Cortland Kicks Off New Semester of Sports

New vending machine-style shop gets positive reviews from students

By Megan O’Brien
Staff Writer

Ever have a late night craving for sweets and the school store is closed? Have you ever been sick and run out of medicine? New to campus this semester is Shop 24, an automated vending machine.

Shop 24 is the solution to finding necessities when there are no other convenient options. Located outside of Neubig Hall, Shop 24 features almost 175 items, chosen by students.

“We surveyed our students to identify what items they want to see in the store,” said Terrence Cahill, Director of ASC’s College Store. Shop 24 accepts cash, credit, and connections, which many students are finding most useful. Sophomore Jeri Burke says, “Using connections makes paying a lot easier.” Burke continued, “There’s some drinks like Vitamin Water that you can’t always find on campus, but you can find in Shop 24.” Burke finds some items to be “A little over-priced, but worth it for the ease of location.” The first purchase from Shop 24 was cookie dough on January 28th, by Ariel Morrison. Even though cookie dough has been one of the most popular sellers so far, some students say they have had difficulty purchasing it with their connections.

Up to eight items can be purchased in one transaction and robotically placed into the machine’s basket. According to Pierre Gagnon, executive director of ASC, the automated functions of Shop 24 eliminate high labor costs while giving the campus an opportunity to have the option of a convenience store at any hour.
Calendar of Events: February 10-16

Today:
12 p.m. “Beyond the Pale: Construction of Gender, Femininity and Deviancy” will be presented by Mecke Nagel, Philosophy Department, at this Black History Month Sandwich Seminar. Located in Raquette Hall of Fame Room.
3 p.m. Come cheer on the Men’s Hockey team as they take on Morrisville. Game located in the Park Center Ice Arena.
5:30 p.m. Paint the town red as the Faculty Senate will host their annual fundraiser. All funds raised will go to support Transfer Transitions, an area of the Office of Alumni Affairs.
8 p.m. “Police Chief” with Q&A session with John Harkins, former Cortland Police Chief. Located in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-4.

Friday:
7 p.m. Come cheer on the Men’s Hockey team as they take on Morrisville. Game located in the Park Center Ice Arena.
8 p.m. Build a Bear for your Valentine in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. There are limited supplies so get there early!

Saturday:
1:15 p.m. The Faculty Senate meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.
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Transfer Transitions
How Advisement and Transition helps transfer students succeed
By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez

Sometimes discovering the right school to fit your personality isn’t found in the first semester of college. Luckily for transfer students looking to attend Cortland, the Advisement and Transition Office does everything in their power to accommodate every transfer applicant.

“We handle each transfer application on a case by case basis,” said Mike Cutia, an admissions advisor. “It’s our job to make sure every transfer application is looked at thoroughly, especially since they’re coming from all over the state.” According to the Admissions Office, in the fall semester alone, 1,800 prospective students had applied and about 600 were transfer students. About one third of transfer students make up the Cortland population, leading to a more diverse group of minds and intellects. This spring, 1,029 transfer students applied and 335 of them were accepted.

Only 243 transfer students actually decided to attend Cortland. There are many characteristics colleges look for in transfer students, but four important factors of an application includes a firm major. Most transfers should have already declared their majors and have an idea of what they want to accomplish. “There has to be space open in their declared major,” stated Betsy Cheetham, Assistant to the Director of Admissions. “We have to have enough space for students who are already admitted before we can let in new students. All of that is regulated by the Provost.” The Admissions Office also does everything in their power to guarantee housing for transfer students in Russia, which includes a firm major. Most transfers in order to help with the transition, such as the Transfer Welcome Picnic in the fall and the Transfer Seminar in the spring. Advisement and Transition also strategically created a transfer buddy system in which transfer students are paired off with transfer students from earlier semesters. This “older transfer” acts as a resource, as they often know how it feels to “be the new kid on the block.” However, not everyone is impressed with the transition process after being accepted to Cortland. Ashley, a childhood education major said, “They should just give me a packet of what I have to do. I don’t know how to use anything and rely on strangers for help. I chose to transfer here because Cortland was the only school that really kept contact with me during the process.” Although some may think there are problems during the post application period for transfers, Cortland still offers a lot for transfers who make up one third of the school community.

What’s Going On?

By Brittaini Sahm Staff Writer

Behind the friendships, the athletics, and the parties, college students are well known for one thing: empty wallets. From professors to tutors to simply being food workers through ASC on campus, hundreds of Cortland students try to erase this stereotype by having jobs while also being full-time students.

Although many students already have jobs, many others are looking and may have difficulty finding the right one to work with their schedule or traveling situations. For students of Cortland, Career Services can help those in need.

