen or even heard of the survey.

I feel like your writer and many other students are unaware of the process of getting a "celebrity" music group to the college, and for those who don't know, I would like

to enlighten them.

After tallying up the results of the survey, I speak to our agent who, starting in January, begins to have a good sense of what artists are going to be touring the college circuit in the Northeast come May.

Many students seem to not understand that we are a state school. We are delegated only a certain amount of money to put on the Spring Fling concert. We do not have enough money in the Spring Fling budget to bring Jay-Z. We also do not have enough money to bring Dave Matthews Band; the list of unavailable artists goes on and on.

Let me reiterate, we are a state school. As much as I would love to plan multiple huge concerts throughout the year where big name artists can perform, it simply cannot be done because we do not have the funds to put it on.

Even if we had the money to bring a very well-known artist, it would result in students paying \$75 to \$100 for a ticket as opposed to paying an affordable \$15 per ticket.

At last year's Spring Fling, we found out eight hours before the show that J.Holiday would not be performing because of an "internal problem." Being so close to the time of the show, the only thing we could do was try to avoid a crisis.

So yes, your writer deems the day to be a "complete disaster" and she is correct; it was a complete disaster for me. It was a complete disaster for the people who planned the concert for nearly eight months; but it was in no way a "complete disaster" for students.

Yes, J. Holiday did not show up for reasons that were completely out of our control but Chamillionaire did. He performed a well-received free concert and all students and people outside the college that paid in advance received a refund for their ticket.

Student Activities Board is here for the students. We devote a lot of time outside of our schoolwork to cater to students and deal with contracts and outside parties. We promote and plan events that the majority of students will enjoy and in the end will show up to.

We obviously would not dedicate as much time as we do to this club if we did not believe in the events that we are planning. We surely would not plan an event if we believed that the majority of students would not respond in a positive manner.

If students would like to play a "more active role" in planning Spring Fling, then my suggestion is to fill out a survey that will be distributed in the next couple of weeks. Even better, come to Student Activities Board meetings which are Thursday nights at 8 p.m. in Corey Union Room 209.

We need as many students as possible to make this year's Spring Fling concert a success, but also always need students' inputs and opinions about other events that are run throughout the year.

*-Lauren Zuber
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Make love, not babies

Longer lives and modern medicine equals overpopulation

Dustin Good

Staff Writer

The current human population of the earth is climbing closer and closer to seven billion people and, based on current birth and death rates, will reach nine billion in approximately 20 years.

There is no doubt the size of the human population is beginning to put a strain on both earth's resources and its species, both human and non-human.

Humans have been suffering from the effects of overpopulation directly in the form of high gas prices and indirectly as high gas prices drive up the cost of basic necessities like food, clothing and monthly energy consumption.

Non-human species are feeling the effects of human

overpopulation in the form of species extinction. The encroachment of urban sprawl, because of overpopulation, into traditionally non-human habitats has caused species extinction rates to skyrocket. Something must be done to lower the ecological footprint of the human population.

The average ecological footprint of one person in the United States encompasses approximately 24 acres. The most generous estimates, when including all earth's plant and animal species, provide for approximately four acres per person.

There are numerous small measures that each person can take to help reduce their individual and familial ecological footprint.

There is only one solution, though, that will truly solve the environmental and planetary destruction that is being caused by overpopulation; a decrease in the number of people on earth.

The process of shrinking the population will happen. It is a

question of whether or not this process will occur voluntarily.

What I am suggesting is a decrease in the number of babies that are born each year, each week, each day, each minute and each second.

I understand the desire to create offspring. It is a value that is cultural universal, a human universal; the creation of a child is the ultimate statement of two people's love for each other.

However, as advances in modern medicine continue to increase life expectancy, the death rate continues to drop. At the same time the birth rate must also drop. People must realize that the uncontrolled creation of babies will eventually, if not curbed, void the possibility of grandchildren and great grandchildren will be a farce.

The earth will reject our increasing numbers if we do not eradicate each other first. This is a sacrifice that our generation and subsequent generations must make

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What do you have to say?

What do you want to be when you grow up?



photo by Brittany Hays

"When I grow up, I want to be a lawyer. If I decide against law school, I would want to be a parole officer."

Ally Quimby
Sophomore
Criminology



photo by Brittany Hays

"I want to be a speech pathologist when I grow up. It was between that and an elementary school teacher and I love kids so decided I'd like to be a speech pathologist at an elementary school or possibly even special ed."

Sadie A. Villano
Junior
Speech and Hearing
Science



photo by Brittany Hays

"I wouldn't mind being an astronaut, but in a realistic world, I'd like to own my own publishing house."

Dan Valvassori
Junior
English



photo by Brittany Hays

"I want to work for a music company or something with fashion. I wouldn't mind working on the entertainment channel with Chelsea Handler."

Jennifer Checco
Senior
Communications



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"When I grow up, I want to be a first grade teacher. I want to work with younger children and teach them things they need to know for the future."

Samantha Horowitz
Sophomore
Elementary
Education

Cortaca tickets unfairly distributed

Students should get more than one ticket to the big game

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

It's such a hassle to go to the top floor of Corey Union and wait in long lines to get your one guaranteed free Cortaca ticket. I think that there should be a better distribution pattern to get the tickets out to students more efficiently, possibly sorted according to class.

The last time Cortaca was hosted in Cortland was 2006 and the ticket distribution process caused uproar throughout campus. You certainly have to fight the line to make sure you're not cut ahead of or that people aren't letting groups of their friends sneak into line with them. Annoying, right? Many students who have gone through this before can relate.

One way that the tickets can be distributed is according to class starting with seniors and working down to freshman. Since it will be seniors' last chance for the Cortaca experience as a student, they should get the most tickets per person. I think the school should allow students to get more tickets per student according to their class status.

Do you and your friends plan on going to Cortaca? Have you thought about getting your tickets already? Make sure you and your

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Voting smart

People should be politically savvy regardless of age

Megan Martin
Staff Writer

With the upcoming elections right around the corner, I have given a lot of thought about my ability to vote, being 21 and over the required age of 18. Will I vote simply to vote or will I vote without knowing all the issues concerning each candidate?

Having said this, I have wondered if the voting age should be raised to 21. I just recently sent in my absentee ballot and afterwards realized perhaps I voted for the candidate I do not feel is best suited for the position as President of the United States.

I did not really pay that much attention to the position of each candidate and probably voted with too little knowledge concerning all the issues.

So is an 18-year-old really that much more qualified and mature to be able to express their ability to vote?

