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## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### Annual 2008 SGA Winter Formal to be held tonight

SGA will be presenting its annual Winter Formal from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. tonight at the Ramada Inn Ballroom.

The formal includes limo service to and from the event and will have a DJ, food and giveaways. Tickets are \$10 with Cortland ID and \$12 without.

### ACME Club to present a 'Sober Night Out' for all

The Asian Cultural and Media Experience (ACME) Club will be presenting a 'Sober Night Out' for students from 7 p.m.- 11 p.m. tomorrow night in the Corey Function Room.

There will be live bands, tournaments, free drinks, soda pong and flip cup, prizes and games. Admission is \$1 for students, \$3 for non-students and \$3 for staff members.

### Tickets for Thanksgiving Break bus on sale now

Tickets for the bus trip home for Thanksgiving break, which begins on Nov. 25, will go on sale at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 17 and will end at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.

Tickets will be on sale in the SGA office in Corey Union. The bus will be stopping in Queens, Long Island, NYC and New Jersey. Round trip tickets cost \$87, with one way tickets costing \$55.

### Relay for Life Charity event to be this weekend

The annual Relay for Life charity event will be held from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 22-23 in the Lusk Field House.

There will be live entertainment, food, drinks, games, contests and prizes. The event raises money for cancer and promotes cancer awareness.

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## Vets Day Ceremony draws tears and thanks

### Campus and community unite in honor of the holiday

Vicky Paz  
Editor-in-Chief

Students, faculty, community members and veterans themselves gathered in the Old Main Mezzanine last Tuesday for an emotional Veterans Day Ceremony to commemorate both veterans past and those who are currently in combat.

Vice President for Student Affairs C. Gregory Sharer commenced the ceremony by welcoming and thanking the attendees and, "most importantly, the vets present with us."

Campus Minister Dr. Marie Agen then followed with an opening invocation regarding this Veterans Day as the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice "which at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month halted the fighting in World War I...which was said to be 'the war to end all wars.'"

As World War I unfortunately hadn't been the war to end all wars, "we gather...to remember the sacrifices of all those who have



photo by Ben Bolding

From left to right: ROTC students Todd Staiger, Jeff Batis, Lauren Roberts, Adam DellaMonica, Philip Scott and Matt Meyers, who took part in the campus ceremony.

served in the armed forces, especially those who have experienced the real horror of war," she said.

ROTC students then led the presentation of colors and the national anthem, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Gerri Smith, a retiree of the US Air Force. A

moment of silence to honor fallen veterans proceeded.

Assistant Professor of Childhood/Early Childhood Education Dr. Orvil White, also a retiree of the US Army Special Forces, followed the moment of silence with an open letter of thanks addressed to veterans of SUNY Cortland, the city of Cortland,

Cortland County, the state of New York and the United States.

"I thank you for my rights of free speech and that of the press. Even when they are used to berate and criticize the military, you still serve," White said, thanking veterans for the freedoms they

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## Randall Hall staff runs charity auction



provided by Jessie Steinberg

The staff members of Randall Hall gather for a photo after a charity auction for the Adopt-a-Family program.

### RAs of Randall Hall put themselves up for an auction for charity

Danielle Eckert  
Staff Writer

"Going once, going twice. Sold to the girl in the blue sweatshirt."

Randall Hall's first floor

lounge was flooded with students excited to bid on their favorite staff member last week

The reward for being the highest bidder was a date with that special someone, the proceeds of which went to a good cause.

For the holidays, Randall Hall found its own way to participate in a charity and give back to the community. With the help of RHD

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## Cortland alumnus talks of changes after 9/11

### Impact of Sept. 11 on the Department of Justice discussed

Ashley Jones  
Staff Writer

Sept. 11, 2001 changed the face of America forever. Its impact has been lasting and far-reaching, from the economy to the airlines.

However, one area where its impact perhaps goes a bit unnoticed is the Department of Justice.

Cortland alumnus Jonathan Joura addressed this issue of the Justice Department, focusing on the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), in a lecture Nov. 12 in the Jacobus Lounge, entitled "How 9/11 Changed the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration."

According to Joura, an Intelligence Research Specialist at the DEA, 9/11 fostered more cooperation between the various components of the Justice Department, including the FBI and the CIA.

Before the tragic day, none of

the agencies would share their information with each other. In fact, the majority of the agencies couldn't stand each other, said Joura.

Joura claims that the DEA would call the FBI "Famous But Incompetent" while the FBI would make fun of the DEA as being "Drunk Every Afternoon."

While the departments still poke fun at each other, 9/11 has drastically integrated their intelligence under the Patriot Act.

This Act essentially determines who investigates terrorism in the United States. It established command centers around the country to focus on terrorism, collecting information in a working group between all law enforcement agencies.

For example, Joura explained that seven of the 9/11 hijackers were already in the DEA database for moderate drug offenses. As blame was being laid for the attack, such a situation became inexcusable.

Today, the DEA works closely to counteract terrorism in the United States.

While drug trafficking may seem distantly related to terrorism,

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## Alumnus discusses post-9/11 government changes

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Joura explained that many terrorist organizations are involved in drug trafficking.

The federal government has, in a sense, a "black list" of potentially dangerous individuals or organization connected with terrorism. Of the 43 entities on this terrorist list, 19 were also involved with drug trafficking.

The agencies will also work together to bring suspects into custody, said Joura.

Often, if there is not enough evidence to bring a suspect in on terrorist charges, the FBI will ask the DEA to build a case about drug violations instead.

The DEA also has a set of terrorist-related questions that they ask in all drug violation-related interviews. These questions are



photo by Ashley Jones

**Joura (right) shakes hands with Thomas Pasquarello, a professor in the Political Science department.**

included in a report and then shared with all the other agencies in the Justice Department. Joura also criticized many of

today's terrorist policies as being politically driven. He feels that the government wants to project an image of a safe country while not letting citizens think they are inconvenienced by terrorism.

It is difficult to find that happy medium where people are aware and prepared for terrorist attacks, like many countries in Europe or the Middle East, while not projecting an atmosphere of fear and paranoia, he said.

Joura graduated from Cortland in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science concentrated in Public Administration and Policy. He has worked for the DEA since 1999.

His lecture was sponsored by the Political Science Department and the Political Science Association.

## Alumna makes history

**Alumna named the first-ever female four-star general**

**Jacqueline Harnes**  
*AMC Public Affairs, U.S. Army*

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Nov. 14, 2008) - A Cortland alumna, Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, became the first female four-star general in the U.S. armed forces at a promotion ceremony last Friday morning in the Pentagon.

"History will no doubt take note of [Dunwoody's] achievement in breaking through this final 'brass ceiling' to pin on this fourth star," Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates said during opening remarks.

"But she would rather be known and remembered first and foremost as a U.S. Army Soldier."

Gen. George W. Casey Jr., chief of staff of the Army, hosted the ceremony, praising Dunwoody as a "premiere logistician." He thanked her for her dedicated service to the Army and wished her well.

"What's happening here today is something our Army can celebrate and take pride in," Casey said of her achievement.

Casey and Dunwoody's husband, Craig Brotchie, pinned on her new rank amidst applause and an enthusiastic "hooah" from the audience.

The promotion ceremony in the Pentagon auditorium was packed with well-wishers, friends and family.

"We invited everyone but the fire marshal," Gates said to the standing-room-only crowd.

"Well, thank you," Dunwoody said with a smile after being promoted.

"I wish I could begin to describe the incredible feelings of gratitude, humility, and love that are absolutely consuming me at

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## Neubig News

**Renovations for the dining hall will be under way next week**

**Daniella Perruna**  
*Staff Writer*

The most recent update for the renovation of the popular dining hall Neubig was delivered at the Senate meeting Monday, Nov. 3.

The renovation of Neubig has been discussed for the past two years. It is now officially going to undergo major changes starting Thanksgiving break.

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, the renovation will begin and continue through winter break and will reopen when students return in January.

There will be two phases: phase one will take place over winter break and phase two will be next summer before the Fall 2009 semester.

Phase one will include the

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## Veterans Day Ceremony joins campus and community

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have provided for him and more than 305 million fellow citizens.

"On a more personal note, you have been willing to serve in faraway lands, missing so many important events in your life and the lives of your families. I was at the hospital to witness the birth of my children while you missed yours being born. Because of you I heard my child's first words and saw their first steps. You were in some strange place... often in fear of your life while all of this happened and your children grew up without you."

Cadet Adam DellaMonica of the SUNY Cortland ROTC, also stepped up to the podium to recite "What is a Veteran?," a poem he'd written to emphasize that the vast accomplishments and sacrifices of veterans cannot be known by simply just looking at them.

"Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye. Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg, or perhaps another sort



photo by Ben Bolding

**ROTC students stand with the American and State flags.**

of inner steel: the soul's ally forged in the refinery of adversity," he said, reading aloud the first stanza.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, 28-year-old DellaMonica, who has served 10 years in the military but has never went to combat, said that he's lost a lot of good friends whom he remembers always and especially on Veterans Day.

"It's a good day because [people] recognize that we're still here," and it reminds them to honor the often-took-for-granted

sacrifices made by those in the armed forces, DellaMonica said.

One junior attendee agreed. "People usually take our soldiers for granted," said a teary-eyed Rachel Woodburn.

"They tend to not take the time to appreciate how much these people have given up and continue to give up for us so we can wake up every morning able to enjoy our freedoms. We need to honor them not just on Veterans Day, but every day of our lives."

## Randall Hall runs staff member auction

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Janelle McAllister, the staff members decided that participating in Adopt-a-Family would be a great way to give back and get the students involved.

The fundraiser kicked off on Monday, Nov. 10 with the hall's eight Resident Assistants (RAs) putting themselves up for auction.

The RAs each chose their attire to reflect their personalities and attract the highest bidder.

Some chose to dress casually and others decided to wear pajamas or even kilts.

At first, students were nervous to bid for their favorite RA and bids started out at a quarter.

The first RA to be auctioned, Brandon Herwick, was sold for \$2.

However, as the night went on, residents became less shy and raised their bids. Students began pooling their money and the amount of money they contributed was increasing by the minute.

The final RA to be auctioned off, Ellie Negri, blew the crowd away when a bid of \$25 was placed on her.

Her residents all decided before the auction they wanted to go on a group date with her. Not only did they win an evening out with her, the money contributed supported a well-known charity.

The staff of Randall Hall was pleased with the results of the auction.

"Randall Hall's Staff Auction turned out great. We raised almost

\$100 and it's going to a great cause. We were very pleased with the money that we raised. It was much more than expected," said McAllister.

R.A. Brandon Herwick also felt the auction was a great success. "We gave ourselves in order to help others," he said.

Randall Hall will keep collecting donations for Adopt-a-Family all through the holiday season.

The hall also sponsored a baked ziti dinner this past Monday, where each guest could eat a home-cooked meal for the price of \$2. All of its proceeds went to Adopt-a-Family as well.

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## Things to know about bike safety

Local bicycle tours provide scenery and knowledge for many

Eric Feuer  
Staff Writer

Everyone loves a nice bike ride. The wind blowing through your hair, your legs pumping up and down like pistons, your muscles burning in a good way.

Biking is not only a great form of exercise, but it is also environmentally friendly and in times like these provides a cheap alternative for transportation.

Bikes such as the Community Bikes on campus can even help students get to class faster. However, with more bikers taking to the streets, the chances of an accident only increases which is why safety is the first thing any bike rider should think about.

When it comes to safety, Angela Perry has it covered. Perry, a Bicycle Safety Educator at Cornell University Cortland County Cooperative Extension and League of America Bicyclists Instructor, wants people to understand that safety and riding go hand in hand.

Perry became a L.A.B Instructor as part of her job, which required her to take the Road I course. The course teaches riders the basics from how to fix a flat, on-bike skills and crash avoidance techniques.

Following that is Road II, which gives riders an

understanding of riding principles, offers fitness training and advanced skills such as mechanics, traffic negotiations and bad weather, as well as night riding tips.

With this wide array of biking knowledge, Perry wanted to be able to pass on what she knew to others.

Most recently, with the help of SUNY Police and Cortland City Bike Police, Perry gave a historical themed tour for adults and a ghost town tour for kids around the local area. Along with seeing parts of Cortland that many people probably knew little about, they were given important safety tips and learned basic riding skills.

"I learned a lot about the history of Cortland and I learned bicycle safety rules that I didn't know before; plus, I got a free bike helmet," said Cortland senior Elizabeth Tucker, who participated in the historical bike tour with Perry.

For the children's session, Perry said that she found them to be very interested, and were always paying attention. She also felt that they were up to most challenges and were eager to learn.

The program started out in the County Office Building with an instructional safety video, but soon found its way onto the streets, visiting historically significant buildings in town where various characters told stories of themselves and the building.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job and the safety programs, Perry said it was the ability to be outside, enjoying the fresh air and being

environmentally friendly.

"It's very self-empowering; all the aspects of cycling and also getting to see kids develop independence through their knowledge of and confidence with safe cycling practices," Perry said.

With the success of the past events, Perry said that she hopes to get back out in the spring and help more people become bike-friendly. But in the meantime, she has these tips for anyone looking to hit the streets.

The most important one is also the one most overlooked; wear a helmet. Everyone always thinks they will be fine but it's better to be safe than sorry.

Also, be sure to obey the traffic laws; ride on the right side and never on the sidewalk, always in the street.

To college students: do not drink and ride, it is the same as drinking and driving as you are operating a vehicle.

Perry also gave some ABC's for bike riding. Always check your Air, Brakes and Cranks (gears).

It is also a good idea to understand how the bike works and to make sure that when you are stationary on the bike and sitting on the seat that only your toes can touch the ground. Your feet should not be flat on the ground.

If you have any bicycle safety questions or would like to volunteer to help with the Bicycle Safety Program, please contact Angela Perry at 753-5214 or at awp24@cornell.edu. Ride safely.

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## Green Reps Program

A new environmental program dedicated to "greening" Cortland

Jessica Leopoldo  
Staff Writer

Cortland takes another step forward in becoming a green campus. This semester, students were given the chance to apply and become a Green Representative for the school year.

Brice Smith, Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Physics Department at Cortland, is the advisor of the Green Rep program and is working with the representatives on creating a greener atmosphere around campus.

Students were given the chance to apply to the new program early this semester.

In order to be considered for the job, students completed applications and were asked questions concerning their interest and dedication to the program.

Green Reps will receive a \$500 stipend at the end of each semester, corresponding to about a four to five hour work period per week.

This year, the program consists of a group of 16 students representing each of the residence halls across campus.

The Green Reps help raise awareness about environmental

issues and encourage change among Cortland students.

Through the program, the group of representatives hopes to educate students living in their residential halls on environmental issues such as energy sustainability, global warming, recycling and consumer waste.

In order to address these issues the Green Reps will host activities and events throughout the semester in their assigned residential halls as well as around campus.

On Oct. 28, the Green Reps worked closely with the CSAVE club, Cortland Students Advocating for a Valuable Environment, in hosting the Cortland Black Out.

Between 8-9 p.m. Green Reps encouraged their residents to participate in the Black Out and try and conserve energy by shutting off electric appliances.

During this time period, the CSAVE club hosted fun Halloween activities in the Corey Function Room. By participating, this provided students with an effective comparison of what each residential hall's actual electricity usage is during this time frame.

Like the Black Out, the Green Reps plan to organize more activities to acknowledge other environmental issues that students can work on to help Cortland "go green."

## Neubig

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ceiling, seating, lighting and floors. Phase two is the serving lines; the work will not be too noisy or disruptive.

Dining hours elsewhere will be extended to account for any inconveniences with Neubig's closing.

Raquette Pizza will open at 11 a.m. and stay open til its usual time at 11 p.m.

Dragons Court will open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. for breakfast and also on the weekends from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., in addition to its current weekday operations hours.

Hilltop will remain open until 8 p.m. on the weekdays.

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## It's crunch time for students

**Some tips for tackling the stressful time known as finals week**

**Daniella Perruna**  
Staff Writer

With less than 20 class days left students are running around crunching, finishing and finalizing homework, essays, papers and more.

The end of the semester is a rough time for everyone including faculty; however, it doesn't have to be so overwhelming.

Thanksgiving break starts Tuesday night, Nov. 25. When classes resume at 8 a.m. the following Monday, Dec. 1, there are only five days left of classes before final exams.

This may sound stressful, but there are many things students can do to prepare for success.

First and foremost, take advantage of Thanksgiving break.

It is given for a reason. It is the time before finals when everyone can simply relax and enjoy their time away from school. Many people will see family and friends and others will celebrate in various ways.

No matter how the celebration goes, remember to enjoy every bit of it.

Sit down and watch a movie, tell family about things that have happened this semester, and pig out for Thanksgiving dinner.

Believe it or not, doing these few simple things will help ease your stress.

The next thing on the list to success is to plan, plan and plan.

Don't look at syllabi a few days before exams to see what will be on it, and certainly don't wait until the Sunday before exams to check out the exam schedule.

Make sure to take note of when exams are; days, times and locations. Be sure to know what to bring and to arrive on time.

Get a good night's sleep prior to each exam day and eat a decent breakfast to ensure overall great minds and aid the thinking

process.

Setting up an actual schedule of when to do school work, when to study, when to do work for clubs or activities and even when to sleep will slim down the stress and feeling of being so overwhelmed.