Lisa Allen, a Student Employment Coordinator for Career Services, says the office is always helping students find jobs on or off campus. “At the beginning of the semester, we have about 30 students a day who come in looking for employment,” Allen says. According to Allen, when students come into the office looking for a job, they must fill out a registration form. This form entitles them to view a database used by employers and employees to post and find jobs. Making the process even easier for students, Allen states, “Students can be informed about new jobs even before the resume is created, which will be sent to them when a job in their interest is posted.” Along with helping students find jobs, Career Services can also help students land jobs.

IAC Breaks It Down
The International Awareness Club discusses world issues

What: Responsibility for a suicide bombing of the busiest airport in Russia, which killed 36 people and injured 180, has been claimed.

Who: Islamist rebel leader Doku Umarov, self-claimed leader of the Caucasus Emirate

When: The bombing took place on January 24, 2011, and the video, in which Umarov states that the attack was carried out on his orders, is dated on the same day as the attack.

Where: Moscow, Russia

Why: Although many students appear to simply be food workers through ASC on campus, hundreds of Cortland students try to erase this stereotype by having jobs while also being full-time students.
SGA president by day, college student by night: working to find balance

By Dan Harding Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

When he is not delivering toys to underprivileged children, lobbying to stop budget cuts to higher education, or serving on more than a dozen committees, SGA President Jesse Campanaro seems every bit the typical Cortland student. He enjoys participating in Rec Sports, being a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, and even indulges at Wood-lyn’s Pub on the rare snow day. “I always say if you’re not having fun, it’s not worth it,” says Campanaro. With a double major in business economics and Africana studies, Campanaro sat down with us to explain what being president entails.

How long have you been involved with SGA?
“I did it in high school, but when I came to Cortland, it grew on me and I wasn’t even sure what I was doing. At first I didn’t do it myself though. I had a lot of really generous alumni, staff and students. This semester we are working with Randall Elementary School to get kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the mindset of attending college. I think a lot of them just want to work on farms or be farmers. We work to bring these students onto campus, and take them to a basketball game, or give them a campus tour. When they are here, we take them to the planetarium, and when they’re learning about history, we sit and have a history class and really speak with them. A lot of us here take college classes for free because many of us were pushed to attend in the first place.”

What are the roles and responsibilities of the SGA president?
“Mostly we send emails and get them to read them. They are well-prepared for that.”

When you came to Cortland, would you have seen yourself becoming SGA president?
(Laugh) “Actually, at first I wasn’t even sure what being in Cortland, but it grew on me and I was really starting to have a good feeling. Maybe if I had seen that opportunity I wouldn’t have had in other schools. In other places, it is difficult to even get into the student government, and here I was able to come on board pretty much only once, but twice. I’ve worked with great people here who are 30 times smarter than me.”

What are some projects SGA is working on right now?
“We just finished up the toy drive where we raised over 6,000 dollars and provided 275 toys to local children. It was a really a fun to organize every thing. We delivered to 18 different locations all over Cortland. Personally, one of my goals for my three years here was to do that. I didn’t do it myself though. I had a lot of really generous alumni, staff and students.”

What does being president entail?
I am responsible for making recommendations to the president. I am the faculty equivalent of student government. I have dreams and aspirations to share this knowledge with young scholars so they don’t have to go through the same roadblocks that I did in the department. If you have questions, you can talk, read, and visit the Africana Studies Department. We have a 1.2 million dollar budget which is dispersed between clubs, Rec Sports, the tutoring program and various other programs. I serve on the ASC board working to establish hours of operation on campus. I serve on the faculty senate, which is the faculty equivalent of student government, where faculty can raise concerns, change the college handbook, and make recommendations to the president. I’m also a part of 15 other different committees. So yeah, (laughs) it’s not your every day job, but it’s very rewarding. I get to meet a lot of students and a lot of other people, I never would have.”

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The Africana Studies Department is thriving despite difficult history

By Jessica Downer
Staff Writer

With Black History Month upon Cortland, the Africana Studies Department is leading the way in educating, involving, and enlightening the student body in African American history and culture. Although the Africana Studies Department is a small department, it has had an interesting history of its own at Cortland. The Africana Studies department was formed in the 1970s after the Civil Rights movement. Back then, the department was called Afro-American Studies.

Because of budget cuts, few students’ involvement in the major, and campus politics of ethnic studies, the department was dissolved by the administration and turned into a program under the Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies. With many of the courses going by faculty and students, and the persistence of Dr. Asahum, a new department formed six years ago into the Africana Studies Department. The department focuses on African American and Diaspora, which makes the department broader in its curriculum.

