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## Cortland Cadets Prepare for Combat

**ROTC students complete  
mock combat missions  
to enhance their training**

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez  
Staff Writer

“Alright Bravo team, stand up we’re going to do a balls-out charge against the enemy,” said Cadet Sergeant White as he prepared an ambush on an open clearing against the “SAPPA” forces of Atropia, a fictional country located at Mt. Pleasant. “Stand up, Bravo and charge!” At that time six strong minded individuals charged through the wood line, surprising an enemy squad and subduing them with over-powering force. The cadets immediately set up four points of security and fiercely completed their actions on the objective. As quickly as the charge had started, it was over. “Index, Good job cadets, let’s sit down and prepare for the After Actions Report,” said Second Lieutenant Watson. This was all a training exercise for students of Cornell University, Binghamton University, Ithaca College, Elmira College and Cortland. These students wear a uniform that distinguishes



photo by Adam Dejesus Gonzalez

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From left to right: Cadet Corporal Dan Rivera, Cadet Private Bret Hanson, Cadet Sergeant Ryan White, and Cadet Corporal Michael Myones

## Cortland’s Newest Edition

**Shop 24 will allow stu-  
dents 24/7 access to food  
using a vending machine**

By Megan O’Brien  
Staff Writer

Many have noticed the construction on the parking lot side of Neubig. Terrence Cahill, the overseer of this proj-

ect says that is it called “Shop 24 Automated Convenience Store,” or Shop 24 for short. This giant vending machine will be stocked with over 200 items, ranging from two ounces to eight pounds. While plenty of grocery type items will be available, there will also be fresh food such as wraps and salads. The entire machine will be refrigerated as well. To make sure everything stays fresh, Cahill said that they are going to hire somebody whose primary task

will be to maintain Shop 24. Part of the appeal of the vending machine style of Shop 24 is that it can be used any time of the day. A few years ago, there was a convenience store in Corey Union. However, construction on the building and the addition of other food options made it impossible for the convenience store to stay open. Cahill says, “Shop 24 has been in the planning for over a year...we have spoken to students at SUNY Morrisville who have one and they love that they have a convenience store open 24 hours a day.” Cahill explained that the need for Shop 24 comes from student feedback. “Many items we have chosen for Shop 24 were prevalently requested by students from the surveys they fill out.”

Purchasing an item will be very simple. Shop 24 will take connections, cash, or credit. There are two large windows to choose items from. Cahill says, “Up to seven items can be purchased at a time. A basket will hold all the items that students punch in for, and the basket will be placed in a drawer that will open when the purchase is completed.” Weather permitting, the concrete will be laid this week. Shop 24 should be functioning by early December, and there will be a grand opening ceremony at the start of the spring semester.



photo by Megan O’Brien

The area in front of Neubig Hall will soon be replaced by Shop 24

## The Legacy of Cortaca

**The history behind the  
Jug and how Cortland  
will host a ‘Red Out’**

By Megan O’Brien  
Staff Writer

This year, Cortland’s campus is preparing to host the 52nd annual Cortaca Jug. This deep rooted rivalry will hopefully end victoriously for Cortland this year, since we have not won for the past three years. In 1959, the two football captains of Cortland and Ithaca decided to purchase a jug as a trophy for the annual game. From then on, the years and scores were recorded on the jug. When the first jug ran out of space, a second jug was added. Sports Illustrated dubbed the game, ‘The Biggest Little Game in the Nation’. This November 13, Cortaca will bring a new meaning to the campus. It will be a home game, and the campus is planning a Red Out. A member of the Sport Management club Cortaca Committee, Bobby Rocco,

says, “Last year, the school sold two different colors and different designs of t-shirts. This year, we are selling one color and one design to promote school unity and push the Red Out”. Brian Fanelli, another member of the Cortaca Committee explained the fundraising behind selling the red t-shirts. “The money from the shirts we sell goes directly to the Cortaca Committee, which pays for this year’s shirts, next year’s shirts, and other Cortaca related costs.” So far Fanelli and Rocco have sold over 200 shirts to campus members, the most the club has ever sold in one year. To bring awareness to the Red Out, students have been receiving email blasts to their Cortland account, and table tents will be in the dining facilities as the date approaches. Rocco says, “It’s important that we win this year. We haven’t won in a while, and the game is at home.” Fanelli adds on, “We want the Cortaca jug back at Cortland.” If you want to purchase a red Cortaca 2010 shirt, the Cortaca Committee sells them Mondays and Wednesdays in Corey, and Tuesdays in Neubig.



# What’s Going On? Gubernatorial Election Results

## Calendar of Events: November 11-17

- Today:**
- 3 p.m.** Veterans’ Day Ceremony in Old Main Brown Auditorium.
- 6 p.m.** Enjoy international cuisine, music and dance at “Taste of the World.” Dinner and show is \$4 for students and just the show is \$2 in Corey Union Function Room.
- Friday:**
- 9 p.m. - 3 a.m.** Enjoy live music, free food, tie-dye and prizes raffled off every half hour including Cortland apparel, Cortaca tickets and iPods.
- 3 p.m.** “The Realities of the Prison Industiral Complex” in Corey Union Room 301-303.
- Saturday:**
- 12 p.m.** Watch Cortland defeat Ithaca at the Cortaca game located in the Stadium Complex.
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** 22nd Peace Conference located in 1104 Education Building.
- 8 p.m.** Music for the Cause in Corey Union Function Room.
- Sunday:**
- 364 DAYS TILL NEXT CORTACA!!!**
- Monday:**
- 8 p.m.** See Status Quo, a dance group featured on MTV’s America’s Best Dance Crew in Corey Union Function Room.
- Tuesday:**
- 6 p.m.** “Applying to Law School,” a presentation by Professor Christopher Latimer of the Political Science Department in Sperry Room 308.
- Wednesday**
- 11 a.m.** Wellness Wednesday presents “Go Cold Turkey,” where smokers will pledge to stop smoking for the day. Located in Corey Union.
- 8 p.m.** Enjoy Eliot Chang’s Stand-Up Comedy Show in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

## Key Senate races: Connecticut, Nevada, Kentucky and Delaware

By Scott Rapp's Introduction to Media Writing Class

Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives in last Tuesday's midterm elections while Democrats narrowly retained their majority edge. Republicans hold 60 more seats than they did before Election Day, and Politics Daily states that the House balance of power now consists of 239 Republican seats and 186 Democratic Seats. The Democrats still dominate the Senate balance of power. Democrats hold 52 seats and Republicans hold 46 seats after the election on Tuesday. A couple of key races in the Senate included Connecticut, Nevada, Kentucky, and Delaware. In the senate election in Connecticut, Richard Blumenthal defeated Linda McMahon. Former chief executive of World Wrestling Entertainment, McMahon received 46 percent of the votes while Blumenthal received 53 percent of votes. Blumenthal is a longtime Democratic attorney general of Connecticut and has been winning elections in Connecticut for nearly two decades, according to Raymond Hernandez of the New York Times. Blumenthal supports abortion rights and more resources for teaching as a profession, according to CNN. McMahon supports greater

tax deductions to encourage savings for IRAs and higher education. In the Nevada state election for Senate, Harry Reid defeated Sharron Angle. Reid defeated Angle by six points on Election Day. Reid will be serving his fifth term in the Senate as a Democrat. He supports the legalization of abortion if caused by incest or rape. He also supports the “Dream Act” which aids non-US citizens but permanent residents towards attending Universities in the United States. Republican member of the Nevada senate from 1999 to 2007, Sharron Angle embraces the Tea Party movement as well as opposes abortion. According to the New York Times, this race was important in order for the Democrats to keep the majority in the Senate. In the Kentucky Senate race Rand Paul defeated Jack Conway. Paul received 54 percent of the votes, while Conway received 46 percent. Conway, 41, was the state's attorney general. Paul, 47, is an eye surgeon and the son of a Texas Representative. According to ABC News, Paul questioned the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Paul also criticized Obama for the way he handled the Gulf oil spill. He called it "un-American" according to The Huffington Post. Paul promoted possible future changes to Social Security and Medicare, but then opposed any changes for the current recipients. According to his website, Conway wanted to give Medicare the ability to negotiate for discounts on prescription drugs, in order to reduce the national debt. Conway also wanted to make more credit available for business owners, to hire new workers and expand their businesses. In the Delaware Senate race, Democrat Chris Coons defeated Republican Christine O'Donnell. Coons had 53 percent vote compared to O'Donnell's 39 percent vote. Coons is a 47-year-old Democrat that grew up in Hockessin and now resides in Wilmington with his wife and three children. He was an American lawyer and politician in Wilmington and is a County Executive of New Castle County. Coons believes in increasing aid to the unemployed and expanding training programs to help those transitioning through careers. He wants to strengthen the health care system by controlling costs and keeping health insurance premiums down. Coons says he will fight to keep Medicare intact, and will fight against any legislation that will attempt to repeal. He also says that he will press for new solutions that help companies create new jobs, and will focus on four areas of job creation: restoring our innovative economy, assisting small businesses, growing our green economy, and rebuilding a viable manufacturing sector. Christine O'Donnell is a 41-year-old Republican and an American marketing consultant and political commentator. She lost to Joe Biden in 2008 in the United States Senate election. O'Donnell wants to cut taxes for small businesses and farmers. She wants to vote against Cap-N-Trade. She supports market based approach to energy independence. She also supports full funding of military and defense forces. *Writers who contributed to this story: Bryant Vargas, Jacklyn Kelley, Chelsea Wheeler, and Megan Welshko*

## Non-Traditional Students’ Week

### Non-traditional students are recognized for the diversity they bring

By Hannah Connelly  
Staff Writer

During the week of November 8 – 12, Cortland will be celebrating non-traditional students. Non-traditional students can be classified as adults over the age of 24 who have had an interruption or delay in education since high school and wish to return to school to earn a college degree. Non-traditional students, otherwise known as “adult learners,” deserve to be celebrated for making the beneficial decision of returning to school. Former Cortland President Judson H. Taylor says that "non-traditional students enhance the campus culture tremendously because of the life experience they bring to the campus.” These students are going back to school while also working to support themselves, and sometimes, dependent families. In some cases, these students have even served in the armed forces and are hoping to finish their education. During this week, Cortland will be celebrating these adults who bring diversity to campus. Many events have been planned during this week for our non-traditional students including seminars on how to juggle life and school, self-defense class-



photo from the Non-Traditional Student Support website  
**Students study and relax in the lounge on the first floor, Corey Union**

es, scholarship offers for non-traditional students and various social gatherings and dinners. In addition to these events, students and faculty are encouraged to honor outstanding non-traditional students. Non-traditional students are also encouraged to join the Non-Traditional Student Relay for Life team. If you know a non-traditional student that should be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments, you can submit a recognition form on Cortland's website by November 15 that will be presented to the students being honored. Currently there are about 400 non-traditional students enrolled and Cortland is doing as much as possible to make our campus welcoming to these students. There is a lounge located in Corey Union offering non-traditional students, who sometimes commute as far as Binghamton, Ithaca, and Utica, a place to relax or catch up on school work. This lounge offers couches, computers, coffee makers, fridges, microwaves, and even air conditioning. It's also a great place to connect with other non-traditional students. Cortland is always accepting non-traditional students and throughout the year offers events, newsletters, and resources for these students. Students can also join the Non-Traditional Students' Organization and even meet with a NTSO advisor. For more information, students are encouraged to contact the Non-Traditional Students' Organization, or Cheryl Hines, Coordinator of Non-Traditional Support.