When an item is finished, check it off. This will help get everything done in an organized and decent amount of time.

The final thing some students don't take advantage of is final exam week itself.

Most students have at least one day or more off or a few hours, in between exams. Take advantage of this time by studying more.

Remember, professors are always more than willing to help students with anything they might need.

Relay for Life is this Saturday, Nov. 22 from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Sunday morning.

This is a great opportunity to bring some work along and study for a cause.

While walking or sitting while other group members walk, students can also be productive with their school work.

Relay for Life is fun and for a great cause so sign up and either walk or volunteer. Best of luck to everyone during final exam week.

## Student Health Services survey

**Students Health Services to conduct annual accreditation**

The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC) will conduct an accreditation survey of Student Health Service on Jan. 22-23, 2009, according to press.

The survey will be used to evaluate the organization's compliance with AAAHC standards for ambulatory health care and to determine if accreditation should be retained by the organization.

Through an emphasis on education and consultation, the ultimate purpose of the accreditation process is to improve the quality of health care delivered by the Student Health Service.

The Student Health Service has voluntarily requested this survey as a means of assisting its own efforts to improve the delivery of quality health care.

The general public, patients and College staff who have pertinent and valid information about this organization's provision

of health care or compliance with AAAHC standards may request an information presentation with AAAHC surveyors at the time of the survey for the purpose of presenting such information, or may communicate such information in writing or by telephone to AAAHC.

All information received from identified individuals at or prior to the survey will be considered in making the accreditation decision. The information presented will not be debated with the reporting individual.

Requests for presentation must be received at least two weeks prior to the survey in order to allow sufficient time to schedule the presentations.

Requests for public information presentations or reporting of pertinent and valid information may be communicated in writing or by telephone to AAAHC at the following address and telephone number: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc., 5250 Old Orchard Road, Suite 200, Skokie, IL 60077; Telephone (847-853-6060) Fax (847-853-9028).

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## Cortland alumna makes history

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this very moment. But it's impossible."

Dunwoody said she feels fortunate to have lived a life of firsts and believes the promotion is "as overwhelming as it is humbling."

Dunwoody was the first woman to hold the deputy chief of staff position for the Army G-4 (Logistics), where she was responsible for ensuring warfighters had the necessary supplies and services, and that logisticians had the tools and equipment necessary to deliver those supplies and services to Soldiers around the world.

As the commander of the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., from 2002-2004, Dunwoody supported the largest deployment and redeployment of U.S. forces since World War II.

She has also commanded the 407th Supply and Transportation Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; the 10th Mountain Division Support

Command, Fort Drum, N.Y.; and the 1st Corps Support Command at Fort Bragg.

She deployed during the first Gulf War with 82nd as the Division Parachute Officer from September 1990 to March 1991.

Dunwoody received a direct commission as a second lieutenant after graduating from SUNY College at Cortland in 1975.

She has graduate degrees in national resource strategy and logistics management. Her family has a long history of military service, including her husband, who is a retired U.S. Air Force colonel.

"This promotion has taken me back in time like no other event in my entire life. And I didn't appreciate the enormity of the event until the tidal wave of cards, letters and e-mails started coming my way," Dunwoody said.

"I've heard from moms and dads that see this promotion as a beacon of hope for their own daughters, and an affirmation that anything is possible through hard work and commitment," she said.

Dunwoody also received

congratulations and expressions of excitement from female veterans of previous wars.

The promotion is the latest first for women in the military, dating back to 1970 when Brig. Gen. Anna Mae Hays was promoted the first female general officer in the U.S. military.

In addition to receiving her fourth star, Dunwoody also took command of U.S. Army Material Command, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., during an afternoon ceremony.

As the commanding general, Dunwoody will oversee AMC headquarters' move to Huntsville, Ala., under the 2005 Base Realignment Act.

Prior to taking command, she served as the deputy commanding general and chief of staff of AMC.

"Today is all about two simple words: thank you," Dunwoody said.

(Editor's note: Reports from AMC Public Affairs and Elizabeth M. Collins contributed to this article.)

### ATTENTION READERS:

*The Dragon Chronicle* will not publish next week due to Thanksgiving Break.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!  
Look for the next and final issue of the semester on stands Dec. 4.



# Opinions

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

## Our View

Everyday, we get up and go to class. We're tired, sometimes a little cranky and lately, freezing.

We are all here together, regardless of economic status or major. We are working towards similar goals, and trying to become better people in the process.

We need to work together to help each other. If you see someone who needs assistance, don't be afraid to stop and offer a helping hand. If you can show someone the proper way of doing something, set aside the rules and step in for a fellow student.

The holiday season is upon us. Regardless of what celebration you go home to, let's make the end of the semester one that people can feel good about. Kindness should be shared with everyone, not just the people you know. So smile at a stranger. You never know what it could do for them.

## Republican party facing identity crisis

### Grand old party changing their ways, not their words

**Dustin Good**  
*Staff Writer*

The recent rhetoric seen and heard at the Republican Governors Association Convention saw a group of party leaders coming to the realization that the party is split. There are fiscally conservative politicians and socially conservative politicians.

It seems that fewer and fewer "Republicans" encompass a hybrid of these conservative identities.

The 2008 United States Presidential Election was the culmination of a Republican Party identity crisis. It was manufactured by the pseudo-fiscally conservative policies catalyzed by George W. Bush and Dick Cheney.

The not-so fiscally conservative economic legislation championed by Bush and Cheney was cap stoned by the recent \$700 billion bailout bill.

There has been an exponential growth pattern of the national debt over the course of the past eight years. It has become the

quintessential example of the contradiction between Bush and the Republican's claims of small government and tax cuts and large amounts of government spending.

John McCain suffered defeat at the hands of such contradictory policies during the 2008 election cycle. Over and over again, voters were subjected to McCain's avocations of small government in the name of tax cuts. At the same, he was voting for and defending the astronomically large bailout bill that was funded by taxpayers' dollars.

The bottom line is that no matter how many times the Republicans want to claim to be the party of Reagan economic policies and trickle down economics, it just is not true.

The passing of the bailout bill proves that true fiscal conservatives, Reaganomists, have become the minority in the Republican Party. These fiscal conservatives represent what may be characterized as the end of the line of that wing of the GOP.

What is emerging is a party that should probably be renamed the GOD party.

The fiscal conservative voters that voted their party line in 2004, 2006 and 2008 are simply in denial about what the party actually stands for economically.

That said, what is in store for the Republican Party? A schism? Republican leadership, whatever that becomes, must decide between the GOP and the GOD.

The past eight years of GOD led by Bush and the passing of the GOD baton to Sarah Palin seem to be prevailing over the minority in their party. Furthermore, if the GOD has become the majority in the Republican Party under Bush, why did McCain, the Republican National Convention, and other Republican candidates in 2008 avoid Bush like the plague?

What's more, some lower level candidates even aligned themselves with President Obama and his proposed policies. And if the GOD majority wins out, what will become of that minority?

Over the course of the next two years, fiscal conservative politicians and voters must decide. Will they continue to vote for, nominate and endorse pseudo-fiscally conservative candidates, like Palin and have their voices silenced or split with the GOD party.

It seems the Grand Old Party is facing a not-so-grand future if they are not able to sort out this identity crisis more successfully than Bush and Cheney have handled the current economic crisis.

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### Cortaca weekend fills campus with visitors from all over

**Megan Martin**  
*Staff Writer*

Cortaca weekend is always a chaotic weekend, whether the game is a win or loss.

This year, it happened to be a loss, with the final score of 35-13. But that didn't stop everyone from having a good time.

Many people had their friends from home and other schools stay for the weekend. Being a senior, I thought this year's Cortaca game was a good way to end my four years here at Cortland.

The only part that I was not too fond of was the fact that it rained throughout most of the game. Not just an occasional sprinkle, but a constant heavy rain eventually soaked the entire crowd watching the game. The stadium overflowed with people as it usually does. If you did not get there early enough to find a seat, finding one became almost impossible.

My friends and I arrived late to the game, just into the second quarter. Fortunately for us, we were able to get a spot right up front along the fence. It was even hard to maintain this place, however, since more and more people kept trying to squeeze in.

Aside from those two factors, I very much enjoyed watching the game and cheering for our team. The halftime show consisted of Danceworks, Kickline, and a brief frisbee game with the well-known halftime show dog.

Post-game is one of my favorite parts of Cortaca weekend. Most individuals celebrate with a few drinks and the local bars are always packed.

The bars take advantage of this and tend to raise the cover charge and overall prices of the drinks, since they know people will most likely still pay. My friends and I headed down to the bars unusually early, compared to other weekend nights, and the lines were already out the door and down the street.