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MTV Goes Too Far

MTV's new line of reality shows are poisonous to today's youth

By Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

I just want to start off the New Year by saying thank you to MTV. If I could get the whole world to stand up and give you a round of applause I would. Only you, MTV, could have helped turn the tides of America's art form and completely necessary aspect of a band's image. When you think of good bands you used to think of good music videos. Remember TRL? MTV used to live and die by the music video. The two were attached at the hip like a freakishly entertaining Siamese twin.

Then MTV decided it needed to change its image and started showing fewer music videos. Suddenly the music from MTV was gone. Riding the success of The Real World, MTV began a long history of great moments in television programming history. The Real World is still going strong, entering its 25th season, this time in Las Vegas. Compared to some of the garbage on television, then we have a bigger problem on our hands.

Unfortunately, Teen Mom is the lesser of two evils. Teen Mom might scare younger kids who don't know any better, but Skin is more likely to do the opposite. If you don't know, Skin's originally a British show; think Degrassi but R-rated. I guess people felt that just because you took The Office from England and made it work, then we have a bigger problem on our hands.

But what people don't take into consideration isn't how many people tune in, but how many people understand that the show is fictional. Skin's shows the characters of the show partaking in sex, drug use and other forms of poor life decisions.

I'll admit, sometimes the show does a good job of pointing out what is wrong with these kids, but more often than not Skin makes it look way too much fun to be bad. MTV should realize that the show is just a graphic depiction of situations that teenagers face and how these characters choose to act.

Like Teen Mom, MTV is glamorizing a harsh reality. You can sugar coat an arsenic pill, but it will still kill you.

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It wouldn't surprise me if at some point in the future that one of the girls got pregnant just to get on the show. I really hope they're wrong though, because if that's what people will do to get on television, then we have a bigger problem on our hands.

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POLITICS

Politics in America is like a violence that has already empires in Europe. It seems as if Fox was being opulent in tone instead of focusing on what he was trying to accomplish, and how the afternoon was about the American people not the American political system. It is possible that Obama harbored and elicited implicit political agendas in his speech, but the overall aim of his speech involved the American people and how we can improve our nation by improving how we interact with one another. Fox is supposed to report the news and instead they are reporting their own interpretations of the news. Over the last decade, Fox has increasingly become more occupied with left-wing politics, and, as a result, their programming has become devoted to pushing the political left in hopes of empowering the right.

I am not a Democrat or a Republican because I’d rather be in charge of my own thoughts and make decisions based on my own beliefs and not on what some political pundit has to say.

This column is intended to motivate participation and feedback from our readers. Please send your responses in relation to this article to drangon.chronicle@cornell.edu. It is addressed to the editor.

-Matt Iannone

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OPINIONS

The Dragon Chronicle

London Experience

By Brian Lupo

Staff Writer

I think I was 11-years-old when my dad took me on a business trip to London. Being so young, I didn’t really know much about British culture until that point.

I came back with a gift for me: a set of British Colonial toy soldiers. I had never received any toy similar to that in my life, but I was obsessed with the culture of the United Kingdom ever since.

When I first moved to Cortland I found out about the options I had to study abroad. When I found out that London was one of the destinations, I knew that at some point I would embrace this opportunity; I was going to live a bit redundant, I know, I get tired of saying that. The overseas university I attend this fall was London Metropolitan University. This university offers courses similar to those offered at Cortland or any college at home. I was able to take classes in media and film, which are consistent with the courses I was taking at Cortland.

This building is down the block from the King’s Cross Underground station, which is essentially the most accessible station in London. You can take the tube to almost any destination through this station.

This was an excellent way for me to see the entire city and to get wherever I wanted to be in a short amount of time.

I think the most exciting part of my semester abroad was the fact that I actually made friends with local English people. Prior to the trip, I was very hesitant to talk to strangers.

I began talking to someone from London.

I had started talking because I noticed his post on my band’s Facebook page. When I first moved to London, I figured it couldn’t hurt to message him and see what his deal was.

It turns out he was just like me in many ways, and his friends became my friends, and my friends became his friends.

I still talk to them, and they even plan to come to New York sometime.

Another fantastic part about studying in London is its proximity to other cities in Europe. I was able to take weekend trips to Amsterdam, Berlin, and Brighton.

I never thought I’d learn so much about cities and cultures in just a few days, but I’ll never forget the rare qualities of Amsterdam or how unbelievable Berlin was.

Anyone who is reading this now and is curious about studying abroad, all I have to say is that it is. It is an opportunity you may never have again.

When England, Spain, or Australia, take time out of your day and go to the Study Abroad Office in the Miller Building. You won’t regret it.