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# The Golden State Votes Brown

**Californians vote ‘No’ for marijuana legalization and ‘Yes’ for Jerry Brown**

*By Scott Rapp's Introduction to Media Writing Class*

California voters last Tuesday shot down the legalization of marijuana and elected a new governor. The vote tallied 3,978,314 against and 3,412,387 for the proposition, according to California’s State Government website. Proposition 19 proposed the legal use of marijuana for adults 21 years and older. In addition, the state and local governments could authorize, regulate, and tax marijuana-related businesses. “Even the opponents said a lot of them were for legalization; they just had a problem

with the details,” said Richard Lee, an Oakland medical-marijuana dealer who put \$1.4 million behind the proposition. In other Election Day related news, Democrat Jerry Brown defeated Republican Meg Whitman in the California governor’s race. Brown received 3,851,196 votes while Whitman received 2,937,941 votes. Brown will be replacing Arnold Schwarzenegger as governor. Schwarzenegger was not able to run for re-election because his term was completed. Brown opposed proposition 19 because of his fears of losing control of Mexican drug cartels according to a California news crew. Brown held the governor’s office once before in California and served two terms in 1976. Whitman’s platform restricted immigration laws and called

for an increase in border control. In New York, Democratic candidate Andrew Cuomo defeated Republican candidate Carl Paladino by a margin of 28 percent. Cuomo received 2,538,502 votes while Paladino received 1,406,382 votes according to New York Times poll results. Cuomo is the only son of a former New York governor to be elected to the same office. Mario Cuomo served as governor from 1983 to 1994. The younger Cuomo ran on the campaign promise to reduce the size of the state government. "It's not about being a Democrat, a Republican or an Independent. We are New Yorkers first," Cuomo said. *Writers who contributed to this story: Brian Hampton, Jess Brooker and John Murray.*

## Sad news

**Senior Michael R. Freitas tragically passed away on October 31.**

The staff of the Dragon Chronicle regrets to inform our readers of the passing of Michael Freitas, a Senior adolescent education major here at Cortland. Michael is survived by his fiancée, Kellyanne Hearn also a student here at Cortland; father, Rick Freitas; mother, Susan Olson; step-father Donald Nickason Jr.; brothers, Tim, Ryan and Caleb "Cal" Freitas;

maternal grandparents, Donna Miller Parks and Paul Olson; paternal grandparents, Richard and Anne Freitas; several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. His family has asked that in lieu of sending flowers, to kindly consider donating to the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester Inc., 500 Genesee Street, Rochester 14611 in Michael's name. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael's family and friends. Look for further information about Michael in next week's issue of the Dragon Chronicle.

# Professor Studies American Character Education

**Professor learns about American education to bring back to Japan**

*By Marthe Seales Contributing Writer*

Dr. Ryota Yaginuma, an associate professor at Gifu National University’s Graduate School of Education in Japan, is beginning a one-year appointment as a guest scholar at Cortland’s Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility), internationally known for its work in character education. Yaginuma will work un-

der the guidance of Dr. Thomas Lickona, Center founder and director and professor in the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department. The College’s James M. Clark Center for International Education has assisted with arrangements for professor Yaginuma’s appointment. During his year at Cortland, Yaginuma plans to study research on American character education, visit schools that exemplify the approach to character education promoted by the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs, and write a book for Japanese teachers on how character education is implemented in these schools. His other major goal is to translate the Smart & Good High

Schools report, the Center’s national study of 24 award-winning high schools, so that it can be used by educators in Japan. To support his research, Dr. Yaginuma was awarded two grants: one from Gifu National University and another from Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. “I also wish to do a comparative study of American character education and Japanese moral education,” Yaginuma said, “including similarities and differences in how the two systems have responded to a shared problem such as bullying.” Yaginuma holds a Ph.D. from Japan’s Waseda University, where he specialized in the edu-

cational theory of John Dewey. He has authored six publications, including The Problem-Solving Approach to Moral Teaching and Schooling and Moral Education. Dr. Yaginuma’s wife, Michiko, and sons Yoshiki, age three, and Yuta, age one, have accompanied him to Cortland. Professor Yaginuma said he first learned about the Center’s work in character education through three Lickona books—Raising Good Children, Educating for Character, and Character Matters—that have been translated into Japanese. He first visited the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs for two weeks of study in October 2008. At that time, Lickona and Marthe Seales, co-editor of the Center’s Excel-

lence & Ethics newsletter, took him to visit several area schools, including Central Square’s Millard Hawk Primary School and Waterloo Middle School. Both schools had attended the Center’s annual Summer Institute in Character Education and subsequently won a National School of Character Award from the Character Education Partnership. Since Lickona opened the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs in 1994, it has trained more than 5,000 educators from 40 states and 20 countries through its Summer Institute. The Center is currently concluding a four-year grant from the John Templeton Foundation to spread the Smart & Good Schools vision.

## ROTC

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them from other students because they are Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadets. On November 4, Cadets arrived at the Ithaca Armory around 6 p.m. with full equipment for a weekend of training. They were quickly organized into three separate platoons made up of 24 cadets. They pick up their MRE’s (Meal Ready to Eat) and Mock M-16 assault rifles, which would be essential for their training in order to become officers. Cortland currently has 11 cadets working towards their Second Lieutenant Rank, or butter bars. For the rest of that night they received classes on land navigation, map plotting and compass reading. The next day they woke up at 4 a.m. to prepare for land navigation which started at 5 a.m. In the morning, the cadets were shipped to Mt. Pleasant for a quick brief on land navigation and to begin the course. It was raining and cold but the cadets show little signs of discomfort as they push through the fog. They traversed the 6,000 meter course using assigned maps, a compass, and their own plotting skills till noon when they returned to the Company Alpha Alpha in order to eat and have their progress evaluated. After a fifteen minute lunch- break the cadets headed to the Field Leadership Reaction

Course. Here cadets are tested on mental agility, leadership ability, and physical endurance. Junior Cadets are given a task that they must complete within in the allowed amount of time using the resources provided for them. When asked about the FLRC lanes or Field Leadership Recreation Court, Cadet Corporal David Deforest said, “It built a stronger bond with my squadmates and showed the true importance of training to help protect the greatest country in the world.” The cadets later returned to the Ithaca Armory around 5 p.m. for personal hygiene and some rifle physical training. After an intense hour long work out, cadets received their Operation Orders and prepared for the next day. Wake up was once again at 4 a.m. On Saturday morning the cadets set out after breakfast. They were sent to the isolated and imaginary land of “Atropoia” in order to battle the SAPPa army that threatens the way of life of the local populace. They marched through mud, swamps and fallen trees using military tactics and skills. Junior Cadets were evaluated on their Operation Orders, which is the format the U.S. military uses in order to plan missions and protect American interest. The Situational Training Exercise, or “STX,” teaches cadets the basic soldier skills necessary to lead troops and effectively complete a mission. “It gives us a mission and puts us under pressure in order to complete it. I like it be-

cause it’s exactly what I want to do in the Army,” said Cadet Corporal Michael Myones. Junior Cadets lead the STX lanes in the role of a squad leader. They typically control 9-12 soldiers and use various tactics to complete missions. Some of their missions include Squad Attack, Knock Out a Bunker, and Area Recon. Junior cadets teach the lower classmen first aid, enemy prisoner of war searches and how to react to civilians on the battle field. Cadets continued this training from 5 a.m. to about 5 p.m., then returned to the armory to eat and receive their orders for the next and final event: Patrol lanes. Patrol lanes are very similar to STX lanes but require more equipment and time. Cadets march tactically for miles as they reach objectives and communicate with the “Local populace” (Senior Cadets in character.) During patrols, cadets learn how to interact with other cultures in order to gain a better understanding of the region. Cadets will protect and question the High Valued Personal using wits and their Rules of Engagement. Cadets dedicate four days of their semester to train and better themselves as cadets and future officers. *The author of this article is a second year ROTC Cadet Corporal.*

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## Our View

on Cortaca weekend:

Cortaca weekend is perhaps the most anticipated weekend of the year for Cortland students. Our football team taking on the rival Ithaca Bombers provides the perfect excuse to party and drink nonstop, day and night, all weekend.

The game is home this year and many students will go to the stadium to support the Red Dragons, but most will not attend. Instead, houses will be packed with students and visitors alike, bars will be mobbed, and the streets will be flooded with drunken individuals.

Reminding students to be safe and smart during such a weekend is like asking a rock and roll band to turn its music down; they probably won't listen. So enjoy the weekend, support the team, and be mindful of and responsible for your guests.

## Letter to the editor:

Last Sunday (10/31) as I was walking into Corey Union for Dunkin Donuts I walked past a sign, about the size of a folder I use to take down class notes, that listed the dates and times for when students would be able to pick up their one free Cortaca ticket.

