



## Cortland's Counting Crows

The city and campus has fallen prey to massive flocks of crows this year

By Dan Harding Jr.  
Editor-in-Chief

When senior Phil Wiltshire drove down the street two weeks ago, nearly every head would turn to catch a glimpse of his car. His '93 Chevy Lumina has no outstanding features that normally attract attention. It doesn't have a hemi, spinning rims, or a booming bass, but what he does have is a car covered license plate to license plate in crow feces.

"I've washed my car four times since I've been back," says Wiltshire slouching on his way to the car wash. "I don't get it - I'll wash my car one day and it'll be covered the next."

Any Cortland resident who has parked their car under a tree, which is likely in central New York, has probably fallen victim to the same fate.

It was embarrassing to drive my car around Cortland," said senior Matt Iano. "I must have done something to the crows in my past life because everyday I would find my car totally covered."

The Cortland City Government has been aware of the burden the migrating birds have had



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An unfortunate car outside of Dowd which has seen first-hand the impact of the Cortland crows

on the town and has even taken steps toward warding them off. The County Courthouse has

been equipped with a wailer that emits the sounds of hawks and eagles between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m.

to deter the crows from landing within five acres of their premises. In 2008, the city pur-

chased a portable wailer for \$2,000 that can be loaned out to residential areas at the discretion of the city alderman.

Without access to such devices, students have had to get creative in their attempts to get rid of the nuisance.

"I've tried throwing rocks, blasting the horn of my car, even shooting at them with my bb gun," says senior Clayton Avenue resident Jon Walsh. "They just keep coming back."

Pest control experts all agree that crows are one of the most common pests they receive complaints about, and are also the most difficult to get rid of because of their high level of intelligence.

"Crows happen to be very persistent and extraordinarily stubborn," says "How to Get Rid of Things" author, Eric Ronning. "Keeping this in mind, the best thing you can do to get rid of crows is to be even more persistent and more stubborn than they are."

Ronning explains that most crows that linger around a certain area do so because there is a food source nearby.

"Remove all things that crows might find edible including bird feeders/baths and dog and cat kibble and water dishes," says Ronning. "You will

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## Thanksgiving Food Drive



photo by Becky Greenland

Members of the Field Hockey team delivered Thanksgiving meals to needy families in Cortland County

Sports teams deliver Thanksgiving meals to the needy in Cortland

By Becky Greenland  
News Editor

Crunching over fallen Autumn leaves, six girls from the Cortland field hockey team delivered canned corn, apple and

pumpkin pies, boxes of mashed potatoes, stuffing, and the all important Thanksgiving turkey to needy families in Cortland county.

The team members were taking part in the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Loaves and Fishes, a soup kitchen in Cortland. This is third year the drive has been made possible with the help from Loaves and Fish's director, Kim Hill,

who finds families in need.

Overall, about 30 athletes from ten different teams were involved in the drive, which delivered food to 20 homes the Sunday before thanksgiving.

The students started by gathering at Park Center to put together bags of food. After getting directions from Michael Discenza, Assistant Director of Athletics, the groups headed out to one of the

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## Phi Iota Alpha

Four Cortland students bring new Latino Fraternity to campus

By Becky Greenland  
News Editor

During the week of November 8th, four students became the founding fathers of the Cortland colony of Phi Iota Alpha fraternity, the oldest Latino fraternity in existence.

Sophomore Jonathan Rodriguez, and Juniors Gustavo Santiago, Jose Valdez and Omar Vivas banded together to create the colony, whose organization branches back to 1931 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, NY.

The fraternity's main mission is to develop leaders and create innovative ways to unite the Latino community. They will provide cultural programs geared toward the appreciation, promotion and preservation of the Latin American culture. The fraternity supports and promotes Pan-Americanism, which seeks to promote relationships and cooperation between North and South America.

During the intake process to create a colony at Cortland, the

members learned about different cultures along with their own. They developed many goals they had for the organization, with their first goal focused on becoming a chapter. Sororities and Fraternities need to be active for at least a year and have ten members in order to be recognized as a chapter.

They also agreed that they want to spread awareness about Latin American culture in Cortland and create a unity between cultures. Valdez is the colony's president and a Business Economics major from the Bronx. He said, "I wanted to be a part of something that is bigger than myself and that will help Cortland become more diverse."

The fraternity's primary philanthropies are the Icla Da Silva Foundation, which helps people with leukemia, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals, which helps children with cancer. They are also working closely with UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, and recently hosted "Pie for a Cause" in Corey Union.

Phi Iota Alpha teamed up with Omega Phi Beta, Lambda Upsilon Lambda and the VOICE office to receive pies in the face for donations. The fraternity

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# What's Going On?

## Calendar of Events: December 2-8

### Today:

**7 p.m.** Learn about the advantages, disadvantages and potential impact on the news in the program, "The Future of News Media." Located in Park Center, room D 242.

**7 p.m.** The Eastern European Film Series presents the cult favorite East German film, "The Legend of Paul and Paula," in Sperry 305.

### Friday:

**11:30 a.m.** The 41st Annual Service Awards Ceremony which honors employees who have worked 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years at Cortland. Located in the Corey Union Function Room.

### Saturday:

**6 p.m.** Join a team and help support cancer research at Relay for Life, located in the Park Field House.

### Sunday:

**1 p.m.** Come watch the Panhellenic Dodgeball Tournament and support the local soup kitchen, Loaves and Fishes. \$3 at the door, located in the Park Center Gymnasium.

### Monday:

Last day for in class examinations.

### Tuesday:

**8 p.m.** Men's Basketball plays away game at Utica College.

### Wednesday

**7 p.m.** Join the Christmas celebration, "Lessons, Carols and Candlelight" a concert performed by the A Capella choir and soloist Noelle Paley. Located at the Interfaith Center.

# Moot Court Competition

## The Moot Court team takes on various schools in regional competition

By Christopher Latimer  
Contributing Writer

On Friday, November 19, ten students from Cortland travelled to Fitchburg State University located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts to compete in the Eastern Regional Moot Court competition.

Moot Court involves student participants who compete in a simulated legal case before a hypothetical appellate court. The appellate court panel consists of two or three judges who are usually practicing attorneys, law faculty, and judges from Massachusetts and the federal court system.

Teams of two draw from a narrow list of actual Supreme Court decisions to support their arguments. Students participating in Moot Court sharpen their critical thinking skills, gain experience with interpretation of the law and consider complex constitutional issues.

The 2010-2011 problem involved questions concerning the Commerce Clause, a federal law requiring an individual to purchase health insurance and the constitutionality of a state law banning same-sex marriage under the Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses.

The questions also implicated issues of federalism, full faith and credit, and the right to travel. This was the second year that Cortland participated in the regional competition.

The 2010 Eastern Regional Competition consisted of 40 teams which comprised 80 individual participants. The other schools represented were from SUNY Albany, Syracuse



photo by Christopher Latimer

## The Cortland Moot Court team at their competition at Fitchburg

University, the College of the Holy Cross, Merrimack College, Fitchburg State University, Patrick Henry College, Princeton University, Bridgewater State University, Bentley College and College of New Jersey.

Each team was given the opportunity to argue two preliminary rounds as both petitioner and respondent. Before the third preliminary round, a coin toss would determine which side the teams would represent. At the end of the day on Friday, half of the participating teams would be eliminated and half would move on to the elimination rounds on Saturday.

Cortland sent five teams to Fitchburg State University including Danielle Singer and Shea Tilton; Trevor Curry and Michelle Schnirel; Grace Mellen and Kyle Martin; Michelle Witowski and Sandra Erickson; and Liz Polonski and Tricia Collado.

The team advisor is Dr. Christopher Latimer, an Assistant Professor of Political Science, University Pre-Law Advisor and the Associate Director of the Institute for Civic Engagement.

The Moot Court teams also received generous financial support from the President's Office,

the Director of Judicial Affairs Nanette Pasquarello, the Dean of Arts and Sciences Bruce Mattingly, the Assistant Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs Amy Henderson-Harr, the Department of Political Science, the Political Science Association and a Grant from the Faculty Development Committee. Without this support, they would not have been able to compete.

The teams performed well at the competition and improved their standings from last year. Three of the five teams made it through to Saturday and two of those teams made it to round 16 before being eliminated. Danielle Singer received a special award for being the 6th best individual competitor for the entire event.

Moreover, the aforementioned teams of Danielle Singer and Shea Tilton, and Trevor Curry and Michelle Schnirel also have enough points to possibly receive a wild card to the Moot Court Nationals which will be held in Louisiana this January. The Cortland teams gained invaluable experience this year and returning students hope to improve their performance at the competition next year.