Inside the bars, it was overcrowded and extremely hot. That made the situation a little unbearable. It was like this at every bar, so my friends and I called it an early night.

We typically get pizza or some kind of food after the bars, but even those lines were ridiculously long and not worth the wait.

Overall, I enjoyed the events of the weekend and am a little disappointed that this was my last Cortaca.

Who knows if I will have the time to come back to Cortland for next year's Cortaca weekend? But I am hoping this was not the last Cortland vs. Ithaca game I ever experience.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

" **As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.** "

**-John F. Kennedy**



# What do you have to say?

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT CORTLAND?



photo by Rebecca Job

"There are many, but I would have to say the gym. The food is not too bad. They have a lot of teachers available to help you. I also like my friends."

**Erick MaJano**  
Sophomore  
Communications



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"I would say it would be downtown [the bars] because I work down there, make good money, and people are friendly and always up for a good time!"

**Kara Graves**  
Senior  
Communications



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"I like the selection of food because there is a good variety. I also like the broad selection of intramural sports they offer."

**Carl DiVeglia**  
Junior  
Communications



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"My favorite thing about Cortland is the Cortaca Jug because everyone wants to be here for it."

**Caitlin Brett**  
Senior  
Communications



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"I would probably have to say downtown. I like the Communications department, too. They are all very nice people and make it easier to go to class."

**Joe DiDomizio**  
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## Cheers

**Red Jug Pub offers a fresh alternative to typical bar scene**

**Chelsea Leone**  
Staff Writer

Are you tired of the same scene on Main Street? Do you have a craving for Wachusett blueberry beer with fresh blueberries floating at the top of your glass?

If you answered yes to the above questions, then get yourself to The Red Jug Pub as soon as possible. "The Jug" is located on 31 Central Ave., just off of Main Street.

Now that I'm a senior and finally 21 years old, I find that The Red Jug is the best bar in Cortland.

The atmosphere is always friendly and their staff makes the best drinks. Not only do they have 24 delicious beers on tap, you don't even have to walk there.

The "Jug Van" is only a call away and will be in front of your apartment in minutes.

The van runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 p.m. to close as well as Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m. to close. Remember to tip your driver.

The Red Jug also has great specials with different events that take place throughout the week to keep you on your toes.

On Monday, if you are in the mood to watch some football, there are usually 2 for 1 Labatt Blue and Blue Light specials as well as Long Island iced teas.

Every other Tuesday is karaoke night. You can choose from a list of hundreds of songs to sing with your friends in between sipping your cocktail.

Wednesday is my favorite night because I love to brush up on my Jeopardy skills at trivia night. Bring a group of your brightest friends who know the most useless information and you'll be on your way to winning a \$50 or \$25 dollar bar tab.

After you win at trivia, you can spend your winnings on Thirsty Thursday on a few games of pool and several rounds of "Tic-Tac" shots.

Friday, of course, includes everyone's favorite happy hour with three pints for only \$5, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is even free dinner to go with it.

No matter what day you choose to go to "The Jug," it is sure to be a fun time.

So strap on your dancing shoes, bring some cash for the jukebox, and do a T-shirt.



## The internship experience

**Internships a good way to get hands-on job training in college**

**Megan Martin**  
Staff Writer

Whether you are a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, you may want to start thinking about taking part in an internship.

I never thought I would be interested in participating in an internship, especially since it was not required for my major. I couldn't imagine balancing school assignments, a work schedule, activities for my sorority and everyday tasks that keep me pretty busy.

However, during my junior year, I was fortunate enough to learn about an internship that was exactly the type of job I was interested in and going to school for.

It was an internship with the Department of Defense Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigate Services (DCIS).

I began to get information from the current intern with the agency, who was very helpful with all my questions. I then spoke with my internship advisor about the possibility of enrolling in this, or any, internship for the Fall 2008 semester.

I was still unsure of how I was going to juggle my classes, working and everything in between. I decided to make all my classes for Tuesday and Thursdays, so that in the event that I did get an internship, I would have three free days a week.

I found out that the person who would be my supervisor if I were chosen for this internship was coming to campus as a guest speaker for a class.

I attended the lecture to find out more information about DCIS and how it operated. After hearing him speak, I was convinced that I really wanted this internship and would make it work no matter how

difficult it might become.

Unfortunately, application process for a government internship takes a very long time, about three to four months, and that's if everything runs smoothly.

Not knowing if I would be approved for the internship in time, my internship advisor suggested I apply for another internship until we found out further information in regards to DCIS. I was granted an internship with a police department not far from Cortland.

Although it was a great opportunity, I knew it was not what I really wanted to be doing. During that summer, I emailed the DCIS agent who had lectured earlier that year to see if he had any updates about the internship.

Much to my surprise, he requested I call him immediately to set up an interview. From there I went through the application process, which did take about three months.

At times, I felt very discouraged that I would never get accepted and had just passed up the police internship for no reason.

Finally, I heard that I had passed every background check and was eligible to start at the Syracuse field office. I have only been going to this internship for three weeks, but can honestly say it was worth the wait.

Every day has a new, exciting adventure in store for me, and even if I am assigned paperwork, I never find it boring.

My suggestion to those students who are considering an internship would be to take advantage of the opportunity while you can. Not only will it look good on your resume, but you'll also gain field experience and knowledge that you otherwise would not.

Even if you do not receive the internship first on your list, any experience will help you once you enter the working world.

It is never too early to start looking into the internship opportunities offered at Cortland. You will be glad you did.

## Alpha Sigma Alpha back on Cortland campus

**Former chapter of sorority returns after a 55-year hiatus**

**Ashley Seaver**  
Contributing Writer

Alpha Sigma Alpha, Gamma Clio chapter, was once a part of Cortland's Greek community. During the weekend of Nov. 7, 43 Cortland women brought Alpha Sigma Alpha back to campus.

Alpha Sigma Alpha was a part of Cortland from May 4, 1946, and ended in 1953 due to a change in student organizations. Gamma Clio initiated over 200 women while having national membership for seven years.

There are currently about 50 of these women around the Cortland area. The new members of Alpha Sigma Alpha are very excited to bring this chapter back to Cortland and to help create a larger interest in Greek life on this campus.

These women are dedicated individuals that aspire to achieve greatness. They are seeking to increase the support for Special Olympics and the S. June Smith Center, and attain strong relationships with the campus and the Cortland community.

Congratulations to all of the new members of Alpha Simga Alpha. All of these women would like to thank the Greek organizations and administration on this campus for their support.

## RANTS AND RAVES

**What completely irks you? What do you absolutely love?**

### COLUMN

"I really like orange soda. It is very delicious and makes me happy inside. Don't you wanna Fanta?"

**Andrew Harrison**  
Senior  
Business Economics

"What really annoys me is the lack of student parking on campus and the amount of construction going on both on and off campus."

**Bill Allison**  
Senior

Physical Education

"I think it is nice that for Cortaca, alumni and current Cortland students all come together for a major event."

**Alexis Kawalick**  
Senior  
Adolescent Education

"I can't believe how early it starts to snow in Cortland. I hate when I have to walk to class and it is freezing cold."

**Amanda Korr**  
Senior  
Childhood Education

"It really bothers me when my landlord does not listen to his tenants. We are paying a decent amount of money to live off campus and it should not take four phone calls to fix the washing machines."

**Brittany Hays**  
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# Cortaca Jug 2008



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Cortland's mascot, Blaze the Dragon, gets the crowd pumped for the 50th game.

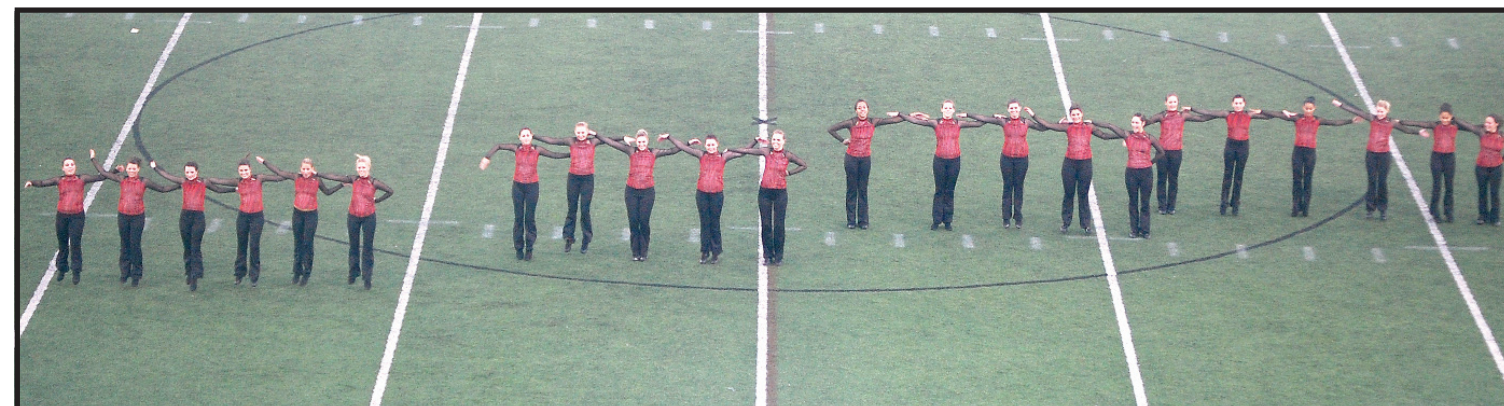


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Kickline splits up into four separate groups as a part of their animated, upbeat performance for the halftime show.