I quickly made a mental note of when I would make it back to Corey and pick up my one free ticket.

After reading the sign I found it odd that the size of the sign was so small; I didn't know how many people would actually notice it.

Secondly all of the dates and times were from 8:30-4:30 from Sunday until Wednesday. What about Thursday and Friday?

I find it weird that Cortland would make the window of opportunity so small for their students to obtain their one free ticket for the extremely popular Cortaca event.

It is not just a game, but a weekend-long event for which many of my sophomore friends including myself have been waiting for since last year's Cortaca. Especially because it is a home game and we can attend.

Now, I have my ticket and none of my friends do because nobody knew about it. Cortland

students should not have to pay for their own ticket.

We already pay enough to learn and live here. I understand Cortland sees Cortaca to be a great financial opportunity and I am not against them trying to take advantage of this annual event.

What I do have a problem with is when they take advantage of the students and knowingly do a poor job advertising and informing the students of when they can get their free ticket.

I only saw one flyer advertising where and when tickets would go on sale and one of the days they were handing the tickets out had already passed when I saw it.

Now I am the only one who has a ticket. None of my friends here have one and when students actually knew they were on sale the tickets sold out so quickly I cannot even buy one for my guest.

I probably will not be attending the game now because I have no one to go with and I cannot ditch my guest visiting me. Congratulations Cortland on selling out the Cortaca game...and your students.

Thank you,  
Nick LaRocca

## Not so Happy Meal

**San Francisco is first city to crack down on popular toys**

By Nathan Bell  
Staff Writer

It's finally happened. The Happy Meal crackdown has begun.

We've all heard the rumors regarding the end of the Happy Meal toy, and the government has finally taken action.

San Francisco has become the first major US city to take action against Happy Meal Toys.

The law is not a ban, but rather a set of restrictions. The law will require that restaurant kids' meals (not just McDonald's) meet specific nutritional principles before they could be sold with toys.

Because the laws are specific to towns and counties, the details are different in each case.

The San Francisco law allows toys to be given away with kids' meals, as long as the meal meets the following guidelines: It has less than 600 calories, contains fruits and vegetables, and the included beverages don't have excessive fat or sugar. The law will be effective December 1st.

Don't get me wrong, I think that Happy Meal toys are a fun part of the traditional American childhood. But this legislation doesn't surprise me. Happy Meal toys are a key marketing tool used to lure kids into fast food restaurants. Happy Meal toys are fattening our youth.

The location of the crackdown doesn't surprise me either because San Francisco is known for its liberal activism. Overall, I appreciate the passage of the law.

It's not like me to be in favor of more government regulation, but the childhood obesity problem is really getting out of hand in America and I'm ready to see something done about it.

The obesity rate in America is up to 31 percent. That percentage is more than the percentages of Germany, Italy and France combined.

If we ever want to lower this percentage, children need to be taught healthy eating habits at a young age.

Think about it this way. You're a 6-year-old kid. You're hungry, and have two options: a cheeseburger, fries and coke, or a chicken sandwich, apple, water, and a toy of your favorite superhero. Which one are you going to pick?

We know that the mind of a 6 year old isn't too complex. He's going to go with the meal that has the toy, regardless of the food.

So will the new regulations really help to drop childhood obesity rates in the United States?

For now it's unclear, but it's about time some action is taken to pave the way for a slimmer America. I look forward to seeing other U.S. cities follow San Francisco's bold move.

## Is Twitter taking over Pro Sports?

**More and more athletes are using Twitter; is it hurting sports?**

By Ronnie Beach  
Staff Writer

What if athlete's opinions were considered true facts and all of their thoughts were shared in a quick maximum 140-character message?

Sadly this "what-if" is a reality, with more than 70% of professional athletes tweeting; fans consider these snapshots of their idols lives as lessons to live by.

Some tweets by athletes would even have Confucius jealous: the key word here being 'some.' Most tweets from professional athletes look a little like this Chad Ocho Cinco tweet: (@OGOchoCinco): Man yall believe this (bleep), i went to the tanning salon and my skin complexion is officially pumppernicklesatinblue."

Social media has taken over in today's society and Twitter is a main culprit in this take over. These short random blurbs are a cornerstone to the lives of us all, especially if you're a professional athlete.

In professional sports, the art of tweeting has spread like wildfire and it's gotten to the point where it's not socially acceptable if you're an athlete and you don't tweet everything about your life.

Athletes and fans have welcomed this trend with open-

arms; it gives the relationship between the two a lot more personal and it makes the whole sports experience more intimate.

Unfortunately, because the experience as a fan is more personal, it means that there is more trust.

Trust that Chad Ocho Cinco's skin 'complexion' really did turn pumppernicklesatinblue or that Kevin Garnett called Charlie Villanueva a "cancer patient" during a recent match up because of his alopecia areata, a disorder that prevents him from growing hair.

Even if Ocho Cinco did look like a blue pumpkin after his tanning session or if Garnett called Villanueva a "cancer patient," it brings up another point: how much is too much?

Should athletes disclose every detail about what goes on both in and out of their profession?

These answers rely on both who the athlete is and the situation that they're in. Of course fans want to know what their favorite athletes dressed up as for Halloween, that's part of the fun of Twitter, but to discuss trash talking amongst teams just seems a little immature.

Trash talking is an integral part of sports at all levels, and although some of it may be harsh, there is an unwritten rule that whatever is said will not go public.

Whether Kevin Garnett really did call Charles Villanueva a "cancer patient" or not, is

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# Consider this, Cortland

About a month ago, hip hop artist Kanye West expanded his twitter page and decided to follow 15 people.

This story made the news because all 15 of the people West decided to follow are supermodels.

I thought, well obviously West wants to follow 15 gorgeous women; forming any kind of relationship with a beautiful woman is a something most men would sign up for.

Then I thought: what makes them beautiful—more specifically—what makes them beautiful and famous?

The answer is: their ability to pose in front of the camera and look nearly perfect for a portrait photo. This is when I realized that although these models make a living off of an art form, they also promote an inaccurate representation of life and life’s experiences.

My problem is not with the model’s beauty, it is with the photograph’s fallacious indications.

A photograph succeeds in revealing not how things were,

but rather makes things appear to be what they were not. A portrait or pose set up to capture a moment in history, really tells us nothing about that moment or that time period.

If a swimsuit model were doing a photo shoot, these following things must be accounted for before the perfect shot is captured: lighting is profound and poignant, waves are subtly encroaching on the sandy beach, model is clad in perfect attire, makeup is mastered, pose is rehearsed and situated, and the photographer is set at appropriate angle.

The shot is taken, saved, and circulated. This is no ordinary day at the beach.

This is the facade that nearly every portrait endorses. Life does not proceed like a series of portraits and rehearsed snapshots, in fact, if life had a P.R. representative capable of voicing its concerns, this representative would probably sue portraits for appropriation.

Furthermore, life would be livid with the false and negligent interpretation that these portraits perpetuate. How accurate can

photos truly be to the human condition if they are staged and rehearsed?

Humanity cannot be captured in a portrait; the ambitions of an era cannot be detailed. Action photos and photos being taken without the subjects in the scene being aware of the photographer are truly capturing and defining.

These pictures reveal something about humanity because they are not arranged, enhanced, or scripted. Many of these types of photos exist and I believe these shots are more artistic and beautiful than anything that a portrait photo can produce.

Why is it that we favor and obsess over portraits? Why is it that we obsess over models and photographers that create an entirely artificial representation of life in their work?

Ask any photographer that is ambitious about capturing humanity and the surrounding world in his or her work, and he or she will tell you that they much prefer taking actions shots than portraits.

Famous sports photographer Walter Iooss has been working

with Sports Illustrated for nearly fifty years. He has been present at every single Superbowl ever played, and he is the lead photographer for the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition every year.

I mention these two bodies of work not because they are his most famous but also because they are different: at the Superbowl he shoots action shots and for the Swimsuit issue he is shooting portraits.

On his website, Iooss says that he enjoys shooting action photos more than he does portraits. Iooss also travels to different countries and photographs kids, teenagers, and adults participating in recreational sport.

Children playing stickball in the streets of Cuba and boxers sparring atop a dusty ring in a dark room in Taiwan have produced some of Iooss’ favorite images.

These are the interactions and competitions of individuals whose motivations are not attached to a dollar sign. These are the scenes that Iooss loves photographing because they reveal something other than great

athletics and entertainment; they show both passion and escape.

There is a place for portrait photography. The artistic and aesthetic fulfillment that a portrait photo produces is valuable and requires talent, but to place any value in a portrait beyond these reasons is not something we should pursue.

The history books should not be filled with portraits, but instead be replete with action shots and natural pictures. It is these types of pictures that tell 1,000 words, meaning only these photos can tell a story.

*This column is intended to motivate participation and feedback from our readers. Please e-mail your responses in relation to this article to dragon.chronicle@cortland.edu, addressed as a letter to the editor.*

-Matt Ianno

## TWITTER

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irrelevant. Because it was posted on Twitter, the media considered it as a factual statement and

that’s where the problem arises in athletes using the service.

Many sources rely on twitter for their personal news source but in reality it’s just an opinionated text message.

This addicting messaging service is a hit in the sports world and a forefather in the social

media movement; right up there with Facebook and Myspace.

Whether or not this trend is here to stay, it is interesting to see how this develops in sports and whether steps that will be taken to regulate things like this.

## Lines and Crowds Expand Downtown

**Holidays and big week-ends draw large crowds to Cortland bars**

By Samuel Dutkowsky  
Staff Writer

For Cortland students, the holiday season doesn’t only consist of a couple days in December. It kicks off the week of Halloween and doesn’t stop until everybody goes home for winter break.

Halloween, Cortaca, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are four certain days that come at you faster than ever. To the student body they aren’t just days, they are an excuse for a week long of festivities.

Now, it is common with every holiday that things become more crowded, and that’s fine. However, it poses several problems to the college student who tends to go out every weekend.