# East German Film Series

## Film explores issues between white and Native American culture

By Kim Mazzaro  
Staff Writer

The popular East German film series continued Thursday, November 18 with the showing of the movie *Apache*. The film was directed by Gottfried Kolditz and co-written by Gojko Mitic, the main character of the movie.

Released in 1973 and filmed in Romania and Uzbekistan, the theme of the film is revenge between Native Americans and "the white men." There is a distinct capitalist aspect to the movie because it was filmed in a communist country during the Mexican-American War.

It depicts the white men as greedy and argumentative, and often they battle between each other more than they do towards the Apache tribe they are trying to defeat.

The film *Apache* was based

on a true-life massacre set in the 1830's in Santa Rita, at the site of a copper mine. When the Apaches realize people have invaded their territory, they decide to head to Santa Rita in hopes of defeating the white men and gain goods for their people. However, the Apache are ambushed and a majority of the tribe is killed.

Ulzana, the main character of the Apache tribe, witnesses his wife's murder and is enraged by the murder and scalping of his people by the white men. He swears vengeance and has a new mission: revenge against the whites.

Ulzana and a few of the men from his tribe light their teepees on fire, and head out in hopes of defeating the white men once and for all. The film shows the Native Americans causing internal problems within the white men's group, such as taking their horses, emptying their water supply, and torturing them.

Some members of the campsite kill themselves due to the torture they are being put through from the Apache tribe; they become barbaric and forget their morals as hu-

man beings during this time.

Some of the white men decide to set up a trap, hoping that Ulzana's horse will trip over a plated log and they will capture the Native American. Their plan works and they tie Ulzana to a tree and continuously whip him across the chest, though he doesn't flinch.

With the help of his tribe, Ulzana escapes from the camp and the white men, furious, decide to follow him towards Mexico City, through Apache territory. The Native Americans strike back against the men, and in the end prevail.

*Apache* was a film that displayed the relationship between the whites and the Native Americans in the 1800's. It depicted the racism and hatred both groups had towards one another, and provoked a strong and interesting message: this was a time an inferior race, the Native Americans, defeated the superior race, the whites.

The reason the Apaches succeeded was because they acted as one strong unit instead of a divided family. The East German Film Series aims to expand the cultural knowledge of students and help eradicate ignorance and racism.

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raised nearly \$100 for UNICEF, according to Sandra Wohlleber, Assistant Director of Campus Activities and Greek Affairs.

Members had different reasons they wanted to join the fraternity. Gustavo Santiago, who was born in Puerto Rico but now lives in Westchester County said the reason he joined was, "to educate people and encourage them never to settle for anything less than greatness."

Jonathan Rodriguez, an International Studies major with a discipline in Latin America said, "I want to be with people that I can feel at home with. I want to build a family here and be with people who share the same ideas and values."

Wohlleber congratulated the four founding fathers and added, "Phi Iota Alpha will provide our students with another choice, another educational



photo provided by Jonathan Rodriguez

## The founding fathers of Phi Iota Alpha display their fraternity pride

and leadership opportunity." Phi Iota Alpha will be hosting their first program on family and unity on Monday, December 6 at 8 p.m. in Corey Union

rooms 301-303. They will also be having an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining the fraternity on December 8 at 9:31 p.m. in Sperry 205.

# Kappa Charged

**Alleged Kappa members arrested and charged with misdemeanors**

By Kyle Garland  
Sports Editor

The fraternity Delta Kappa Beta, better known as Kappa, was banned from Cortland in 1991 but has found a way to continue and recruit new pledges each year. Recently, eight of Kappa's members were arrested and charged with several misdemeanors, most of which were for hazing.

Cortland Seniors Sean Sullivan, Gerard Fasano, Andrew Dolan, Salvatore Merenda, and Randolph Herera, Junior Evan Russell, and three TC3 students face a variety of charges. All were hit with six counts of first-degree hazing.

Other individual charges included second-degree assault, sixth-degree conspiracy, seventh-degree criminal posses-

sion of a controlled substance, first-degree unlawfully dealing with a child, and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon.

Authorities were alerted of the hazing incident when a male student told police that he was a victim of hazing at the Kappa house located on Reynolds Avenue in Cortland. The alleged incident occurred on October 21 of this year.

Lt. Richard Troyer of the Cortland Police Department told the Cortland Standard that, "the victims said they were lined up in the basement, told to interlock arms, and were kicked and punched."

Police officers seized numerous items including a plastic bat, a wooden paddle, and a hose, all of which were believed to have been used to beat the victims.

During the raid, police also confiscated drugs including anabolic steroids and amphetamines from the Kappa house.

Cortland students who pledge, join, or live in a house occupied by a banned fraternity may be suspended or dismissed from Cortland.

# Letter from the Editor

As this is our last issue of the fall semester, I would like to take this time to thank our loyal readers for the support they have shown the Dragon Chronicle and its staff.

It has been an eventful semester here at Cortland and we have worked to cover everything on campus to the best of our abilities. We have covered some sad stories such as the passing of Michele O'Brien and Michael Freitas, important stories such as the mid-term elections and student government, students training for combat, sports teams' victories and losses, protesters, presenters and speakers alike to keep you informed on what is happening in Cortland.

We will continue to work towards uncovering the issues facing our school because we know that for most students Cortland is not simply a town where you happen to attend classes but a town that you call home for most of the year.

As a student run newspaper, we want to help your voice to be heard. In the words of Tom Cruise in Jerry McGuire, "Help me help you."

If something is bothering you on campus, if you feel like an outstanding professor needs to be recognized, or an issue needs to be further investigated just shoot us an email at [dragon.chronicle@cortland.edu](mailto:dragon.chronicle@cortland.edu) and we will work to have your voice be heard.

We hope you will continue to read the Dragon Chronicle and let your voice be heard.

On behalf of the staff at the Dragon Chronicle we would like to wish you good luck on your finals, and wish you and your family a happy and healthy holiday season. See you next year!

Best Wishes,

Dan Harding Jr.  
Editor-in-Chief

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20 homes to deliver the packages. Traveling down Cortland's back roads, the girls noticed Christmas lights being hung on houses and what one member described as the smell of "winter" in the air, or the burning smell of a wood stove.

Unlike other food drives where people donate canned food to families in need, this drive asked volunteers to donate some money and then deliver purchased food to the families. "I think it's cool that you actually get to see the family when you deliver the meal," said Senior Brianna Yetsko, one of the members of the field hockey team.

Dan Hobbs was one of the receivers of the Thanksgiving meal. He is a volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, and said, "I've never had something like this given to me before. It means a lot." Other families thanked the girls as they delivered food and some invited them in for a quick chat.

# CROWS

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also need to make sure to put all trash in tight-lidded trash bins."

When all else fails experts suggest the age old remedy of creating a scarecrow dressed in bright colors to intimidate the crows.

It seems by the drop in frequency Wiltshire has been visiting the car wash that the annoying crows may finally be moving on, yet he remains skeptical.

"They'll come back. They always do."

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## Our View

**This is an Our View for students living off campus.**

With December approaching, this means that students will soon complete their course work and abandon Cortland for five weeks. We all need the winter break, but what we don't need is to risk having our stuff stolen from the houses and apartments that we leave empty while we are away for an extended time.

The people in this area have repeatedly taken advantage of Cortland college students during breaks by breaking into their apartments and unattended cars; sometimes even vandalizing in the process. Do not leave anything valuable behind. Take as many things home with you as possible or lock them up in a storage unit.

Cortland is usually a peaceful and symbiotic atmosphere, as students and locals coexist pretty well while school is in session. But once students leave for break, they are exposed and exploited; don't let this happen to you.

Any electronics or valuables that you have are not safe in the very housing units that you pay good money to inhabit and call home for the school year, so take the extra steps to ensure that your belongings are safe.

## Letters to the editor:

Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity is officially here.

During the week of November 8, Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity officially initiated its founding fathers and established an active colony here at Cortland.

Phi Iota Alpha is a fraternity whose mission is to develop leaders and create innovative ways to unite the Latino community.

The brotherhood is composed of men committed towards the empowerment of the Latin American community. This is done by providing social cultural programs and activities geared towards the appreciation, promotion and preservation of the Latin American culture.

Phi Iota's primary philanthropies are the Icla Da Silva Foundation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospitals.

The founding fathers of

the Cortland colony of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity are: Jonathan Rodriguez '13, Gustavo Santiago '12, Jose Valdez '12, and Omar Vivas '12.

Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them well as they become an active organization within the Cortland community. These gentlemen are sure to be positive roles for others.

Panhellenic and InterGreek Council Resolutions Pass

The Panhellenic and InterGreek Councils adopted the following resolutions on November 17, 2010 after these resolutions had been presented for consideration at the November 10, 2010 meeting of both councils:

"We, the member organizations of the Cortland

Panhellenic Council do hereby agree not to co-sponsor events with any unrecognized or banned student organizations."

Member organizations are: Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Delta Phi Epsilon, Nu Sigma Chi, and Sigma Delta Tau

-Sandra Wohlleber

Assistant Director,  
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Greek Affairs

## Globe still warming

**Global warming is a serious issue that has been pushed aside recently**

By Nathan Bell  
Staff Editor

Our planet experiences constant change. Some are positive, but most changes have a negative impact.

As a country, America has recently experienced a terrible recession comparable to the Great Depression. We've had issues such as health care reform, the oil spill in the gulf, and continuous unrest in the Middle East.

The above issues are all serious problems and certainly deserve the attention they are getting. The unfortunate side to this, though, is that they have distracted us from one major issue: Global Warming. About half a decade ago, it seemed that the issue of global warming was part of everyday life for Americans. Scientists informed the public that the ozone layer was rapidly depleting, and news stations broadcasted specials on how to cut down on emissions.

The movie industry helped inflate the issue. *The Day After Tomorrow* was released in 2004, and Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* was released in 2006. Both films raised awareness (and fear) about global warming. Five years ago, it seemed that everyone was environmentally conscious.

When I look at society today, it seems like most of that awareness is lost. One reason for the loss of awareness is because it was reported that the ozone layer was actually beginning to repair itself in 2009. This was true.

Greenhouse gas emission dropped 1.3 percent from 2008 to 2009. Although these figures were promising, they were also misleading. People heard the news and figured that everything was fine now: the ozone layer is back to normal.

The assumptions were misguided. The issue seemed to be resolving itself, statistically speaking. The future actually looked poor because of the economy. Researchers attributed the change primarily to recent recession.

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## Japan fights Yakuza

**Japan begins to combat Yakuza influence over construction projects**

By Milan Rowson  
Staff Editor

If you have seen either volumes of the Quentin Tarantino film *Kill Bill* then you know the Yakuza is a force to be reckoned with. For those of you who are unaware, the Yakuza is similar to the Italian mafia but have their own rules, history, and tradition.

In the movie *Kill Bill: Volume Two*, whenever the Yakuza entered a restaurant, everyone instantly obeyed them for fear of their lives.

This reaction is no different in real life, and the Yakuza reputation could be accounted for in the Friday, November 19, 2010 *New York Times* article, "Japan Works to Cut Ties Between Mob and Business," by Hiroko Tabuchi.

Tabuchi explains the Yakuza:

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recession. The theory is logical: people are short on funds, so they don't spend as much money. When less money is put into the economy, less greenhouse gases are released into the environment. It's as simple as that.

Recent studies show that as America pulls out of the recession, greenhouse gas emission levels are prone to rise again.

Some estimates say the levels may increase by three percent every year, the same exact numerical increase before the recession.

The bottom line is, global warming isn't gone. It's still an issue, and it's only going to get worse as America pulls out of the recession. It's not going to go away without a combined effort by the residents of our planet.

Yes, the recession is an issue. So is the war overseas and the spill in the gulf. But don't forget about global warming, because it could prove to be the biggest issue of them all.

# Is Black Friday Really Worth It?

**Black Friday has become a holiday of its own as it grows in popularity**

By Melissa Kane  
Staff Writer

The Christmas music is on, coupons are cut, sales are everywhere, and the turkey has come and gone; it is officially Christmas time.

Before we know it, we will be taking our finals, packing up to head home for the break, unwrapping gifts, and celebrating the New Year. Once Thanksgiving comes, time seems to fly by; unfortunately, Thanksgiving has seemed to become overshadowed by Black Friday.

The big question we face is: is Black Friday really worth it? Although it has its pros and cons, yes it is worth it.

The number of people who shopped in stores and online

between Thursday and Sunday were around 212 million, according to a National Retail Federation survey.

The total amount spent during the four-day weekend reached an estimated \$45 billion. The number of those who began their Black Friday shopping at midnight tripled this year to 9.5% while those who shopped on Thanksgiving Day itself also has doubled over the past five years to 22.3 million, the survey showed.

These statistics may give people a little hope about our economy as well. Not only

are millions of people shopping and spending, but retailers should be encouraged that a focus on value and gifts has shoppers in the spirit to spend.

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, be around family, and

eat way too much. Thanksgiving can still be special as long as the dinner is a little bit earlier so there is enough time for a long nap before the early morning of Black Friday.

It may seem a little crazy to get up at two, three, or four in the morning just to save a little money, but especially during these economic times it is anything but crazy, it is smart.

Most people are cutting back this Christmas due to the current state of our economy, and to help during these hard times it is smart to get the sales. The sales, especially before noon, are extremely beneficial: 60 percent off, buy one get one free, everything half off. So for one day you stand in long lines and deal with angry, tired people but it is worth the money you will save.

So, all-in-all, Black Friday may be the most tiring, frustrating, and busy day of the year, but if you are like most people these days, it is worth the savings.



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**Shoppers rush into a Target at 4 a.m. on Black Friday**

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"The crime syndicates now operate with such sophistication that Jake Adelstein, who has written extensively about Japanese organized crime, calls the Yakuza 'Goldman Sachs with guns.'"

The Yakuza is no different from Tony Soprano and the mafia on episodes of the Sopranos, the way they run construction sites.

The Yakuza have had their hands on construction sites for years and profit from them in a criminal fashion. They claim to provide protection for the construction site, and make profit for their protection when in reality they are the ones causing harm.

Tabuchi explains how the Yakuza make their profit, "A modern-day Yakuza boss pressures developers to pay 'protection money' to cover construction projects, or the developers reach out to the Yakuza to muscle reluctant owners into selling their land."

However, Japan, its citizens, and clean businesses are beginning to fight the Yakuza and its ties to construction. Japan has made stands against the Yakuza in previous years, but the particular battle against them and their relationship with construction began in 2008.

The Yakuza's biggest profits from construction were in the 90s, but twenty years later Japan is not afraid to fight back. Tabuchi explains, "The industry's anti-Yakuza effort has shifted away from the past focus on going after the crime gangs themselves and

now the emphasis is on monitoring companies and imposing tougher penalties on ones that do business with the mob."

So far, the greatest example of this particular fight against the Yakuza is Japan's new Tokyo tower, also called the Tokyo Sky Tree. The tower is the world's tallest communications tower and the companies involved, including Tobu Railway and the Obayashi Corporation, wanted their tower free of any Yakuza hands.

Anti-Yakuza committees were formed to keep the Tokyo

Sky Tree Yakuza-free and similar committees have followed suit.

Tabuchi explains just how serious these committees are, "Contracts are scrutinized to make sure that no construction equipment or materials—not even boxed lunches or gloves for workers—come from companies with mob affiliations." It is good to know that someone is taking a stance against organized crime.



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# It's Your Turn to Intern

**Internships are important to future success; start searching now**

By **Melissa Kane**  
Staff Writer

So, I'm a senior sitting in my Interviewing Principles and Practices class thinking I have it all figured out when my teacher asks, "So who in this class has had an internship?"

Unfortunately for me, 85 percent of the class raised their hands, and I was not one of them.

Then my teacher continues and asks the few of us who did not raise our hands, "What internship do you want to have?" I answered with, "I don't know," and then, "I am going to figure it out," when apparently I should have figured it out and had it completed by now.

So, now I am a senior sitting in my class thinking I have nothing figured out.

Considering this was all pretty new news for me, I thought I'd save a few of you the absolute meltdown I had after this encounter and tell you: you need an internship.

Obviously this is not for all majors but if you are in the

Communications, Business, Marketing, or Sports Management Departments, an internship is ideal.

The job market is tough, and getting any job, let alone the job you want, is hard. An internship is not only great for the resume, but it will give you experience and an upper hand above the rest.

Unfortunately, getting the ideal internship is not easy either. One of the most important concepts is to plan early.

By having an internship as a junior or the summer before you are a senior is beneficial because you may gain contacts that will help with networking to other businesses, to gain a better internship, or even a job in the company you have already interned for.

Don't worry, though, if you are a senior it is not the end of the world. Find an internship on campus to get you started; any experience is better than none.