Although I do feel that there is a difference in maturity level that separates these two age groups, I have a stronger opinion that the voting age is fine the way it is right now.

Upon turning 18, you are eligible to enlist in the army, marines, etc. By 18, you have already had your driver's license for about two years and are considered a legal adult. Not to mention the numerous other opportunities made available upon

reaching the golden age of 18.

Who is to say that an individual, who serves their country in the essence of being willing to die for their country, cannot exercise his or her right to vote in elections?

On the other hand, I do feel that the three-year age difference would help some 18-year-old teenagers mature into rational decision-making adults. Therefore, they would most likely keep updated on the current issues being debated between the candidates and would be able to make a more informed decision when voting.

Had I been 18 during the last election, I can honestly say that I probably would not have felt comfortable voting and almost think I should have not voted in this current election.

I wish I had stayed in tune with the presidential debates that were broadcasted before I sent in my absentee ballot. The problem with that however, is that my polling place required that my ballot be received three weeks before the date of the general election. The last presidential debate had not even occurred before I needed to send my ballot in.

Maybe if it were at a later date, I would have more time to explore the issues surrounding the candidates.

Overall, I feel that voting age for US citizens should remain at the current age of 18. Although this issue is not one that is often talked about publicly, or something you see in the news everyday, it is one of importance and should not be put on the backburner.

Factory farms a breeding ground for animal torture

The quest for profit sacrifices the well-being of animals

Dana D'Ambrosia
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Most of the meat consumed by Americans comes from factory farms. Factory farms can be seen as a misnomer, as these are not farms in the traditional sense. They are large factories where animals are tortured.

In an attempt to produce the highest output at the lowest cost, animals in factory farms are often kept in stalls that are so small they cannot turn around if they are lucky enough to have their own pen at all. Some share tiny pens with others.

According to Bernard E. Rollin, Ph.D, poultry are kept in cages in great numbers because there is economic efficiency of accepting lower productivity per bird, but higher productivity per cage.

Having more birds in a cage forces the birds to be increasingly sedentary, causing them to gain weight. The cages are so crowded that chickens frequently die of asphyxiation or dehydration. The decomposing corpses are usually left unnoticed among the mass of birds.

Chickens are "debeaked" in order to reduce losses from the birds pecking each other. When a chicken is debeaked, one-third to

one-half of its beak is cut off, not only causing it extreme pain for weeks, but in some cases causing it to be unable to pick up food afterwards and starve to death.

Roosters are even worse off than hens. As babies, they are usually ground up alive, gassed, or tossed in dumpsters to die because they have no economic value to the egg industry.

Pigs are not treated any better. Most pigs in factory farms do not see sunlight in their lifetime. They are kept in stalls so small that they cannot turn around. They do not have any bedding; they live on metal grates so that the workers do not have to clean the stalls and the waste can slip through.

Piglets are taken from their mothers at two or three weeks old because they will gain more weight on hormones in the feed than they will nurse from their mothers. In nature they would live with their mother for up to 13 weeks.

According to *The New York Times Magazine*, this causes pigs to have a lifelong craving to suck or chew. They satisfy the urge by chewing on, or biting, the tail of the pig in front of them. Factory farmers' solution to this problem is called "tail docking."

Tail docking is done with a pair of pliers and no anesthetic. However, the entire tail is not snipped off because tail docking is not done to prevent the pain of having their tails bit, it makes having their tails bit so painful that they will do just about anything to

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Freshman advisement lacking

Cortland Experience needs to focus more on the present

Danielle Eckert
Staff Writer

Cortland student e-mail accounts are flooded daily with countless notices and event happenings from different services and departments the campus has to offer.

The system works very well and students can be notified of events on campus quickly and easily. For things like registering for new classes and attending graduate school, the information is suddenly at the fingertips of all Cortland students via email and Cortland's website.

But exactly how successful is the advisement and transition program here at Cortland? Information is up for grabs, but how easy is it for new students to grasp and understand?

I have received several sources of information but have no idea how to actually utilize it and to take advantage of the resources the campus has to offer. A key part to being a freshman at college is finding advice and console in your advisor, who will help you to plan your college course choices and decision-making.

Unfortunately, many of the freshmen this semester, including myself, did not receive an advisor until almost halfway through first semester.

Although seniors and upperclassmen need to make decisions crucial to their career, it still seems important that freshmen are assigned advisors right away.

Cortland does have something that not many other schools offer; COR101, The Cortland Experience, a course for incoming freshman. This course is helpful to introduce students to campus life and some departments relevant to your major.

But Cortland Experience does a better job of telling us what not to do rather than what decisions would be better to make.

Cortland Experience has been a positive class for me so far because it informed me of the options for my major, and how to evaluate my grades online.

But my teacher stressed the importance of making sure you chose the correct courses early on, in order not to extend the number of semesters it will take to complete required courses.

For freshman, who are overwhelmed with many other emotions, the outline of classes taken for the next four years may not be a priority right now.

As the time to register for new courses approaches, I feel, along with many other freshmen, that we are not properly prepared to take this step on our own.

College is a huge step from high school and there should be more workshops or groups where students can go to learn how and when to make the best choices for their future.

College is the key to a successful career, and with poor or improper planning, it can be extended longer than needed.

It can be a waste of money if not properly planned out. College freshman and transfers should be receiving more attention in order to make sure they are on the right track to obtaining a degree.

Babies

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sacrifice that our generation and subsequent generations must make in order to bring the population down to a number that will allow earth's resources to be used at a sustainable level.

If humans do not voluntarily lower the number of people on earth to a sustainable level, the earth will undoubtedly do the job for us. Ecosystem simplification will lead to drought, famine and disease.

As the strain for earth's resources becomes greater and greater, the access to those resources will become extremely limited. World powers will engage in militant aggression to have access to those resources, which could lead to extinction.

Imagine a war for resources. The gap between the rich and poor of the world would grow and the children that people do have will suffer along with their parents.

Adoption provides an opportunity to share the high standard of living we have the United States with the world's less fortunate. The continued rate of population growth will see the poor of the world only become poorer.

Animals

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avoid having it happen.

The horrors of factory farms are not limited to life; even in death these animals are tortured. Federal law requires that an animal be stunned prior to slaughter. This is usually done one of two ways; the first is by using a captive bolt gun to jam a metal rod into an animal's brain. However, with the animal struggling the mark is frequently missed.

Another way animals are stunned is with an electrical current meant to cause a seizure prior to having the throat cut. There is rarely enough voltage to do this; causing the animal to be paralyzed without losing any sensation.