Brian Lupo poses in front of the Thames River while in London

Unrest in Egypt Elevates

Hosni Mubarak can help Egypt by resigning immediately

By Nathan Bell

Staff Writer

Remember that time when you got in trouble and your parents took away your phone? It is almost like that about the time that you were in a rural area and you had no cell phone service? It is a weird feeling.

If you thought you had it bad, imagine being a citizen of Egypt in these past few weeks. The hot topic in the news now is the government and the continuous violence that has been occurring in Egypt.

There would be citizens being murdered in the streets. In Egypt, the action was actually effective. It’s very similar to a parent and a child playing house.

If you want your phone back, you behave. After all, being a cell phone reception and Internet access has been restored, but so has the political division.

The right move here is a simple one: the president needs to step down. Blackout Internet and cell phone service and then restoring it doesn’t accomplish anything, but removing a hated figure does.

President Mubarak has headed Egypt for thirty years, and he needs to step down. If he really cares about the country that he’s in charge of, he’ll do the right thing and resign. The president has vowed to stay in power, but remove himself from the government, but that doesn’t seem possible.

It’s also another halfhearted move that won’t make any progress.

Many world leaders have stepped up and called for Mubarak’s resignation but he hasn’t responded. The Obama Administration and Hillary Clinton have been two of the most outspoken.

Mubarak seems to think that “if he could step down, he would.” It appears to me that he can step down and he should step down. It’s the proper decision, and at this stage of the game it may be in the best interest of President Mubarak, do the right thing for the country and your country, and resign.

Please don’t be my Valentine

By Nick Larocco

Staff Writer

The holiday season is over. Students are back at school, Christmas and New Year’s is behind us and the snow is not welcome anymore.

So, what are we supposed to do between New Years and St. Patrick’s Day? As Valentine’s Day is on the horizon, I’d like to celebrate love and affection between intimate partners. It’s such a great idea until candy and flowers get expensive, like in a Hallmark Holiday. So, let’s talk about Valentine’s Day and it turned into a Hallmark Holiday.

Valentine’s Day is an event not affiliated with a religious holiday and therefore designed for marketable purposes wherein companies such as Hallmark benefit greatly. It is not true that you have to spend more and more advertisements from companies selling flowers and jewelry targeted towards men with “that special someone in your life” and continually hammer away to screw up this Valentine’s Day just like you did last year and buy her “beautifl, thin, and petite. Etc.” How can anybody screw up a day that is meant for celebrating relationships?

These businesses have successfully inundated people with their products at largely inflated prices in order to keep their businesses afloat.

My girlfriend and I are not American, and our big date will have to take place on Skype, though I know that if she were here, we would continue doing normal things.

We do not need an excuse or a holiday for us to go out or buy each other gifts. We do those things regularly, but I know some of my buddies’ girlfriends are not as laid back about Valentine’s Day and expect lavish flowers or an expensive date.

So, now that we have established that Valentine’s Day can be a pretty stressful day for couples, what about everybody else? Well, if Valentine’s Day is stressful for couples than it must be even more stressful for everyone else? Well, if Valentine’s Day is stressful for couples than it must be even more stressful for everyone else? Well, if Valentine’s Day is stressful for couples than it must be even more stressful for a whole bunch of people right? Not so much.

I have actually heard of girls sending flowers to their boyfriends at their place of work or at home so they can impress their coworkers.

There are some cynical singles out there that are going to the flower shops trying to get a good time on February 14th.

Just be yourself and treat this upcoming Hallmark Holiday like it should be treated: as just another day.
Super Bowl holds Crown

There is no single game in American sports bigger than the Super Bowl!

By Eric Feuer
Staff Writer

Sports championships can be a funny thing. For starters, just look at the names: Super Bowl, World Series, Stanley Cup and NBA Finals. The World Series isn’t even an international championship, the American Series is more like it. And hockey is the only sport that names its championship after its trophy (but hockey would be the only sport to do that).

The Finals are a fitting name, considering you can’t get more final than determining the best team. But nothing beats the Super Bowl, either in name, hype, or watchability.

Also known as the Fall Classic, the World Series dates back to 1903. Men have been skating on ice trying to win the Stanley Cup since 1914 and dribbling a ball in hopes of winning the Larry O’Brien trophy in the NBA since 1947. The youngest of the championships, the Super Bowl, celebrated its 45th birthday this year.

There are many reports as to how the Super Bowl got its name, but many believe it was Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt who coined the term. One day Hunt was watching his kids play with a super ball, and wanting to follow in the college football tradition of playing bowl games, combined the two.

And, thus, the Super Bowl was born. The first two Super Bowls were won by the NFL’s Green Bay Packers, and many feared the “weaker” AFC would never be able to compete.