Here are a few tips: take a trip to Career Services and get a few of the many packets they have on internships, resumes, cover letters, and job searching. Research what type of internship you are looking for, when you want it, and whether you want one on campus or off.

Then, make an up-to-date

resume which can be checked over by Career Services, or even a teacher in the field. Target your audience.

Depending on the internship you are applying for, your resume may change now and then, so do not forget to update it. Create a cover letter which is directed at whomever you are sending the resume to; this can all be checked over by Career Services, as well as teachers.

Once this is done, it is important to understand how the process works. After you have contacted and sent out your resume and cover letter, you may be asked to come in for an interview.

Obviously, professionalism is key, and being prepared for the questions you may be asked is important. Research interview questions and practice what you would answer, but do not be rehearsed, just confident. Lastly, make sure to send a thank you letter or email after the interview.

Internships can be extremely beneficial and will usually help a person realize if that kind of work is what they want to do, but either way, it is getting you one step closer to finding out what you really want out of a job.

# Best Kept Secret

**The wine tour at Cayuga Lake is a joyous way to spend an afternoon**

By **Samuel Dutkowsky**  
Staff Writer

With Cortland being located in Central NY, there are only a few things in the area that allow you to get away and spend a weekend doing something different.

Some options include the city of Syracuse and a trip to the mall, or traveling to Ithaca to enjoy the Commons.

These things are fun but there is a best-kept secret around here that few people know about.

That secret is the wine tour that is located on Cayuga Lake, and it's one of the best kept secrets around.

Located on the west side of the lake, this wine tour offers a unique experience for each winery that is visited.

With over 20 plus wineries to choose from, you can never drink the same wine twice. Most of these wineries are located directly off the lake, leaving the guests with breath-taking views of the water.

Other wineries are located on the opposite side of route 89 and are located by ways of winding roads through cornfields. Without question, the scenery is worth every penny.

Speaking of pennies, the wineries rates could almost resemble that. Each winery offers tastings, which run you about two to four dollars depending where you go. These tastings consist of getting a list of wines that are offered, and normally you are allowed to choose anywhere from five to seven wines to taste.

The tastings aren't the only thing provided however, most wineries also have some kind of restaurant or place to buy food to

compliment the wine. The unique people you will meet along the way are part of the experience as well.

Along with Cortland, both Cornell and Ithaca are located in the vicinity and make up the young population you will come across.

Surprisingly, people of all ages attend, whereas most people would think the majority



photo by Sam Dutkowsky

**A view of Cayuga Lake during a wine tour**

would be older. As well as the tourists, almost all of the winery employees are very friendly and provide fun facts and conversation at all times.

There isn't anybody you will come across that is in a bad mood during the tour. Whether it's the patrons, the employees, or just your random tipsy couple, everybody is there for the same reason you are: to have a good time.

It is very smart when attending this wine tour to either hire a driver, or pick a designated driver. Losing count of how many glasses you've drank happens rather quickly, and it is smart to make sure that you have someone in control at all times.

This little secret on the banks of Cayuga Lake is something that everybody should take the time to enjoy. If you are of legal age, enjoy wine, love scenery, and thrive in a friendly atmosphere then this is definitely that Saturday trip you should be looking for.

# Black Ops vs. Modern Warfare 2

**The popular video games are compared and evaluated**

By **Samuel Dutkowsky**  
Staff Writer

When "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" came out in 2009, just about every person who owns a gaming system flocked to the stores.

Before long, "Modern Warfare" players got good at the game which revolutionized the first person shooter. A first person shooter is a game where the player controls nothing but a gun on the screen; as if you are the one holding the gun.

The game got so big so fast that it was hard to imagine any other game even scratching the tip of the iceberg that was "Modern Warfare 2."

It was evident that in order to top this game, a new "Call of Duty" would have to be produced. A little under a year later, a company named Treyarch answered the call.

The new "Call of Duty" goes by the name of "Black Ops," and its sweeping the nation just as "Modern Warfare" did. Many gamers have mixed views on the game, and this article will touch on some of the similarities and

differences of the two.

"It was a lot easier to pick up 'Modern Warfare 2,'" says Cortland alum Chris Dutkowsky. "To the novice player, 'Black Ops' might be tougher to figure out, but on the flip side there is a lot more you can do."

The controls in "Black Ops" are exactly like "Modern Warfare" which offers you the same game type experience. However, not everything is the

because the controls come down to point and shoot.

These options are a definite plus for Black Ops, but what most gamers care about is online play. Playing online allows you to play with and against people all over the world, as well as interact with them. Unlike "Modern Warfare," the maps for "Black Ops" online are a lot smaller which results in quicker games and more action.

The selection of weapons offers a bigger variety than Modern Warfare, keeping the game fresh. In "Black Ops," "leveling up" seems to happen a lot quicker.

With the new challenges, wagers, and packages that are available, the points earned make it a lot easier to reach the highest level you can reach.

To touch on some negatives, "Black Ops" is tougher to set up a "party" with your friends online. The mindless process of setting up a party in "Modern Warfare 2" is now blanketed with frustration and a lot of waiting in "Black Ops."

As well as this, the overall design of the game makes people tough to pick out on a TV. Unless you are playing on a 50" plasma, everything in "Black Ops" seems smaller and makes you strain your eyes.

Whatever the case may be, "Black Ops" is the new fad of the gaming industry that will only be topped when yet another "Call of Duty" is created.



photo by Sam Dutkowsky

**Chris Dutkowsky, 23, playing Black Ops online**

same. The Campaign option in "Black Ops" is a lot more intricate than "Modern Warfare," and offers a very unique story line.

There is an option on the main menu to play "Zombies" as well, where up to four people can defend a room against the living dead. This option makes the game more enjoyable for everybody

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## A Look Inside The Guitar of Pamela Means

**Musician Pamela Means brings social issues to life with heartfelt music**

By Erika Kirch  
Staff Writer

Pamela Means, a self-described "biracial queer radically progressive female in the world," is an independent and internationally touring musician.

As "one of the fiercest guitar players and politically-rooted songwriters in the music industry today," she has the ability to articulate social injustices with witty lyrics on top of a groove like no other, her guitar wears the proof (Curve Magazine).

From energizing, hard-hitting folk songs, and softer supple love songs, to jazz, Means is a musician not to be overlooked.

She was recently on the Cortland Campus not only to play a show but also to speak at the Girls' Studies Conference.

If for some reason you missed the opportunity to experience everything this award-winning, Brooklyn-based musician brought to Cortland in October, I had a chance to interview her at Felicia's Atomic Lounge in Ithaca.

1. EK: You studied classical and jazz guitar at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. When did you first pick up a guitar?

PM: At age 14, I took a few beginner lessons at the YWCA, in Waukesha, WI, taught myself for a few years following, then I attended the Conservatory after high school.

2. EK: I've heard references from you to Audre Lorde, and more specifically her quote, "I am myself a Black woman warrior poet doing my work, come to ask you, are you doing yours?" Is Audre Lorde your biggest inspiration? Who else influences your music?

PM: The pointed and poi-

gnant writings of Audre Lorde and bell hooks changed my life and my writing, which led me to become a politically-minded artist. Musically, I am inspired, in particular, by a lot of jazz, and the great songwriters throughout history.

3. EK: Between your guitar playing and lyrics, you are a fierce and captivating musician (you have "mad guitar-and-vocal skills"...they put it better than I did). Tell me about your songwriting process.

PM: Aw, thanks. I spend a lot of time practicing and playing guitar and have a bit of an easier time writing music, but I need lyrics for a song to take root. In which case, I use discipline to sit myself down and actually do the writing. I am fond of "timed free writing exercises," an idea from *Writing Down the Bones* by Natalie Goldberg. (Great book) And, I believe continuously working on the various crafts can make one better prepared for those magic "song falling out of the sky" moments.

4. EK: You won the Outmusic Outstanding New Recording for *Single Bullet Theory* in 2004. What did you think about winning the award?

PM: I am proud of that album and the recognition it received. It was a step forward in my songwriting, and it was the first time I took complete control of directing the recording sessions and post-production process - something I've done for each album ever since.

5. EK: Your songs are often politically and socially outspoken. Elaborate on the relationship between your music and your politics? Gender politics? Race and politics?

PM: I am committed, in my life and work, to being honest about what I see and feel and pull from my experiences as a biracial queer radically progressive female in the world.

6. EK: You released "Pamela Means Jazz Project, Vol. 1." Will there be a volume 2?

PM: Yes! And, then some!