There are innumerable horrors to factory farms, and innumerable things that can be done to prevent them. It is unreasonable to ask Americans not to eat meat, but eat less of it, particularly eggs and the meat of birds and pigs.

It is because of the high demand for meat and the need to mass produce it that factory farms exist. Meat can also be bought locally from real farmers. This helps the local economy and the suffering animals.

Cortaca ticket distribution

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friends don't miss the student sales days or your will be out luck for a ticket.

The school offers students their one guaranteed free ticket for about a week and then it goes to the general admission sales if it's unclaimed. I think it's unreasonable that they do this.

It would be much more reasonable if extra tickets were sold to Cortland students, even if they had to do a lottery to fairly

distribute the rest. We pay for tickets to Cortland sports in our tuition and should deserve to get more than one when it's hosted at our home field.

It's especially unfair that Cortland students are only guaranteed one ticket when the game is hosted at home. What do we do with our friends that can't get in? Should we leave them to go wandering by themselves while we're at the game?

If you attempt at getting more than one ticket, you take your

chance standing in the general admission line for hours until they go on sale. It's odd that when the game is in Ithaca, Cortland students are allowed to get multiple tickets if they wait in line multiple times.

Overall, I think Cortaca is a great game for students to attend but I think that the college limits the number of student tickets drastically. I think many students would agree that the ticket sales aren't that fair to us Cortland students when the game is at our campus.

The girlfriend's guide to sports

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The final installment of our bar sports series introduces the wonderful sport of pool. Also known as billiards, pool is most commonly played with two people, or four people in teams of two.

To start the game, one player hits the cue ball at the racked balls to break. There are 15 balls total, seven stripes, seven solids and an eight ball. Whichever type of ball goes in the pocket first is the type that the team or individual will be playing for.

The object of the game is to get all of your balls into the pocket

before your opponent, including the eight ball. If you hit the eight ball in a pocket before the rest of your balls, you automatically lose.

When you hit the cue ball into a pocket it's called a scratch. When this happens the other team gets to put the cue ball on the opposite side of the table than it was on previously.

Chalk can be used on your pool stick to help aid in good contact with the cue ball; this can make your shot more accurate and creates less of a chance of your stick to slip off of the ball.

This week's trivia you can use to impress your man is all about pool.

Question: An illegal shot attempt where the pool stick is used to push the cue ball after it has made contact with another ball is called what?

The answer is: A push shot.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“As for that VP talk all the time, I'll tell you, I still can't answer that question until somebody answers for me what is it exactly that the VP does every day?”

-Sarah Palin
Interview with CNBC's
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Luna Park premieres this weekend in Dowd

The new musical has the potential to make it to Broadway

Samantha Ficken
Staff Writer

This year's musical, *Luna Park*, is almost open and ready for action. *Luna Park* is preparing for its world premiere, here at Cortland.

The show is about the dream, construction, success and ultimate downfall of one of Coney Island's most memorable parks. The show follows the stories of real historical characters as well as fictional ones.

Writer Daniel Levin, composer Hye Young Kim and lyricist Michael Cooper were asked by Cortland's Department of Performing Arts to create a new musical to be seen here on campus.

Junior Kara Howard is the very first person to give life to title character Luna. "It's really exciting, nerve-wracking, fun and hard work," said Howard.

"It has been fun trying new things and seeing what works best for the character."

This is Howard's first lead

role since she started performing on the Cortland stage in her freshman year.

"Luna is personally different from myself. Her personality is outgoing and open whereas I'm a little more reserved." Howard is thrilled to show off her creative side while she gets to play a character no one else has. "It is very exciting because it is all brand new," Howard said.

Luna's love interest Joseph, played by Junior Anthony Festa, is a character made up for the play. "Joseph is an interesting character to play because of the journey he goes through. He goes from a boy to a man who falls in love. He becomes more grounded and intelligent as the show goes on," said Festa.

"It is really cool to really be able to put yourself into the role since you are the one deciding what is right for the character, especially since my character is totally made up."

Festa has appeared as Jimmy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and as Tommy in last spring's performance of *The Who's Tommy*.

"It is different than any other shows because there is no original cast recording to work with and there is no previous performance

to base our performances on," said Festa.

"It has been a blast being able to work with the original writers and a great show to have under your belt. Overall it is an amazing experience."

This script is truly made for everyone. Not only do Cortland students get to be apart of the original production but so do others.

There are eight elementary school children, six high school students and two community members. The cast is diverse, which also makes it even more relatable to an audience.

"Working with the kids is really cool and they behave really well," said Howard. "Some of the kids may actually steal the show," added Festa. The dynamics of the cast work really well and add something special to the production.

Dan Mages is one of three stage managers working on the production.

"It is great being a part of a team because we work together and help each other, however it can still get hard when organizing tasks that need to be done. It is still a work in progress," said Mages.

The work of the stage

managers goes beyond just working behind the curtain.

"A stage manager organizes everything from crew to scene changes to controlling the cast onstage and off. We are at every rehearsal taking down notes and making sure everyone is where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there," said Mages.

The rehearsal process has been long and rough. "we actually had to push auditions back a week, which pushed rehearsals back, so it has been hard making sure everything will be right before opening," said Mages

This past week has been full of tech and dress rehearsals which are incredibly important. Lighting and sound are included into the production during tech rehearsals and costumes and props are added during dress rehearsals. Even during long rehearsals the cast shows amazing energy.

The performances show off all the hard work the cast had done during rehearsals. The music and choreography are a lot of fun and definitely makes this show enjoyable for all. The smiles and tight harmonies complement each and every performer.

This is a show written for

Cortland but has the potential to make it to Broadway.

Doug Robbins who plays Kopel and various other roles, said "putting together a complete production with no example or standard to go by makes it difficult, but since it's an original show it is more fun because we get to be original.

We set the standards and we are given the ability to create which is a huge opportunity because most actors do not get to do that unless they make it big on Broadway."

Robbins, along with most of the cast would love to see this show make it big.

If this show makes it to Broadway it would be amazing to be able to say that you saw it first. Student tickets are only \$7 and there are many performances that you could go to.

Performance dates are 8p.m. on Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1 and 2p.m. on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2. Tickets are on sale at Jodi's Hallmark Store on Main Street and at the door before each performance.

This is a great opportunity to see a show before anyone else. Take a trip to the moon and do not miss the wonder and mystery that is Luna Park.

