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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Staff members from *The New York Times* to talk

The New York Times' Sports Editor Tom Jolly and Web News Producer Justin Sablich, a Cortland alumn, will be visiting the campus to discuss their experiences covering this year's Beijing Olympics.

The lecture will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in Sperry 204.

Gandhi's grandson to visit as part of conference

Arun Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will speak at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night in Sperry 105.

Gandhi is coming in conjunction with a peace conference and will be talking about the lessons he has learned from his grandfather: non-violence, how to resist war and maintain peace.

Last showings of *Luna Park* musical this weekend

The Dowd Fine Arts Theater is presenting another weekend of performances from the new musical *Luna Park*, based on an amusement park in Coney Island.

Tickets are \$7 for students at the door with student ID. Performances are at 8 p.m. tomorrow night and Saturday night and at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Artist talk on 'Paper Politics' to be held

Artist and curator Josh MacPhee will give a talk on the Dowd Fine Arts Exhibition, 'Paper Politics.'

The talk will be held in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery 4:30 p.m. next Thursday.

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Majority of students to vote for Obama

Class conducts campus-wide poll on who students vote for

By Scott Rapp's
Intermediate Writing
Class

An overwhelming majority of Cortland students surveyed said

they would vote for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama over Republican presidential candidate John McCain in the presidential election next Tuesday.

Out of 194 students recently polled, 141 supported Obama, or 72.6 percent, 30 students supported McCain, or 15 percent and the remaining 23 students, 11.4

percent, supported Ralph Nader, were undecided or would not vote.

"As an individual who will be leaving college and will be looking into the job market this next year I see the Obama-Biden ticket as the candidates who can create jobs, initiate policy to stabilize the economy, end America's involvement in both Iraq and Afghanistan," said Ryan Dooling,

a senior from Rochester.

Obama, 47, is the first African-American to be nominated by a major political party to run for president. He has opposed many of the Bush administration's decisions and has spoken out against the war in Iraq since 2002. If elected, McCain, 72, would be

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Homecoming Rally rallies spirit and win

Rally evokes school spirit as the Red Dragons gain a win

Daniel Harding Jr.
Staff Writer

The annual Homecoming Pep Rally was held at 7 p.m. last Friday at the stadium complex.

While the cold, windy night kept many indoors, the stands were filled with a group of spirited supporters who came out to cheer on the Cortland football team.

Opening the pep rally was a baton twirling performance by Nicole Dudek, a member of Kickline, who captured the crowd with a stellar number.

While the Cortland Dance Works prepared to perform, the



photo by Vicky Paz

"A Different Spin" puts on a stunt-filled performance at the pep rally last weekend.

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Award-winning speaker visits



photo by Ben Bolding

John Edwards, a Cortland alumnus, talks to students about the value of communication skills in Corey Union. See story on page 12.

Middle East talk

Alumna dispels some myths of Middle Eastern women

Ashley Jones
Staff Writer

Middle Eastern women have long held a complex space in western imaginations.

They are often viewed from a western perspective as oppressed, abused, or powerless; mysteriously hidden behind layers of cloth.

Cortland Alumna Suad Josef spoke at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22 in the Jacobus Lounge, to clear up this popular misconception, deciphering fact from fiction in a lecture that brought many new ideas to light.

Josef was born in Lebanon but moved to Cortland when she was six years old.

She graduated from Cortland High School and then SUNY Cortland, afterwards obtaining her Ph.D in Anthropology from Columbia University.

Josef now teaches

Anthropology and Women and Gender Studies at the University of California at Davis, where she has founded the Middle East and South studies program as well as the Association of Women's Studies.

According to Josef, women in the Middle East have been the subject of an identity often blurred. In western society, the words Middle Eastern, Arabic and Islamic have been used interchangeably when, in fact, they are significantly different.

Not all Middle East nations are Arab, nor are all Arabs Muslim. Because of this blurring identity, women are subject to a broad stereotype that wrongly represents them, Josef explained.

The Western idea of women in Islam has truly been a Western invention, she said.

They do not all live in the Middle East; they live in all sorts of habitats. Some are even feminists or come from a matrilineal descent.

The differences between Muslim women are so vast that the

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Rally offers up loads of fun



photo by David Bitterbaum

Students pose with Cortland's fiery school mascot, Blaze the Dragon, at the pep rally.

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crowd was kept busy catching free T-shirts being thrown to the crowd while Cortland's mascot, Blaze the Dragon, performed calisthenics.

The cold didn't seem to faze the girls from Dance Works, Kickline and cheerleading as they all performed both upbeat and impressive routines.

While it seemed the pep rally was winding down, it was just heating up as a flame-throwing group, "A Different Spin," stole the show in a performance that followed in the Studio West parking lot.

The four members of the

group performed countless stunts, one of which included juggling flaming batons as they stood on the shoulders of one another.

Their choreography was matched to a mixture of popular songs that kept the impressed crowd's attention.

They performed an especially comical interpretation of Pirates of the Caribbean by fighting with "swords" of fire.

"The flamethrowers were extremely talented and entertaining. They seemed a little out of practice but overall, it was a great performance," said sophomore Krissy Cozier.

The rally was concluded with

a performance from the step team and a roaring bonfire that thawed out the dedicated supporters.

The undefeated Red Dragons went on to win the Homecoming game 38-0 against opponent William Paterson.

It's no coincidence that Cortland has both a rich tradition of athletic success and an even stronger tradition of school support and spirit.

Good luck to the football team as they travel to face the College of New Jersey on Saturday and strive to maintain their winning streak.

Know where to vote?

There are a variety of polling locations for Election Day

Erica Sanderson

News Editor

Election Day is fast approaching and if registered in Cortland County, there are a number of polling places to visit depending on location. To find out which poll to go to next Tuesday, here is a list of places and times.

The two polling locations for on-campus students are Studio West and the Cortland County Water Works, located on Broadway Ave. Both polling locations will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Students who registered to vote under the addresses of Bishop Hall, Clark Hall, Randall Hall, Glass Tower, Brockway Hall, DeGroat Hall, Shea Hall, Cheney Hall, Fitzgerald Hall or Whitaker Hall can vote at the Cortland County Water Works.

Students who registered to vote under the addresses of Alger Hall, Hayes Hall, Higgins Hall, Casey Tower, Smith Tower or Hendrick can vote in Studio West.

Students who registered off-campus should have received a form in the mail indicating which

polling place they should attend.

Go online to <https://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx> in order to verify polling locations for off-campus addresses.

Students should bring a form of ID when they attend the poll; a student ID is acceptable but a valid driver's license is preferred.

If the polling location to which a student is listed is inconvenient on the day of the election or students have changed addresses since they registered, students can visit any Cortland polling location and are still able to have their vote count.

If students are not on the voter registration list of that specific polling location that they go to, they can just ask the poll worker for an affidavit, or paper, ballot.

The County Board of Elections will then verify the student is registered to vote and the process will be carried out normally without complications.

Cortland students will also be asked to partake in an electronic national survey called the Campus Votes Challenge, which is conducted to see the percentage of college students that vote.

Remember to get out there and cast your ballot on Election Day.

Corrections:

Concerning last week's article entitled "CROP Walk," Jeanine Rose wanted to send out this message:

"I'd like to send a big thank you to all the Cortland students who volunteered to help with the walk, all who walked and collected donations and Jim Miller of the history department who coordinated the student participation. Please add a big thank you to Vicki Johnson, our Protestant Campus Minister for helping in the planning of the CROP Walk, working at registration, and blessing the walkers before the walk."

Myths of Middle East disbanded

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encyclopedia Josef edited about Women in Islamic cultures spans six books.

Josef claims that it is impossible to be an expert in the field because the differences are simply too enormous.

However, to understand women in the Middle East, one must first understand the principals of their society.

In the United States, power is concentrated in the public sphere. Citizens are socialized as individuals, characterized by boundaries with separation and independence from one another. Families themselves constitute a whole separate sphere.

On the other hand, in the Middle East, the boundaries between these spheres are porous and flexible and families are the central sphere in which citizens associate themselves.

Families are a critical site of power in the Middle East and women are especially powerful within the family said Josef.

In the Middle East, the family permeates all aspects of social life and holds significantly more power than in Western cultures.

Thus, states where the family has more power the women will have more power. This power lies

in the responsibilities of the family, the responsibilities that Middle Eastern men have in protecting and caring for their families.

Because women's power is concentrated in the family, it is less visible to a western society that does not hold the family high within the public sphere claimed Josef. Thus, their power is overlooked; lending an image to women that appears oppressive.

This image however, is not founded in fact. Within all the nations in the Middle East, except Saudi Arabia, the constitutions declare gender equality.

The labor laws are completely non-discriminatory and often women are given longer maternity leaves than in western societies. Again, the prevalence of the family takes place.

Women also have had the right to vote in all countries, except Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, from 40 to 60 years ago. There are women in the parliaments of many Middle Eastern nations and Turkey has a woman prime minister.

While their economic activities are statistically small, this is only because these statistics leave out small family shops and agriculture, two areas where women are most notably employed. In some Middle Eastern

countries, the literacy rate is higher among women than men.

Despite these gains, women in the Islamic world in the Middle East are still seeking to gain ground in two important areas: nationality law and family law.

Under nationality law, women cannot pass down citizenship or give it to their spouse through marriage. Family law is based on the Islamic religion and thus interpretation.

In many regions, under family law, women have no civil rights in divorce or child custody.

While many people in Western cultures attempt to "liberate" the Middle Eastern woman, according to Josef, she said the fact of the matter is that the majority of women say they would not trade their own families for those of Western society.

Women feel that their particular needs are better met in the family sphere as often the mother of a family is sanctified and held to the highest respect within this religion.

Josef's lecture is part of the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee's yearlong series based around the theme of inequality.

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Need help deciding who to vote for?