“People start coming out of the wood-work” stated Brian Donahue, a senior from upstate. “It’s difficult to move around inside the bars, and waiting in line for twenty minutes is brutal.”

This brings up a very good point. With the holidays coming around, you tend to see the

downtown scene become more of a struggle than a good time.

As we all know, Cortland isn’t exactly the warmest place in the world, and waiting in line for twenty to thirty minutes doesn’t only cost you your buzz, but it also makes you rethink going out. Ordering drinks is just as tough because your chances of getting the bartender’s attention are pretty slim.

Now you would think that most people would share this concept but that turned out to be false. “I live for the crowds,” stated Brendan Bellew, a junior from Long Island. “The more packed it is, the better time I have.”

This opposing view sheds light on the positive aspect of the bars being packed. As the bars get more crowded, there are more people to converse with. You have the chance to see kids out who you don’t normally see, which is always a good time.

To go along with this, everyone knows that parties are always better when you have a good mix of people attending.

These upstate/Long Island viewpoints seem to be a bit cliché, but nothing is wrong with that.

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Lil Wayne released from Jail

Year of the Underdog

With Lil Wayne out of jail, fans can look forward to more creativity

By Milan Rowson  
Staff Writer

For those of you who are not Lil Wayne fans you will probably not like this article, and can add it to your “top ten reasons to hate Lil Wayne” list.

Yes, I am writing this article as a Lil Wayne fan and Dragon Chronicle writer with the perfect excuse to discuss his release from prison.

For those of you who may not know or may not have heard about Lil Wayne, he is a Grammy Award winning artist who had the best selling album in 2008.

To add to his list of achievements, he is the only artist since Tupac to have a #1 album on the chart and have that album go platinum while in prison.

I am not glorifying his incarceration and this new achievement does seem to send the wrong message, but someone who can do this is making a tremendous impact on music fans.

The only part of his new achievement that I will give him credit for is the fact that he just sold one million records

with miniscule promotion, no television or radio interviews, and the album was not one that I would use as evidence for his artistic talent or credibility.

Still not sure who this man is? Just watch a rerun of 60 minutes with Katie Couric or go to YouTube, type in his name, and watch one of his 20,000,000 plus more viewed videos.

Lil Wayne was recently released after serving eight months for attempted possession of a weapon.

Why does creativity begin once again you ask? Lil Wayne’s latest single off his recently #1 album “I am not a Human Being” of the same name, reveals his creative lyricism.

In the chorus of this song, Lil Wayne raps, “I thank God that I am not basic.” This is a very bold statement especially for an artist who is categorized in the music genre of Hip-Hop and Rap where everybody can seem basic.

Lil Wayne quickly proves why he is not basic as soon as the song starts, with a guitar riff that one would not normally find or expect in a rap song.

Lil Wayne continues to show why he is not basic with lines such as, “I don’t know why they keep playing, they better re-plan, I’m giving them the Blues, Bobby Blue Bland.”

The creativity continues in his second verse with, “I would try you, I wouldn’t lie dude, I must be sticky, cause them B@#%\*s got they eyes glued.”

This song, its chorus and lyrics, is what continues to set Lil Wayne apart from others. His creativity has evolved to the point that he is credited for having his own rap or hip-hop style.

When other rappers try to use, mimic, or copy this style, fans or listeners immediately recognize who’s the originator.

After his release, Lil Wayne surprised his own hit artist Drake at one of Drake’s shows in Las Vegas.

If readers search for a video from the concert on the internet, they will hear applause that only artists at Lil Wayne’s level receive.

The crowd’s applause is a reflection of how Lil Wayne’s fans feel about his music.

The verse that he performs from the song “Miss Me” is another sign of his creativity and it has eleven million views on YouTube.

“And when I’m in the booth, Mr. Lion is loose, man I got so many styles, I am a group,” is another one of his creative lines, and fans cannot wait to hear more now that he is out of jail.

This year in sports has seen many underdogs reach glory

By Eric Feuer  
Staff Writer

In both life and sports there are those who succeed and those who don’t. But every dog will have its day.

Recently in sports, teams that no one thought could win are winning games. While sheer domination of a sport by either a player or team can be entertaining to watch, it’s always refreshing to see new faces winning.

In the chaos that is the BCS there are teams that automatically qualify for a chance to play in one of the major bowl games only because of the conferences they play in.

In the last three years some teams from non qualifying conferences, such as Boise State and Texas Christian University, have shown that they can play with the big boys.

Some college football analysts have even said they believe Boise State or TCU could win a game against some of the bigger schools such as Alabama, Ohio State, Florida or Oregon.

As of the most recent AP poll for the BCS, Oregon was one, followed by Auburn, TCU, Boise State and LSU. Two of the top five teams are non automatic qualifiers.

However, the question still remains of whether one of these teams will be ranked number one or get the chance to play for the championship. If they have the

record they should be given the chance to play.

Baseball has also seen a number of turnaround teams in the last few years.

Two years ago the Tampa Bay Rays not only made the playoffs for the first time, but they went to the World Series where they met the Phillies who were in the midst of establishing a new dominance.

This year the Reds, Rangers and Giants all made the playoffs. The Reds were there last in 1995, the Rangers in 1999, and the Giants in 2003.

The Rangers not only won their first playoff series ever, they went to the World Series where they lost in five games to the San Francisco Giants. The Giants won their first World Series since 1954. Unfortunately, in baseball, many teams can’t compete at the same level as some of the other teams solely because of where they are based.

Small market teams can’t afford the same payroll that big cities like New York, Los Angeles and Boston can.

Even in football, where the bad teams have a hard time becoming good, things have been turning around for many teams.

The New Orleans Saints were the laughing-stock of the NFL earlier this decade, then Hurricane Katrina came and the “blank” hit the fan.

No stadium, a traumatized fan base, and a bad team equals horror show. Then Drew Brees and Sean Payton came in and helped turn things around. If you haven’t heard, they won the Superbowl last year by beating the previously unbeatable Indianapolis Colts.

CROWDS

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The downtown scenes around the holidays to upstate kids are like the clubs of Long Island

every weekend.

It is typical that most upstaters wouldn’t enjoy the crowd, and the same goes with the islanders soaking it all in. Both viewpoints are very interesting and create a grey area for someone who is from out of town.

Ask an upstater, they’ll tell you that you won’t be able to move. Ask an islander, they’ll tell you to get ready to rage.



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## “The Exhibition of Women”

**Women of Color weekend trip celebrates unity and femininity**

**By Bianca Hendricks**  
*Staff Writer*

This past weekend Women of Color (WOC) held their 1st Annual weekend-escape trip entitled, “The Exhibition of Women.”

The trip was an effort to offer a cultural experience to the club’s members, who meet weekly on Thursday’s at 6 p.m. in the Student Voice Office.

The itinerary included a trip to the newly released film, “For Colored Girls,” the “Ain’t I Woman?” exhibition, and the Brooklyn Museum’s First Saturdays’ event hosted on the first Saturday of every month.

Jean-Necole Longmore, Vice-President of Women of Color, shared that, “It’s important that our club gets to experience things that speak to our cause. It reinforces our theme of empowerment, and this trip was a great opportunity for that.” When asked what the club’s cause was, she explained, “we provide a forum for women of color to discuss issues that deeply impact us, in addition to empowering one another...all women are women of color.”

The first stop on the trip was to Tyler Perry’s “For Colored Girls,” a film that brought the play, “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf,” to the big screen.

The film tells the story of ten different women’s struggles as women of color. The storyline for the film was adopted from the collection of poems featured in the play written by Ntozake Shange.

The next stop for WOC was to Brooklyn to visit the Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCada) and The Brooklyn Museum.

Since July 15, 2010 and continuing until December 19th, The MoCada has been featuring a



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### WOC executive board members along with artist Kimberly Becoat

group exhibition entitled, “Ain’t I A Woman?”

The exhibition features “contemporary artistic depictions of women of African descent, with a focus on their interiority.”

Borrowing the title from the 1885 speech of women’s rights activist, Sojourner Truth, the exhibition seeks to explore the “emotional and spiritual” lives of women of color.

Curated by Kimberli Grant, the artists were instructed to choose a selection from “The Heinemann Book of African Women’s Poetry” as an inspiration for their piece.

Grant also includes a participatory component in which visitors were asked to complete questions about their own perspectives of women of color; the finished question cards are then posted for viewing.

The weekend came to a close with a trip to the Brooklyn Museum’s First Saturdays.

Amongst the multitude of activities offered at First Saturdays, the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center For Feminist Art offered a curator talk with Catherine Morris, entitled, “Seductive Subversion: Women Pop Artists,” and a discussion forum with psychiatrist Julie Holland on the work of artist Fred Tomaselli.

Both activities featured by the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center For Feminist Art, filled the center’s capacity within the first twenty minutes of the event, forcing many attendees to attend other activities that were less focused on women’s issues.

Women of Color’s First Annual weekend escape trip was both enlightening and empowering for executive board members and club members. It allowed for insight into a culture that is often overlooked and underappreciated.

## “Café Russe”

**Dowd theater holds recital as tribute to composer Timofei Dokshitser**

**By Steve Hernandez**  
*Staff Writer*

On Tuesday, November 2nd in Dowd Theater, two of Cortland’s musical department members, Ralph Dudgeon and Marina Gorelaya, held a recital in which they played the trumpet and piano, respectively.

The performance was given with the name of “Café Russe,” and was a tribute to Timofei Dokshitser, a Russian composer who passed away in 2005.

The performance consisted of ten pieces, each being written by a different European composer.

Three of these pieces were solos, two for the piano and one for the trumpet.

Some of the pieces would sound familiar to even the most infrequent of music listeners.

“Flight of the Bumblebee” which was written originally by Nikolay A. Rimsky-Korsakov for a full orchestra, and can be heard in the film *Kill Bill*, was the first piece played by Mr. Dudgeon who performed it on the trumpet.

The piece is very fast paced and exciting, and would make anyone that hears it energized.

As I’m sure other people in the theatre had, I had already heard the piece, although it was refreshing to hear the song in a live setting.

“Rhapsody in Blue” was the third song that the duo played. This song combined elements of the previous two, “Nocturne and Arietta,” which were written as joint pieces, though not written by the same person.