Professional ghost hunters visit Cortland

Zaffis and Moon visit Cortland to discuss the paranormal

Samantha Long
Staff Writer

The Corey Function Room was packed last Wednesday night for a Ghost Hunters presentation by a couple of the best in the business.

Ghost hunters and demonologists John Zaffis and Chris Moon gave a very enlightening two hour presentation on their fields of specialty.

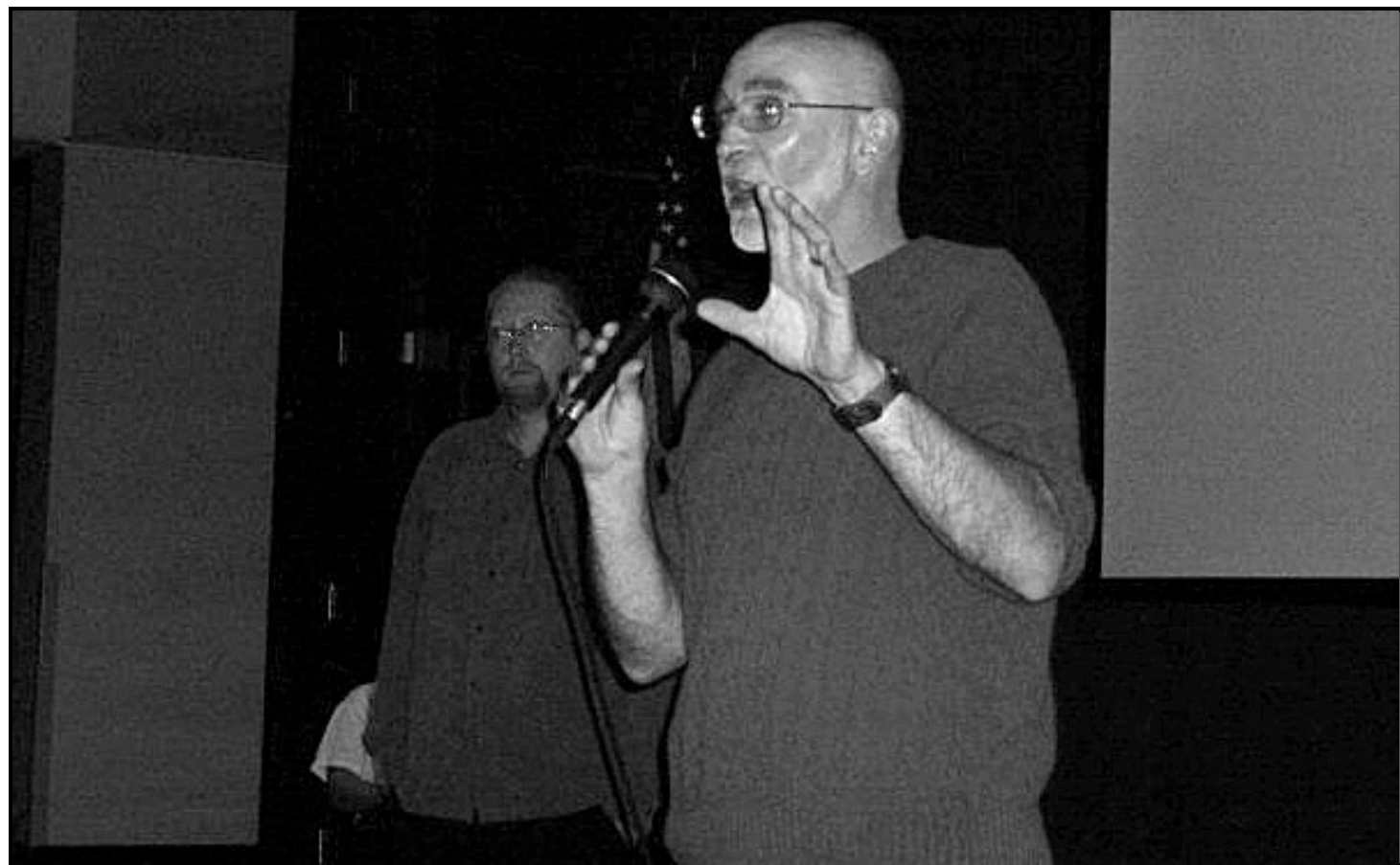
They shared with the audience some of their most memorable and frightening encounters from their careers.

Moon, who is the founder and president of the number-one ghost hunters Magazine, *Haunted Magazine*, spoke first.

He told the audience about how he got into the field of ghost hunting, explaining that he had been surrounded by the paranormal since childhood when he and his family lived over an Indian burial ground.

Moon shared several stories with the audience about some of the most haunted locations he has been to. One of those locations was the famous Lizzy Borden house.

Moon also explained some of the equipment he and his team use



provided by SAB

John Zaffis and Chris Moon kept Cortland students interested as they spoke about demonology and exorcisms.

on hunts. He talked about EVP which stands for electronic voice phenomena. EVP is when the voices of the paranormal are heard in an electronic recording. Moon played some recordings he had from his hunts where voices could be heard.

Zaffis spoke next, focusing more on the subject of demonology which deals with demonic

possession and exorcism. Zaffis has been apart of some of the most famous exorcisms ever performed; including one he is currently writing a book about, called "A Haunting in Connecticut".

Zaffis shared clips of real exorcisms being performed, some of which were very frightening. He encouraged audience members to keep an open mind but to also be

very careful if interested in getting into the field. The most important thing, is "to always keep positive thought," he said.

After Zaffis was finished speaking he and Moon answered audience members' questions. Later, the duo invited anyone who wanted to join them on a ghost hunt through Old Main.

"This was a very entertaining

and educational presentation for all. Even for those who don't believe in the paranormal, it provided insight into a field of study that most people don't know much about," said junior Marissa Martinez.

This event was presented by the SAB.

RHA's annual Masquerade Ball



provided by Jessica Zito

Jessica Zito and Casey Knight pose in their masks at the Masquerade Ball.

Students dress up in fancy masks for halloween ball

Jessica Zito
Staff Writer

Walking up the hill and getting closer to Brockway Hall last Friday, one could see the rays of flashing red lights. As one got closer to the building, the thudding of familiar hit songs was heard.

The sights and sounds were coming from the Masquerade Ball, an annual event held by the Residence Hall Association

(RHA).

"The event was definitely a hit. All night long people were coming in and out enjoying a night of dancing," said junior Lisa Kolibar.

It's not every night that students are able to put on fancy dress clothes and go out and have a good time. But this night was different. Instead of seeing many familiar faces, there were people of all ages there, including faculty and community members.