A look at Republican John McCain’s and Democrat Barack Obama’s positions on a variety of issues

	John McCain	Barack Obama
Economic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-End dependence on foreign oil-Taxpayers will not be responsible for the problems of those in real estate or the stock market-Keep top tax rate at 35% for small business owners-Cut corporate tax rate from 35% to 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Create the "Making Work Pay" tax credit of \$500 per person and \$1,000 per working family-Eliminate capital gains taxes on startup and small businesses-Raise the minimum wage, adjust it for inflation and ensure full-time workers earn the living wage by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit
Abortion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Wants to overturn Roe v. Wade-Return abortion rights to the states-Permit tax deductions for qualified adoption expenses <p>"At its core, abortion is a human tragedy. To effect meaningful change, we must engage the debate at a human level."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Supports Roe v. Wade-Introduced the Prevention First Act in Jan. 2007, which will <p>"Increase funding for family planning and comprehensive sex education that teaches both abstinence and safe sex methods...end insurance discrimination against contraception, improve awareness about emergency contraception, and provide compassionate assistance to rape victims."</p>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Consolidate financial aid programs for higher education to simplify the administration-Shift the focus of No Child Left Behind from group averages to individual achievement-Devote more funding to states who hire teachers who graduate in the top 25% of their class or who participate in alternative teacher recruitment programs-Improve Head Start program that meets educational and social needs of young children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-"Zero to Five" plan emphasizes early care and education for infants to prepare them for kindergarten-Improve No Child Left Behind and assess students readiness for college and the workplace on an individual level, and support schools that need improvement-Improve science and math curriculum and hire those with math and science degrees at schools-Increase students taking AP level classes by 50%-Create American Opportunity Tax Credit, which offers a \$4,000 of free college tuition in exchange for 100 hours of community service
War in Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Does not want to withdraw troops before Iraq can govern itself and is able to safeguard its citizens-Wants to defeat Al Qaeda and institute an effective Iraqi security force-Supporter of the counterinsurgency strategy carried out by General Petraeus-Need to grow the Iraqi economy to move its people away from extremism	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Committed to ending the war-Remove troops from Iraq by 2010-Keep a residual force in Iraq to conduct missions against al Qaeda and protect American personnel-Train and support Iraqi forces as long as they work towards political reconciliation
Gay Marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Wants to preserve the "traditional family"-Believes marriage is between one man and one woman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Opposes a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage-Supports full civil unions that give same-sex couples equal legal rights and privileges as married couples
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-\$5,000 refundable tax credit for families; \$2,500 for individuals-Reduce drug costs by using more generics, including bio-generics-Develop a Guaranteed Access Plan, GAP, for states to ensure all people have access to health coverage-Put families in charge of where the tax credit goes, and leftover money goes into a portable health savings account, also controlled by the family	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Current healthcare plans will decrease \$2,500-Small Business Health Tax Credit will give affordable health insurance to employees-Increase the use of generic drugs, as well as importing safe medicines from other countries-Promotes Public Health that covers preventative services such as cancer screenings
Homeland Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Supports the Patriot Act, which has "provided our homeland security officials with the authority necessary to effectively investigate and seek to prevent future attacks."-Forge strong partnerships with state and local governments-Work to prevent weapons of mass destruction from falling into the hands of terrorists-Secure the borders using state-of-the-art technology-Co-sponsored "The Border Security First Act of 2007," which provided funding to construct 700 miles of fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Establish a \$2 billion Global Education Fund to eliminate the global education deficit and offer an alternative to extremist schools-Supports Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and wants to end the use of nuclear weapons-Strengthen the Privacy and Civil Liberties Board to protect American civil liberties-Create a terrorist watch list for people to be screened against at airports

chart compiled by Kelsey Delmotte, Opinions Editor

APO fraternity plans children’s Halloween party



photo by Rebecca Job

Students of Alpha Phi Omega assist in party preparation.

APO Fraternity helps YWCA plan a festive child-oriented event

Rebecca Job
Staff Writer

Cortland’s co-ed service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, combined their efforts with the YWCA to host the Bridges for Kids Halloween party last Friday.

Bridges for Kids is a big brother-little brother program that members of APO have taken on to

mentor younger children and give them opportunities to do fun things in the community.

The YWCA of Cortland is a non-profit organization that supports the growth and leadership of women and girls and helps families with quality programs in childcare, mentoring, wellness, crisis intervention and social advocacy.

The Bridges for Kids program at the Cortland YWCA serves about 500 children annually and is the only mentoring program for at-risk children ages five to 12.

Members of APO showed up at the YWCA at 4 p.m. to help set up a haunted house and decorate for the event. Bridges for Kids’ program director Carla Plunkett was pleased with their assistance.

“APO is fantastic; whenever the YWCA asks for help, APO is there,” she said.

“Recently, the Bridges for Kids Halloween party was a perfect example of how Cortland benefits our community. The students planned the event...and absolutely delighted the kids, all with a little more than a brief planning session. We simply could not provide this and many other opportunities for our kids without this kind of help.”

About 20 APO members gathered at the YWCA to help make this party a success.

The members held arts and crafts sessions with the children and the YWCA provided food and refreshments.

The joint efforts of APO and the YWCA made this Halloween party free of charge for the children.

“APO came together as a group and allowed many children in the Cortland community to have a safe and fun Halloween experience. The turnout was great; we were very pleased,” said APO member Charlie Magner.

Majority for Obama

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the oldest U.S. President. He supports the war in Iraq.

McCain supporter Kyle Edward Liang, 21, of New Hartford, said, “I support John McCain and Sarah Palin because I like McCain’s policies to cut taxes, give money back to people and not raise taxes on any class of people.”

However, not every student would vote.

“I don’t think I’m going to vote because I know no one can save this country,” said Taryn Donovan, 21, of Utica.

Most Obama backers shared the sentiments of Bryce Urbany, 21, of Lansing, who said, “John McCain is outlandish because he

represents the old America, the dying American, the America we need to bury and forget about.”

Senior Andrew Hamilton, 21, of Albany, added, “I want to tell my grandchildren that I voted for the first African-American president.”

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Alphi Phi wins annual Powder-Puff



photo by Amy Marshall

Sorority members in action during a Powder-Puff game.

Sororities showcase skills in annual homecoming event

Amy Marshall
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi took the win for the annual Powder-Puff football game held last Saturday as a part of homecoming weekend.

All four campus sororities Alpha Phi, Delta Phi Epsilon, Sigma Delta Tau and Nu Sigma Chi participated in the Powder-Puff football for the first time this year. In the previous years, only two of the sororities participated.

Alpha Phi members said that they liked the set up of the game this year because all of the sororities got a chance to play, allowing for more competitive fun.

The game began promptly at 10:30 a.m. in the fields behind Park Center and each sorority played two games. In each round two games were played simultaneously.

After the first round the winners of each game played each other for first and second place and the two losing teams played each other for third and fourth place.

In the first round, Delta Phi Epsilon played Sigma Delta Tau and won 7-0.

At the same time Alpha Phi played Nu Sigma Chi and won 3-2. In the second round, Alpha Phi and Delta Phi Epsilon battled for first place with a game that went into overtime with Alpha Phi winning 1-0 and Delta Phi Epsilon taking second place.

Sigma Delta Tau and Nu Sigma Chi also played each other with Sigma Delta Tau winning the game and taking third place 14-0.

MVPs included Cristina Hoffman of Delta Phi Epsilon, who ran an impressive 90-yard touchdown, Nicole Horack, quarterback for Nu Sigma Chi and Lauren Cavaretta, who caught the winning touchdown in overtime, which resulted in the win for Alpha Phi.

Powder-Puff football was action-packed this year in part due to the elements.

The game was played in about 40-degree weather under pouring rain showers. The fields were covered in mud and so were the players as they slid all over the field attempting to run through the muddy fields.

Delta Phi Epsilon members agreed that the weather conditions were tough but they felt the games were good overall.

The crowds of spectators consisted of friends and sorority sisters there in full spirit supporting the players.

The game was still packed with onlookers despite the weather conditions.

The sorority members displayed good sportsmanship throughout the games.

Sigma Delta Tau members stated that the Powder-Puff football game was not only a good way to bring their own sorority together, but all other sororities as well.

Sustainability Day a success

Many turn out for day of environmental action and learning

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

Cortland has increasingly been "going green" in order to improve the campus and community environment, following the ever popular green movement that has swept the nation.

The latest indications of Cortland's new green fever were the events that encompassed Sustainability Day, which was held from 11:30 am to 4:30 p.m. on last Wednesday in Corey Union and was open to all students and community members.

The event, which involved approximately one month of planning, was a joint effort from the Student Affairs Sustainability Committee and a group of Resident Assistants (RAs), one RA from each Residence Hall, which was fronted by Steven Canals, Residence Hall Director (RHD) of



photo by Ben Bolding

Julia Karpinski (right) visits the tree-planting table.

Shea Hall.

Canals hatched the idea when he heard that National Campus Sustainability Day was Oct. 26 and decided to get Cortland in on the action.

Multiple green events were offered throughout the day such as providing soil and seeds to plant trees, a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) exchange and a recyclable basketball game where plastic bottles were tossed into recyclable bins.

Posters were also displayed on different environmental topics such as how to conserve water and why CFL light bulbs are more environmentally friendly than others.

All participants received a free recycled cotton T-shirt and were entered in a raffle to win an assortment of prizes from the school store, including reusable water bottles, travel mugs and thermoses.

The winner of the raffle has yet to be drawn but will be selected and notified this week.

The day was a huge success, said Canals. Over 90 people stopped by to help with the planting, about 80 light bulbs were exchanged and over 600 people entered their name into the raffle drawing, all of which took place within just five hours.

"I'm sure this will be an event we will want to continue," said Canals.

"It's important. Sustainability speaks to us today and it's about us taking care of the environment now so that people in the future can have a future."



photo by Ben Bolding

Several students partake in Sustainability Day events.

Native American land loss discussed by Professor Scott Anderson

Cortland professor explains historical Cayuga Land case

Chelsea Leone
Staff Writer

Scott Anderson, an Anthropology professor here at Cortland, gave a lecture titled "How the Indians Lost Their Land: The Cayuga Land Claim Case" as part of the Brooks Museum Lecture series in Cornish Hall last Wednesday.

The territory is northwest of Cortland, located in Cayuga County. Anderson did the majority of his research in Auburn, where he spent countless hours searching through 5,000 records of land transactions in the county office building.