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The Danceworks team blows kisses to the crowd as part of their halftime routine.



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Kickline forms a group diamond during their halftime routine.



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The constant downpours of rain do not deter the Cortland Red Dragons and the Ithaca Bombers from putting on their best game.



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A border collie plays a game of halftime frisbee, the only time both the Cortland and Ithaca stands exult in unison.



photo by Ben Bolding

Danceworks team challenges Ithaca to bring the heat at halftime.



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The 1988 Cortland Red Dragons football team, pictured above, who had a perfect regular season of 10-0 with a Cortaca win of 21-20, is honored at halftime.



photo by Ben Bolding

Cortland's "red out" proves successful as a sea of thousands of fans don red apparel.

# "The Biggest Little Game in the Nation"



## The results are in: 2008 mtvU Woodie Awards

Over five million students cast votes on the mtvU website

**Katie Rosenbrock**  
*Entertainment Editor*

Over five million college students across America have spoken and the winners of the mtvU Woodie Awards have been announced.

All of the nominees, along with other various artists and many college students, gathered at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City on Wednesday, Nov. 12 for the awards show.

Woodie award nominees such as Vampire Weekend, Lykke Li, All Time Low and Santogold all gave great performances to open up the show.

When it was time to present the awards, artists such as The All-American Rejects, Boys Like Girls, Mark Hoppus and Paramore were invited on stage to present the winners with their awards.

This year's winners included Paramore, who won the "Woodie of the Year" award, There for Tomorrow, who won the

"Breaking" Woodie award and Chromeo, who won the "Left Field" Woodie.

The "Best Video" Woodie was awarded to Motion City Soundtrack for their video of "It Had to be You" and the "Good" Woodie was awarded to Jack's Mannequin, whose lead singer, Andrew McMahon, founded the

"Dear Jack Foundation," which raises money for cancer research.

And finally, the "Performing" Woodie was awarded to Atmosphere.

Besides the previously mentioned Woodies, there was also the "College Radio" Woodie, which was awarded to 91.7 FM WICB of Ithaca College and the

"Best Music on Campus" Woodie, which was given to The Bride Wore Black, a college band from Brooklyn.

The awards show was broadcast on mtvU and mtvU.com yesterday and on Saturday Nov. 22, band members of All Time Low will host a half-hour special entitled, "Best of the mtvU Woodie

Awards," which was filmed at the "Woodies" after-party last Wednesday, hosted at the Edison Ballroom in New York City.

The fifth annual mtvU Woodie Awards have been brought to you by Army ROTC, Garnier Fructis, Flip Video and CitiCard.



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Haley Williams and Jeremy Davis from the band, Paramore accept their award for "Woodie of the Year."

## TRL comes to an end after 10 years

The final episode of TRL aired live on Sunday Nov. 16

**Katie Rosenbrock**  
*Entertainment Editor*

After 10 years of production, it has come time to say goodbye to the pop culture phenomenon known as "Total Request Live" (TRL).

For years on end, TRL aired live everyday to countdown the top 10 music videos as voted by the public audience.

Not only was it significant for counting down music videos but it has been attributed to launching the careers of many of today's top music artists.

Much of our generation can recall tuning in to MTV after school each day to watch Carson Daly count down the top 10 videos of the day.

Now, with the airing of the final episode, future generations will not have the music video countdown that has become so influential to popular music over the past decade.

The final episode of TRL aired

live on MTV on Sunday, with host Carson Daly, who was the original host of the show, along with current hosts Damien Fahey and Lyndsey Rodrigues.

The star-studded event included special guests such as Taylor Swift, Miley Cyrus, Justin Timberlake, Kid Rock and Snoop Dogg, just to name a few.

Some performances of the night included 50 Cent, Beyonce Knowles, Fall Out Boy, Ludacris, Snoop Dogg, Nelly and The Backstreet Boys.

Of course, an episode of TRL would not be complete without a music video countdown, and this time around they featured the top 10 music videos of all time with Britney Spears at number one for her iconic "Hit Me Baby One More Time" video.

TRL truly has been a huge part of American pop culture and has contributed to the beginning of so many of today's top artists' careers, that it makes you wonder if anything will take its place, and if so, will it be as influential?

As for now, I guess we'll have to find a new place for music videos to make their debut.

## Looking for something different? Old Main's Colloquium provides more on-campus food options

Old Main provides alternative dining option for students

**Samantha Ficken**  
*Staff Writer*

### REVIEW

Now that Neubig is closing, it is important to know what other options are on campus.

A lot of classes are held in Old Main and many students are unaware that the ground floor is not the only place to get something quick to eat.

On the second floor of Old Main, The Colloquium, is a great place to grab a quick bite to eat.

The Colloquium is open Monday through Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

This dining facility offers sandwich specials and a variety of healthy choices.

There is a deli bar, salad bar, two soups of the day, yogurt, fruit

and a daily desert. There are 10 gourmet sandwiches including vegetarian sandwiches offered daily, as well as a special of the day. All food is made to order.

The atmosphere is perfect for a break between classes. Comfortable chairs and couches are placed throughout the dining room as well as tables in and around the facility.

The colors promote relaxation with beige walls and carpet. The Colloquium has a great ambiance paired with good food.

It also hosts specialty days such as last Tuesday's National Ice Cream Sundae Day.

At the entrance to the dining area there was a cooler set up with chocolate, vanilla and chocolate chip ice cream.

In celebration of National Ice Cream Sundae Day students and faculty were able to make their own sundaes.

There were about ten different topping choices and every ice cream decision was up to you.

There was whipped cream, cherries, sprinkles, strawberries, blueberries, Oreos, Reeses Pieces, M&Ms, gummy bears, marshmallow, caramel and hot

fudge sauces.

For one scoop it was \$2.29 and for two it was \$2.99; they were big scoops. Even in cold weather you cannot go wrong with ice cream sundaes.

This dining area also tries to keep the idea of a green campus alive by promoting recycling.

The Colloquium tries to promote healthy eating as well by displaying a full salad bar and healthy grilled sandwiches.

It's a great dining area to keep in mind if the line at Dragons Den is too long since most students pass through the ground floor. There are also different options for soups and drinks.

If you are interested in trying something new, take the trip to the second floor of Old Main and enjoy a Chicken Caesar sandwich or a Mozzarella Melt.

There is something for everyone, whether you are running to class or want to sit and relax in a cozy atmosphere.



# Codas Part XXXVIII: Bare Fangs at Angels

The authors world-preserving journey continues on

Andrew Hamilton  
Contributing Writer

## COLUMN

Georgiana screamed as the aged Author's body tumbled across the Ethereal Height. "Don't hurt him!" She gripped the neck of the dark seraph Gebler tighter.

Gebler, whose prodigious strike it was that sent the Author streaking across the cloudy terrain, now used his mighty hand to seize the face of the woman whose body grew from his own.

"Silence, foolish girl!" He snarled as he turned an evil eye toward the aged writer. "The creature I have just banished from our sight is no longer the human you once so naively loved."

I cannot account accurately what occurred next. I know the Author's journey far better than I know the tales of the other characters of these most worthy and world-preserving events, yet here I must rely on the emotional accounts of an imperfect eyewitness (for truly, too much honor has been done to the Author in the account given to me).

Regardless, I shall record only the truth of these matters as they are provided to me. I shall

proceed with the relation of the following events given to me:

After being thrust away from Gebler, the Author's body crashed against a beautiful apple tree.

The impact shattered the bones in his back and rattled his braincase. Any mortal man surely would have died at that moment (and the Author was naturally a mortal man), and yet life-breath still flowed through the man.

In fact, he stood up almost after immediately suffering the fall. His body had still suffered greatly, but somehow he was still able to function.

There was something different in the demeanor of the aged writer, though. Where once there was passivity and kindness there was a deep, burning ardor.

Whether the fiery rage that broiled through him was a manifestation of true love or insurmountable hate could not be distinguished.

Regardless, the Author that crashed into the tree and the one who now stood were not the same man (and yet the transformation revealed what truly lay in the poor man's heart!)