“Rhapsody in Blue” was written by Goerge Gershwin and was later arranged by Timofei Dokshitser.

The piece was almost chaotic, fluctuating between speed and

sluggishness during its almost ten minutes of duration. It gave both Mr. Dudgeon and Ms. Gorelaya the opportunity to show their talent and precision in playing their respective instruments.

The song also had solo parts that could be and were written for both the trumpet and the piano, which seemed to catch the audience by surprise, as they came out of nowhere.

Marina Gorelaya played “Waltz” as a piano solo, which was written by Vladimir Re-bikoff, making it the seventh song of the evening.

She dedicated her performance of “Waltz” to the memory of her friend, Tanya Magda. She played this technically complex piece effortlessly.

She was certainly emotional during the performance, and it showed in the intensity of her performance.

The duo also played “Russian Dance, Op. 32,” originally by Oskar Bohme. The performance of this song is very reminiscent of Kozachok, the well-known and now popularized Russian dance that can be seen in many films and plays.

This was followed by one last short song entitled “Concert Etude, Op.49.”

The song was short enough that the sounds of the previous piece still resonated in the ears of the audience, leaving it in an optimistic mood.

Yet, it was still as notable as the rest of the pieces that were performed during the evening.

Anyone on campus who holds an interest in orchestral music should keep a close eye on the Dowd Theater schedule, as there will likely be more concerts as the school year progresses.

## Student’s Hang Ten At Cortland Nites Hawaiian Luau

**Cortland Nites takes on tropical theme with Hawaiian Luau**

**By Becky Greenland**  
*News Editor*

Chelsea Smith was surfing, well, balancing, on top of a mechanical surfboard that spun and rocked, trying to ditch its surfer, much like a mechanical bull would throw its cowboy.

Behind her, girls formulated a beach volleyball match while others swung at a sandal-shaped pinata, and some first-year friends talked over pizza and strawberry slushies.

This is how the Corey Union Function Room was transformed into a Hawaiian Luau last Saturday night, complete with blow-up palm trees and complementary leis at the door.

The Luau was part of the Campus Activities Board’s Cortland Nites, a program that runs nearly every weekend at Cortland. It provides entertainment for students such as movies, the Foam Dance Party, miniature

golf, and bongo ball tournaments, all of which are free.

Though the Hawaiian Luau didn’t host as many participants as expected, students agreed that they had a great time. “There’s not that many people but it’s nice because we can just hang out with our friends and use the games,” said junior Becky Rooney, referring to the game “Twister” she and her friends were playing.

Along with “Twister,” card games and “Taboo” were placed on tables for students to get a game going, and hoola-hoops were spread around the floor.

The hoola-hoops were a favorite among many students such as Stephanie Vitale, an Early Childhood/Childhood Education major who managed to keep her hoop going for a half hour.

Events such as these are possible through ASC grants, according to Mary-Kate Boland, Assistant Director of Campus Activities. She said that blow-up entertainment items such as the electronic surfboard and the Foam Dance Party can cost anywhere between \$900 to \$3000.

Students certainly took ad-

vantage of the free rides on the surf board and many went multiple times. Nathan Fulmer, a junior Early Childhood Education major, said that this was his favorite part of the night.

Carmela Laya, another Early Childhood/Childhood Education major, also enjoyed the Luau, and said, “I came because it’s my senior year and it’s one of the last times I can do things like this. It’s a great way to meet people without the party atmosphere.”

Smith, is a junior Recreation Management major and the Student Assistant of Campus Activities, she helped put together the Hawaii Luau and said she enjoys planning and attending Cortland Nites. “Since I now live off campus, being at these events helps me gauge what people like and helps me create events students want to go to.”

The next Cortland Nites event will be the Cortaca Mug on Friday, November 12 from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at the Interfaith Center. Live music by the Rock and Blues ensemble and the Stephen Bradley Band. There will be free food, tie-dying and prizes raffled

off every half hour such as iPods, Cortland apparel, Cortaca tickets and more. The event is a joint effort sponsored by Cortland Nites, the Council of Churches and the Residence Life and Housing. Look out for more Cortland Nites events throughout campus.



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**Carmela Laya surfing on the mechanical surfboard**



# Gospel Festival Unites

**25th Anniversary Gospel Festival unites students from all over Central NY**

By Jessica Downer  
Staff Writer

"Energy" is the best word to describe the 25th African American Gospel Music Festival that took place on Sunday November 7th in Brown Auditorium.

Along with the Cortland Gospel Choir, the concert featured Cortland A Cappella, Binghamton University, SUNY Oswego, and Syracuse University.

President Erik Bitterbaum welcomed the audience members attending the event, followed by Dr. Marie Agen, who gave a prayer for the performers.

There was immense support from all the choirs. Members from every choir were on their feet while another choir was performing.

Some memorable performances included, "With God I Can," performed by Binghamton University Choir, "Let's Dance" performed by the Cortland Gospel Choir and Syracuse University.

Shaeleena Bowers, junior and Cortland Gospel Choir member, commented on performing with the other choirs "We all had so much fun up there singing for God." "It was awesome when some of the schools stood up and sang with us."

Julia Karpinski, junior, said, "This concert to me is about all the choirs coming together to bless the campus and share in the spirit of gospel music. We all have different styles and we get to

share with each other."

Though the choirs have been coming to these festivals for many years, this was a first experience for many students from all of the schools.

This was true for Larissa Asam and Nekeita Bowlin, both freshman at Oswego. "Singing in this choir is a lot of fun and a great experience for me" said Asam. "This festival gives me a chance to meet some new people, I am looking forward to hear the other choirs sing," said Bowlin.

Some choir members had attended the event before, like Schuchanna Adlam, a junior from Binghamton. "Last year was great and it was even better this year" said Adlam. "My personal favorite choir was the Syracuse Choir, who is the best, to me, every year."

Gospel Chocolate performed at the festival with their powerful performance of "Hosanna" by Kirk Franklin.

Their performance had people on their feet dancing and singing along with the group. No one could deny the professionalism and energy coming from the choirs, especially when the choirs came together to sing "Alpha and Omega" and "Oh Happy Day".

After the concert, audience members had nothing but great things to say. Dr. Seth Asuhma, one of the advisors behind the choir stated, "This is one of the better concerts we've had, and it's significant because of the 25th anniversary. This concert was life-affirming and community building."

Overall, the concert was a dynamic and uplifting event.

# Beverly Hills Housewives Know How To Spend

**The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills make viewers question recession**

By Christina D'Agostino  
Staff Writer

## REVIEW

"Beverly Hills... That's where I want to be!"

Apparently, Weezer and I share that feeling mutually. After watching this week's episode of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* cleverly titled, "It's my Party and I'll Spend if I Want To," viewers learned that above all, at the end of the day, the children come first.

"I run a multibillion dollar business, but the hardest job in the world is being a mom," stated one of the shows more ambitious housewives, Adrienne Maloof. In this episode, naturally after the title, the centripetal thing was birthday parties; however, these were just not any birthday parties- they were \$50,000 birthday parties for little girls who would never remember them.

Taylor's daughter, 4-year-old Kennedy, had a Mad Hatter themed birthday party that was completely over the top and mind-blowing.

It was a birthday party like no other, and was complete with extravagant floral arrangements, endless tapestry, and of course, 25 little girls.

However, although the party was obviously held to glorify little Kennedy, it was also adult friendly-which was made obvious through the display of cocktails

that coincided with the theme.

As if the extravagant party wasn't enough, each little girl was left with a special Barbie necklace as a souvenir of Kennedy's special day; however, Kennedy of course had the same necklace that was embellished with diamonds- altogether totaling around \$5,500.

Kyle, another housewife, also held a birthday extravaganza for her 2 year old daughter, Portia, that actually took place on the same day of Kennedy's party. The only difference between the two parties was that Portia's was geared more towards the children.

At Portia's party, instead of having cocktails to go along with the theme, there were more child friendly attributes; a petting zoo, bouncy house, and choochoo train ride. Also, Kyle decided to

go with a princess theme, rather than following the trend of *Alice in Wonderland*.

Overall, although these women appear consumed in money - that is not always the case. In this episode, Camille revealed that she actually is very generous to those in need; for instance, when her friends husband lost his job and thus his whole life, she let the family reside in one of her homes, in addition to lending them one of her cars.

This episode was perfectly titled because although the birthday parties were a great part of this episode, spending, of course, reigned over all.

*The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* airs Thursdays at 10 p.m. on Bravo.



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Beverly Hills housewives in photo for the promotion of first season

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Welcome To Study Hall

Not Only For Colored Girls

**With breakfast, dinner, and Wi-Fi, The Study Hall is not your average bar**

By Melissa Kane  
Staff Writer

It used to be known as Hool-ey’s, but now Cortland Students, please welcome The Study Hall.

Sorry, mom and dad, this is not the ordinary study hall where one goes to get work done. The Study Hall will be known for its to-go breakfast, specialty drinks, and creative school theme worked into every nook and cranny.

As I walked into the newly painted building, I was greeted by two young, eager co-owners, John Constantino and Ryan Kolas. The owners, also friends, have both been in real estate for the past five years and have now jumped into the restaurant business. “We saw a great opportunity, and we could not pass it up,” said John.

Their experience working with college student housing seems to have given them the perfect idea for a college bar and restaurant. They explained to me that they have geared this bar to be what the average college student wants.

Their “go with the flow” attitude has worked so far as they wrap up their last few weeks of preparation. All the ideas of the bar have been centered around the “school” theme. Not only is the name of the bar, The Study Hall, but their menu is also school related, created to look like an old school composition notebook.

For all those who like to sleep in late, do not worry, The Study Hall will serve breakfast all day and night. Along with breakfast, lunch, and dinner options will be served as well.

Picture this, you are walking to your early morning class and just as you’re about to make the long, steep, tiresome trip up the hill, you stop into The Study Hall for a pop-tart and a coffee to go, or even a sit down for waffles and some juice. Your day goes by and it was just that much better because of the morning stop.