After he conducted this research, New York State officials called Anderson and asked if he

knew anything about the land transactions and how much the land was valued for.

Anderson had all the information the state requested and was able to help. He knows how much the land was worth dating all the way back to the late 1700s.

When he went through the figures himself, he found that what was due to the Indians was more than what the court decided.

Most of the Cayuga Indians stayed west and they all agreed to lease the land. Each group received \$500 per year.

New York State thought that only they could buy land from the Indians and they tried to filibuster western New York.

However, the federal government stepped in and the land could no longer be sold by New York State, but only the federal government.

The case could be brought before a judge because it violated fair trade laws for the Cayuga

Indians as the government was buying the land that was valued at 50 cents an anchor and selling it to settlers for \$2.

The land was then put up for auction at \$4.50.

All the Cayuga land is gone now, said Anderson.

After the Revolutionary War, the North gained all this land but it immediately was sold into the hands of rich foreigners Anderson explained.

It was in the initial sale of the land where the money was lost because it was not worth what it was being sold for.

In 1980 the case was brought as a case that could be tried. The case was won, but then later in 2004, the case was thrown out by an appeals court.

This was difficult for the Cayuga Indians and still pains them today to be pushed out of their own land and have it bought and sold for monetary value with little disregard for those that were there first, Anderson concluded.

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Our View

If you can sort through the incessant mudslinging and name-calling, you may have chosen a candidate for next week's upcoming presidential election.

It's important to pick a candidate not based on what he claims the other will not do, but what he will actually do himself.

Don't be afraid to choose a candidate who best represents you, but also look at the bigger picture. Think about what is best for the country and all of us, not just a small group of people. The key to making the United States a better place to live is recognizing that we are a melting pot of people and we all deserve a little attention and representation in our government.

But whomever you choose to vote for, make your voice heard on Nov. 4. It's only you in that voting booth and only you can make that decision.

There is no such thing as throwing a vote away. The very basis of democracy is everyone's right to have a say in his or her government. You just have to be confident that someone, somewhere, is listening.

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Cortland goes construction crazy

Excessive remodeling causes unneeded stress for students

Daniel Harding Jr.

Staff Writer

The beautiful Cortland campus, which has attracted a record high number of students, is fast becoming unrecognizable this year.

While construction is often a necessary burden all universities face, it seems as though Cortland is going overboard. While a nuisance, most students were tolerant towards the major construction project that started with the addition to Van Hoesen Hall last semester. With projects commencing in several different locations on campus, many students feel that it's just too much.

What was once a nice campus to stroll around has turned into a hardhat zone. Tractor-trailers, bulldozers and a slew of other construction machinery have replaced the casual runner or bike rider.

Students in both Glass Tower and Randall Hall find that the construction is making it difficult to get work done or study in their rooms because of the constant



photo by Daniel Harding Jr.

Construction in front of Randall Hall on Neubig Road.

noise.

"The construction has been a real inconvenience in traveling to and from class. Cortland has always had that feeling of home for me and now I feel it's losing its charm," said Glass Hall resident Dan Caputo.

The SUNY school system suffered a \$38.8 million budget cut this year and could face even more cuts in the future due to the New York State deficit. In order to cope, Cortland has made budget cuts in departments school-wide.

With faculty cuts and increasing class sizes, many begin to wonder if we really need a Neubig remodel, or a new

bookstore when the current one always seems to get the job done.

Because of the Neubig remodeling, the dining hall will be closed from Thanksgiving until the second semester, and while that may not seem like a very long time, it will certainly have a negative effect on students.

Hundreds of students will be forced to pack into Corey Union and Hilltop for meals. Students, as well as food employees, can expect a hectic situation come 6 p.m. during those weeks. During this time period students will be especially busy working on term

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A case for the third party candidate

The right choice for you may not always be red or blue

Dustin Good

Staff Writer

In a country where there has been an emphasis on the importance of freedom and democracy in a post-9/11 world, it is surprising how readily our society accepts a political system that is set up in a way that almost completely eradicates the notion of choice all together.

When I go to the polls, I will find myself wrestling over the lesser of two evils. Thus, my vote will go to the candidate that I dislike the least. In reality, the difference between the two candidates is minimal.

Conversely, there are a striking number of similarities between Barack Obama and John McCain. Election Day will be the first time that many voters are exposed to a number of third party candidates that have absolutely no chance of victory. That fact is the first on a list of several agreements that Democrats and Republicans, led by McCain and Obama, agree on.

It is in this way that the idea of freedom, in George Bush's Patriot Act America, remains the status quo through the illusion of choice. Both McCain and Obama are bent on pointing out to an already polarized voting public how different they really are.

Obama is versed in creating the perception of ideological separation from his opponent. The democratic presidential nomination race between Obama and Hilary Clinton was the quintessential example of six dozen of one, a half dozen of the other.

But we must ask ourselves, are Obama and McCain really as ideologically opposed as they say?

On the issue of war, McCain likes Iraq, Obama prefers Afghanistan.

On issues of the national budget, McCain proposes tax cuts but cites no clear plan for reducing government spending. Obama has proposed a tax increase on the smallest percentages of society. Thus, the overwhelming majority of Americans, in an Obama or McCain administration, will see little change in their taxes.

On the issue of gay rights, both oppose gay marriage.

On energy, both are in favor of nuclear energy, off-shore drilling and clean coal as well, quite

possibly the most humorous oxymoron of the 2008 presidential campaign.

On the economy, both voted for the \$750 billion bailout/rescue package. Now I ask you, how different are McCain and Obama's platforms?

So maybe a third party candidate is the candidate for you.

If war and violence is not your answer, if you prefer peace and harmony, maybe a third party candidate is for you.

If you demand real clean energy for our nation and the world that does not harm the planet, maybe a third party candidate is for you.

If you don't believe in a bailout bill that refuses to hold corporate America responsible for its greed and corruption and has no place in an apparently capitalist country whose only remaining true capitalists are small businesses, because they are the only businesses that are allowed to fail, then maybe a third party candidate is for you.

If you believe in human rights for all in an unabridged form, if you believe in human rights without caveats, then maybe a third party candidate is the candidate for you.

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What do you have to say?

What was your most embarrassing or funny experience at Cortland?



photo by Brittany Hays

"I was walking up the stairs to Bowers and I tripped with my hands full and spilled my coffee all over the stairs. I landed on my face and turned around to find a group of guys laughing at me."



photo by Brittany Hays

"There are too many funny memories at Cortland. The best times are at Neubig on Sunday morning recapping the night before."



provided by Brittany Hays

"One night a guy friend came over and passed out in my bed. I checked on him an hour later and found my bed full of pee."



provided by Brittany Hays

"My funniest/most embarrassing experience at Cortland was when I fell on the ice last winter walking to dinner when everyone was outside and saw me."



provided by Brittany Hays

"One night my housemates and I decided to climb the wall of our living room."

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Who is Joe the Plumber?

New face of the Republican party has lofty ambitions

Dustin Good
Staff Writer

Beginning during the third debate and continuing *ad nauseam* between then and now, John McCain and Sarah Palin have adopted Samuel Joseph Wurzelbacher as their official campaign mascot. You may know him as "Joe the Plumber."

Regardless of the mispronunciation of his surname, he has seemingly agreed to replace the pitbull with lipstick as the official face of the 2008 Republican presidential ticket.

There are two main issues with JTP that need to be addressed.

First, the fact that he does not even make close to \$250 thousand per year, but does not like Obama's tax plan because one day he might.

Second, the broader issue of Republicans taking issue with the investigation into JTP's background in order to answer the very same question that John McCain loves to use to attack his opponent Obama: "Who is Barack Obama?" Should we not be allowed to ask the same question about Sam

Wurzelbacher?

In the days since the third debate it has been revealed that JTP does not make even close to the minimum annual income for tax increases under the Obama plan, but the plan is being viewed as having uncertain inclinations.

JTP and the voting block he represents feel that \$250 thousand could easily become \$100 thousand one day. JTP-style voters are probably against gay marriage because if we allow that, pretty soon people will want to marry their dogs and consummate their relationships with their guinea pigs.

It is the belief in such ridiculousness that allows the GOP to attract voters like JTP. Sam Wurzelbacher should vote for the candidate whose platform can best help him and his family. Not the candidate who, if his income magically skyrockets, will take less of it.

Domestic and international wealth is controlled by an elite few and that powerful elite few do everything they can to retain the status quo. JTP has been brainwashed by the members of that elite class to believe anyone can make as much money as they do if they work hard enough. The GOP and their corporate cronies thrive on the votes of

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The College of Saint Rose

How will we be remembered?

Consider all aspects of each candidate's political platforms

Tom Lickona

Director, Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility)

At the end of a unit on slavery, a fifth grade boy in a New Hampshire classroom said, "We think slavery was bad, but what are people going to say about us in a hundred years?"

Indeed. How, for example, will we explain to future generations that our society went to great lengths to care for a pregnant mother and her unborn child but if a mother decided she didn't want her baby, the child had no rights but could be "terminated" through all nine months of pregnancy?

Will we say, "We had no idea," that abortion took the lives of 1.5 million pre-born children a year? That these were violent deaths inflicted without any anesthetic?

If you've never examined the evidence of what abortion is and does, you can see pictures of aborted babies, as well as healthy fetal development, on websites such as www.prolife.com.

There are certainly many other moral failures, such as unjust wars and a widening gap between the rich and poor, for which we will need to answer. But no ethical failure is as fundamental, no moral blind spot so great, as a national policy of permitting lethal violence against a whole class of innocent human beings.

Pro-life groups such as Feminists for Life (www.feministsforlife.org), aware of the harm that abortion does to women as well as children, work diligently to promote life-affirming alternatives.

All of us can elect public

officials whose circle of concern includes babies not yet born. By that standard, how do the current presidential contenders measure up?

In his article, "Obama's Abortion Extremism," published this month in the journal *Public Discourse*, Princeton University Professor of Jurisprudence Robert P. George states, "Barack Obama is the most extreme pro-abortion candidate ever to seek the office of President of the United States."