The Author's fingernails extending and sharpening into fearsome claws, and his incisors grew into beastly fangs. Cool tears flew from his eyes that now burned with an unspeakable heat.

He arched his back and released a howl that was so horrible that the angelic beings throughout the heavens that heard it felt their courage falter at the sound of it.

He began to run, tearing into an inhuman sprint that covered the near mile-length of ground that

Gebler had propelled him back within a matter of seconds.

As he drew nearer to the dark seraph the Author roared again and raised his blade-like claws at the angel.

There was no time for Gebler, the archangel who was named the Right Hand of the Father, to react.

With a prodigious swipe, the Author's claws slashed through the seraph's flesh. Angelic blood spilled across the cloudy ground as Gebler bent forward in pain.

The wild fervor that had overtaken the Author made him waste no time in using his bare teeth to tear into the angel's exposed shoulder. Gebler roared painfully, Georgiana screamed in fear, and the Author's eyes glinted with a terrible bloodlust fifty years in the making.

"Stop, please stop!" Georgiana wailed, feeling the pain of the angel whose body she shared.

"Please! You're not like this! You're kind, and honest, and brave, and...not a monster! You're not a monster!"

"Silence, wretched woman," Gebler seethed painfully.

At last managing to get a firm grip around the enraged Author's neck, Gebler forced the man who was now more of a beast to the cumulous floor.

The Author clawed at the archangel's wrist, making bloody ribbons of Gebler's flesh as they screamed monotonously into each other's faces.

"Georgiana, my sword!" The dark angel pleaded through grit teeth.

Georgiana's eyes widened and her mouth fell agape. She looked

to Gebler. "Wait! He's still a human! We can stop him! I know I can reach him if I can just speak with him!"

"There's no time!" Gebler roared. "Look at him, Georgiana! There is not a shred of compassion or love in that man's face!"

He is given entirely to corruption! The demon that lived within his heart all of his life has at last taken its true form!

We must send this beast back to the darkness from whence he came!"

Georgiana hesitated still. She looked down to the barely-restrained Author as lovingly as her human compassion could allow a woman to observe a wild beast.

The words Gebler spoke echoed through her mind, reminding her that the man she once loved was now more of a demon than a human...

...But she had trouble believing that.

She felt in her heart that what she saw in the Author's snarling face was not hatred, as Gebler said, but something else.

Perhaps it was love, perhaps it wasn't. Either way, it was something that a man could not live without and something that

caused her to pity the Author.

"Do you truly still love me?" Georgiana said the words without realizing.

It was then that Georgiana believed that the Author looked directly into her eyes and for a brief moment the beast within did not subside, but flared before her. She felt no menace from him, though, rather the feeling of security that comes when one sees a favorite pet flourish and growl bravely to protect its master.

Whatever comfort Georgiana felt was then suddenly dispelled by the angel's voice yelling to her. "My sword, Georgiana!"

Without thinking, Georgiana held both of her hands upward to summon Gebler's angelic blade.

Within seconds she felt the weight of the archangel's sword in her palms. She lowered the flashing silver blade to her master.

"Cut the air!" Gebler ordered while wincing painfully as the Author continued to claw painfully at his flesh. "It will re-open the portal to Mu that we had pulled this wretched creature from!"

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## How many kisses?

### Students take a chance at winning Cortaca tickets

**Jessica Zito**  
Staff Writer

This past weekend was the celebration of the 50th anniversary Cortaca Jug game.

People traveled from all over the state to join the Cortland football team in the battle against Ithaca.

The atmosphere of the game was very enthusiastic. The rain did not prevent fans from participating. The bookstore also provided many of the red Cortaca apparel worn at the game which led to the stadiums "Red Out".

For the past week, the College Bookstore has been sponsoring a Cortaca give-a-way special. It was open to every student on campus.

It was guess how many candy "kisses" are in the jar. On a table inside of the bookstore there was a clear glass jar filled with silver Hershey kisses.

Next to the jar there was a box where students could submit their guess for how many kisses were inside of the jar. On a piece of paper students had to write their name, C number, E-mail, cell phone number, and of course their lucky guess.

When looking through the

guesses, ASC members noticed that the guesses ranged from the very low number of 54 to the very high number of 6,776. Perhaps these numbers were just random guesses or a favorite number, but the lucky number of kisses ended up being 615.

There were three fortunate students to have guessed relatively close to this number.

However, no one was able to guess the exact amount. Kristen Kulza, one of the winners guessed 618. She won two tickets to the Cortaca game. Jon Goodman guessed 612 and also won two tickets to the Cortaca game.

As a result of the game being completely sold out, this was a very valuable prize for these students. This way if they had a guest up here for the weekend, they were also able to come to the game.

The last student who came close to the lucky 615 was Adrianna Iannotti. She guessed that there were 620 kisses in the jar.

Although Iannotti did not win tickets to the game, she was fortunate enough to win all 615 Hershey kisses. Congratulations to all the winners.

## Around the world at Hilltop

### A multi-cultural dining experience for students at Hilltop

**Jessica Leopoldo**  
Staff Writer

Hilltop was transformed into a cultural dining hall on Wednesday, Nov. 12. While the cafeteria usually serves a variety of sandwiches, grilled items, stir fry and pizzas, each station offered a special cultural dish as part of an "Around the World" theme.

As students walked into the dining hall, they were greeted by a unique and colorful display of decorations from different cultures around the globe.

During lunch hours many students came to enjoy the special occasion. The salad bar was turned into an Italian salad bar, offering tomato and mozzarella salad and spaghetti salad, along with the traditional choices.

The bar was decorated with pictures of Italian icons, such as The Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Colosseum.

Closest to the salad bar, the Deli stand was decorated with the Flag of Germany. The black, red and yellow banner was hung in the back of the section.

Students were able to order a special of a Cheddar Bratwurst Panini with a side of Hot German

Potato Salad.

The food station that seemed to have the favorite special was the Stir Fry counter. Many students were brave enough to try the Portuguese Stir Fry.

The meal consisted of numerous vegetables such as peppers and broccoli, served with different seasonings like Cajun.

The vegetables and spices could be tossed together in a variety of different sauces.

"It is really good. It's fun to try something that is popular in a different country," said Kendall

Lawrence.

The Flag of Switzerland, a red rectangle with a white cross at the center, was placed over the Pizza station.

Students were given a choice to try the special Swiss Alps Pizza, while the Grill station served Aruba Seafood and Shish Kebab Grill.

Some of the servers even dressed for the occasion, wearing Hawaiian shirts and accessories.

"It's nice to have some different choices once in a while," said Alex Desmornes.

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# Cortland football now prepares for Plymouth State University in first round of NCAA playoffs



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Running back Andrew Giuliano carried the ball 18 times for 135 yards against Ithaca in annual Cortaca Jug game.

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13 tackles, nine of which were solo. Senior linebacker and defensive captain Jim Smith was a close second with 10.

Cortland fans were rustling throughout the afternoon about the officiating during the game and the penalties that were called against the Red Dragons. Late in the first quarter Cortland had Ithaca pinned

inside its own 20 yard-line and ready to punt, however, a Red Dragons senior safety was called for a personal foul penalty, giving Ithaca an automatic first down.

Although Red Dragons fans

had their own opinions of the play, Coach MacNeill doesn't think the call had an effect on the final score. "We think we saw some errors, nothing unusual, and I don't think they affected the overall outcome,"

MacNeill said.

The Red Dragons are now 9-1 and are looking to put the Ithaca game behind them before their playoff game this weekend against Plymouth State University (10-1) of the New England Football Conference in New Hampshire. The game is scheduled for this Saturday at noon in Cortland.

Ithaca will host Curry College in its first round of the playoffs this Saturday at noon. Wins by both Cortland and Ithaca this weekend would mean that the rivals will meet again in two weeks at Ithaca. The prospect of a possible rematch has been creating buzz around the Cortland campus.

"A chance at watching a rematch would be great," said Cortland student Steven Sestir. "I really hope both teams win in the first round so we [Cortland] can redeem ourselves at Ithaca."

The 1988 Cortland football team turned out the schools only undefeated regular season and beat Ithaca in the Cortaca Jug game. Later in that same year they faced off against Ithaca again in the playoffs but lost. The Red Dragons are now hoping to do the reverse 20 years later by beating Ithaca two weeks from now in the possible rematch of last week's game.

## East Coast Pro Wrestling: where wrestling's past meets its future

### Wrestling company to hold event at JM McDonald Complex

James Hopkins  
Contributing Writer

For the first time in its 17-year history, East Coast Professional Wrestling debuts in Cortland on December 5, 2008 at the JM McDonald Sports Complex on Fairgrounds road, which is just a short drive from the Cortland campus.