Now it’s 8 p.m. and it’s time for Monday Night Football, and you go to the Study Hall with your friends to enjoy a dozen wings and a pitcher. Does it get any better?

The Study Hall is not your typical bar and restaurant; it has food and drinks but so much more as well.

The bar is full of accessories, TV’s, darts, a juke box, house music, and they will also have a photo booth for all those picture lovers (tag me).

Don’t forget about all the specials, wing night, two for one, and even rock paper scissors for those feeling lucky.

The Study Hall also sells lottery tickets and tobacco products. There are plenty of t-shirts to go around, not only for college students but The Study Hall will feature a t-shirt to raise money for the local schools as well.

Besides all the amazing deals and specials, The Study Hall provides Wi-Fi for students who want to do work on their computers, and also personal coffee “Study Hall” mugs students can use daily. If you don’t have cash, no worries; The Study Hall takes connections for any food purchases.

Whether it is for your morning wake up or your night time getaway, The Study Hall has something for all.

**Tyler Perry’s “For Colored Girls” movie speaks to every female**

By Jessica Downer  
Staff Writer

*REVIEW*

Though the title suggests a specific audience, For Colored Girls, brings something that anyone of any color or gender can enjoy.

The movie is based off of the 1975 play “For Colored Girls Who Have Ever Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf.” Directed by Tyler Perry, the movie features some of the most established African-American actresses in the business, which include Kimberly Elise, Janet Jackson, Loretta Devine, Thandie Newton, Anika Noni Rose, Phylicia Rashad, and Whoopi Goldberg.

The issues that are addressed in the movie included rape, back-alley abortion, sex and love, and abuse.

Each character in the movie expresses these issues with such power and grace that you cannot help but to feel for them and think, “What if that were me?”

This movie is definitely a feminist movie in the respect that only one man in the play is repu-



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**All star cast of For Colored Girls in promotional photo for the film**

table. This is a strong metaphor of the powerful black women overpowering the oppressive male.

One of the cons of the movie is the recited monologues/ poems that the main characters recite. This style of monologue most likely worked for the play, because plays give a chance for the character to step out of the scene to address the audience. This style does not work for the movie because it is distracting to the action happening around the characters.

However, these monologues also gave powerful insight to not only what colored girls go through but also women in general. I feel that the way they are recited does not give them enough justice.

Some comedic elements relieve the pressure of the traumatic events of the movie. The colors in “For Colored Girls” also represents degrees of emotion coming together to represent the persona of a black woman, like the characters coming together to support each other.

This movie was enjoyable and though it gives insight of the plight of a “colored” girl, many women can relate to the trials of the characters.

Rock For A Cause

**Rock For A Cause raises money with music at the Blue Frog**

By Matt Ianno  
Opinions Editor

On Tuesday Nov. 2, the Blue Frog Café on Main Street hosted “Rock for a Cause.”

The three-hour event included six different acts and was hosted by the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

The proceeds collected from the \$3 door charge and 50/50 raffle went to the Cortland Salvation

Army.

“The crowd was having a good time...they were participating in the music,” said Zach Young, a senior at Cortland who performed with his housemates at the event.

The crowd was also large, as chairs filled up quickly and some guests had to resort to standing room.

The majority of the music performed was acoustic and folk, with a few performers doing covers of popular songs.

The event combined music and good fun with giving back to the community.



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Brandon Eilbert and Sean O’Connor on stage at Rock For A Cause



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# Player Profile: Football Standout Joe Lopez

**The senior cornerback was selected to the D III Senior Bowl Classic**

**By Steve Cuce**  
*Staff Writer*

The crowd volume had been reduced to a whisper in the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex on a dark, gloomy, October afternoon as the first half was nearing a close. Cortland quarterback, Dan Pitcher, had been intercepted by Montclair State cornerback Kevin Cloghessy, who returned it 23 yards to the Cortland 25 with 39 seconds remaining. The Red Dragons trailed 9-0 as the Red Hawks looked to ice the contest on a momentum shifting defensive turnover.

“Going into the half you want to go in with some type of lead. As unfortunate as it was for Pitcher to throw that pick, with our defense this is what we’ve been doing all year, regardless if we’re put in easy or hard situations. We make plays,” says senior cornerback, Joe Lopez.

Coming up with a big play in times of desperation is what makes up the caliber of a championship defense. Two plays into the drive coming off the Cloughessy interception, Montclair State quarterback Tom Fischer looked to his left and decided to take a gamble by lofting a desperation heave throw to the end zone where Lopez was awaiting his pass.

“I kind of want to say it

was a gift because when you look it over, the quarterback for Montclair wasn’t even looking to my side. They were just looking at the front side, which I consider the backside of the play to me. There was nowhere to throw it to, so he just wanted one last heave-ho to the end zone and I was able to make a good break on the play. It was good. I really didn’t think about it until after the game because we held them to no points and it was a momentum shift there when they could have easily settled for a field goal,” says Lopez.

Last Saturday, Lopez intercepted William Paterson’s Ryan Gresik, returning the pass back for a 26-yard touchdown. The interception broke a school record with an interception in five straight games while adding to his total of seven on the season. It has been a magical senior season for the cornerback from Port Jeff Station, New York. Lopez, as well as senior captain Evan Wyler, were selected to play in the Division III Senior Bowl Classic, set to be played December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at 7 p.m.

The Collegiate Development Football League (CDFL) presents the opportunity to showcase and recognize the best senior laden D-III football talent on center stage during the first week of December over the last two years in Salem, Virginia. The “D-III Football Senior Classic” will bring players who represent D-III football programs, to a North vs. South all-star format according to their official website.

Lopez described the feeling

of being selected to the second annual Division III Classic, as “a nice accomplishment. My parents were ecstatic. I think I got my Dad to cry over the phone when I told him. It was kind of funny



photo by Kyle Garland

**Senior Joe Lopez drops back into coverage**

and cool.”

A challenge that presents itself with being selected to the DIII Senior Bowl Classic is that the contest is player run, meaning the participants of the game have to foot the costs of travel, lodging and playing themselves. The game is also played during the DIII postseason meaning some of the players may not even play in the contest after accepting the events.

“It’s player run, so we do have to cover the fees ourselves. I’m not too worried about it; I’m trying to get some exposure and start some funding so I can pay for some of it. It’s a great opportunity to play some of the best Division III senior football players in the country and see where I stand amongst them,” claimed Lopez.

The man wearing number one on the Red Dragons defense attributes the successes of his 4-year career in part due to the culture brought on by the coaching staff.

“One thing about our coaches and all our players, we do a great job of staying on task and staying focused. The biggest thing is about keeping it fun. I realized through this

season being my senior year that it’s not worth playing the game unless you’re having the time of your life. All of our coaches do an amazing job keeping us out there and having fun. We’re just having the time of our lives. I’m going out there with a smile on my face. It’s not everyday you see football players going out there with smiles on their face.”

The Lopez family also plays a huge role in what Joe believes is the reason he has done so well as he stands at the pinnacle of his Cortland career.

“For the amount of traveling my parents do each week to come and see me play a game each week that really goes a long way. I use it as motivation. I look at them in the stands and I’m just so thankful for everything they’ve done for me to be where I am. I wouldn’t be where I am if it wasn’t for them.”

If there is one motivation to keep in the rearview mirror that helps the senior defensive back stay calm as Cortland takes the field, Lopez thinks of a quote he read in *Sports Illustrated* from Mark Sanchez.

“I love the quote by Mark Sanchez in the second week of the season in NFL. He said ‘We’re a grown group of men playing a kids game.’ I read that somewhere. I think it was *Sports Illustrated* and I thought about it. I’m 21 years old and I have the opportunity to play a game that is played by kids and I’m having the time of life with it. That’s the biggest thing from my standpoint on the defensive side. We just have fun doing what we do.”

## Bombers Cruise in Water

**Despite taking the loss, Cortland team is happy with individual results**

**By Heather Fairchild**  
*Copy Editor*

Despite tired bodies and an unfortunate final score, the Red Dragon men’s and women’s teams swam to a solid finish and a successful weekend overall. Though falling on both sides to Ithaca, the times posted by swimmers proves promising for the upcoming weekend versus Geneseo.



photo by staff photographer Todd Curtis

**Sophomore swimmer Kat Harris competes in a breast-stroke event**

defeated by the Bombers 203-97. Sophomore Jessica Evans, senior Rachel Phillips, and freshman Sarah Culmo led the team with a first and second place finish each. Evans won the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.56) and placed second in the 200-yard freestyle (2:01.28) while Phillips conquered the 200-yard breaststroke (2:34.53) and placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.70. Culmo captured the 50-yard freestyle in 26.04 and finished second in the 100-yard freestyle (55.89).

Second place finishes were the trend of the meet, with five different women placing in their respective events. Graduate student Lauryn Kaznowski was

second in diving in both 3-meter (215.25 points) and 1-meter (200.95 points). Freshman Brenna Munz and junior Michelle Seeger finished second in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:29.46) and 50-yard freestyle (26.13), respectively. Chrisanna Hickey, freshman, placed second in both the 200-yard butterfly (2:16.84) and the 200-yard individual medley (2:19.60).

The men’s side also swam to a solid performance against the Bombers, falling 174.5-125.5. Freshman Brandon McManus won two events in the meet, conquering the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:21.51) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:06.57). He also placed second in the 200-yard butterfly, finishing with a time of 2:11.89. Other wins were turned in by sophomore Justin Nelson, in the 200-yard backstroke (2:01.19), freshman Matt Distler in the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.92) and sophomore Kyle Kaznowski in one-meter diving with 262.40 points.

Although the losses on both sides prove disappointing for the swimmers, the meet showed a team capable of stepping up to perform at their best, no matter the result. “There were a lot of really fast times on Saturday,” said senior captain Rachel Phillips. “The end result doesn’t matter as much as the fact that as a team we are becoming stronger and smarter in the water.” The added incentive of Ithaca’s strong sportsmanship will definitely help to fire up the Red Dragons to bigger successes in the future.

Both teams are 2-1 on the season and travel to Geneseo for a tough match-up this Saturday.