Sparkling hanging stars really made the place stand out as they dangled against a backdrop of shimmering curtains.

In addition to the aesthetic decor, food catered by ASC was

available.

There was a fruit and vegetable tray along with miniature hamburgers and hotdogs. After dancing for a while, many guests were found at the tables snacking and refueling at the refreshments table for the next song.

"To say the least, the ball was a great way to end the week. Just dressing up and wearing different masks gave us something different to do," said junior Sean Goosley.

The next RHA event to look forward to is coming up on tomorrow and Saturday. It is the annual Haunted Hall event, which will be held in Whitaker this year.

Twenty-third African American Gospel Music Festival to bring four guest choirs to Cortland

Festival will feature multiple guest choirs from around the state

Four guest choirs will raise their voices in praise with the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir during the 23rd African American Gospel Music Festival on Sunday, Nov. 2 at the College, according to press.

The festival begins at 4pm in Corey Union Function Room. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$2 for students, \$4 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and \$5 for general admission. Proceeds support the Gospel Choir Scholarship, the Programming Fund and the 2009 Germany and Belgium European Tour.

Casey Hahl, the current Student Government Association president and a Gospel Choir member, will extend the welcome on behalf of the College.

SUNY Cortland will open the festival. Guest choirs this year are Binghamton University Gospel Choir, the SUNY Oneonta Gospel Choir, SUNY Oswego Gospel Choir and Syracuse University's Black Celestial Choral Ensemble.

Directing Cortland's Gospel Choir will be Robert Brown, a SUNY Cortland adjunct instructor in Africana Studies and music teacher at Blodgett Elementary

School in Syracuse, N.Y. He also serves as music director of the New Life Community Church in Syracuse.

Choir musicians are Andy Rudy on keyboard, Reginald Siegler on bass guitar and Benjamin Terry on percussion, all from Syracuse; and Jamie Yaman of Cortland on alto saxophone.

Choir officers for the 2008-09 school year are Paula Gooden, president, a senior biomedical sciences major from Queens Village; Sulema Iriarte, vice president, a senior majoring in childhood and early childhood education from Staten Island; Erica Roman, secretary, a junior majoring in adolescence education; Spanish from Rome and Michelle Loomis, treasurer, an early childhood education major from Hamburg.

The tour manager this year is once again Mark Santiago, a senior physical education major from Albertson. Dot Thomas '77, from Cortland, continues to serve as alumni officer.

The Gospel Choir, which is comprised of college, high school and community members, has been recognized for its outstanding performances at the National Collegiate Gospel Competition in New York City.

The choir made its first international tour to England in April 2007 and presented concerts in Brixton and London. In March of this year, the choir toured

Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls, N.Y. The group opens the 2008-2009 season with a performance in Canastota this Sunday.

SUNY Cortland's first African American Gospel Music Festival began in 1985 with the Cortland County Council of Churches, the Interfaith Center, and the SUNY Cortland Black Student Union as sponsors.

Over the years, students from England, Africa, South America, Germany, Austria and Japan have participated. This year, the choir has members from Japan, Haiti and Jamaica. Community members, College alumni and faculty also participate.

Part of the College's Africana Studies Department, the choir is also supported by the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies, the Alumni Affairs Office, the Cortland College Foundation, the Division of Student Affairs, the Offices of the President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the student activity fee.

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Five ways to de-stress during midterms

Tips to avoid and reduce unwanted mid-semester stress

Jessica Leopoldo
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It is that time of year again. Halfway through the semester, students are faced with multiple papers, exams, and presentations.

Many find midterms to be a very hectic and demanding time of year. Between all of the classes and homework that we receive, it is almost impossible to avoid stress.

If you are feeling the pressure, here are some tips and ideas that could possibly relieve your anxiety.

1. Don't cram.

Face it, all college students learn to procrastinate. If you have three midterm exams on the same day, try to space out your studying time. Instead of cramming for all

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designate
different
days for
each
exam and
review the
material

slowly. This way, you have more time to absorb the information and less stress the night before your exams.

2. Take breaks in-between study sessions.

Yes, studying is important, but remember to not over-study your material. Taking small breaks helps your brain absorb the information rather than simply glancing over the material.

If you over-stress yourself, you may start second guessing your knowledge of the subject. Grab a snack or watch an episode of your favorite show for a small break.

3. Form study sessions with your peers.

Are you friendly with other students in your class? Get together and study at the library. The old saying "two heads are better than one" still holds true. By studying with friends, you are able to bounce ideas off each other and share studying habits.

Creating a memorable studying experience can also help you remember the information better during your exam.

4. Get plenty of rest.

After studying, take time to relax. Do not stay up all night looking over the material. Instead, watch a movie with your friends or listen to some music.

Partaking in some kind of leisure activity will help you calm down. A good night sleep supplies you with the necessary energy and brain power you need to do well on your test.

5. Have a little bit of fun.

Midterm exams do not need to make you miserable. After studying, hang out with some friends and have a good time. By playing a game or going to dinner with your friends, your brain will have a chance to de-stress. You will feel less anxiety and pressure if you are with a group of people in the same situation as you are.

Remember, midterms are important, but it is just as important to take care of yourself. Nightly cram sessions with coffee and energy drinks are not good for your body or your GPA.

A combination of studying techniques and leisure activities will help you improve your test-taking abilities and lessen mid-term anxiety.

If you over-stress yourself, you may start second-guessing your knowledge of the subject.

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Top MLB free agents

**As baseball season
nears a close free
agents take center**

James Hopkins
Contributing Writer

After a weak free agent market last off-season, teams willing to spend money will be relieved that this year there is better top end talent and more depth in the market. Last year's free agent class was highlighted by names like Torii Hunter, Aaron Rowand, Carlos Silva and Alex Rodriguez, if you believe he was ever truly on the market.

Those signings were overshadowed by the Johan Santana and Dan Haren deals. This year there are names like Manny Ramirez, C.C. Sabathia and Mark Teixeira to lead the class.

Here is a list of the top ten free agents this year:

10. Ben Sheets, Starting Pitcher. "Sheets had more than 30 starts this year for the first time since 2004, but

he strained his forearm, which adds to an already long injury history. Sheets will probably wait until the big names are gone because of his injury history, and teams will go above his market price because of the talent he has when healthy.

9. Orlando Hudson, Second Baseman. Hudson has had three straight seasons with an OPS above .800 out in Arizona. With Mark Ellis signing an extension with the Oakland A's there really is no one else that can make an impact at second base on the market outside of Hudson.