On July 17, 2007, Obama told the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, "The first thing I will do as president is to sign the Freedom of Choice Act. On this fundamental issue, I will not yield."

If enacted, the Freedom of Choice Act would prohibit and retroactively nullify all federal and state-level restrictions on abortion, including parental notification requirements, informed consent laws and bans on partial-birth abortion.

As an Illinois state senator, Obama opposed the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, legislation that required medical care for children who survived an abortion. This legislation later became federal law, supported even by abortion rights advocates such as Barbara Boxer and Ted Kennedy.

There are many issues at stake in next Tuesday's election, but abortion is the most important because it is the most direct assault on human life.

Obama is committed to the belief that an entire class of human beings has no rights. When John McCain was asked, "When is a baby entitled to human rights?" he answered, "At the moment of conception."

To return to that fifth grader's question: How will people judge us in a hundred years?

Happy Halloween

Celebrate responsibly or give back with a safe alternative

Daniella Perruna

Staff Writer

As a reminder for students consumed in classes, Halloween is tomorrow. Students love dressing up for the holiday and celebrate through the dark of the night.

It is a fun time of year and the majority of students give in to their inner child by dressing in costume. However, it is also a time when students can get themselves into trouble.

It is important to understand the Cortland College Student Handbook and the policies that correspond with it.

Cortland has a zero-tolerance policy for violence, stating that any student involved in any act of violence will be tried according to judicial rules of the campus.

The college also has a policy pertaining to underage drinking, which clearly states that any student under the age of 21 cannot be seen possessing or consuming any type of alcoholic beverage.

If a student is found in violation of this, he/she will be tried under judicial rule. Students are encouraged to enjoy the holiday in a fun, but safe, manner.

On a separate note, Shea Hall is hosting a safe Halloween for children around the Cortland community.

The children will trick-or-treat in the residence hall, which will be decorated by the residents and staff members.

For more information on this exciting and beneficial event, contact Steve Canals, RHD of Shea Hall.

Have a safe and healthy Halloween.

Third party politics

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You will never learn about third party candidates by watching the major news networks or any network for that matter.

You will not learn about third party candidates by reading the newspapers and magazines that everyone except Sarah Palin stuff their noses in to.

Get on the world wide web, surf the information super highway where information flows a-plenty and is waiting to be consumed.

Learn about Ralph Nader, Cynthia McKenney, Bob Barr, Chuck Baldwin, Alan Keyes, Charles Jay, Gene Amondson, Ted Weill, Gloria La Riva, Brian Moore, Róger Calero and others.

Read the platforms of the Peace and Freedom Party, Socialist Workers Party, Socialist Party USA, Party for Socialism and Liberation, Reform Party, Liberation Party, Boston Tea Party, America's Independence Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party, Constitution Party, et al.

These third party candidates are hoping to receive 5% of the national vote so that their parties will be eligible to receive equal amounts of public funding to pay for the next presidential campaign.

Theoretically, a party whose candidate received 5% would have an equal chance of winning the next time around.

Unfortunately, without large amounts of campaign finance reform and even larger amounts of private donations, a campaign that relies solely on public funding is an immediate underdog.

Finally, there is the Electoral College, a voting body made up exclusively of Democrats and Republicans that will probably never elect a candidate who is not blue or red.

Joe the Plumber

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indoctrinated masses of plumbers.

After the tapping of JTP as the GOP mascot, several stories and investigations were done looking into the history and legitimacy of Wurzelbacher. Personalities like Rush Limbaugh defended him and attacked media outlets for asking questions about Joe the Plumber.

What happened to JTP is exactly what Republicans have been doing to Barack Obama, did to Hilary Clinton during the primaries, and what they are happy to do with Sarah Palin. They make them the face of a large group of people that may or may not relate to them but happen to fall into certain categorized demographics.

For example, Obama represents all African-Americans in the country. Clinton, now replaced by Palin, was supposed to represent all women in the country.

Now, JTP knows what it is like to have to represent an entire demographic to a national audience. He also now knows how unfair and misrepresentative such a job can become.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

" [Sarah Palin] knows more about energy than probably anyone else in the United States of America. ... And, uh, she also happens to represent, be governor of a state that's right next to Russia. "

- John McCain, after being asked about Sarah Palin's foreign policy experience interview with WCSH-6 Portland, OR Sept. 12, 2008

Construction

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papers and cramming for their final exams. Waiting an extraordinarily long time to get a meal will be an unpleasant experience.

The Neubig construction will also have a negative effect on Cortland's athletes, who are on campus during the winter session and rely on Neubig for a hearty meal. With all the hassle the construction will cause along with the steep price tag, do we really need a more feng shui dining hall with a sushi bar?

The school is also planning to close Fitzgerald Hall next semester in order to refurbish it. The students currently living there are still unsure of where they will be

placed for the semester, which seems like an unfair burden.

"I've had three new roommates already and now have to deal with starting new all over again after finally settling down. It's just another big adjustment to get used to," said Fitzgerald resident Yasemin Ertem.

Most students on campus feel that the amount of construction going on across the campus is excessive. They feel it has caused traffic congestion, a more strenuous daily commute and noise distractions. Maybe when the construction finally subsides, Cortland will once again be a place we can all be proud to call home.

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Addressing the small stuff

Finding importance in the little things and recognizing the good

Marc Dearstyne

Equal Opportunity Program

Recently you may have noticed bad publicity regarding our student organizations and member behaviors. It is very easy for us to see a negative and attach it to the closest, though not necessarily the correct, reason.

Student behavior on campus, especially the misdemeanor and the felony, is largely transparent. The Campus Security "Clery" Act requires a public report be made of certain crimes and violations. For many of us, this type of public information, especially when seen on the front pages of a newspaper, can elicit shock and awe, surprise and wonder, anger and resentment, indignation and insult, or sadness and sorrow.

It is easy to, rightfully or wrongfully look for and converse about the cause of such behavior, point fingers, form opinions, express beliefs, and look for truths. Most of us are inquisitive, so we look for causes. One of the problems with looking for causes is that most of the time we are wrong. There is never one cause

for complicated matters, yet we continue to try to create one.

That there was a list of student organizations attached to the "Former Student Charged with Rape" article has a covert feel. The feeling comes in the form of a question, that is, "how does a rapist become part of these particular organizations?"

Well, you can surmise the rest of this thought train. Not a good one, for sure. It may be a little thing to mention, but the hope is that our students, faculty, and staff can look beneath and beyond the small stuff and know that our student groups are very positive and generally pure in their mission.

The hope is that the negative meaning about our student organizations covertly attached to the very sad article can be worked out by each of us individually, concluding that the student charged with rape does not reflect the memberships of those organizations listed.

The "Men of Values and Excellence" (MOVE) was one of the organizations attached to this article. Yet in a short amount of time, this group of men has touched the lives and minds of many students on campus with positive messages and positive actions.

Here are some of the activities and initiatives MOVE conducts annually and again has planned for

the 2008-2009 academic year:

·Wednesday Night Conversations in VOICE Office: Last week's topic is "Why don't fathers step up?"

·New Fatherhood Support Program at CAPCO: Pancakes for Pop's Breakfast Program (Last week's community service outreach effort).

·CROP Walk

·Relay for Life

·Thanksgiving Feast

·Upcoming Collaboration with POWER event titled "POWER MOVE!"

·Books and Bridges: A donation programs of books and supplies to the YWCA

·MOVE and LFL: a reading and mentor program in the Cortland schools

·Big Brother Big Sister Program: Working with children of incarcerated parents

·Annual Basketball Game with TC3: Fundraiser for local charities

·2nd annual Sandwich Seminar: "Excellence, Learning from experience"

·Resume Workshop for MEN: Collaboration with Career Services

·"Man of the Year" Awards Ceremony

Please congratulate the members of MOVE, as well as the other organizations as they move through an excellent year of service to the community and the college.

Buying the textbooks

Students spending hundreds on unnecessary books

Danielle Eckert

Staff Writer

On top of all other factors that go with starting a new semester of college, one concern of the majority of students is the expense of textbooks. Getting the correct edition and volume of each book can be a hassle and finding the cheapest price is a must. The college boasts their policy of "lowest price guarantee," but how much of a bargain are you really getting?

In late August, each professor lists the required textbooks on the bookstore's website and students scurry to purchase each book at the best price. Students search not only campus bookstores but also local ones and online sources such as Amazon.com.

For some classes, more than one textbook is needed and the textbooks aren't always small paperback books. Many are new hardcover editions that can cost an upwards of \$100 apiece.

My parents told me that they would handle my tuition costs and

other expenses but textbooks were my responsibility. I didn't mind because I figured that textbooks were important, and although expensive, they were a necessity for college courses and succeeding in school.

I purchased all the books with some scholarship money I received from my high school and it totalled nearly \$300 for all my supplies. However, I was shocked after speaking to several people in my hall who had to spend almost double what I paid.

I had always been told that the key to doing well in college is reading the book before class and going over the textbook after class. However, for the majority of my classes this semester, no reading is assigned. The valuable textbooks serve only as a reference when writing a paper for the class, or to review for an exam.

Out of eight books I purchased, three have never even been opened. Many professors assign books because the department requires them to or they simply need to put a book online. The professors have no intention of basing their lessons off the book or assigning work in the text.

This is a major burden to the typical college student who lives on a tight budget. If texts are not

needed or the class is passable without them, why are we forced to spend hundreds of dollars on worthless items? With online technology growing more prevalent, isn't there some way that important material can be accessed on the web? It would not only be more environmentally friendly but would save a great deal of money as well.

For some courses, textbooks can be an important aspect of the learning experience. For math courses, seeing and solving written problems are more effective than hearing them or seeing them online via computer screen.

But for history courses, images of maps and other diagrams work better when they are available online and can be used interactively. Seeing a map on a faded page of a textbook will not stand out in the minds of students who need to memorize it for a test. Having maps online with labels and different areas to click on and learn about would be a lot more beneficial.

Professors should analyze what is really needed for their lessons and what tools would be most helpful before making students purchase unnecessary items.