Then the New York Jets upset the sporting world and Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl 3. Since then football has taken off, quickly becoming the most popular sport in America. I feel bad for baseball, which was once the top dog in American sports; it is, after all, America’s past time.

But then football got itself a fancy merger and everything changed. It’s like when the kid down the street gets the newest video game and everyone wants to go over his house.

Don’t feel bad for football though, it had its run. But where did it lose the fight to football? Well, there is the 162 game season, which is harder to follow than sixteen weeks of football.

Would you rather sit there and watch a baseball game that could go seven hours and probably not matter in the standings, or three hours of a football game that could very well count three months down the line? There’s also fantasy football, bone breaking tackles and highlight reel after highlight reel of touchdown runs. And don’t forget about the NFL draft, which somehow has become just as big as a playoff game.

Plus baseball had that whole steroids fiasco and is still trying to get its replay system right. But I’m sure they’ll figure things out eventually. In the mean time the NFL will sleep tight knowing it has the most exciting playoff system and championship. Three games is all it takes to make it to the big dance; win or go home. You can’t get more pressure than that.

Baseball, hockey and basketball all have “best of seven series,” which usually leads to people asking, “Wait, this is only the first round?” When the Super Bowl finally rolls around it’s like a holiday is here.

If Thanksgiving conceived a child with the Fourth of July, nine months later the Super Bowl would come out. You have the excitement of fireworks in the biggest football game of the year, combined with the feasting of both days. And then throw in the commercials and you’re likely to end up in a football coma.

Yes, the Super Bowl is a great thing, but if I could make one change, I would move it to Saturday. I know football is played on Sunday, but the college football championship is played on Monday.

Plus, moving the game to Saturday would save people from having to use sick days and companies from losing productivity. It’s a win-win.

Quote of the Week:

“Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.”

-Plato

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American Idol's Tenth Season Rises To Greatness

Idol returns for a tenth season with all new judges and fresh talent
By Ryan O'Callaghan
Staff Writer

REVIEW

On January 29th, "American Idol" returned following, what some called, its worst season since its debut in 2001. Having lost three members of the judging panel, Idol Season 10 was indeed ready for a much needed revamp. Producers decided that it was time to return to the three judge panel and brought on superstars Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler to help out seasoned judge and record producer Randy Jackson. It wasn’t just the judging that was subject to change for season 10. Though the hope was that auditions were the youngest contestants in Idol history, with the age limit dropped to fifteen. The judging for season 10 was talk about constantly since the end of season nine. Simon Cowell left to bring his show, "The X-Factor," stateside, Kara DioGuardi’s contract ran out and Ellen’s "American Idol experience" so Tyler and Lopez were signed up for season 10. Everyone seemed to have the same question on their minds, "Can the show go on without Simon?"

After audition episodes, all...
MTV’s “Teen Mom” Promotes Safe Sex For Today’s Teens

Although the show has received critical reviews, Teen Mom tries to help.

By Kimberly Mazzaro

Throughout the series “Teen Mom,” MTV follows the lives of four teen girls who unexpectedly get pregnant. Despite the critical reviews, the show conveys a more meaningful message that may be misread by viewers.

Although the show at times expresses the highlights of getting pregnant at such a young age, it relies more on transmitting the downsides of such an impacting decision. “Teen Mom” promotes safe sex after every episode and reiterates the responsible teen pregnancy really is.

The cast consists of four girls; Jenelle, Chelsea, Kailyn, and Leah.

Jenelle, who used to be a big party, realizer now that she can no longer be as carefree as she once was before she gave birth to her son, Jace.

While Jace’s father is completely out of the picture, it is up to Jenelle to gain the responsibilites that she never had before her baby was born, and to be a role model for her son. However, Jenelle finds it extremely difficult to balance both her teen life and her life as a new mother.

Jenelle’s mother, Barbara, notices that Jenelle seems in need of having her baby a healthy, functional environment, and uses Jenelle for custody of the baby. Jenelle agrees to sign over custody of Jace temporarily, only for the first that she does not have enough money to fight her mother in the courtroom.

As the series continues, viewers are sucked into the struggling and volatile relationship between mother and daughter and realize how difficult maintaining a typical teenage life and supporting a baby at the same time really is.

Chelsea, a softball star growing up, dropped out of high school while she became pregnant with her daughter, Aubree.

Chelsea’s relationship with her baby’s father is a disorderly one in that they appear to be on and off continuously. Fortunately, Chelsea comes from an extremely supportive, loving family and moves into a place of her own with her best friend and her baby.

Chelsea continually struggles with the pressures of gaining an education and being a mother at the same time. She shows viewers how difficult it truly is to earn a diploma while being a teen mother.

Kailyn, once a very motivated high school senior, gets pregnant by her boyfriend, Jo, and gives birth to a boy baby named Isaac.