## Bears Fall on Ice

**Cortland splits the weekend once again with win over Potsdam**

**By Justin Ritzel**  
*Staff Writer*

If there is one common aspect of every Men’s Ice Hockey game this season, it is that the team loves to give its faithful crowd a nail-biter. After falling to a fierce Plattsburgh squad Friday night 7-3, the Red Dragons held on against the Potsdam Bears Saturday to win 5-4.

It was clear before the puck even dropped Friday night that Cortland was in for a battle against the nationally ranked Plattsburgh Cardinals. For about a period and a half, they were up to the task, carrying the game and jumping out to a 2-0 lead.

After junior captain Jake Saville found the net from the right side, forward Ryan Durocher uncorked a wrist shot that found its way over the goaltender’s glove in into the top right corner for his first goal of the year.

Cortland spent much of the rest of period on the penalty kill due to two back-to-back penalties on Durocher. The second came just as he left the penalty box as he ran into a Plattsburgh attacker and was called for interference. The Red Dragons stayed strong however, and ended the period ahead 2-0.

In hockey, there is a saying that a 2 goal lead is the worst one to have. That moniker proved to be true on this night, as the Cardinals roared back in the

second period with 4 tallies, and added 3 more in the third session.

Freshman A.J Moyer and junior Jake Saville notched a goal and an assist each, and Senior netminder Dan Jewell had 34 saves.

Saturday provided an opportunity to bounce back from a sound loss the night before, and Cortland took advantage. After going ahead 5-2 following two periods, the Red Dragons were able to hold off a furious Potsdam rally and win 5-4.

Ryan Markell potted 2 goals, and Mike Lysyj had a goal to go along with his two assists. Brittan Kuhlman, in his first start between the pipes this year, earned the victory with 35 stops.

The Red Dragons find themselves 2-2 after another weekend split. The team will be on the road this week as they battle Hobart in their first away game of the season, and then battle SUNYAC rival Oswego Friday night.

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# Athletes of the Week Volleyball Goes to Big Dance

## Alyson Dalton and Matt Distler take Athlete of the Week honors

By Ashley Wysocarski  
Staff Writer

Freshmen swimmer Matt Distler, is Cortland’s male Athlete of the Week. The young standout put together back-to-back highlight performances against Buffalo State and Le Moyne, winning a combined total of five races.

Against Buffalo State, Distler won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.51 seconds, as well as capturing first in the 100-yard butterfly in 56.78 seconds. In the meet against Le Moyne, Distler dominated the freestyle competition, winning the 50-yard (22.57), 100-yard (49.36), and the 200-yard (1:48.16). Cortland won the overall team competition in both matches.

“The best part about being a swimmer here is the team. We have a great group of talented guys and girls that make every practice and meet fun,” said Distler. The team currently holds a 2-1 record after a tough loss to Ithaca this past Saturday.

Distler remained strong in the loss winning the 200-yard freestyle once again (1:48.92). Coming in second in the 100-yard butterfly, Distler shaved over 7.5 seconds off the time he clocked for the victory in Buffalo.

Extensive practices, complete focus, and unwavering dedication are three keys that Distler will rely on to reach his ultimate goal for the season:

“As a team our main objective is to excel at SUNYAC’s in February. Everything we do during the regular season is focused around success at the SUNYAC meet.” Distler said.

For the second time this year, Alyson Dalton is the female Athlete of the Week. At the SUNYAC Women’s Cross-Country Championships in Fulton, Dalton finished the 6,000-meter course in second place, with a time of 22:34.49.

Dalton’s strong performance helped lead the Red Dragons to the team title. By winning the team race, Cortland snapped Geneseo’s ten-year run as the top place finisher. The team victory is Cortland’s first in the sport since 1998.

This weekend, both the men and women’s cross-country teams will head to Oneonta to compete in the NCAA Div. III Atlantic Regionals tournament.

## Women’s Volleyball wins SUNYACs; heads to NCAA tournament

By Brittani Sahn  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, the Cortland women’s volleyball team earned a berth to the NCAA Division III tournament by defeating New Paltz to win the SUNYAC title.

Even though the team is very young, the competition could not hold the Cortland

women back, with a 3-1 victory in the championship round. Junior captain Jaclyn Lawrence discussed how important the win was for her team.

“This win was huge,” stated Lawrence, “Since the start of the season, our goal has been to win SUNYACs and make it to the NCAA tournament.”

The Cortland volleyball team has not won a SUNYAC championship since the 2007 season.

Lawrence supports this fact by noting that none of her current teammates have had a chance to compete in the tournament, the oldest of them being of junior status.

After earning a first round bye on Friday, Cortland did not hesitate in the second round by stomping on Geneseo with a 3-0 win. In this round, Cortland did not allow Geneseo to score more than 18 points in any of the three games.

As for preparing for the championships, Lawrence noted that the team “tried to keep it more low key, rather than hype it up.” In the past, the team tended “to get anxious for the important games,” but everyone wanted to make sure their nerves would not get the better of them that weekend.

Lawrence said, “We talked to each other and were excited to play and had high hopes of winning, but we tried to make these games just like any other,” in describing the atmosphere during the week prior to the championships.

Being the #1 seed in the East division might have been a stressor for other teams, but the Cortland women were able to take advantage of their strong

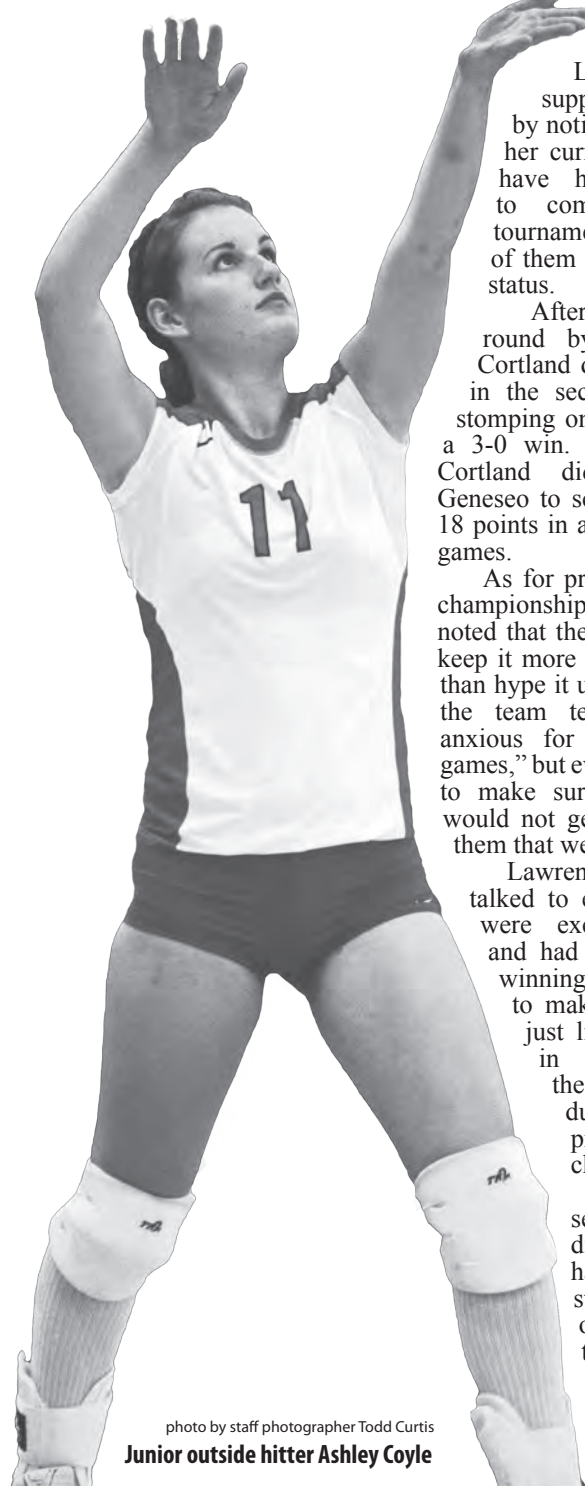


photo by staff photographer Todd Curtis  
Junior outside hitter Ashley Coyle

mentality using the extra day’s rest to fight hard against opponents.

“We went to Fredonia with the goal of taking home the trophy, and that was our mood. We were determined and excited to get on the court and prove that we were the best team in conference.”

And that they did. On top of winning the championship title, three Cortland women (Kristin Guercio, Katie Wick, and Ashley Coyle) were named to the All-Tournament team with Guercio walking home with the Most Valuable Player award for the weekend.

Much success has to be given to the younger players on the team, considering all but four of the members are freshmen or sophomores. The captains notice the great contribution the younger players have made to the team this year, as well.

“Our freshmen and sophomores have been great this year.” Lawrence comments, “and each one has contributed immensely to our success as a team.”

Most teams may think the lack of age and experience on a team would be a downfall, but the Cortland women have learned to embrace the uniqueness of their team. Lawrence does not believe there are any issues with the age of the group because they all work together so well.

“As a team we have great chemistry and get along very well,” says Lawrence, acknowledging the togetherness of her team, “It’s an even playing field; we respect each other, and we all are held to the same standards.”

The Cortland women’s volleyball team seems to have the right equipment to continue on in the NCAA championship. If they maintain their belief in one another, and the team as a whole, the women have a good chance of advancing.

Finishing off her interview, Lawrence recognized her team one more time. “When everyone is young, there are no divisions of age. We are all in this together, and each of us brings something different to the team that has helped us succeed.”

Cortland heads to regional play at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland from November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. With the third seed, the women will play the Spartans from Case Western in the first round.

## Soccer Sent Home

## Costly mistakes end the Red Dragon’s season as Oneonta prevails

By Nathan Vaji  
Staff Writer

After a thrilling 1-0 win over Geneseo to advance to the SUNYAC semifinals, the Cortland women’s soccer team faced off against top-seeded #15 Oneonta.

Karly DeSimone scored just before halftime on a misplay by Cortland keeper Pam Monnier. Monnier mishandled a ball in the box and DeSimone found the back of the net for her fifth goal of the season.

Cortland battled tough in the wet and rainy conditions, but could not manage to get past the tough Oneonta defense to tie the game.