The girlfriend's guide to sports

Sarah Wolanin & Alyssa Hendricks

Contributing Writers

COLUMN

This week, we will be informing you about the sports of downhill and cross country skiing.

Cross-country skiing, which first gained popularity in Northern Europe, Canada and Alaska, has been growing in popularity in the United States.

Part of the Nordic skiing family group, cross-country skiing is an endurance sport that uses all of the major muscle groups in the body. It is a part of the winter Olympics and has several different events including, sprint, team sprint, individual start, pursuit, mass start and relay. These events are for both men and women.

Cross-country skiing is a great way of exercising in the winter.

The more serious skiers will

often ski on difficult paths and they even bring along extra equipment, like tents and other forms of shelter, so they can go for an extended period of time.

Recreational skiers will usually ski on maintained trails at ski resorts or parks. The equipment needed for cross-country skiing includes skis with bindings, boots and poles. The boots and bindings need to fit each other or the boots will not stay on the skis.

Downhill skiing can also be referred to as alpine skiing. There is great risk in this sport because of the extreme speeds skiers race at. Speeds are typically around 80mph. Downhill requires longer skis, bent ski poles, a helmet, and skin tight suits to minimize drag.

This week's trivia you can use to impress your man is all about skiing. True or false: Skis have been used as weapons during warfare? Answer: True. King Sverre of Sweden at the Battle of Oslo against Norway used skis for the first time in 1200 A.D.

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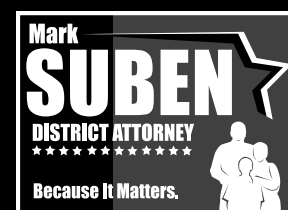
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Haunted Hall gives students a scare



photo by Rebecca Greenland

Students participating in the annual RHA event portray a variety of spooky characters.

Over 500 students visit the Halloween event in Whitaker

Rebecca Greenland
Staff Writer

Over 500 visitors were spooked and entertained at last weekend's Haunted Hall, hosted

by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

The general theme carried out for the night was an insane asylum taken over by the Joker's clowns and crazy patients. Guests first entered a hospital waiting room where they could make donations to the Haunted Hall, sit, and eat refreshments.

After a few moments, guests were taken on tours by the asylum's

doctors. First up to scare the visitors was an intimidating Michael Myers, who emerged from a room filled with colorful masks. Knife in hand, Myers proceeded to chase visitors down the hallway to a Hostel scene where a victim was being tortured by a crazed psycho.

Katy Fitzgerald took part in

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Cortland's world premiere of *Luna Park* is a success

Musical based on Coney Island park is sure to impress

Erica Sanderson
News Editor

REVIEW

The crowd sat murmuring excitedly as the sounds of trumpets, flutes, drums and other instruments of the orchestra were being tuned filled the air.

Such was the scene of pre-show preparation at 8 p.m. last Friday for the world premiere of the Cortland production of the original musical, *Luna Park*.

As the curtain comes up on the opening scene, the audience is introduced to two characters: Frederick Thompson and Elmer "Skip" Dundy, two men bored with their monotonous desk jobs and who dream of a life much bigger than their current reality.

Both men leave their towns to attend the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, where they

are to submit their amusement park ride designs for consideration.

Thompson and Dundy, who both have designed the same ride, are chosen to create a new ride attraction called "Trip to the Moon," which also serves as a rousing musical number complete with the singing of adorable little children, ensemble members on stilts and the creation of a cool, magical atmosphere through the use of costumes and lighting saturated with shades of green and sparkles.

Thompson, played by Ryan Macdonald, and Dundy, played by John McAvaney, delivered two strong and energetic performances throughout the night.

Macdonald and McAvaney had an obvious chemistry, which shined in their scenes together, creating a fun and humorous reprieve between the two.

Two other characters, Joseph Misenger, who acts as an assistant to Thompson and Dundy and Luna Dundy, played by Kara Howard, Skip's sister, meet during the construction of the project and

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Cortland's twenty-third Gospel Choir Festival to be held this Sunday

Join the Gospel Choir on Nov. 2 for its annual music festival

Lisa Musso
Contributing Writer

Cortland's Gospel Choir will present its twenty-third African American Gospel Choir Festival this Sunday at 4 p.m. in Corey Union's Function Room.

The proceeds of this event will go to Gospel Choir Scholarship programming for the Germany Belgium tour.

Robert Brown, a Cortland adjunct instructor in Africana Studies directs the choir and teaches music at Blodgett Elementary School in Syracuse.

He is also music director of the New Life Community Church. The Choir has a variety of musicians including Andy Rudy, Reginald Siegler and Benjamin Terry are from Syracuse. Jamie Yaman is from Cortland.

The Gospel Choir, primarily comprised of college and high school students in addition to community members, has been recognized for its outstanding performances at the National Collegiate Gospel Competition.

This year, the choir is

represented by members from as far away as Ireland and Japan.

Last year, the choir made its first international tour to England and performed in Brixton and London.

Most recently, the choir toured

Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls, NY. The Toronto concert was presented at the First Baptist Church of Toronto, which was founded in 1826 by fugitive slaves from the United States.

It was during the spring

semester of 1985 when the Cortland County Council of Churches, the Interfaith Center, and the SUNY Cortland Black Student Union joined together and sponsored Cortland's first African American Gospel Music Festival.

Choirs for the upcoming festival include Syracuse University's Black Celestial Choral Ensemble, the Amani Gospel Choir of Ithaca College, the SUNY Oswego Gospel Choir, and Monroe Community College Gospel Choir.



photo by Sam Kelley

Members of the Cortland Gospel Choir gather together at one of their Wednesday rehearsals.

RHA's annual Haunted Hall event gives students a scare

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several acts, one of them being Hostel.

She said that this scene was her favorite because "There was more acting involved than some of the other scenes I was in."

Fitzgerald also noted that "The hardest part was engaging with the tours because I was in the room, and they were outside."

Guests were then herded down a staircase to meet the Joker, played by Ian Burk, who would say, "Good evening ladies and gentlemen, we are tonight's entertainment. I only have one question for you... can you scream?"

After little response, Burk would clap his hands and say, "Show 'em how to scream!" Clowns then jumped out of their hiding places to scare visitors out

of the Joker's lair.

When asked about the scene, one of the clowns, Danielle Diehl, said, "The element of surprise was fun; no one expected the clowns to come out and scare the guests."

Hurrying away from the laughing clowns, guests were greeted with an exorcism scene, where a priest stood over a screaming girl and tried to release her from her demons.

Visitors were then told that they would be safe if they went into a special room just ahead. Unfortunately for them, the room was a bathroom, and after a few repeats of "Bloody Mary," the ghost herself showed up to scare visitors and chase them away.

Before the tour could get too far, however, they were frightened by a chainsaw killer who was chasing a begging victim outside of the window.

The girl pleaded to be let in, but was captured by the killer who threatened to come after the tour. Guests were then shown back to the clown room and up the stairs to a dark hallway.

Pitch black, except for a strobe light, the tour was ambushed by crazy and masked patients. A creepy recording of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" played on a loop while patients screamed and ran down the hallway.

Often clutching one another, visitors ran into a room where they found the girl from The Ring, and quickly exited before seeing too much of the movie to be affected by the curse.

After a few more quick scares and screams to conclude the tour, visitors filed down the stairs and out of Whitaker Hall.

Heather Harrington, who acted in the Hall said that, "The

environment and people were all really great. Even at the end of the night when we were all tired, everyone was still joking around and having a good time."

Shirley Tyler toured the Haunted Hall and said, "I thought the Hostel scene was really good, and the Joker did a great job."

Planning for the event started early in October, and there were around fifty people involved in planning, setup, acting, and cleanup. Many hours of dedication went into the event, and simply setting up the hall took about eight hours both Wednesday and Thursday, with additional setup Friday before the tours.

Haunted Hall took place in Whitaker Hall Friday and Saturday nights, from 7-11pm.

Matt Fanelli, coordinator of the Haunted Hall said that, "The most challenging part of bringing the event together was focusing on the ideas for the scenes."

Everyone had such great ideas that it was difficult choosing which ones to use."

Fanelli also wanted to thank all the members of RHA, the people who volunteered and made the event possible, and the residents of Whitaker Hall for being so cooperative.

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Students participate in cracker contest for a good cause

**Neubig Diners
challenged to break
record for good cause**

Jessica Leopoldo
Staff Writer

How many crackers can you eat in one minute? On Tuesday, October 21, Neubig diners were challenged to beat the world record and eat eight crackers within a minute.

In order to enter the contest, students were asked to donate some money to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to saving the lives of cancer patients. While the foundation was founded in 1993 by Jim Valvano, the organization has raised more than \$80 million towards cancer research within the last 15 years.

Jimmy Valvano, an NC State



photo by Ben Bolding

Winner, Matt Bilello (bottom right) raced the clock for a chance to win a generously donated \$5 gift certificate from local restaurant, A Pizza & More.

basketball coach and broadcaster, created the V Foundation after he was diagnosed with cancer. The

non-profit organization provides research laboratories and clinics with cash donations dedicated to

cancer research and informative programs.

Gabrielle Magnanti, a junior at

Cortland, ran the table at Neubig dining hall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. last Tuesday. While Delta Chi organized the function, Magnanti hosted the contest as part of her homecoming queen campaign. In order to run for homecoming queen this year, students had to help raise money for the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The contest table was located on the right side of the dining hall. Magnanti sat at the table with boxes of Saltine crackers and a pitcher of water prepared.

"They are allowed one sip of water during the contest," said Magnanti. While approximately twenty people participated in the contest by 7pm, Magnanti reported that only two students had been able to successfully complete the challenge. The students who were able to eat at least eight saltine crackers within the minute received \$5 gift certificates that were provided by A Pizza & More.

Cortland's world premiere of Luna Park is a success

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soon fall in love.

Howard was a bit nervous at first, but quickly eased into the role showing great emotional range as an actor and showcasing a beautiful soprano voice.

Misenger and Dundy become engaged as Thompson, also an admirer of Dundy, looks on in grief as he drowns his troubles in drinking.