ECPW is a family-orientated wrestling program that showcases

a mix of legendary and up-and-coming talent from all over the world. In recent years professional wrestling has been given a bad name due to excessive violence and sexual overtones. ECPW strives to be different, while still promoting athletic and crowd-friendly matches that people of all ages can enjoy.

ECPW was started in 1992 by Gino Caruso, along with Rocky Jones, better known as the father of former WWE wrestler Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson.

ECPW is one of the largest wrestling companies in America with television clearance in over 40 states and numerous live events up and down the east coast. The

company has a training facility that has produced popular talents such as Nunzio, Crowbar, Domino, Cherry and Festus from WWE's Friday Night Smackdown.

ECPW TV can now be seen in Cortland on Thursday night at 8 p.m. on Time Warner Cable Access Channel 2, as well as, on CSTV-20 during the same night at 8:30 p.m.

The card for this extravaganza will consist of nine exciting bouts and will showcase WWE legends Kamala and the Kodiak Bear, while heavily featuring the homegrown TV stars of ECPW. ECPW will crown its first ever Empire State champion in Cortland with a one-night, 8-man tournament that will showcase the best of what ECPW

has to offer.

The owner of ECPW, Gino Caruso, will wrestle in Upstate NY for the first time in over ten years. He teams with Binghamton native Anarchy and former Cortland student Ray Bensley to take on the dangerous trio of Prince Akkannatan, Timothy Plazma and Jake Saint.

Also, there will be two musical guests at the event. Binghamton metal band Almighty and a local band from Cortland, An Hour Within, will be joining the event for a special concert.

Tickets for this great event are available for the low price of \$15 general admission and \$10 for students with a valid student ID.

Tickets are going fast, so be sure to pick them up today at either the JM McDonald Sports Complex, a Pizza & More, Quick Stop Beverage or Cort-Lanes. All of these locations are conveniently located in Cortland, so finding tickets will not be difficult.

Tickets will be available at the door but it's encouraged that everyone gets them in advance. A portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the JM McDonald Sports Complex, so show your support and come on down for a night of cheap family-fun entertainment.

For more information on ECPW, please check out the web site at [www.ecpw1.com](http://www.ecpw1.com) or call the offices at 973-402-9599.

## Cortland men's hockey defeats Morrisville Mustangs

### Red Dragons improve to 3-5 with 6-3 win over the Mustangs

John Perrotta  
Contributing Writer  
&  
Mark Nader  
Staff Writer

On Cortaca weekend, the men's ice hockey team kept to the task at hand and defeated the Morrisville Mustangs 6-3. The Red Dragons improved to 3-5 and 1-3 in SUNYAC play.

Cortland spent the majority of the first period killing penalties, which made it difficult to get into a good flow. Nevertheless, the first period remained scoreless and there was much anticipation about the second.

Cortland had a rough start in the second period. Goaltender Dan Jewel allowed a goal by Andrew Alarie 1:53 into the period. Two minutes later, Cortland forward Jake Saville brought life to the Red Dragons when he scored a third rebound after coming down on a three-on-one with line mates Brendan Wharity and Gregg Haney.

On the power play, four minutes later, Ryan Durocher fed defenseman Mike Eagan in the slot. Eagan sent a solid shot that beat Morrisville goaltender Caylin Relkoff on the low blocker side. Just minutes later, penalties began to take a toll and the teams skated four aside. During the four-on-four, Morrisville's Keith William scored to tie the game up at two.

The Red Dragons would begin to pull away in the third period. Cortland began the third period killing a five-on-four penalty. The hard work paid off when Patrick Palmisano took a wrist shot that beat Relkoff glove side.

Cortland did not stop there. Three shifts later, forward Ryan Markell scored a stealthy back door goal, which was assisted by Kyle Haines and Durocher.

Kyle Roberts of Morrisville responded on the power play when he scored Morrisville's third goal of the game at 6:10 into the period. Morrisville who dropped to 0-7-1 would give Cortland all they could but it would not be enough.

Morrisville went down a man soon after and Palmisano capitalized with a goal that resulted from a quick give and go with Jarrett Gold. Cortland remained solid throughout the third period and

Captain Mike Maier scored an empty net goal late in the game to silence the Mustangs.

Gold contributed three assists for the Red Dragons.

Jewell had a good showing and faced 24 shots to Relkoff's 23. Attendance at Alumni Arena was 383 on Saturday night.

The Red Dragons have two upcoming home games this weekend. Cortland faces Geneseo on Friday and Brockport on Saturday. Geneseo comes in with a 6-3 (2-2) record while Brockport stands at 3-2-1 (2-2-1).



## National Football League week 11 recap

**Tennessee Titans and New York Giants win to stay on top of NFL**

**Chris Ryan**  
*Contributing Writer*

As the NFL season is heading toward the home stretch, every game is crucial and could possibly end a team's playoff chances. Week 11 saw some very exciting games, wild finishes reminiscent of playoff games and even two teams having to settle for a tie.

The week of games started Thursday night, where AFC East rivals the Jets and Patriots had a thrilling game to determine first place in the division. New England forced overtime with a touchdown with one second left in regulation, but New York prevailed with a field goal.

The Jets move into first place for the first time since 2002. The AFC East should be very competitive in the weeks ahead to decide the top spot.

The Tennessee Titans continued their improbable run through the league and defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars 24-14. The Titans, led by backup quarterback Kerry Collins, improved to an amazing 10-0. It should be interesting to see if Tennessee can keep their superiority over the

league in the last five or six weeks of the regular season and into the playoffs.

The defending Super Bowl champion New York Giants had to prepare for the Baltimore Ravens, one of the toughest defensive teams in the league especially regarding the running game. The Giants proceeded to gain over 200 rushing yards and easily handled Baltimore 30-10 to improve to 9-1 on the season.

With this win, New York has proven itself against the best in the league and is looking in top form as they try to defend their championship crown.

This week also saw the first tie occur in six years. The Cincinnati Bengals and the Philadelphia Eagles played to a 13-13 tie when neither team could score in the overtime period. This has to be disheartening that Philadelphia could not beat a team with currently one win as they look to take a Wild Card spot in the NFC.

Looking forward to next week's games, there are some interesting match-ups that could alter the playoff picture.

The undefeated Titans will take on the Jets, the Giants will take on the NFC West leading Arizona Cardinals and the Miami Dolphins will battle the Patriots to break the second-place tie in the AFC East.

## Field hockey ends season in NCAA quarterfinals

**Red Dragons field hockey ties for fifth place nationally**

**Gabe Schaub**  
*Staff Writer*

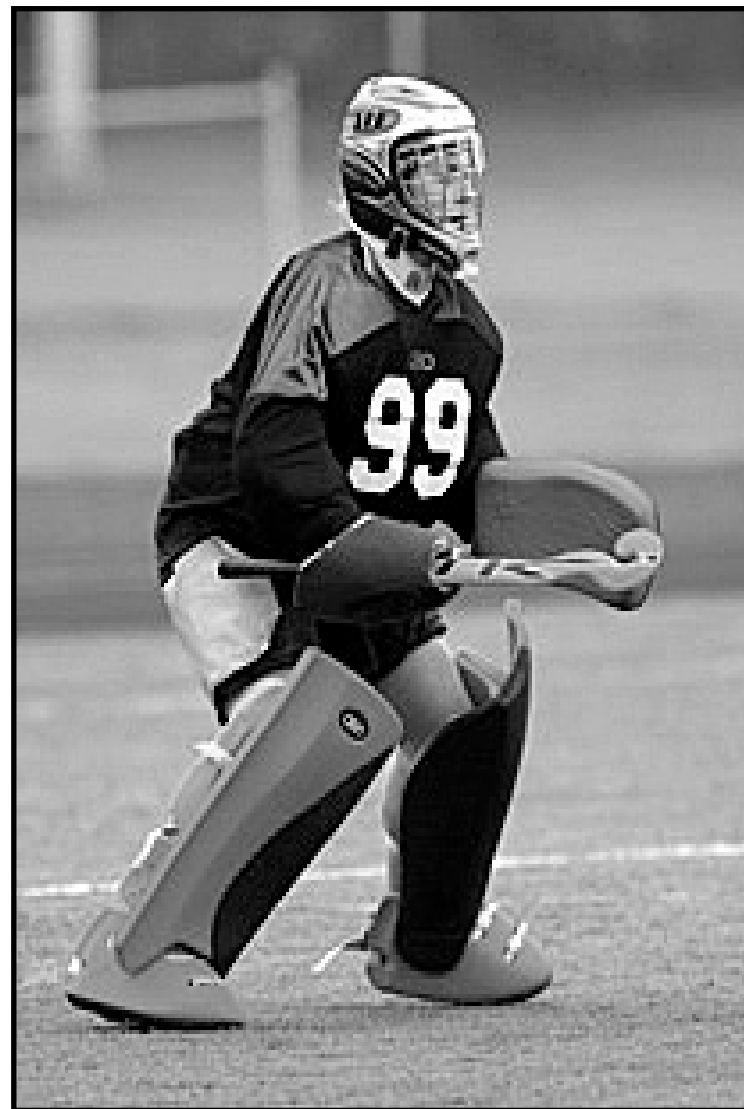
The Cortland field hockey team won in overtime against nationally seventh-ranked Salisbury this past weekend. This win improved the Red Dragons record to 17-2, and moved them into the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Cortland, who was ranked ninth nationally, was guided by an unassisted goal by sophomore Brenda Semit just three minutes into the extra period to give the Red Dragons a 4-3 victory.