8. Ryan Dempster, Starting Pitcher. Dempster is coming off a resurgent year, finishing with 206.2 innings, the first time he has passed the 200 barrier since 2002. Dempster was one of the top starters in the National League this year, but his injury history and lack of starting experience in the last couple of years will be in the back of the buyers' mind.

7. A.J. Burnett, Starting Pitcher. Burnett will likely opt out of the last year of his contract. He is coming off his first year with 30 plus starts and 200 plus innings since 2005, and he led the American League in strikeouts with 231.

6. Adam Dunn, Left Fielder. Dunn strikes out a lot and hits for a low average, but he brings patience and power to a lineup (five years in a row with forty or more home runs). His defense is still poor, so he may end up at DH by the end of his career.

5. Derek Lowe, Starting Pitcher. Lowe is 35, so teams will be aware of his age, but he has been incredibly durable, posting 30 or more starts every year since 2002. On top of that he has big game, postseason experience and a sinker that should keep him effective for a while.

4. Francisco Rodriguez, Closer. Rodriguez is coming off a year where he broke Bobby Thigpen's record of 57 saves in a season, finishing with 62. He is expected to be seeking five or more years at \$15 million, which will push away small market clubs.

3. Manny Ramirez, Left Fielder. After wearing out his welcome in Boston he was traded to the Dodgers where he led them to the playoffs with a 1.232 OPS in 53 games. His age and defense will prevent him from getting a long

term deal, but he will still get over \$15 million a year as he is still one of

**This year there are names
like Manny Ramirez, C.C.
Sabathia and Mark Teixeira.**

the premiere hitters in baseball.

2. Mark Teixeira, First Baseman. Teixeira was another player traded at the deadline and he responded by having a 1.081 OPS in 54 games with the Angels. He has consistently posted a .900 OPS, or just below it. He is the best fielding first baseman in baseball and he is only 28 years old. The bat, the glove and his age all come together for a huge payday for Teixeira.

1. C.C. Sabathia. Sabathia was probably the best pitcher in the majors this year, but he will not win a Cy Young award because he did it in two different leagues. He is an innings horse, which also may be the only knock in that he has pitched 241 and 253 innings the last two years. But he is still a true ace that can dominate and win you any game he starts, so he will be rewarded this off-season.

Other notable free agents: Ivan Rodriguez, Pat Burrell, Brian Fuentes, Raul Ibanez, Milton Bradley, Jim Edmonds, Jason Giambi, Jon Garland, Pedro Martinez, Oliver Perez, Kerry Wood, Rafael Furcal and Edgar Renteria.

Two new coaches in NFL prove themselves by winning games

**Oakland and St.
Louis have different
coaches and results**

Nathan Vaji
Staff Writer

Since week one of the NFL, two coaching changes have happened and now the teams are seeing vast improvements. Oakland and St. Louis now have new head coaches roaming the sidelines, and new results on the field.

Oakland owner Al Davis fired coach Lane Kiffin on Sept. 30 and named Tom Cable interim head coach. Kiffin was fired for reason, meaning he got none of the remaining money on his contract and has since filed a grievance for his money. Kiffin guided the Raiders to a 5-15 record during his short tenure.

St. Louis saw the firing of Scott Linehan just days after starting the season 0-4 and suddenly benching the team's

starting quarterback, Marc Bulger. Former Saints head coach Jim Haslett was immediately named interim head coach. His first move was to rename Bulger as the starter for the rest of the season. Haslett was the Rams' defensive coordinator at the time of Linehan's firing.

St. Louis has now won their first two games under Haslett. Last week, they pulled off an impressive 19-17 win over the Washington Redskins and this week had an even more impressive 34-14 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

Against Dallas, Stephen Jackson carried the ball 25 times for 160 yards and three touchdowns. Bulger added another touchdown through the air and did not throw an interception. Dallas was without starting quarterback Tony Romo who was out with a broken pinkie finger on his throwing hand. Brad Johnson stepped in and threw for 234 yards and a touchdown, but threw three interceptions. This marks the first time the Rams beat teams with winning records in consecutive weeks since 2004.

In Oakland, Tom Cable won

his first game on a 57-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski in overtime to win 16-13 over the Jets. JaMarcus Russell had a solid game posting 203 yards on 17 completions including a touchdown. Jay Feely, of the Jets, snuck in a 52-yard field goal with three seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime. This happened just after Cable called a time out just before Feely kicked for the first time. That kicked bounced off the right upright, but the time out nullified the kick and Feely then converted.

Brett Favre went 21 of 38 for 197 yards and two interceptions. Only one of Favre's first 17 completions went for more than 15 yards. Favre led the game-tying drive, which began at their five-yard line. Thomas Jones rushed for 159 yards and Leon Washington added an 11-yard touchdown run.

Sebastian Janikowski's 57-yard field goal not only was a career long, but it was the longest in Oakland team history.

Women's soccer loses two games

**Red Dragons lose
two games against
SUNYAC opponents**

Kristen Borgosz
Contributing Writer

The Cortland women's soccer team hosted SUNY Brockport and SUNY Geneseo in SUNYAC action this weekend, losing both games, despite a valiant effort.

Last Friday, Cortland took on

a determined Brockport team that shut out the Red Dragons 2-0. The Golden Eagles scored in the 14th minute and then added an insurance goal at the beginning of the second half. Sophomore goalie Pam Monnier recorded five saves in the loss.

Brockport upped their record to 7-4-1 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

Last Saturday afternoon, on Holloway Field, Cortland surrendered a hard fought loss to Geneseo. The Knights scored in the 13th minute of the game, and

that would eventually stand as the game-winner.

The Red Dragons had their opportunities, especially in the closing minutes, but just couldn't convert. Monnier made three saves for Cortland.

The Red Dragons dropped to 5-5-4 overall and 3-3-2 in SUNYAC play, while Geneseo improved to 8-5-1 and 5-2-1, respectively.

Cortland hopes to get back on track this Saturday as they host SUNY Oneonta at 11 a.m.