Meanwhile, "Trip to the Moon" is a hit with the community and becomes a permanent fixture on Coney Island and soon graduates into the creation of an entire amusement park to be owned by business partners Thompson and Dundy.

This is done despite the

outrage from the elders of the area who view the park as a bed of sin and temptation. The elders are led by local newspaper columnist Reginald Stevens, a great character performance by Ken Reisch.

However, the high life and success of these two men soon come crashing to a halt when Thompson continues to buy things on credit for his new actress girlfriend Mable Taliferro, a typical whiney, attention obsessed starlet, ultimately putting the park into a financial crunch.

The park's troubles come to a breaking point when a park visitor is killed by Topsy, one of the elephants who is part of a circus show in the park. This results in the thrilling musical number "Topsy" as the town divides

between those who want the elephant killed and the show to proceed and others who want the elephant saved.

The cries of protest are sung forcefully and passionately by the ensemble, ringing throughout the theater.

Thompson and Dundy soon begin to have frequent arguments over Thompson's spending, as the once close friends rapidly grow apart and Dundy suddenly becomes intensely ill, much to the shock and grief of Thompson.

In the end, Dundy's death led to the loss of the park, which years later burned down.

Some of the highlights of the show include the narrators who move the story along through their tales as older characters looking

back on their personal experiences with the park when they were young.

Although they are brief performances by several cast members, they provided some of the most poignant and touching moments of the entire show, characterized by wonderful acting and creative dialogue as the audience becomes enthralled with their stories.

Another memorable moment was the performance of Hannah, a chorus girl being auditioned for a job at the "Trip to the Moon" ride.

Her voice, purposefully annoyingly dreadful and off key, acted as a hilarious comic relief, garnering the biggest laughs of the night, where she stole the scene.

One of the most intoxicating

numbers of the night was "The Down and Out," a blues dance number pairing men and women together for an aesthetically pleasing dance of spins and dips; showcasing both the talented choreography and dance abilities of the cast.

Luna Park is an entertaining spectacle with great performances by the cast, intriguing dance numbers with colorful sets and costumes and an insight into a historical moment of Coney Island as Cortland continues to deliver another impressive show.

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Codas Part XXXVI: Sublime in Heaven

The Author is released from his state of nonexistence

Andrew Hamilton
Contributing Writer

COLUMN

"The one who would one day be named 'The Author of the World's Fortunes.'" An unfamiliar voice called out from behind.

The Author whirled around to face the speaker, amazed that his body was still able to move after being suspended in a state of nonexistence for several weeks (and a painful cracking of his back

showed him that his rheumatism was still functioning properly). Rubbing his aching back, the Author at last turned his eyes upward to see the owner of the voice that addressed him.

The speaker was an ashen-winged angel that could only be described as sublime, both beautiful and horrifically misshapen at the same time.

The angel had a strong middle-eastern face and short black hair that curled away from his bronze visage.

He had a black beard that crested neatly over his chin and rested perfectly without a single strand out of order.

He wore a white robe that flowed weightlessly about his ankles, giving off the soothing cool air of a fresh snowfall.

As far as his angelic features stood, the heavenly being seemed perfect in all aspects. However, coupled with the beauty was a most horrendous appendage; at the angel's shoulder, where his right arm should have been there was the incomplete body of a young woman that seemed to be growing out of his torso.

The woman, though not lacking in beauty herself, seemed to be a cancerous parasite as her midriff protruded grotesquely from the angel's shoulder.

Her appearance was both malnourished and elegant all at once. The Author observed that she had not the strength to keep herself upright; she had to cling to the angel's neck like a helpless child or hapless lover to keep herself from dangling awkwardly

from the heavenly man's side.

The brown eyes of the angel and the blue eyes of the lady were fixed upon the aged Author, who could do nothing but gulp at the beauty and terror of it all.

There was something more to the conjoined being that stood before him, though; the Author felt that he had seen the faces of both angel and woman long ago.

"How goes the writing?" The woman said sweetly. There was a kind familiarity, a loving nature, in her voice that the Author once cherished in youthful memories long-since lost.

The Author stupidly swallowed a wad of spit in his mouth before managing to reply in a hoarse whisper. "Was I dead? Did you bring me back to life? Where am I?"

It was then that the Author glanced around at his surroundings for the first time.

He was laying on his back under an open sky, the likes of which can only be seen by mortals from a secluded mountaintop on a cloudless night.

The star-speckled nightshade of the Milky Way flowed and winked above, the cosmos suspended over the terrain of pearly clouds on which the Author lay and the angel stood as the clouds were solid stones suspended in midair.

To be continued...

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Award-winning motivational speaker visits Cortland

Cortland alumn speaks of the value of communication skills

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Communication is the foundation for all things. In order to be a part of a social, personal or professional relationship, effective communication skills are needed.

Cortland alumnus and motivational public speaker John F. Edwards informed listeners in Corey on Wednesday that "the art of communication has become a dying art in corporate America."

For any type of message to get across, communication is key. In fact, Edwards states that in the work place it is 85% attitude and 15% aptitude.

In order to be successful a person needs the attitude to push the aptitude.

Edwards kept everyone interested by connecting with the audience. Most of the audience members were students, so he commented about how most teenagers now use the "under the desk communication" which of course, is a reference to texting during class.

Edwards was introduced by fellow Cortland alumna and public speaking professor Mical Cadden.

She started with the story of how the two of them met in a crowded doctor's office, where Edwards kindly offered his seat to Cadden and her son.

"You cannot be a leader without communications," explained Edwards. His speech continued to push the idea that communication is key in many aspects of life, both personal and professional.

He goes on to show that he understands that not all people are communication wizards and he wanted to make sure that was understood as well.

"There are four types of personalities, and some get along better than others. In order for

communication you have to understand what type you are and the types of everyone else."

He then asked, "what type are you?" This was an interesting question because he got the audience thinking on a personal level.

"Expressive people are the type who could walk into a party not knowing anyone and leave with friends," he said.

Drivers are task-oriented people whose the objective is to get to the end point. Amiable people are shy and are the least comfortable in a room full of people they don't know. Analytical people think about the consequences of actions and work with facts, he explained further.

He discussed how society has grown to be a lot more inverted now than it has been in the past. Front porches are now back porches and back porches are now living rooms and living rooms are now bedrooms, he said.

Everything a person needs could potentially be put in a bedroom, cutting off communication from the outside world. Communication with others fuels trust and networking, Edwards continued to say.

Edwards also enlightened his audience by giving statistics from Time Magazine. The thing people want most out of work is value.

People want to know that their work is worth something. Most people in the work force have said that communication is a big problem. People do not react well when having to talk with others.

Everyone needs to improve communication. Edwards gave the audience tips about how to master the art of communication.

"First, one must be an expert in the art of critical thinking. Next, an expert in asking questions.

Have the ability to paraphrase. Have the ability to understand and repeat what you heard" and lastly, and probably most importantly, "be able to communicate with people who can not."

Edwards also advised people to positively self-talk. Self-talk is what you say to yourself, so saying

you will do amazing on that exam affects you a lot differently than saying you are going to fail the exam.

Edwards also commented on how the day Monday has a bad reputation. He asked the audience to think about why Monday has such a negative connotation. Is Monday really that bad?

He also questioned the genuity and meaning of "Hey, how are you doing" when walking past acquaintances.

He went on to explain that it really means, "Hey, how are you doing? I don't really care."

Edwards challenged the crowd to actually stop and answer the next people they encountered

in such a situation.

This example is pure evidence of how communication has changed, because it would really make someone uncomfortable if you stopped and answered.

Edwards ended his speech with the acronym SPMT. It means Study, Practice, Master and Teach. All of these things tie into communicating effectively.

Everyone should study communication because it is used no matter what; every major needs communication.

Practicing communication, is the same as a sport, the more you do it the better you will become.

Master it, commit to learning all there is about the art and lastly,

teach. Help out the people who cannot communicate well.

Overall, the speech was enlightening and the listeners connected really well with Edwards.

Everyone who left the room, had an idea of what they had to do to become successful and the realization that communication is a significant factor in all aspects of life.

That is the key. John Edwards has studied, practiced and mastered the art and now he is teaching it to others. Many would agree that he is very successful.



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Jimmy Smith: under the helmet

**Cortland linebacker
Jimmy Smith has vital
role for football team**

Mark Nader
Staff Writer

When opposing offenses look across the line, they see a linebacker who is not extremely large, or someone who will trash talk. But they do see the quiet senior captain who lets his game speak for itself. They see Jimmy Smith.

"I'm not a big talker on the field. I'll go head to head with anyone, but I don't need to run my mouth to intimidate people," said Smith.

Smith is letting his game talk, leading the Red Dragons in tackles with 56, 23 of them being unassisted, while adding two sacks.

Being a nationally ranked powerhouse means little to Smith as well. "It's nice but rankings really don't mean much," Smith said.

Smith has been a large contributor on the defensive side of the ball. "I guess we just have the right people in the right places," Smith said modestly. He is one of those right people.

With a 7-0 start, an undefeated regular season is in sight and has not gone unnoticed. "It would be great," Smith said when asked what it would be like to go 10-0. "We've worked really hard to get where we are."

Little seems to change how

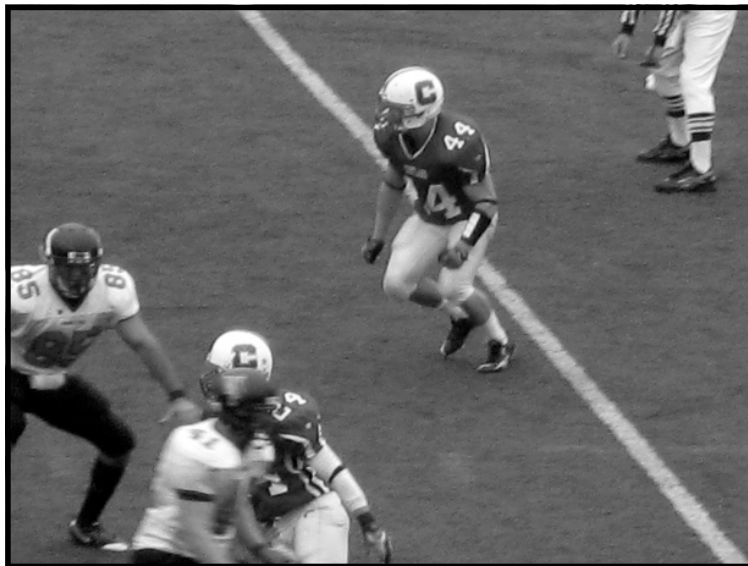


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Linebacker Jimmy Smith leads Cortland with 56 tackles.