At first, Kailyn tries her best to keep her pregnancy a secret, however, she is forced to quit her high school’s basketball team, and soon enough, her secret is out.

Kailyn and Jo’s relationship soon begins to crumble, and to make matters worse, Kailyn is living in Jo’s basement while dating other men.

Throughout the series, Kailyn struggles with trying to maintain two jobs, while supporting her baby and sustaining her unstable relationship with Isaac’s father. Lastly, Leah, a former cheerleader from Charleston, West Virginia, gives birth to twins Alianna and Alijah.

After her baby’s father Cory ceases on Leah, they break up, and their relationship is never the same. However, when Leah’s baby Alianna appears to be developing slower than her sister, she reaches out to Cory in hope that they can rekindle their relation-ship due to the health of Alianna. Leah is continually torn about Alianna’s sickness and realizes that being a teen mother is more complicated than she would have ever thought.

“Teen Mom” has opened up the eyes of many young teens that now realize how one poor deci-sion could change one’s life forever.

Teen pregnancy is a serious issue that happens too frequently, and “Teen Mom” shows the hardships that are faced when trying to support not only oneself, but a baby as well.

Teen pregnancy is easily preventable and after tuning into “Teen Mom” every Tuesday at 8 pm on MTV, teens will hopefully take more precautions in their sex lives and will be more responsible from here on out.

To learn more about safe sex and pregnancy prevention, check out yourself.com, and don’t forget to tune into MTV’s “Teen Mom” hit series.”

Kanye West Deserves To Be One Of Hip-Hop’s Finest

Kanye West is overlooked for his antics but still proves to be a musical genius.

By Steve Hernandez

There are a lot of rappers and producers that come to mind when people hear the words “hip-hop.”

Many may think of the greats like Gucci, 2Pac, The Notorious B.I.G., DJ Premier, Dr. Dre, Nas, Jay-Z, and Eminem. These rappers and producers are the pio-neers of the hip-hop that we are listening to today.

Unfortunately, rappers and producers that are continuing the great work that these artists started aren’t getting the recognition that they deserve.

A large portion of the music in hip-hop today is “watered down” both lyrically and instrumentally.

Different rappers are rapping over the same generic beats and rapping about the same things, which are usually nothing deep or meaningful.

Some of the more respectable rappers today have been criticized for not being as good as they once were. Sometimes they are criticized for their public ac-tions, which have nothing to do with their creative ability.

Let me ask those people this question: What does his public actions have to do with the music that he creates?

Kanye West is one of the most important figures in hip-hop today and possibly of all time, although there are a lot of listeners that won’t acknowledge this for several unjustifiable reasons.

To further his undeserved criticism, 808s & Heartbreaks, which is the fourth of his studio albums was met with much negative criticism because of its stylistic deviation from West’s previous efforts.

Kanye West became clearer with the release of his latest album, My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy that 808s & Heartbreaks was just an experimental venture for Kanye West as an artist.

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy combines elements from all of his previous efforts, creating a truly unique hip-hop album.

Much like his previous studio albums, he handles the majority of the writing and production, with help from a few of his contemporaries.

When an artist creates an album, they run the risk of doing much. Kanye West uses many vocal and instrumental talents of many musicians. There may be a lot going on in all of the songs, but they are no means hindered in their potential to entertain because of this.

The beats on every song on the album are unique in every way and do not conform to the criteria for hip-hop beats today. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy is the embodiment of the importance of Kanye West for the genre of Hip-Hop.

In my opinion, My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy is one of the best hip-hop albums of 2010 and of the last decade, if not ever.

It should serve as a bible of aspiring rapping and producers, and if he isn’t already, Kanye West should be considered one of the all-time greats.

Let me ask those people this question: How can we not be more open to associating the genre of hip-hop.
Drag Race Works it For A Third Season

Comedian Dan Mintz gives Cortland students little to laugh about

By Matt Ianno
Opinions Editor

The Student Activities Board welcomed comedian Dan Mintz to the Corey Union Function Room this past Wednesday for an hour-long show.

Mintz’s deadpan, dry, non sequitur style—a style made famous by Steven Wright and Mitch Hedberg—has garnered him national attention and earned him his own half-hour special on Comedy Central.

He has worked with fellow comedians Demetri Martin and Louis C.K., and is currently the voice of Tina on Fox’s new animated comedy “Family Guy.”

This has been an introduction to Mintz; the following is a review of his performance at Cortland, which can be summed up in one word: awkward.

Sitting in the first row of chairs assembled in the Function Room and watching Mintz as he delivered joke after joke (he must have told close to 100) was kind of like watching a movie with my parents that has a graphic sex scene in it.