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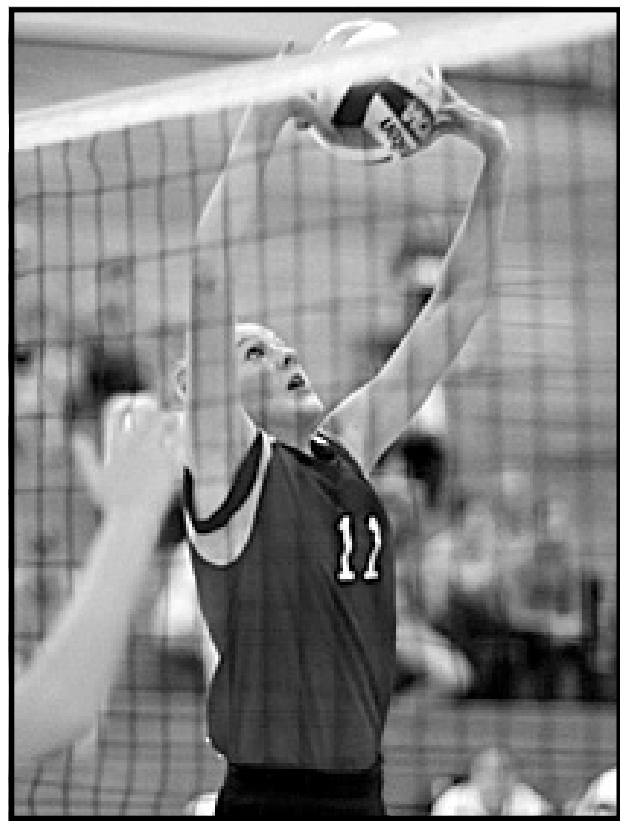
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Horton sets Cortland assists record



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Horton is the new assist leader in Cortland volleyball.

Senior breaks all-time Red Dragons volleyball record

Dan Curtis
Staff Writer

"I didn't really know exactly that I broke [the record] until after the game. But once I found out I broke it for sure, I was excited. I worked really hard to get where I am today but I couldn't have done it without the help from my teammates and my coaches," said senior Brittney Horton, setter for the women's volleyball team.

Horton, of Owego, broke a 10-year-old school assist record during the second day of competition at the Cortland Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 11. After recording 28 assists in the Red Dragons' first match of the day against Geneseo, Horton needed just six assists in the team's next match against Vassar College to take sole possession of the all-time Cortland record.

"I knew going into the match [against Vassar] that I didn't need many to break the record," Horton said. "As the match went on, I kind of figured that I broke it but I had no idea which assist it was that broke it or even when I broke it. After the game my coach made an announcement."

In her record-setting match against Vassar, Horton recorded 45 assists, far exceeding the six she needed to break the record.

Since joining the Cortland volleyball team as a freshman in 2005, Horton has tallied 4,469 assists, currently leading the previous school record holder Adriane Battaglioli by 137. Battaglioli had 4,326 career assists from the 1995 to 1998 seasons.

Now, as a senior with just two competitions remaining in the regular season, Horton is coming to grips with the fact that her college career is rapidly drawing to a close.

"It is a little emotional to know that my competitive days of playing are almost over but I'm excited to move on with my life and take on a coaching role," Horton said.

"It's sad but it's exciting at the same time. I'm moving forward with my life and hopefully can pass on my knowledge and skill to younger players as I coach."

Horton attributes much of her success to her mom and grandfather, who she says started her off in the sport and gave her a basic knowledge of the game. She also acknowledged all of her past coaches and current Cortland Head Coach Pam Hoerup for her career accomplishments.

Since playing on her first volleyball team in seventh grade, Horton has devoted a large amount of time and effort into becoming a great player but hopes her coaches and teammates remember her not only for her work ethic but as an individual as well.

"I would like them to remember me as someone who always gave 100% and would do anything to help our team become successful," Horton said. "I would also like them to remember me for who I am as a person and not just who I am on the court."

After playing alongside many of the same athletes for the past three to four years, Horton has created close friendships with her teammates and says she will miss them more than anything else.

"I'll miss the girls the most. Going to practice and being able to spend time with them is usually the best part of my day," Horton said. She went on to say that she will greatly miss playing volleyball every day and having the opportunity to be competitive.

After winning the SUNYAC championship for the past three years in a row, Horton seems hungry for a fourth and maybe even more, stating with enthusiasm, "Once we win SUNYAC championships, I would love to make it past the semi-final rounds in NCAAs."

A World Series for the ages

Rays and Phillies are two unlikely teams in 2008 Fall Classic

Matt Savino
Contributing Writer

A World Series for the ages, it was set to be. With October mainstay Joe Torre leading Manny Ramirez and the Los Angeles Dodgers to face the defending World Series champion Boston Red Sox in an epic east coast, west coast battle. The only problem was that someone forgot to inform the Tampa Bay Rays and the Philadelphia Phillies of such a plan.

While many baseball fans were salivating over the thought of a L.A.-Boston showdown for baseball bragging rights, the Rays and Phillies were winning their respective leagues and setting up what might be the most improbable World Series of all time.

The Tampa Bay Rays, perhaps the Cinderella team of the ages, is looking to become the first team in any major sport to go from dead last to champion in a single year. The Rays were the worst team in all of baseball last year. This wasn't much of a surprise considering their short and bleak history.

In their first 10 years as a franchise, the Rays had never been

to the World Series, never been to the playoffs or even had a winning season for that matter. In fact, the Rays have never finished better than 15 games out of first place in any season, until this year.

While Vegas is putting the Rays as the World Series favorite now, people weren't picking them to win it in April, not when they were sporting 200-1 odds.

The Rays have made their historic climb, not by signing big-name free agents or making blockbuster deadline deals. No, the team whose entire payroll is less than the left side of the Yankees infield is made with young, homegrown talent. B.J. Upton, former number-one pick by the Rays has been a catalyst for the team this postseason, tying the A.L. record for homeruns in a postseason (seven), in just the first two rounds.

The Rays postseason rotation, with an average age just under 25, is quite possibly the deepest in the league, with number-three starter Matt Garza leading the team in wins, ERA and strikeouts.

While the Philadelphia Phillies are riding high on their way to the fall classic, they're a team that knows a thing or two about losing. The Phillies happen to be the owner of the most dubious title in sport, the organization with the most losses ever.

Even Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, hasn't seen a professional sport championship

in over 20 years. While their bleak past may precede them, the Phillies of 2008 are looking to change their losing ways.

A veteran team built around a juggernaut offense featuring the past two National League MVPs, the versatile Jimmy Rollins and the towering Ryan Howard, is looking to bring home their first World Series since 1983.

While their offense has often stolen the show, it has been the Phillies pitching that has brought them to the edge of sport immortality. Cole Hamels, the Phillies 24-year old ace has been arguably the postseason's hottest pitcher. Hamels has been nothing short of dominant, posting a 3-0 record with a 1.23 ERA.