7. EK: *Precedent* was released in '09. The song "New Orleans," -please tell me about it. The emotion and lyrics slay me. Will you tell me about your trip to New Orleans following Katrina with Emancipate (which promotes the work of women artists) in 2008? What were your thoughts before, during your stay, and following?

PM: I was grateful for the opportunity to see the city for myself. I am still impacted by the horrific stories I heard, and the widespread destruction that was still visible, at that time, three years past the storm. I referenced some of the stories in the lyrics. I thought it was important to be direct and vividly honest. It is important to remember that New Orleans is still recovering and still needs attention, support and assistance.

8. EK: You recently attended the ReimagininGirlhood conference at SUNY Cortland and spoke on a panel about Artist Reflections of Girls and Performance. What did you talk about and why?

PM: The topic was Music and Action. I spoke about evolving into a politically outspoken artist.

9. EK: In your eyes, how was the turnout for the ReimagininGirlhood conference?

PM: Great!

10. EK: Girlhood Studies is an emerging field, what are your thoughts on the new field?

PM: It is wonderful to have a new field of study dedicated to expanding, exploring and documenting our experiences in our own words. Knowledge is power and the more resources we have, the stronger we will be moving forward in dismantling patriarchy

and confronting the ills that have strained to keep us silent and subservient.

11. EK: You've been to Cortland before, what brings you back?

PM: The conference!  
For more information, tour dates, and a taste of Means' "kamikaze guitar style," check out her website: [www.pamelameans.com](http://www.pamelameans.com)



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Award winning musician, Pamela Means, smiles for promotional picture

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# The Real Lives of Football Wives

**VH1's Football Wives highlight the reality of being an NFL spouse**

**By Christina DAgostino**  
Staff Writer

Football is the all-American sport, but does that mean that its players and their families possess the all-American dream?

What most people don't know is that football careers are short-lived, and do not last as long as other professional sport contracts.

Though all of the wives featured on the show, *Football Wives*, are the wives and girlfriends of the most elite professional football stars today, this does not mean that they enjoy the "lifestyles of the rich and famous."

Many careers in football are short, because of the roughness of the game. Often, spouses and girlfriends of these pro-stars play a dual role: significant other, and nurse.

Clearly, football is an extreme contact sport, and so it is not rare for a player to get injured.

It may appear now that the significant others of these stars are bedazzled in designer names and brands, but that is because their husbands or boyfriends are in the prime of their games.

Once the contracts of these football stars are finished, will their mates still be sporting the latest fashions, living in the largest homes, and driving the nicest cars?

Pilar Sanders, wife of retired All-Pro cornerback Deion Sanders, fights to continue the legacy.

Her five children are in the midst of following their very successful father's footsteps. With her husband, Pilar hosts a camp every summer that instructs the fundamentals of the game of football, while also teaching the kids about discipline, respect, and faith.

Amanda Davis, wife of offensive linemen Leonard Davis, is similar to Sanders in that she too participates in philanthropy.

She is popular among the NFL family community because of her work with charity. Also, she doesn't rely on her man's income, she owns both a jewelry business as well as a restaurant chain.

Chanita Foster, wife of offensive linemen George Foster, also holds a large heart for the community.

Standing an outstanding 6-foot tall, she uses her personality to expand on the high stature of which she holds herself.

At home, she has three children, none of which she had herself; one is currently in the adoption process, another is the daughter of a neighbor who could no longer take care of her, and the other one is a child from George Foster's previous wife.

In addition to being busy with her louder-than-life family, Chanita designs a line of jerseys which are custom for the lives of football players.

As the only girlfriend on the show, Brittany Pigrenet, girlfriend of Dallas kicker David Buehler, has demonstrated that she wants to be responsible for herself.

To her, dating a football star does not mean that she inherits his fortune; she refuses to use any money from Buehler, and works

two jobs in order to afford her lifestyle and college tuition. She is a prime example of a woman who is willing to hold her own.

Dawn Neufeld, wife of tight end Ryan Neufeld, really has fulfilled the stereotype of the "perfect family," by meeting her husband at college, and being college sweethearts.

Although they found love early, does that mean that their life is as perfect as it seems?

Unfortunately, for this committed couple, only one thing is certain: their love for each other. Paralleled to the other football wives, the Neufelds face financial hardship, and hope to overcome this relatively soon.

Melani Ismail, married to Rocket Ismail, college and pro-football star, faces similar struggles to the Neufelds.

For the Ismial's, hardships are physical and not economic. Unfortunately, Rocket suffers from the effects of football, as it has taken a toll on this body. However, one thing that the Is-



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Cast members of VH1's Football Wives pose for the shows promotional photograph

mial's portray for certain is the everlasting love they have for one another, and especially for their young son, Little Rocket.

Erin McBriar, wife of Dallas punter Brian McBriar, is more of a realistic type of woman.

She realizes that the lifestyle revealed by most wives of professional athletes is fictional, and often gets swept out from underneath them.

By being realistic, she is able to lead an ambitious career while

still appreciating the work of her husband.

Mercedes Nelson, another cast member, ended her relationship with a Dallas player to focus on her own career.

She is accomplished in various areas in media, such as singing and dancing, and aspires to pull out a career in fashion.

Be sure to tune in to *Football Wives*, at its new time on Sunday's at 9:30 p.m. on VH1.

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# Grab A Bite At M&D Deli

**M&D Deli provide great food and wonderful service for all patrons**

By Jason DiStefano  
Staff Writer

Delis are scarce in Central N.Y. but M&D Deli makes up for the lack of them.

M & D Deli offers quite the variety with high-quality soups, salads, subs, Paninis and egg sandwiches, and being in a college town, they naturally draw in a crowd.

Other than the wonderful employees and mouth-watering sandwiches, the deli offers the convenience of students using their connections to pay for their meals.

With fresh bread, homemade soups, and salads, M & D leaves you aching for more.

Most delis won't make fresh products every morning, but this is not true for M&D, and has been a determining factor in keeping their customers.

Frankie Padolecchia, a senior at Cortland, from Medford Long Island, says, "The food at M & D is of great quality. All of their products are made fresh every morning, from their soups to their rolls. What makes them such a good deli is the wide variety of sandwiches that they make."

Although it is important to have a finger-licking-good sandwich, it is also very important to have employees that work hard and make the consumers feel welcome.

Padolecchia agreed with the great customer satisfaction: "the people in there make the deli what it is. They make me feel like I'm at home. They are very quick to greet every customer and are quick to make the orders."

Not only do they have a



photo by Jason DiStefano

**The employees at M&D Deli prepare to provide excellent service**

menu that offers a wide range of spectacular sandwiches, they are quick to accommodate a customer's order.

Many restaurants are strict and will only offer what is on the menu, but what makes M & D Deli a personal favorite is their willingness to please the customer. They create such a rapport that they know exactly what the customer wants.

My favorite sandwich of theirs is one that I have customized and they are always happy to prepare. It consists of four egg whites, turkey, feta cheese, and hot sauce on a whole wheat roll, which is homemade every morning. It is very filling and tasty. Hopefully a name will be rewarded to this beauty.

Having a seasonal menu is always satisfying and M & D Deli is always offering food to fit the seasons.

Around Thanksgiving, they offer this phenomenal sandwich that reminds people of a home-

cooked Thanksgiving dinner.

Not only do they have the best seasonal sandwich around, they also please the pallet with their butternut squash soup.

Eric Martin, a senior at Cortland, from Fairport, said, "My favorite sandwich is the Gobbler. It is packed with fresh turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and mayo, and served on a warm whole-wheat roll." Martin said, "It's my favorite because it delivers those nostalgic feelings from Thanksgiving and my mom's cooking."

M & D really offers everything one wants in a deli. Freshness is always the best policy, and this is why they continue to keep their customers scurrying in.

To go along with their quality products, the employees are some of the friendliest people around, and they provide great business.

They are located at 19 Central Ave. in downtown Cortland.

## Blast From The Past 1969: What War?

As reported in this column last month, in an exclusive scoop, the Vietnam War was found to be still alive and fairly well somewhere in S.E. Asia.

As of the latest reports, received only hours ago, this situation still prevailed. This, of course, is based solely on declassified information.

In view of this I must caution my readers from making any hasty decisions based upon this writer's knowledge, as information which is available only to those "higher up," such as Mr. Nixon (President), Mr. Laird (Sec. of Defense), or Mr. Agnew (Court Jester), might momentarily change the entire picture, or at least the channel.

There have been unconfirmed rumors that in fact, Vietnam does not actually exist, or that if it does, it is only an unpopulated wooded area in Southern Alabama. However, despite these

rumors, I will have to rely on my usually impeachable sources for my vital statistics about the shape of the war.