The scene comes on and I have the remote; should I fast forward, look away, or play it cool? For Mintz I played it cool and just kept on laughing. This turned out to spell disaster for the wayward comic as he progressed through his routine inside a room lacking laughs.

Fifteen minutes into Mintz’s routine, he realized he was in trouble as he took a premature and utterly silent break for water which magnified the awkward silence that had permeated through the room.

Thirty minutes in, Mintz was asking himself aloud if he should end now and go pee.

After forty minutes, the exits looked like revolving doors as the crowd began its unappreciated walk away from Mintz’s onslaught of one-liners.

It was bad; Mintz knew it, the crowd knew it, and I knew it, but to Mintz’s credit he kept going and he put in his best performance.

Although the majority of his jokes missed, I found a collection of his jokes to be hilarious and original.

Since I came into the show I expected to see exactly that kind of comedy that Mintz performs, this may have been better prepared me for the routine.

Mintz, although gaining recognition and fame, is not a household name yet and has not generated the cult following that Wadley and Hedberg have.

Caught off guard, the crowd did not know how to react, and decided not to react at all.

My laughs sounded like solid periods of sympathy coming from a room of non-responding, agitated viewers, which made me feel embarrassed for Mintz as he stood there, struggling.

I will admit that his performance was not as good as I expected. It is true I have listened to many poorly constructed, flat-out unfunny jokes, but I do believe he deserves a better crowd than he received.

I assume the show would have gone differently if people had arrived expecting his offbeat style and were familiar with his jokes, but the fact is that Mintz didn’t deliver and the result was an awkward insight into a comic’s nightmare.

Awkward mintz
The weather wasn't enough to stop the Red Dragons from winning

By Nathan Vaji  Staff Writer

After being postponed last Tuesday due to the bad winter weather, the Cortland women's basketball team was back on the floor Friday night in Oswego.

Just guard Brittany Cohen scored 16 points and added nine assists to lead the Red Dragons to a 78-63 victory over Oswego. The victory pushed Cortland's record to 14-4 overall and 9-3 in SUNYAC play.

Brittany Cohen's skills on got her named Athlete of the Week

After winning and keeping them perfect in Paul Rodrigues, who then put a passed the puck to sophomore Dragons from winning in double figures with scored 13 points and also added in the contest. However, the Red 5000,000 PPV to lead by 20 or more points until bought the middle two games. However, the Red Dragons answered with layups by Volpini and Molly Byrne. Byrne scored 13 points and also added eight rebounds for the game. Megan Maycumber also scored in double figures with 11 points and also added rebounds. Jen Polan finished with nine points for Cortland, with all of her points coming on with three pointers. She was 3-5 from behind in arc.

Kayla Ryan led Oswego in scoring with 16 points. Jen Rossi scored 14 points and Megan and also finished with 13 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Cortland shot 18-34 (53%) from the field in the first half, including 5-9 from three point range. In total, the Red Dragons shot 48% from the field. Meanwhile, Oswego shot 29% from the field in the first half.

The halftime show was the first 28-13. Junior Ryan Markell led Cortland with two goals; Chris Kalesta and freshman Brian Roll each netted a goal. Junior Erik Nordqvist get two assists, while Jake Saville and sophomores Ronnie Beardsley and Nick Swartz 16 points and also added nine assists to lead the Red Dragons to a 78-63 victory over Oswego. The victory pushed Cortland's record to 14-4 overall and 9-3 in SUNYAC play.

Halfback's with a surprise appearance by Usher.

Green Bay received the ball at half. On 3rd and 5, J. Jones dropped a pass that could have led to a touchdown.

The Packers caught another big lead on their next possession with a 25 yard touchdown pass to M. Wallace. They decided to go for 2 and converted it now 8- 25 Green Bay halfway through the 4th.

The Steelers' victory was fought with the ball. The Packers defense stuffered the Steelers on 4th down, and the Packers didn't get the ball.

Aaron Rodgers was 24/39 when he threw for 293 TD and 0 INT while Ben Roethlisberger was 25/40 with 263 passing yards and 1 INT.

With Super Bowl 45 in the books, one question still remains. Will there be an off-season for all? As collective bargaining talks begin we can only wait and see.
By Melissa Kane

her 267 points on the season, her free throws. Couple that with influence on Cohen's game play: All-American for the NJCAA last of being selected a Third Team this past fall. It was there that she colors, as she transferred in from and this is the first season she against Buffalo State.