Senior Kayla Chambers and juniors Lauren Eichenberger and Christine McCabe also scored goals for Cortland, while senior Katie Johnson added an assist. Senior goalie Stacy Billings made nine saves.

The victory did not come easy for the Red Dragons as they fell into a deep 3-0 hole in the first half. Cortland proceeded to mount a rally, which was started by Chambers as she scored on a penalty corner assisted by Johnson with no time left on the clock in the first half.

Five minutes into the second half, Eichenberger cut the deficit to 3-2 with a high-arching shot into the top of the cage. With six



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**Senior Stacy Billings concludes her career at Cortland.**

minutes left in the game, McCabe scored the game-tying goal with a long blast from the top of the circle to send the game into overtime.

Shortly into the seven-on-seven overtime session, Semit

scored her 13th goal of the season when she was able to make a drive past the defense.

Cortland ended their season with a 4-1 loss to Ursinus in the quarterfinals of the tournament.

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## Red Dragons men's basketball hits court

**Men's basketball  
 looking to build on  
 success of last year**

**Mark Nader**  
*Staff Writer*

The Cortland men's basketball team has hit the court again and is ready to build on last year's success when they finished with a 21-8 record.

"We would like to finish on top of the league and win the conference championship," said Head Coach Tom Spanbauer.

This year's team returns a total of nine players, including its top six scorers from last year. They were led by Mike Lewis and Carson Niehoff, who averaged 12.9 and 11.1 points respectively.

A player who has the opportunity to contribute this year is Chris Milke. The 6'8" sophomore center missed much of last year due to mononucleosis.

"He essentially is a new player

with having mono last year. He is playing really well so far early this season," Spanbauer said.

The Red Dragons do have some stiff competition with teams such as Geneseo, Potsdam and Brockport all returning the core of their playoff contending teams.

Spanbauer and the rest of his staff realize last season was worthwhile but want to make sure that the players are not content.

"The coaches tell the players they need to improve all across the board and anything done last year was experience. We will build from last year, which will allow us to be better this year," Spanbauer added.

The team opened with an 80-56 loss to Ithaca College but the team looks to bounce back quickly with three non-conference road games at Utica College, CCNY and Elmira College.

"We have a tough schedule but the team has high expectations. We will improve throughout the entire year and will be ready for the playoffs," Spanbauer said.

## Top 15 teams in college football remain intact

**Weekend highlighted  
 by release of  
 Syracuse head coach**

**Nathan Vaji**  
*Staff Writer*

After months of speculation, Greg Robinson has been fired as the head football coach of Syracuse University. Robinson has compiled a 9-36 record in his three plus seasons at Syracuse. In his first season, the Orange compiled a 1-10 record and finished 2-10 last season. Robinson's team has only won three Big East conference games during his tenure. Robinson took over for long time coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Number 20 LSU needed a 30 point fourth quarter to survive a scare from unranked Troy. The Trojans were leading 24-3 at half and were winning 31-10 going into the fourth quarter. LSU's comeback was lead by standout wide receiver Brandon LaFell. He pulled down 12 passes for 126 yards including a touchdown to start the fourth quarter. Troy quarterback Levi Brown completed 34 of 72 passes for 316 yards. He also added two touchdowns and threw one interception. LSU has now won 25 straight home games against non-conference opponents.

Another top-25 team, USC, needed a 21 point fourth quarter to beat Stanford. The Cardinal upset USC last season 24-23 in Los Angeles. Stafon Johnson rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns

for the Trojans.

This week's top 15 teams remained unchanged in the polls. Alabama remains the top ranked team with an undefeated 11-0 record. Texas Tech comes in at second at 10-0. Non-BCS conference teams number seven Utah and number nine Boise State are still poised for undefeated seasons and at-large bids to a BCS game.

This weekend's slate is highlighted by a top five matchup between number two Texas Tech and number five Oklahoma. The game will take place at Oklahoma on Saturday night at 8 p.m. Quarterback Graham Harrell leads Texas Tech. Harrell has thrown for over 4,000 yards and 36 touchdowns with just five interceptions. Michael Crabtree has been on the receiving end of 18 of those touchdowns. Texas Tech currently sits atop the Big 12 South standings.

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford has thrown 38 touchdowns and six interceptions.

Penn State can clinch the Big 10 title this week with a victory over Michigan State on Saturday. The conference championship would give them an automatic BCS game bid.

In other Big 10 action, Michigan and Ohio State will meet in one of the biggest rivalry games in America. Michigan has struggled this season. They have compiled a 3-8 record. This is the most losses in a season in the 129-year history of Wolverines football. Ohio State will be led by freshman phenom Terrelle Pryor and standout running back Chris "Beanie" Wells.



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# Sports



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## Cortland Athletics Scores

### FOOTBALL

Cortland	35
Ithaca	13

Next: Sat. vs. Plymouth St.

### MEN'S SOCCER

Cortland	0
Hobart	1

### MEN'S HOCKEY

Cortland	6
Morrisville	3

Next: Fri. vs. Geneseo

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Cortland	1
Buffalo St.	1

Next: Fri. @ Hamilton

### MEN'S SWIMMING

Cortland	102
Geneseo	136

Next: Sat. vs. Monroe C.C.

### WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Cortland	105
Geneseo	138

Next: Sat. vs. Monroe C.C.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland	56
Ithaca	80

Next: Sat. @ CCNY

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cortland	83
Hartwick	50

Next: Sat. @ Skidmore Invite

## Bombers fire away at Red Dragons



photo by Ben Bolding

Junior wide receiver Wayne Wheeler catches a pass from senior quarterback Ray Miles against Ithaca Bombers.

## Athletes of the Week



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### Paul LeBlanc Wrestling

Became career victory leader for Cortland wrestling



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### Brenda Semit Field Hockey

Scored game-winning goal against Salisbury

### Cortland falls in Jug, heads to NCAAs as number-three seed

Dan Curtis  
Staff Writer

The 50th anniversary of the Cortaca Jug went the way of the Ithaca Bombers as they handed Cortland its first loss of the season last Saturday in front of a capacity crowd. The 35-13 loss places the Red Dragons in the third seed for the NCAA playoffs.

Cortland's hopes for an undefeated regular season were quickly shattered by a resilient Ithaca defense and steady offensive attack. The Bombers, who have now won the contest two seasons in a row, secured themselves an automatic berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

With Cortland's only touchdown coming off a blocked punt by freshman Bill Smith, the Red Dragons were held to just six offensive points, all coming off two field goals by senior kicker/tight end Jeffrey Lang.

The Red Dragons offense never found a rhythm amidst the heavy rain that fell throughout most of the game. Cortland senior tailback Andrew Giuliano was, however, able to establish a strong

running game with 18 carries for 135 yards, putting the Red Dragons in scoring position throughout the day. But turnovers plagued Cortland all afternoon.

Senior quarterback Ray Miles threw three interceptions, all to Ithaca senior cornerback Jason Chier, who tied a Bombers record for most interceptions in a single game. He is the sixth player in Ithaca College history to reach the feat.

Miles completed 20 of his 37 pass attempts for 144 yards with his longest play going for just 15 yards.

Cortland Head Coach Daniel MacNeill attributes some of Ithaca's game-changing momentum to second half turnovers and the Bombers' offensive performance.

"We gave up four long plays that had a dramatic effect, all resulting in scoring in some way," said MacNeill. "We need to focus ahead."

The Red Dragons defense gave up a combined 447 yards passing and rushing in the game. Ithaca quarterback Brian Grastorf completed 19 of his 28 passes for 273 yards and three touchdowns, two of which were running scores.

Grastorf's longest play of the day came in the third quarter when he connected with senior wide receiver Kyle Crandall for an 80-yard touchdown pass. Bombers tailback Dan Ruggiero rushed 27



photo by Ben Bolding

### Cortland fans continually cheer on the Red Dragons during the game as the "red out" proves to be successful.

times for 99 yards and averaged almost four yards per carry throughout the game.

Cortland sophomore linebacker Brian Haas led the porous Red Dragons defense with