As of this time, our battle dead in Vietnam (wherever it is) top the number of men lost in Korea, and our total casualties top those of W.W.I (303,502 to 257,404). Obviously this means that we are winning, for as anyone knows, the more points, runs, goals, baskets, or bodies you get, the more you win by. One might be tempted to ask just what it is we have won, but if you are a good Christian, you will resist temptation.

Let me say a few words to those of you who would criticize our President. Stop it. You must realize that the only effect that criticism has upon Him is to make him feel bad. Surely you cannot wish to wound so deeply a man whose simple aim in life is to be tolerated. President Nixon is do-

ing all that he knows how to make the people of Vietnam feel better, and all you can do is make Him feel bad. May I suggest that if you still feel the need to criticize, at least do it constructively. Offer some viable alternatives. The plans of those who would burn Vietnam to the ground, cover it with asphalt, and use it as a parking lot, cannot be taken seriously. Why the air pollution that would be caused by all those cars is by itself an insurmountable obstacle to the project. And this is not to mention the problem of constructing a bridge to San Francisco.

In closing, let me say that now is the time for all good Americans, and anyone else those four can find, to get behind our President and push together. Preferably over a large cliff.

## "The Music of War and Peace"

**Cortland Community College Orchestra illustrate War and Peace**

By Jessica Downer  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 16th, the Cortland College Community Orchestra held their fall concert of "The Music of War and Peace."

The orchestra, under the direction of Ubaldo Valli, performed three pieces: "Music for the Royal Fireworks" by G. F. Handel, "Memorial to Lidice," by Bohulav Martinu, and "Marche Slav Op. 31" by P. I. Tchaikovsky.

These pieces portrayed significant historical moments from the times these pieces were made. Valli described the significance of these pieces before they were played.

"Music for the Royal Fireworks" was written in 1748 after the Austrian War of Succession. The piece was written after the Treaty of Aix-la Chapelle was signed.

"Memorial to Lidice" was written to commemorate the village of Lidice in the Czech Republic, which was obliterated by the Nazis during World War II, when they decided not to suc-

cumb to their demands.

Martinu was asked to write the piece to celebrate the village, and quoted other musical pieces to help create the work of art.

"Marche Slav Op. 31" was written in 1876 for a concert benefiting Serbians whom had been killed or hurt in the Russo-Turkish war by Ottoman soldiers.

The Orchestra painted a musical picture of the parts that include war and peace: the war, the aftermath, and the treaty.

The Handel piece created a realistic sound that would accompany the signing of a treaty in an eighteenth century court.

Lidice captured the sadness and devastation that was felt by the people who came from the Czech Republic.

David Bitterbaum, alumnus, commented on how he felt about the music; "It was sad, with a hint of hope. I really enjoyed it."

The concert concluded with "Marche Slave," which was filled with excitement. It was a great way to end the well-played concert.

Overall, the concert was exciting and melodic, as always.

## Potter Keeps Us Planted

**The Harry Potter saga continues to keep viewers wanting more**

By Jessica Downer  
Staff Writer

The Harry Potter movie franchise started the end of the seven-year adventure with *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part I*, which opened November 19th.

The movie continues from the sixth movie with Harry, Ron, and Hermione who decide not to go back to Hogwarts, and instead to destroy the evil Horcruxes that keep Voldemort alive.

The movie made \$102.7 million in ticket sales its first night and has grossed about \$300 million overall in its first weekend.

Because the movie has been split into two parts, part one provided accurate details of the book.

The movie had people gasping and hanging off the edge of their seats waiting for the next scene to come along.

The film provided numerous scenes where the heroic trio would spend time running for their lives from death-eaters, hiding in the woods, or planning how they would destroy the Horcruxes.

These scenes became redun-

dant but were crucial for establishing the events that will occur in part two.

The director, David Yates, had the actors successfully portray the many emotions that fans feel while reading the book.

The chemistry between Daniel Radcliff, Emma Watson, and Rupert Grint feels natural and real.

Through the years and many of the films, they have truly embodied the characters readers and watchers have grown to love.

The movie brings back many characters from previous movies as well as introducing new characters to the audience.

The combination of new and old comes together and results in a mind-blowing, heart-stopping experience.

One complaint that could be said about the film is that much of it seemed to be setting the scene for the second film, resulting in a lot of build-up with the audience waiting 8 months until part two for the pay-off.

Overall, this movie's set up created excitement for part two and the conclusion of the *Harry Potter* story.

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# Cross Country Crosses Finish Line

**The women's cross country team competes in Nationals in Iowa**

**By Brittani Sahn**  
Staff Writer

The Cortland women's cross country team placed 15th at their final meet of the 2010 season at the NCAA Division III Championship last Saturday held in Waverly, Iowa. There were 32 complete teams competing for the National title.

The first to finish for the Red Dragons was junior Alyson Dalton in the 31st spot overall, earning her All-American honors.

All seven runners for the Cortland team finished the 6,000 meter course in less than 23 minutes. After Dalton's 31st individual finish, senior Erin Keaveney crossed the line in the 135th position. Not far behind her came sophomore Jordyn Naylor in 138th. The other two scoring runners were junior Hannah Hoffman in 159th and senior Kristin Vespa in 162nd.

The final two competitors for Cortland were freshmen Dayna Eikeseth in 170th and senior Caitlin Sullivan in 175th.

The 2010 cross country season may be over, but the women's team certainly did not end on a bad finish.

Coming into the season, they were only ranked 4th in the SUNYAC preseason standings, along with a 9th ranking for the Atlantic Region standings. The women came through with a SUNYAC title and a 5th place at regions.

A young team may have been the reason for the underrating of the Cortland team throughout the season, but it was the less experienced members that made the women as a whole a very strong group. The most influential freshmen this year have been Dayna Eikeseth, who ran at the National meet this past weekend, and Emily Cotey, who was a part of the team that finished 5th at the Atlantic Region Championship.

The freshmen were a great

supporting group for the rest of the experienced team. Junior Alyson Dalton has been a great asset for the team this year, proving to everyone year after year how dominant she is in the sport of cross country.

Seniors Erin Keaveney and Kristin Vespa have had their best year of the four years they have spent on the team. For both of them, injuries were a reoccurring issue throughout their careers.

With all of the women finishing the season with a great showing, and a successful ending at nationals, the Cortland cross country team proved to those who did not believe that they had what it takes to be champions.



photo provided by Erin Keaveney

The competing cross country runners pose at the National Meet in Iowa

# Athletes

**Alyson Dalton and Dan Pitcher represent the Athletes of the Week**

**By Ashley Wysocarski**  
Staff Writer

For the third time this year, Alyson Dalton is the female Athlete of the Week for Cortland. In the NCAA Division III Cross-Country Championships in Iowa on November 20, Dalton finished 31st out of 270 runners completing the 6,000-meter race in 21:42.5 minutes.

Dalton's strong finish at the championships was enough to earn her All-American honors. The Red Dragons finished 15th overall, the team's twentieth top-twenty finish. The success of the team, and Dalton, doesn't come from simply running, she says:

"One of the most challenging aspect of my sport is I'm outside running every day no matter the conditions. Snow, rain, freezing temperatures, you name it my team is out there putting in the work. Running the amount that my team does is also extremely strenuous on your body so we have to make sure we're eating all the right foods and taking care of our bodies in other ways," says Dalton.

Dalton routinely put together impressive performances during the season. At the NCAA DIII Atlantic Regionals race, Dalton placed fourth with a time of 21:59.8, earning her All-Region honors, and helping the team reach fifth place overall.

In a sport with emphasis on individual finish times, Dalton does not undermine the importance of having a strong team. Dalton has a tradition before each race that she uses to help lift up her teammates.

"I go up to each girl on my team and tell them they're fast.

It's something my high school coach started I partly do it out of superstition, but I also hope that it pumps up the rest of my team," Dalton said.

The team's coach was also recognized for his large, positive contributions. Steve Patrick won SUNYAC Cross-Country Coach of the Year. Dalton expresses her excitement for next season:

"Cortland has an impressive cross-country history and were trying to keep the tradition of national competition alive," said Dalton.

On the men's side, Dan Pitcher for the football team won Athlete of the Week honors. Pitcher was also named the NJAC Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending November 20, 2010.

During the first round of the NCAA Division III Playoffs, Pitcher racked up 20-of-26 pass completions, resulting in 232 passing yards. In the showdown versus Endicott, Pitcher also rushed five times for a total of 22 yards, including one touchdown.