Smith approaches the game, even if it's being a team captain. "It really hasn't changed much, it's just another year," Smith said.

It hasn't changed his production from his junior year either. Smith has continued his success from his junior year, where he had finished second on the team with 79 tackles, while adding three sacks.

In playing for Cortland, there comes the tradition of playing Ithaca and many seem to believe this year's game is bigger than ever, but not Smith. "I guess it's big because it's the 50 year anniversary and stuff, but we have to play just like any other game, with no distractions," Smith said when asked if this year's game had any more meaning.

However, everyone knows Cortaca is not just any other game and it will be hard to control emotions. "Hopefully we'll be

going into Cortaca already knowing we're in the playoffs but it should be a pretty emotional game for many of the older guys," Smith said.

So with so many great games and seasons at Cortland State, Smith could come up with one memory that sticks out in his mind right? Well, not exactly. "I love everything about it, especially right now, it feels good to be playing well right now and doing big things," Smith said.

Jimmy Smith is a player of few words. While some players may let you know they are there by using their mouths, Smith does it a little differently. Although he may not tell you he's coming, he will be there. Once he hits opposing running backs and quarterbacks, he has said all he needs to say, even if he has said nothing at all.

Another action-packed Sunday in the NFL

**Possible Super Bowl
preview provides
spark to NFL season**

Matt Savino
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The biggest game of the afternoon lived up to its billing as a possible Super Bowl preview, with the defending champion and NFC leading New York Giants facing one of the AFC's best defenses in the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The Steelers came into the game missing Pro-Bowl running back Willie Parker, while the Giants star wide receiver Plaxico Burress was benched much of the first quarter for missing a therapy session for his injured neck.

The game was a defensive grudge match with the Steelers limiting the Giants to just nine points through the first three quarters. While the Pittsburgh defense played up to par, the offense seemed a little sluggish putting up only 14 points, with quarterback Ben Roethlisberger throwing four interceptions.

The turning point of the game came on a high snap on a Steelers punt. The ball would go out of the back of the end zone, leading to a game tying safety and setting up the Giants' only touchdown drive of the game, sealing the New York victory, 21-14. While the Giants

sweated out a tough win in Pittsburgh, another NFC East team had a nail bitter of their own on Sunday.

It wasn't a pretty game for the Dallas Cowboys. While they came away with the 13-9 win against the NFC South leading Tampa Bay Buccaneers, it was no thanks to the high power offense they had been billed as in the beginning of the year. With Pro-Bowl quarterback Tony Romo out with a broken pinky the 40-year old Brad Johnson took the reins for the Cowboys.

While his 122 yard, one touchdown performance wasn't very impressive, he was able to manage the offensive side of the ball while the Dallas defense, the real stars of this game, held the Bucs to no touchdowns the entire game. Dallas, now 5-3 on the year, will head to New York to take on the NFC East leading Giants. The Bucs will also be on the road visiting the 1-6 Kansas City Chiefs, who are coming off a tough loss at the hands of the New York Jets.

While Jets quarterback Brett Favre didn't have his best game on Sunday, throwing three interceptions, including one that led to a 91 yard return for a touchdown, he proved that it's how you end the game that really matters. Favre was able to connect with wide receiver Laveranues Coles in the final minute of the game to seal a 28-24 victory against the Chiefs.

The Chiefs who were without star running back Larry Johnson had to rely on quarterback Tyler Thigpen, who was making only his second career start. Thigpen kept the Chiefs in the game throwing for 280 yards and two touchdowns, but in the end it wasn't enough. The Jets will head to Buffalo on Sunday to face the AFC East rival Bills, who also were in action on Sunday.

While the 5-1 Bills looked to continue their surprising season against the AFC East rival Miami Dolphins, wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. and the rest of the Miami squad had other plans. Miami, a team that has been know mostly this year for their two pronged running attack, aired it out on Sunday. Ginn Jr., the main benefactor had a career game with seven receptions for 175 yards.

With the Dolphins clutching to a one point third quarter lead, the Bills were unable to complete a comeback, committing four turnovers in the fourth quarter, leading to a 25-17 Miami victory. The Dolphins move to 3-4 on the season and head to Denver next week to face Jay Cutler and the Broncos.

Other action around the league saw the Washington Redskins stay hot, defeating the winless Detroit Lions 25-17. The Patriots kept their season on track with a 23-16 win over the two-win St. Louis Rams. The Cincinnati Bengals continued their miserable season, with a 35-6 pounding at the hand of the Houston Texans. Baltimore, Cleveland, and Seattle also picked up wins on Sunday.

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Men's soccer splits final week in SUNYAC play

Red Dragons earn place in SUNYAC playoffs at Oneonta

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The Cortland men's soccer team squared off against Oswego and Oneonta last week to finish the regular season of SUNYAC play. Last Saturday, the team traveled to Oneonta and was defeated by a score of 2-0. Earlier in the week, on Wednesday Oct. 22, the men were victorious in their home finale over Oswego by a score of 1-0.

The Cortland men's soccer team has an overall record of 8-5-2 and finished SUNYAC play with a 6-3-1 record finishing in fifth place.

In the loss to the Red Dragons of Oneonta, Cortland and Oneonta were scoreless through the first 57 minutes of the contest, until Oneonta struck first to lead the game 1-0.

Twenty-eight minutes later in the game, Oneonta netted an insurance goal to go up 2-0 and

held on for the victory by that score. The Cortland Red Dragons were out-shot by Oneonta, 17 shots to only 10 by Cortland.

Senior forward Bryan Patterson attempted 40% of Cortland's 10 shots on net and senior goalie Steve Axtell recorded six saves in the loss. Due to the loss to Oneonta and with Brockport defeating Fredonia on Saturday by a score of 3-2, Cortland finished in fifth place in the SUNYAC Conference.

On Wednesday Oct. 22, Cortland came up big over Oswego in their final home game of the season, winning 1-0. In the first half of action, the game was mostly controlled in the mid-field until junior Mike Jock netted his third goal of the season and scored the only goal of the game. The Red Dragons earned a corner kick and the ball traveled inside the 18-yard box.

Freshman Luke Wear tried to control the ball, but it brushed off his head, and rolled right to Jock as he fired a one-timer, from 20 yards out, past the Oswego goaltender Matt Wopperer. For Wear that was his first assist of the

season.

The Red Dragons had a chance to extend the lead to make it 2-0, but David Jacques' blast from 10 yards out was tipped by the Oswego goaltender.

The Red Dragons had three chances to extend their lead in the second half. The first was senior forward Ayinde George's header attempt off of sophomore defender Corey Deville's corner kick. The ball went over George's head as he was positioned at the far post.

Next, sophomore mid-fielder Jimmy Eichas rifled a 30-yard shot that went wide left.

Finally, sophomore Andrew Schwert found a loose ball and dribbled it 20-yards to the near side of the field and found a cutting Patterson who was denied by Wopperer. Cortland had 12 shots on goal as Patterson had six shots on net.

Cortland concludes the regular season by traveling to Poughkeepsie to take on Vassar College on Saturday before heading to Oneonta to take on the Oneonta Red Dragons in the SUNYAC quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Red Dragons football at 7-0 after big win

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touchdown. Hajnos would finish with a game high of 78 reception yards on five catches. The defense was lead by Brian Haas who contributed six tackles, while Jim Smith would add four tackles and the only sack for Cortland. William Patterson was held to 75 yards in both passing and rushing.

"Without question this was the most resounding victory," MacNeill said. "Special teams, defensive, and offensive game goals were near 100% attainment."

"Many players played very well," MacNeill said. "This is a team sport and when the score is 38-0, again many played well. Our special teams players of the week were Derek Woodard, Kyle Peterson and Jeff Lane. Defensively, we highlight the play of Joe Lopez and Louis Crispo.

Offensively, Ray Miles and again Jeff Lane."

Cortland now visits The College of New Jersey this Saturday where they will clinch a NCAA Division III playoff berth with a win. The team then returns home for their final games of the season, first playing conference opponent Brockport, and then Ithaca comes to town for the highly anticipated rivalry game.

With Cortaca just over two weeks away, Coach MacNeill says the team is remaining poised and that its full attention is on this weekend's game. "Cortaca isn't a consideration at this point," MacNeill said. "The promise of that game looms all year long, but our collective focus is on The College of New Jersey."

Ranked teams face each other in college football

Penn State defeats

Ohio State in major

Big 10 matchup

Nathan Vaji

Staff Writer

Saturday was filled with match-ups between top ranked teams. However, the top match-up was in Columbus, Ohio between the ninth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes and the third-ranked Nittany Lions of Penn State.

Backup quarterback Pat Devlin, of Penn State, came in for injured starter Daryll Clark and scored the game winning touchdown on a quarterback sneak. Devlin's score put the Lions up 10-6. A field goal by Kevin Kelley made the score 13-6.

Ohio State freshman quarterback Terrelle Pryor threw for a career-high 226 yards but threw an interception in the end zone on the Buckeyes' final possession. Pryor also committed a costly fumble on a quarterback sneak on

third down and one early in the fourth quarter. Penn State recovered and drove down for the go ahead score.

In Austin, Texas, number one ranked Texas defeated sixth-ranked Oklahoma State 28-24. Texas quarterback Colt McCoy continues to solidify himself as the front runner to win the Heisman Trophy. McCoy completed 38 of 45 pass attempts for 391 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw one interception. Wide Receiver Jordan Shipley caught 15 passes for 168 yards and a touchdown.

The Longhorns offense amassed over 500 yards of total offense. However, this is the first time they were held under 38 points all season. They have scored over 50 points in four out of their eight games this season.