The series will be aired on Fox (Channel 8). Games one and two will be played at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, with the teams heading back up north for games three and four in Philadelphia at Citizens Bank Park. The final three games of the series, if necessary, will be split between cities.

While not many people would have predicted a Tampa Bay-Philadelphia World Series three weeks ago, let alone in April, the upstart Rays and the unfailing Phillies made other plans. While improbable as it may seem the 2008 World Series could turn out to be the most historic World Series of all time.

Men's hockey wins one and loses one



photo by Brian Verdi

Red Dragons hockey went 1-1 at the SUNYAC Challenge held at the Alumni Arena.

CONTINUED FROM BACK COVER tie it up. Senior Mike Maier added the assist for the Red Dragons. Less than 30 seconds later, Rednick scored on the power play to gain the lead for the Knights.

The opportunities were there for Cortland to make a rally to tie, but they were unable to. Geneseo was able to capitalize again on the power play after an interference call to take a 3-1 lead.

The Knights tacked on a late

goal in the final period to beat Cortland by three goals.

Geneseo goalie Jeff Pasemko had 21 saves in the game and was named the SUNYAC Challenge Most Valuable Player.

The Red Dragons distributed the goalie time evenly, with three goalies splitting time. Jewell stopped all six shots he saw in the first period, Reilly had four in the second period and Mistretta saved 11 of 12 shots taken in the final

frame.

After the game, the All-Tournament Team and Most Valuable Player were announced for the Challenge. Along with Pasemko (two wins, 40 out of 42 shots stopped) being the MVP, Geneseo had Rednick and Dan Brown on the team. The Red Dragons were represented, having Jewell and Markell named to the team.

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Sports



Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Cortland 41
Western CT St. 14
Next: Sat. vs. William Paterson

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 0
Geneseo 2
Next: Saturday @ Oneonta

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Penn State National-
Fourth Place
Next: Friday @ John Reif
Invitational

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Hamilton Invitational-
Seventeenth Place
Next: Friday @ John Reif
Invitational

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 0
Geneseo 1
Next: Saturday vs. Oneonta

FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland 6
New Paltz 0
Next: Wed. vs. St. Lawrence

Athletes of the Week



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Shamus Nally Cross Country

Finished 16th out of 306
runners at Penn State
National



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Michelle Gaufman Volleyball

SUNYAC Women's
Volleyball Player of the Week

Cortland hockey splits in SUNYAC Challenge

Red Dragons men's
hockey falls to
Geneseo in final

Brian Verdi &
Staff Writer

Chris Ryan
Contributing Writer

The Cortland men's ice hockey team began their season with a 5-2 victory over Fredonia State in day one of the SUNYAC Challenge.

Nine different players recorded points for the Red Dragons. Bryan Elfant, Greg Haney, Jarrett Gold, Ryan Markell and Patrick Palmisano each scored a goal in the win and Mike Egan, Gerard Heinz, Nick Catanzaro and Matt Davie recorded assists.

Cortland split time evenly between three goalies. Dan Jewell made 19-of-20 saves in the first period to lead the team, while Mike Reilly stopped 13-of-14 shots in the second period, and Mike Mistretta stopped all 12 shots that he faced in the third and final period.

Missed opportunities and untimely penalties were the downfall for the Cortland men's hockey team as they were defeated 4-1 by Geneseo last Saturday night. With the win, the Knights



photo by Brian Verdi

The Cortland Red Dragons men's hockey team takes center ice in their first game.

(2-0) captured the SUNYAC Challenge championship, and the Red Dragons (1-1) finished in the runner-up spot.

The Knights capitalized on the power play scoring three goals with the man advantage. Jonathan Rednick had two of those power play goals for Geneseo. Cortland had problems staying out of the

penalty box with ten penalties total. The Red Dragons failed to take advantage of any of the six penalties against Geneseo, including a five-on-three situation and a ten-minute misconduct with Geneseo being a man down.

The first period moved along at a fast pace, with hard physical play, but without any scoring by

either team. The teams combined for 14 shots in the period.

Coming out in the second period, the excitement picked up and had a surge of offense. Following a Geneseo goal to take the one score advantage, Markell recorded a short-handed goal to

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Giuliano leads the way for Cortland in win

Red Dragons strong
offensive game leads
to 41-14 victory

Gabe Schaub
Staff Writer

Senior tailback Andrew Giuliano led Cortland (6-0, 6-0 NJAC) to a 41-14 victory over Western Connecticut this past Saturday. Giuliano, who is 16th in overall rushing yards in Division III with 138 yards per game, rushed for 131 yards and three touchdowns.

The Red Dragons, who are ranked 9th in Division III according to the AFCA, scored the final 21 points of the game to pull away with the victory. The win comes in part due to a dominant fourth quarter by Cortland who outscored the Colonials 14-0 and controlled the clock for over eleven minutes.

Senior quarterback Ray Miles was very efficient with the ball, completing 18 of his 26 pass attempts for 209 yards. He also rushed for a four-yard touchdown. The senior wide receivers got into the act with Zacc Guaragno

catching seven balls for 85 yards, and Eric Hajnos finishing with four catches and 51 yards.

The Red Dragons defense held Western Connecticut's quarterback in check, who threw for 131 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions, and completed 13 of his 31 pass attempts.

Senior linebacker Jim Smith led the defense with 11 tackles. Sophomore linebacker Colan Shue, who was making his first start of the season in place of injured Josh Jablonski, finished with eight tackles. Six were solo, and four were for a loss, including a sack.

Sophomore defensive back Joe Lopez picked off the Colonials' quarterback, and returned the interception 46 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter for his first collegiate touchdown.

The game included three long, sustained drives by Cortland. Early in the second quarter the Red Dragons completed an 11-play, 99-yard touchdown drive, which included a 39-yard run by Giuliano for the first score of the game.

They capped another impressive drive in the third quarter with a nine-play, 71-yard drive, which was highlighted by a 27-yard pass from Miles to



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Red Dragons football improved to 6-0 with a 41-14 win.

Guaragno. Giuliano finished off the drive with an 11-yard run to put the Red Dragons up 27-14 late in the third quarter.

Giuliano scored his third touchdown on a 1-yard run for Cortland's final score of the game. The drive ate up 5:39 of the clock

in the fourth quarter and spanned 63 yards over 10 plays.

Cortland hosts William Paterson on Homecoming/C-Club Hall of Fame Weekend at 1 p.m. on Saturday.