While Cortland's season ended in the second round of the NCAA tournament in a loss to Alfred University, Pitcher's arm still showed up strong. Pitcher connected on 20 passes for a total of 174 yards including two touchdowns.

Most impressive, are Pitcher's season statistics. For the season, Pitcher had completed 157 passes in 279 attempts. Those 157 passes completed translated into 1757 total yards and 18 touchdowns.

Cortland finished the season with a 10-2 record and a place in the school history books for the third highest win total in a season. As for Pitcher, out of his 14 total starts for the Red Dragons, he has thrown at least one touchdown pass in 13 of those games.

# Basketball Scores

**Women's basketball splits Skidmore Invitational Championship**

**By Kevin McDonnell**  
Staff Writer

The Red Dragons women's basketball team started the season off great with wins over Elmira, St. John Fisher, and Skidmore. This was the first time they have started off 3-0 since the 2007 season when they started 7-0.

The women began the week at Elmira College. The Red Dragons dominated the Soaring Eagles all game long. Cortland shot 52% from the field in the 83-48 rout of Elmira.

Molly Byrne led the Red Dragons in scoring with 16 points: she also accounted for 6 rebounds on the day. Micki Volpini and Jen Polan also scored in double-digits, accounting for 14 and 13 respectively. Polan also had 8 assists in the game.

From Elmira the Red Dragons headed to Saratoga Springs for the Skidmore Invitational at Skidmore College. Oneonta, St. John Fisher and Skidmore were the other teams vying for the tournament championship.

The Red Dragons started the tournament off by facing the Cardinals of St. John Fisher College. This game was a lot closer than the game versus Elmira. The Red Dragons were tied at halftime, 31-31.

Brittany Cohen led the Red Dragons versus St. John Fisher with 13 points, including three

buckets from behind the arc.

Cortland then faced Skidmore in the pre-determined tournament schedule. This game did not go into seven overtimes like Skidmore's men's team did recently versus Southern Vermont, an NCAA record.

Cortland got off to a good first half against the Thoroughbreds. Cortland led 38-28 at the break. They had the lead for the final 31 minutes of the game.

The Red Dragons were led by Molly Byrne once again. Byrne had a season high 17 points, including 13 in the first half. She was named tournament MVP after the game.

Cortland shot 44 percent from the floor including 41 percent from long range. Mary Bruns led the Red Dragons on the day with 10 rebounds, seven of them coming on the defensive end.

Cortland went 2-0 in the Skidmore Invitational as did SUNY Oneonta. The two shared the tournament championship as Cortland did not face Oneonta during this tournament. The Cortland Red Dragons will play their SUNYAC rival Oneonta Red Dragons on January 25 and February 15.

Cortland faced Ithaca this past Tuesday and will start off SUNYAC play this weekend with a Western New York road trip with Friday and Saturday matchups versus Buffalo State and Fredonia. The Red Dragons next home game is not until January 5th when they host Clarkson.

# Thankful for Football

**Football has become more than just a game on Thanksgiving**

**By Chris Oullette**  
Staff Writer

When it comes to Thanksgiving, people traditionally think of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the big turkey dinner, and then the big nap after said dinner. But recently, more and more people have started to add football to their list of traditions on Thanksgiving, whether it be playing a backyard game of football with family and friends or watching professional and collegiate games on the TV. However, not many people may know this, but football has actually been played annually on Thanksgiving Day and the following weekend since 1902, when the first all-pro football league was formed.

For example, unorganized groups play football games on Thanksgiving in a series of matches usually dubbed, "The Turkey Bowl." These games are normally played by a variety of people, including extended families, college fraternities, volunteer fire departments, and local churches.

College and professional games played over the Thanksgiving weekend are usually referred to as a Classic.

College football games played on Thanksgiving and during the following weekend are mainly rivalry games. One game in particular, the Turkey Day Classic, which is a game between Alabama State University and Tuskegee University, has been played on Thanksgiving Day annually since 1924. Some other examples of rivalry games played during the Thanksgiving weekend are the Iron Bowl: Auburn Tigers vs. Alabama Crimson Tide; the Battle for the Golden Boot: LSU Tigers vs. Arkansas Razorbacks; and the Jeweled Shillelagh: Notre Dame Fighting Irish vs. USC Trojans, which is played during Thanksgiving weekend every other year.

For professional football, the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys have played home games on Thanksgiving since 1934 and 1966 respectively, in a series called the Thanksgiving Classic. However, starting in 2006, the NFL added a third game on Thanksgiving night

with a rotating host team. This year, the New York Jets hosted the Cincinnati Bengals in the late game, while the Detroit Lions hosted the New England Patriots and the Dallas Cowboys welcomed the New Orleans Saints.

Several students here at Cortland said that they always try to start a football game with their family and friends or they just watch the football games on TV. Freshman Sean Faulkner said, "I love watching football on Thanksgiving. There is nothing better to do on that day." Not only does Faulkner watch football on Thanksgiving, but so does his entire family. So, when you are spending time with your family next Thanksgiving, try to do a little more than just stuff your face with turkey. Try to start a pickup game with your family and friends or at least watch some of the games on TV. If football isn't part of your Thanksgiving tradition, try to make it a part of it.

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# State Champion Ruggers fall in Regionals

**After winning the NY State Title, the Rugby team falls to Bentley**

**By Theodore Montalvo**  
Staff Writer

On November 6, the Cortland rugby team played its final game versus Bentley University at home in a Regional playoff match.

Bentley traveled from Boston to play the undefeated State champion Warriors. This was Cortland's first match versus a team outside of New York State. Little was known about Cortland's opponent, "but I have every bit of confidence in my team. We know what were made of." team captain Tony Aqualina said before the game.

It was a bitter cold afternoon, but that didn't stop Cortland's fans from showing their support. Cortland kicked off to start the match and pack members Brad Demo and Chris Heim sprinted down the field to make the first hit of the game.

Bentley kept possession and worked the ball down the muddy field as the two unfamiliar teams got acquainted. A couple of crucial tackles from fullback Thanner Hestdalen kept Bentley from scoring right away. Eventually they found their way into the tryline and scored first going up on Cortland 5-0.

Down but not out, Cortland kicked off again. Able to regain possession, they used their pack's strength and wings' speed work the ball to the sidelines and

spread Bentley's defense. There were a number of plays where Cortland should have scored but tough defense from Bentley kept them out of the tryline.

Bentley stole the ball and one of their wing players was able to find a gap and score off a huge run down their own sideline. They were up 10-0 over Cortland.

Chris Heim was able to pick the tempo up as he laid a devastating hit off the next kick off and Cortland recovered the ball. The pack was able to tire out Bentley's defense and Captain Aqualina got the ball out quickly to winger Frank Dipasquale who finally found the tryline for Cortland and scored. Cortland trailed 10-5 at halftime.

The muddy conditions on the field kept Cortland from fully using their outside speed the second half. They lost possession a number of times. Bentley ran the ball hard and was able to score again going up by 10 over Cortland.

Close to the tryline, Chris Heim got the ball and powered through to score. Mike Compton was able to convert the kick bringing the score to 15-12.

Cortland then committed a penalty which allowed Bentley to kick for points and convert making the score 18-12. With time running out Cortland was fighting desperately to score. Duncan Forbes then shined some light for Cortland when he blocked a kick, picked it up and broke through the defense. As the fullback closed in he passed the ball to Nick Tricarico to score.

The score was 18-17, and unfortunately that's how it would stay. Cortland lost their first game of the season and was unable to advance to the regional final four.

"We're a family, and we worked hard together for everything we have accomplished this year. A lot of guys stepped up when they needed to and that's what Rugby is all about." said team captain

Zach Rutkowski after the game.

It was more than an impressive season for the Warriors, as they went 6-0 in the regular season and 2-0 in the New York State playoffs to win the

State Division II Championship. They go into their offseason as state champions and look forward to the spring to continue their success.



photo provided by Theodore Montalvo

The Cortland Warriors' pack enters a ruck early in their Regional Playoff game against Bentley

## College Basketball Preview

**College basketball is back and the countdown to March madness is on**

**By Nathan Vaji**  
Staff Writer

As the college football season comes to an end, the college basketball season is just beginning. You may have noticed basketball games on all day during the Thanksgiving break. These early-season tournaments may not be as exciting as March Madness, but some of the early matchups may be a preview of what is to come in March.

In the Maui Invitational, Connecticut knocked off two top-ten teams in #2 Michigan State and #9 Kentucky. The Huskies are led by junior point guard Kemba Walker, who is leading the nation in scoring with 30 points per game. Also during that tournament, #2 Michigan State faced off with #11 Washington, a

game that would be decided in the finals minutes, with the Spartans winning 76-71.