Oklahoma State was led on the ground by sophomore Kendall Hunter. Hunter rushed for 161 yards on 18 carries. He also added a score. Oklahoma State has never defeated a number one ranked team. They are 0-9 all time.

Women's soccer earns playoff berth

Red Dragons lose to Oneonta but clinch berth in SUNYACs

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The Cortland women's soccer team earned a SUNYAC playoff berth with a Buffalo State loss this past weekend that kept them each tied for sixth place in the league standings. The top six teams qualify for the playoffs and with both teams losing on Saturday, Cortland gets the edge due to winning a penalty-kick shootout at Buffalo State after a 1-1 tie earlier in the season.

The Red Dragons will take on the Plattsburgh Cardinals Tuesday in the SUNYAC quarterfinals. Cortland lost to Plattsburgh in double overtime earlier in the

season and they are hoping to gain revenge in the SUNYACs with a win.

Last Wednesday, sophomore Laura Boucher scored on a breakaway goal in the 69th minute of the second half to break a 1-1 tie against host Oswego to secure the win. Senior midfielder Kayla Sweet connected in the 14th minute to give Cortland the 1-0 lead, but the Lakers evened the score in the 41st minute.

Boucher's third goal of the season helped keep Cortland's playoff hopes alive as they had to host soccer powerhouse, Oneonta, in their last conference game on Saturday. Despite the horrible weather conditions, the visiting Red Dragons managed to score two goals and earn the victory.

Cortland just could not seem to get their offense on track in the second half due to the constant wind and rain that limited scoring

opportunities.

The Red Dragons evened their record at 4-4-2 in the conference, and 6-6-4 overall, while Oneonta improved to 9-1 and 12-5-1, respectively.

"Plattsburgh will be a tough match-up, just like it was in the regular season, but we can definitely win if we keep battling and get our offense rolling," said Sweet on the team's expectations for the playoffs."

"We have struggled with scoring goals throughout the season but have been practicing different combination plays in practice to help create better scoring opportunities. We have been playing really good soccer all year but haven't had the best luck offensively, so we just need the confidence to finish off the big plays."

A report on Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels

Cole Hamels of the Phillies is looking to win the World Series

James Hopkins

Contributing Writer

Cole Hamels is a hot topic among baseball these days, and he should be as he is coming off a World Series game one victory over the Rays. For the casual fan, people may have first heard of Hamels this year or last year as he has put up two good seasons in a row now.

What they don't know is the story of how he got here and it didn't come without some drama.

Hamels had a rough start in his professional career. He was

rated as one of the top prospects in the 2002 draft, but in his junior season at Rancho Bernardo High he broke his humerus in his left arm, which is his throwing arm.

This led him to fall to the Phillies who had the 17th overall pick in the draft. He was the fifth left-hander taken that draft, behind Adam Loewen, Jeff Francis, Joe Saunders and Scott Kazmir. He did bounce back through surgery and rehab to have a good senior season.

Hamels had a slow start in his minor league career. After a lengthy negotiation he showed up out of shape from the time off.

Once the Phillies got him into Low-A South Atlantic he started one of the best minor league careers in recent history, even after having his first year in 2003 shortened by a shoulder injury,

then having multiple muscle pulls and a broken hand over the next two years. He finished the minors with a 1.43 ERA in 201 innings, while only giving up 117 hits, 74 walks and 276 strikeouts.

Hamels made his pro debut on May 12, 2006 against the Cincinnati Reds. He finished the game with five scoreless innings, with seven strikeouts and five walks. Before his third start he suffered a shoulder injury and was put on the 15-day disabled list.

After he returned he went on to finish the year with a 4.08 ERA in 132.1 innings pitched with 145 strikeouts and 45 walks.

Last year (2007) was his first full year in the majors. He finished with a 15-5 record in 183.1 innings to go along with a 3.39 ERA, 177 strikeouts and 43 walks.

He did miss some time in

August and September, going on the 15-day disabled list on Aug. 22 for a mild elbow strain. He also made the all-star team for the first time.

This year he was looked at as the ace of the Phillies staff and he responded with a 14-10 record in 227.1 innings with a 3.09 ERA, 196 strikeouts and 53 walks. He was one of the top five pitchers in the National League and one of the top ten in all of baseball.

Where Hamels has stepped up his game is in the playoffs this year. In four starts he has pitched 29 innings with a 1.55 ERA, 27 strikeouts and four walks to go along with a 4-0 record. A line that helped him earn the National League Championship Series MVP.

Hamels throws three pitches: fastball, changeup and curveball.

His fastball sits between 87

and 93mph with an average of 90.4mph. He has a pretty straight fastball and isn't afraid to go up in the zone with it.

He has a plus changeup, which is probably his best pitch in terms of command and the downward movement he can get on it. He gets that around 80mph.

His curveball has a 1-7 break and is above average. It comes in on an average of 75.6mph.

Since Hamels is only 24, it is reasonable to expect him to continue to improve over the next couple of years and give the Phillies an anchor for their rotation.

He should be a factor throughout the rest of the World Series as well, as he has kept his focus on the next game and his next start instead of looking back at what he has already accomplished this year.

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Cortland Athletics Scores

FOOTBALL

Cortland 38
William Paterson 0
Next: Sat. @ College of NJ

MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 0
Oneonta 2
Next: Saturday @ Vassar

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

John Reif Invitational-
No Team Scoring
Next: Saturday @ SUNYAC
Championships

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

John Reif Invitational-
No Team Scoring
Next: Saturday @ SUNYAC
Championships

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cortland 0
Oneonta 1
Next: Friday vs. St. Lawrence

FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland 6
Ithaca 0
Next: Sat. @ Montclair St.

Athletes of the Week



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Jeffrey Lang
Football

NJAC Special Teams Player
of the Week



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Brittney Horton
Volleyball

MVP at Skidmore Classic

Mother Nature can't stop Red Dragons

Cortland football has strong all-around showing in 38-0 win

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Last Saturday, Cortland State football faced two opponents, William Paterson College and Mother Nature, neither of which were able to stop the conference leading Red Dragons. Large gusts of wind and rain were a factor all day, but didn't seem to faze the Red Dragons who are now ranked ninth in the country by the AFCA.

"Water is a natural lubricant and therefore requires more attention to those working with the ball, so there is an effect. I thought our guys handled this well having no turnovers," said Head Coach Dan MacNeill.

The team improved to 7-0 in its homecoming game winning 38-0 for the Red Dragons' first shutout victory of the season.

"The defense played extremely well. Holding any team scoreless is a feat. The fact that William Patterson hasn't scored a point in the last two years against Cortland is gratifying," McNeill said.

It didn't take long for Cortland to get on the scoreboard starting with a conventional seven play, 53-yard drive that ended with an Andrew Giuliano six-yard touchdown run. Giuliano carried the ball a total of 15 times for 63 yards and one touchdown.

William Paterson would then get the ball and began their theme of the day, three and out, which they finished with five of on the day.



photo by Mark Nader

The Red Dragons offense came up big in win over William Patterson last Saturday.

On the following drive, Cortland would increase their lead to 10 by adding a 27-yard field goal from Jeffrey Lang. The Red Dragons would add another seven before the end of the quarter with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Ray Miles to Lang. This score would give the Red Dragons a 17-0 lead to end the first quarter.

The second quarter was more of the same, as the William Paterson quarterback, Matt Marshall, would throw an interception on the Pioneers' second possession in the quarter. The interception would end in the hands of Lou Crespo who then returned the ball eight yards to start the offense on the Pioneers' seven-yard line.

The offense didn't hesitate to add to their lead with a first play touchdown run by Cory Russell extending the lead to 24-0. Cortland's offense would add one more score, this one coming from the air with a 36-yard reception for Eric Hajnos, giving the home team a 31-0 lead at the half.

The offense would add one more score for good measure with a Dan Pitcher to Russell connection making the score a 38-0 blowout, which is where the scoring would end.

Russell, a sophomore running back, saw a substantial amount of playing time in the victory, scoring two of the teams five touchdowns.

With a large lead throughout, MacNeill saw this game, as the

perfect opportunity for some of his younger players to gain well needed experience.

"We are all about continual and ongoing development," MacNeill said. "Playing more players in games is a good thing with regard to development. Doing it within a winning culture is even better."

Sophomore quarterback Pitcher also saw some action Saturday, throwing for 32 yards and a touchdown.

Miles would lead both teams, completing 16 of his 20 pass attempts for a total of 206 yards and two touchdowns, while Russell, led the ground attack with 72 yards on 10 carries and a

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Cortland field hockey defeats Ithaca 6-0

Red Dragons earn fourth straight shutout in victory

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Cortland field hockey defeated Ithaca 6-0 at the Stadium Complex to improve to 13-1 on the season. The Red Dragons are ranked 12th nationally in Division III. Their 11th straight victory dropped Ithaca's record on the season to 6-8.

Cortland was lead by senior Sam Spehler and sophomore Brenda Semit, who each scored twice in the victory. Sophomore Brianna Yetsko and junior Lauren Eichenberger also added goals for the streaking Red Dragons. Kayla Chambers recorded two assists while Kylie Burghardt, Danielle Hand and Christine McCabe each

recorded one.

Three different goalies contributed to the team's fourth straight shutout. Senior Stacy Billings started in goal and made three saves before giving way to freshmen Emily Gunner and Adrianna Iannotti.

Spehler's tenth goal of the season came one minute and 25 seconds into the game off of a crossing pass from Chambers. Semit scored the second goal of the game a little over two minutes later on an assist from Burghardt. Semit's second goal of the game, off of Chambers' second assist, put her team ahead 3-0 in the 19th minute.

It was all but over from there. Cortland's defense was tested by Ithaca late in the second half, but they were able to hold on for the shutout.

Semit and Chambers are tied for the team lead in points with 27



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The field hockey team huddles during win over Ithaca.

and Spehler is third with 22. Semit has recorded a team-leading 12 goals and three assists, while Chambers has 10 goals and seven assists on the season. Spehler is second on the team in goals with

11.

The Red Dragons finish up the season with two road games at Montclair State and the College of New Jersey.