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I knew I had huge shoes to make Athlete of the Week after also being recognized as the

Individual player attributes his success to close knit team

The SUNY Cortland Football team had an amazing fall season with a 10-2 record, the third-highest victory total in school history. The Red Dragons played in the third-place finish for the third time in six years and seventh time overall. Cortland lost to Alfred State 6-20 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Senior Captain Anthony Giuliano said although the team was obviously disappointed to

A major highlight of the Red Dragons season was the nail biting win in the final game of the season. Anthony feels that feeling of storming the field after the game and the fact that it was so close made it that much

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by Ashley Wysockarski Staff Writer

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Corey Gym.

Ursinus College at 2pm in the

aims to keep their winning streak in our conference so far this year. We are excited to be undefeated doing and we had a positive mind set. The win this week boosted our confidence even more and we were able to be undefeated in our conference so far this year. We are working hard and looking forward to a great rest of the season. GO RED DRAGONS!" But Springfield didn't exactly go down without a fight. The Pride's Christina Pagella (senior) andمجدة هلال (الأولى) in the floor exercise competition with a 9.425, and Brittany Baglow (senior) competed in the floor routine in the same event with a 9.575. She also took second place in all-around with a score of 36.150.

With the ECAC Division III Championships fast approaching, the Red Dragons' gymnastic team aims to keep their winning streak alive. This season they are嘴唇 good against Rutgers University and Ursinus College at 2pm in the Corey Gym.

In today's day and age, where billionaires can't come to our gymnasium we have to work really hard to make sure we can just play our game," says Senior Captain Anthony Giuliano. We can do with genetics.

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Cortland's gymnastics team defeats Springfield College in dual meet

By Tyrone Heppard
Sports Editor

The Corey Gymnasium was where Cortland's women's gymnastics team won their dual meet against Springfield College's Pride at 2pm on Sunday. The final score was a close 184.20 - 179.75.

The Red Dragon's road to victory began early on after winning the first event; the vault. Sophomore Amanda Recor finished third for Cortland with a score of 9.425, a full point more than Springfield's top scorer. Next was sophomore Sarah Nadrowski who came in second with a score of 9.525. Marissa Goodstein (junior) finished first with a 9.725, tying the school's second highest vault score in history.

From there, the ladies built up their momentum and kept it going, besting their opponents in the uneven parallel bars, the balance beam, and the floor exercise competitions. For some of Cortland's competitors, Sunday afternoon was one full of more note-worthy achievements.

Courtney Mangini, the freshman from Dix Hills, completed the all-around competition with a 9.325 with the floor exercise that put her in fourth for the event. Perhaps one of the more impressive parts of the meet was Nadrowski's strong finish. Not only did she place first in the all-around competition with a 37.90, she took the number one spot in the last three events. On the floor exercise that she finished in second place with a score of 9.275, while Recor also earned a 9.325 with the floor exercise that put her in fourth for the event.

The Red Dragons demonstrated impeccable form during their high scoring floor routine exercise. “Our confidence this week was much higher than it was the previous week and I believe that is what helped us out during our meet”, said Nadrowski. “We See GYMNASTICS, page 11”

Despite great defense Cortland falls to Oswego in overtime

By Chris Ouellette
Staff Writer

On Friday, the Cortland Red Dragons hosted the Oswego Lakers and, despite great defense, lost to the Lakers 4-3 in overtime. With this loss, the Red Dragons fell to a record of 5-14-2 overall and 4-8-1 in the conference. Meanwhile, the Lakers improved to 20-2 and 13-0.

Junior Joey Christiano and sophomore Michael Lysyi each recorded a goal and an assist for Cortland; also, senior Jarrett Gold netted a goal. Freshman A.J. Moyer registered two assists, while junior Jake Saville and sophomore Chris Kaleta each had an assist. Junior goalie Brittan Kuhlman made 43 saves.

Sophomore Jon Whitelow gave the Lakers the lead with six minutes, 41 seconds left in the first period on a power play. Jarrett Gold tied the game up less than three minutes later on a one-timer that went between the pads of goalie Paul Beckwith during a power play.

Joe Joey Christiano gave Cortland a 2-1 lead with 12:52 left in the second period. After the goal, with six minutes left in the second period and down two men, the Red Dragons were able to hold multiple offensive attempts by the Lakers with superb defense and goaltending.

Three minutes later, down four men to three, Cortland once again held off Oswego’s strong offense to keep it a 2-1 lead. At 16:52 in the third period, Michael Lysyi made it a 3-1 game of his slap shot that snuck by the goalie. Just 18 seconds later, the Lakers answered right back when sophomore Luke Moodie scored a goal on the top corner of the left side. Oswego then sent the game into overtime 55 seconds later with a goal from senior Dan Brennan.

Early in overtime, Kaleta had a chance for the win, but the Oswego goalie made the save that denied a game winner for the Red Dragons.

With less than a minute left in overtime, senior Justin Fox

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