However, the biggest early season matchup came in the CBE Classic with defending national champion #1 Duke squaring off against #4 Kansas State. What was made out to be a possible Final Four matchup didn't turn out to be quite the game it was hyped as Duke, led by freshman point guard Kyrie Irving, ran all over the Wildcats en route to an 82-68 victory in Kansas City.

Duke, with the addition of Irving and transfer Seth Curry, looks to be just as dangerous as last year. They return guard Nolan Smith and Final Four Most Outstanding Player Kyle Singler to an already deep roster. Curry, the younger brother of current NBA player and former Davidson star Stephan Curry, averaged 20.2 points per game in his freshman year at Liberty before transferring to Duke.

Michigan State also looks to be in the running for another Final Four berth for head coach Tom

Izzo. Izzo had led the Spartans to the Final Four in six of the last 12 years. They return senior guard Kalin Lucas as well as junior forward Draymond Green. Lucas was injured in last year's NCAA Tournament with a torn Achilles' tendon.

Despite the loss of 2009 National Player of the Year Evan Turner, Ohio State looks poised to return to the Final Four. The Buckeyes return big man David Lighty as well as sharpshooter Jon Diebler. They also add top recruit Jared Sullinger. Sullinger is leading the Buckeyes in scoring in the young season with 16 points per game.

The Big Ten is one of the top conferences in the nation. But as usual, the Big East will be just as tough. Defending regular season champion Syracuse lost star Wes Johnson. However, they return young talent in Kris Joseph and Scoop Jardine. Brandon Triche and Rick Jackson will also look to lead the Orange through the long Big East conference schedule.

Villanova and their deep guard play with be a tough test for the Orange. However, the top team in the Big East looks to be Pittsburgh. The Pitt Panthers return a lethal guard combo in Ashton Gibbs and Brad Wanamaker. They also have Gary McGhee inside as well as freshman Talib Zanna.

No matter who your favorite team may be, this looks to be another exciting season in the world of college basketball.

## FOOTBALL

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Part of the reason for Endicott's comeback was two costly turnovers by the Dragons when trying to drain the clock. A fumble recovery and an interception helped bring the Gulls back. Cortland was

able to stretch the lead later, as Dorian Myles scored on a 12 yard run. Edicott would get a late touchdown pass from Mike Konopka to Mike Murphy, but it was too little, too late.

Dorian Myles was one of those surprise contributors in the game, scoring two times on the ground. Pitcher not only threw for three scores, but added one on the ground. Autera had his one score, but was injured in the game.

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## Red Dragons Fall in Second Round

**After beating Endicott, Cortland drops home game to Alfred**

By Kyle Garland/Steve Femia  
Sports Editor/Staff Writer

The football team's outstanding season came to end Saturday as the 17<sup>th</sup> ranked Red Dragons fell to the Saxons of Alfred State in the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

"I've never seen a team do that to us. They were challenging and figured us out but they came in and handled business," said junior corner D.J. Romano.

Alfred came to Cortland as the underdog but left victorious after a convincing 34-20 win.

Alfred got on the board with just under five minutes remaining in the first quarter and never relinquished the lead. After trailing 14-6 at halftime, the Red Dragons turned the ball over on their opening second-half possession. Alfred capitalized with a touchdown to go up 20-6. Cortland pulled closer late in the fourth quarter, but after a failed onside kick attempt, the Saxons tacked on another touchdown to seal the game.

Alfred dominated statistically, rushing for 146 more yards than the Red Dragons. They will go on to play top-seeded Mount Union.

As for Cortland, their 10 wins this season is the third highest win total in school history. Romano said, "it feels good but we still feel like we could have done better... We start lifting again over winter break and we aren't happy."

In order to get to the Alfred game, Cortland had to first beat



photo by staff photographer Todd Curtis

**Sophomore Wide Receiver Mike Humphrey catches a pass from Dan Pitcher inside the 10 yard line**

Endicott College. In what turned out to be a second half shootout, the Red Dragons were able to hold off the gulls in the opening round of the playoffs. The Dragons won 49-35, and saw contributions in ways that weren't seen as much throughout the regular season.

Edicott was forced to play catch up for most of the game, thanks in part to the strong offense of the Red Dragons. Dan

Pitcher put up one of his most impressive games of the year, throwing over 230 yards and three scores. Running back Justin Autera seemed to be targeted by the defense but still nearly topped 100 yards on the day with one touchdown. Though down as much as 28 at one point, Edicott continued to fight back and kept the Red Dragons honest in the second half, especially in the

fourth quarter. The lack of offense in the first half contributed to the early deficit, and the inconsistencies later on also help yield scoring drives. Cortland's defense helped slow down any threats, even though they didn't force any turnovers or record any sacks, a rarity for the Red Dragons.

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## Men's Basketball Slams at NYU

**The Red Dragons placed second at the NYU Invitational**

By Becky Greenland  
News Editor

Leading 27-17 at half, Cortland looked to be well on their way to a 3-0 start and a first place championship at the NYU invitation. That was until the second half where NYU shot 66% from the field including 7-9 from behind the arc, a huge improvement from the 27% they shot in the first half. The second half surge lead to a 70-61 win for NYU and the first loss of the season for the Red Dragons.

Cortland trailed 17-11 after Derek Becker's jumper with 8:53 left in the first half. The Red Dragons would then take control for the remainder of the half. The Red Dragons outscored the Violets 16-0 the rest of the way to take a 27-17 lead. All-Tournament selection, Jesse

Winter scored six points during that stretch. "Going into the second half our feeling was to keep playing our game and put them away," said Winter. "We didn't want to give them a chance to make a comeback."

But the Red Dragons were unable to close out the Violets. NYU came out a different team in the second half, firing on all cylinders as they outscored the Red Dragons 53-34. NYU tied the game at 41-41 on a Kyle Stockmal free throw with 11:50 remaining. Cortland took its final lead 16 seconds later on a Harrison Hefele three-pointer, but tournament MVP Richie Polan responded with four of his to give NYU the lead for good at 45-44.

The game would stay close until the final minutes. Cortland was still within two at 58-56 following another Winter three-pointer with 2:37 left, but Polan answered with a three of his own at the 2:19 mark. Jeremy Smith's three-pointer with 1:36 left pulled the Red Dragons to within four, but NYU scored seven of the game's final nine points to pull away late for the victory. "We lost a bit of our intensity and defensive

focus," Winter said, in reference to the second half letdown. It didn't help that there shots were starting to drop" he added. Polan finished with 17 points and 15 rebounds while teammates Carl Yaffe and Stockmal contributed 15 and 12 points respectively for the hosts. Jeremy Smith paced the Red Dragons finishing with 19 points while Dustin Marshall, 15 points, and Winter, 11 points, both finished in double digits.

In Cortland's first round game the Red Dragons took care of Emmanuel College of Massachusetts winning by a score of 74-64. Cortland lead 35-32 at halftime and never trailed in the second half. The Saints would get close as 50-45 on two Patrick Ramsey free throws with 10:51 left. The Red Dragons would make sure the

Saints wouldn't get any close as Cortland then went on a 9-0 run, highlighted by a Marshall three-pointer and two Harrison Hefele baskets, and led 59-45 with 8:18 remaining. Emmanuel would cut the lead down to six but Winter converted a three point play moments later. Cortland would cruise from that point on.

Winter lead Cortland with 18 points to go along with three assists while Hefele, Marshall and Smith all finished with ten-plus points. Kevin McMahon had a team high nine rebounds. Xavier Everson lead the Saints with a game highs of 21 points and 10 rebounds including three three-pointers.

The Red Dragons sat at 2-1 going into Tuesday's non-conference game against Ithaca. Winter already sees some great things from the team. "Our greatest strength of our team has been the ability to share the ball. We all have good chemistry with each other and have been sharing the ball while getting it to the open man to get quality shots." While the Red Dragons have found the open man in the early going, the team has struggled on the glass as they have been outrebounded 110-99. "Since we do not have a very big team this year, we need to rebound at all five positions on the defense and offensive end." Winter added.

Cortland visits Buffalo State and Fredonia this weekend to kickoff conference play.

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### Athletes of the Week



**Alyson Dalton**

**Women's Cross Country**

Dalton earns Athlete of the Week honors for the third time after a strong finish at Nationals



**Dan Pitcher**  
Football

Pitcher led the Red Dragons past Endicott College with four total touchdowns