Nha Wright added an insurance goal in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute to put Oneonta up 2-0. Wright drilled a low shot passed Monnier when Cortland couldn’t clear the ball from in front of their own net.

Monnier would finish with three saves for the Red Dragons.

With the loss, Cortland was eliminated from the tournament, finishing their season at 11-6-3. Oneonta moved to 14-4-2 on the season and later would win the SUNYAC championship and clinch an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

Bridgette DeSantis finished the season with 18 points (9 goals, 0 assists) to lead the Red Dragons. She also led the team by taking 78 shots. Of her nine goals, seven of them were game winners.

Casey Reinhardt finished second in the scoring category, totaling 14 points (6 goals, 2 assists) on just 25 shots on goal.

Pam Monnier was the leader in the net, starting all 20 games. She made 83 saves on the season and allowed just 16 goals for a .838 save percentage. She totaled 8 shutouts on the season and allowed just .81 goals per game.

On the season, Cortland outscored their opponents by a 28-16 margin and outshot their opponents by an impressive 104 shots (351-247).

## SUNYAC Final Ends in Frustration

## Cortland Field Hockey loses heartbreaker in SUNYAC Final

By Mark Nader  
Staff Writer

After taking care of New Paltz on Saturday, Cortland found themselves looking to revenge their lone SUNYAC loss of the season. Geneseo came into the game looking to show that their 1-0 overtime victory earlier in the season was no fluke. The nationally 20<sup>th</sup> ranked Knights proved their excellence as they upended the Red Dragons 1-0 for the second time this season, claiming the SUNYAC Championship.

Geneseo had the best chance to score early when Michelle Milkovich’s shot was blocked by senior Brittany Wilson at the 22 minute mark. The game was a defensive battle as the Knights were only able to compile ten

shots, while the Red Dragons only mustered five.

The game would remain scoreless until Erin Zalewski’s game-winning goal with less than eight minutes left. Zalewski scored as she followed up a rebound off of a penalty corner that beat Red Dragons goalie, Ashley Hughes.

Cortland was unable to create a scoring chance for the remainder of the game as Geneseo won the championship on their home turf. The Knights outshot the Red Dragons 15 to 6 and doubled Cortland in penalty corners.

Although the Knights won the conference title, they are not given an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs as the SUNYAC is not given an automatic berth until next season.

Cortland will host UMass Dartmouth on Wednesday November, 10 in the NCAA tournament while Geneseo will travel to New Jersey to take on Stevens Institute of Technology.

In Saturday’s game,

sophomore Sara Woodward scored one minute, 45 seconds into sudden-victory overtime giving the Red Dragons a 2-1 victory over New Paltz.

Cortland took a 1-0 lead when sophomore Quiera DeCosta scored off a rebound during a penalty corner play for her first collegiate goal.

However, the Hawks would tie the game with 14:14 left in regulation on a goal by Sarah Schloss, a result of a penalty corner situation after a loose ball.

The game would remain deadlocked at 1-1 until Woodward’s goal in overtime. Sophomore Liz DeWaters setup the play as she received a pass across the middle of the field and setup Woodward at the post for the game winner. It was Woodward’s team-high 12<sup>th</sup> goal of the season.

After starting the season 13-1 the Red Dragons have stumbled of late, going 2-3 in their final five games while losing two 1-0 games.

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## Red Dragons Clinch Share of Title

### Cortland clinches NJAC title with win over William Paterson

By Kevin McDonnell  
News Editor

The Red Dragons football team clinched at least a share of the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Championship with a win over visiting William Paterson last Saturday. The Red Dragons improved to 8-1 on the season with the 38-7 victory.

Cortland was solid all around as they had an offensive, defensive, and special teams score in the rout of the Pioneers.

The defense got on the board first, as Joe Lopez intercepted and returned a Ryan Gresik pass for a 26 yard touchdown early in the first quarter.

Cortland was led by senior Anthony Giuliano; the senior wide receiver caught, threw and returned a blocked kick for a touchdown in the game. Just minutes before halftime, as the Pioneers were attempting a game-tying field goal, Lou Crispo got a hand on the low kick; the ball bounced to Giuliano who returned it 82 yards for the score. Cortland led 17-7 at the half.

Cortland's offense dominated the second half with three scores to blow the game open. Justin Autera opened up the second half scoring with a 4 yard touchdown ten minutes in. Autera finished the day with 122 yards rushing on 20 carries.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was Giuliano's showcase. On Cortland's second offensive play of the quarter, Giuliano got the snap as the wildcard quarterback and found a wide-open Jake Burgess deep

for a 72 yard touchdown to put Cortland up 31-7.

Giuliano finished up the scoring for the Red Dragons with a 15 yard reception from quarterback Dan Pitcher. This was Pitcher's 11<sup>th</sup> straight game with a touchdown pass.

Aside from the interception touchdown, the Red Dragon defense forced two more turnovers and only allowed 262 yards of offense on the day.

Despite the blowout win, the Red Dragons had an injury setback which may hurt them the rest of the season. Backup running back Dom Sair went down with an injury to his left knee late in the game. He has had nagging knee injuries over his career at Cortland. The severity of the injury is unknown and the length of his absence is still undetermined.

As you may know, Cortland's

next game is versus Ithaca this Saturday at noon at the Stadium Complex.

Cortland is going to be playing after Cortaca, but where is yet to be determined. They could win the NJAC NCAA Berth. This depends on a complex tie- breaking scenario if Rowan and Montclair State both win their matchups this weekend.

If the Red Dragons do not get the automatic berth, they could receive an at-large berth which will not be determined until next Monday. In the unlikely situation where they don't receive an NCAA berth, they will almost assuredly receive an ECAC Bowl Game like they did last year.

However, all these situations fail to point out that the Red Dragons have performed well this season and have clinched at least a share of the NJAC Championship for the fifth time in six years.

## Cortland Counts Down to Cortaca

### The "biggest little game in the nation" is headed to Cortland

By Chris Ouellette  
Staff Writer

Well, it's that time of the year again. The leaves are starting to change color, students are pulling out their winter jackets, and it is already starting to snow. But the biggest thing that everyone is looking forward to is "The Biggest Little Game in the Nation," the Cortaca Jug. Cortaca this year will be played at the Cortland Stadium Complex on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. The Cortland Red Dragons are coming into Cortaca with a record of 8-1 on the season, while the rival Ithaca Bombers come in at 6-3.

Tickets went on sale online October 31<sup>st</sup> at noon, and it took less than two minutes for them to become sold out. Sean Faulkner, a SUNY Cortland freshman, was one of the many unfortunate people who didn't have a chance to get tickets. Sean said that he went online at 12:01 pm to get them, only to find that he was too late.

When asked about what he believed would be the hardest thing about playing against Ithaca, Coach Dan MacNeill said that we "haven't looked at Ithaca with regards to game planning except when we did our post '09 season evaluation and review." He went on to say, "Historically, a big factor in game outcome was determined by giveaways. This aspect was also reasoning for other disappointments and therefore a major emphasis this season. The good news is at this point in the season we are in the top 10% among all other Division III programs in the turnover margin. Obviously, many other aspects factor into game success. We need to play a clean game with regard to winning in all these areas."

Also, Coach MacNeill believes that in order for the players to play well against



photo by Kyle Garland

**"The Red C" will be in full effect this weekend as Cortland students plan a red-out for the Cortaca game**

Ithaca, they will have to "prepare and execute with just the right emotion, enthusiasm, and effort to be the best team, the winning team, in our stadium on November 13<sup>th</sup>."

However, the football team is not the only group of people that are preparing themselves for Cortaca. Security at the stadium and the University Police Department are also getting ready for Cortaca weekend. Freddie Kuhn, a freshman and member of the security staff at the stadium complex, said that they are using the entire security force for this game so that they can prevent anything from happening, and to make sure that the fans at the game don't get too rowdy.

Also, both the University Police Department and Judicial Affairs are asking students and their guests to behave properly and to respect the Code of Conduct both on and off campus. They would also like to ask students not to "go crazy" after the game, especially if Cortland wins the game. They say that

celebrating a victory can turn into a dangerous situation. Also, the UPD says that they are going to step up their force, especially on Friday and Saturday night, in order to prevent things like underage drinking.

The sport management club's Cortaca committee is preparing for the game, and they are trying to get the entire student body involved in it. They are asking all of the SUNY Cortland students

who are attending the game to participate in the "Cortaca Red Out," where all of the students wear their Cortaca shirts, or at least a red shirt, to the game and show their support for our team. You can buy your official Cortaca shirt at the college store or from the sport management club.

So come out and support your SUNY Cortland football team, and remember to have fun, but be safe about it; don't go overboard.

## Cortaca Stats

- Ithaca leads the Cortaca Jug series 34-17
- Cortland's last victory came in 2006 when they defeated the Bombers 23-20 in overtime
- The Jug was introduced in 1959 by captains from both teams. It was purchased for \$2 from a local farmer's yard sale
- Sports Illustrated named Cortaca "The Biggest Little Game in the Nation"

- Ithaca and Cortland are roughly 21 miles apart
- Cortland enters the game as the nation's 22<sup>nd</sup> ranked Division III football program
- Time Warner Cable Sports (Cortland Channel 19, On Campus Channel 26) will be broadcasting the game live on Saturday, November 13 at noon

## Cortland Athletics Scores

### FOOTBALL

Cortland	38
William Paterson	7
<b>Next:</b> vs Ithaca	

### FIELD HOCKEY

Cortland	0
Geneseo	1

### MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Cortland	5
Potsdam	4
<b>Next:</b> at Oswego	

### VOLLEYBALL

Cortland	3
New Paltz	1
<b>Next:</b> at Case Western Reserve	

### WRESTLING

Cortland finished 3rd out of 11 teams at the Ithaca Invitational	
<b>Next:</b> John Reese Duals	

## Athletes of the Week



**Alyson Dalton**  
**Women's Cross Country**  
Dalton finished second at the SUNYAC Championship to lead Cortland to a team title



**Matt Distler**  
**Men's Swimming and Diving**  
Distler was named SUNYAC swimmer of the week after winning five events in two meets