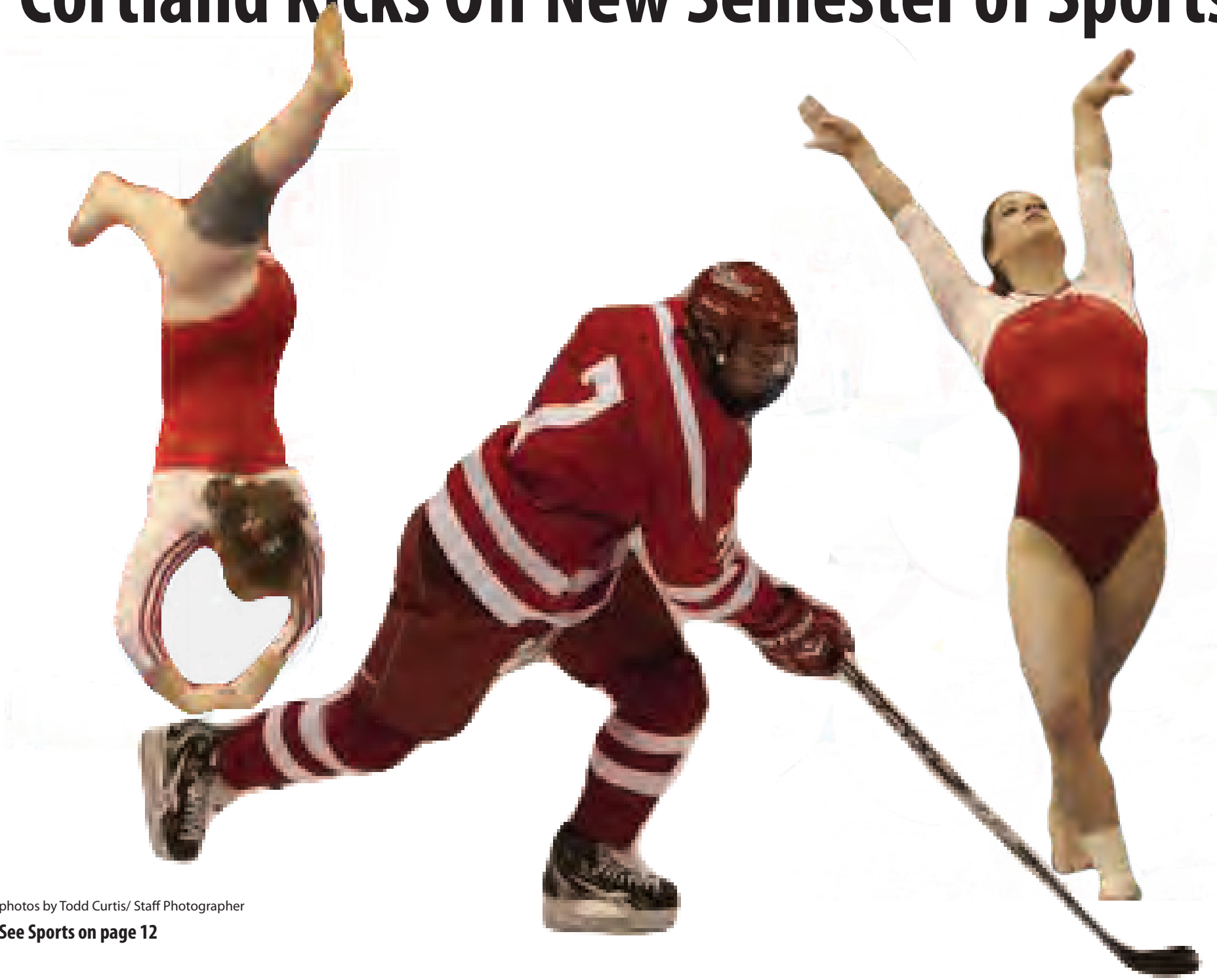


Cortland Kicks Off New Semester of Sports



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Shop 24 Grabs Students' Attention

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.



photo by Megan O'Brien/Staff Writer
Robert Rocco (left) and William Pascalis (right) try out ASC's new vending machine style store, Shop 24

What's Going On?

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 Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

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.

Saturday:

8 p.m. Build a Bear for your Valentine in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. There are limited supplies so get there early!

Sunday:

3 p.m. Cheer on the Women's Hockey team vs Plattsburgh in the Park Center Ice Arena.

Monday:

12 - 6 p.m. Donate Blood for the American Red Cross Blood Drive in Corey Exhibition Lounge.

Tuesday:

1:15 p.m. The Faculty Senate meeting will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

5 p.m. The Disney College Internship Program will be on campus for a presentation and recruiting in Corey Fireplace Lounge.

8 p.m. The SAB Coffeehouse will take place in Corey Exhibition Lounge.

Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Mark Davis of the Performing Arts Department will give a speech titled "Pantheon's Edge" at this Black History month Sandwich Seminar in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

7 p.m. Performer Vanessa Johnson will present "Freedom Aprons," Women's Voices from the Underground Railroad" for this week's Wellness Wednesday, in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Cortland provides help for students trying to find jobs on campus

By Brittani Sahn
Staff Writer

Behind the friendships, the athletics, and the parties, college students are well known for one thing: empty wallets.

From being a certified tutor 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 via e-mail, 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.



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Ian Clerkin, one of the many student employees, works at Raquette

"There are different workshops through the office that we use to help students," says Allen.

One such workshop is the resume and cover letter drop-in times throughout the week. With this, students are able to have their resume and cover

letters critiqued by coordinators available in the office.

For more information about finding a job on or off campus, or other questions regarding employment, visit the Career Services office located in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-4.

Transfer Transitions

How Advisement and Transition helps transfer students succeed

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

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 Administration 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 Administrations 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 intellectuals.

This spring, 1,029 transfer students applied and only 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 one of the more 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 that meet the requirements.

"According to policy, transfer students must live on campus for two years. But we talk to them directly to see what their needs are and what they want to do.

We keep them involved during the whole application process in order to give them a sense of belonging and show that we want them to be a part of our community," says Cutia. "Some schools, like our sister school Oneonta, don't even guarantee housing, which I feel is a big deal."

According to the Admission Office, the most popular majors for transfer students are Physi-

cal Education, Sports Management, and Criminal Justice.

After transfer students are accepted into Cortland, Advisement and Transition takes over. They sponsor many events where transfer students can meet other 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 transfer students, Cortland still offers a lot for transfers who make up one third of the school community.

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: Doku Umarov wants Russia to abandon its North Caucasus territories to the Caucasus Emirate.

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Pressures of the President: Jesse Campanaro

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 the SUNY system, 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 Woodman's Pub on the rare snow day.

"I always say if you're not having fun, it's not worth it," says Campanaro.

The senior business-economics major, who meets with campus leaders on a regular basis, has come a long way from a skeptical freshman who wasn't sure what he was thinking in choosing Cortland.

Jesse has served as a member of SGA for 4 years, and has served as president for the last two. Campanaro sat down with us to explain what being president entails.

How long have you been involved with student government?

"I've been involved since my freshman year when I served as a senator. Sophomore year in the fall semester I was executive assistant to the president and the spring semester I was vice president. Then for my junior and senior year I was president."

Why did you become involved with SGA?

"I did it in high school, but wasn't sure it was something I wanted to continue in college. However, the SGA president came up to me and said that it might be something I'd be interested in. I've had the opportunity to run and serve as president twice."

When you came to Cortland, would you have seen yourself becoming SGA president?

(Laughs) "Actually, at first I wasn't even sure what I was doing in Cortland, but it grew on me and I was really starting to have a good time. SGA here gave me an opportunity I wouldn't have had in other schools. In other schools, it is difficult to even get into the student government, and here I was able to become president not only once, but twice. I've worked with great people here who are 30 times smarter than me."

What are some projects SGA has underway 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 quite a fiasco to organize everything. We delivered to 18 different classrooms in 12 different locations all over Cortland. Personally, one of my goals for my four years here was to do that. I didn't do it myself though; we had a lot of really generous alumni, staff and students' help."

This semester we are working with Randall Elementary School to get kids in 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the mindset of working hard and making college a goal for themselves. In Cortland County, college isn't a popular option. Many kids just want to graduate high school or drop out and find a job. Many of them just want to work on farms they were raised on.

We work to bring these students onto campus, and take them to a basketball game, or give them a campus tour. When they are learning about science, we take them to the planetarium, and when they're learning about history, we send a history student over to speak with them. A lot of us here take college for granted because many of us were pushed to attend in the first place."

How have you been affected by SUNY budget cuts?

"Every year we face budget cuts from the state, so we are lobbying our representatives and senators to give money back to SUNY. SUNY faced around 430 million dollars in budget cuts in the last three years. They are expecting us to do more with less."

How are you going about lobbying?

"Mostly we send emails and



Photo provided by Jesse Campanaro

Campanaro volunteers by helping children in a Cortland County Community Action Program classroom

letters, but we are also traveling to local political offices here in Cortlandville to remind them of our problems. We are the future of New York here. Tuition increases need to have a rational policy. For example, if there was a two percent increase each year at least students and families would be able to plan for the increase. Many of our students are going to go off and be future teachers, and we need funding from the state to make sure they are well-prepared for that."

What are the roles and responsibilities of the SGA president?

"As president, you must log 10 office hours a week filling out paper-work and responding to emails. I meet monthly with President Bitterbaum, and I meet weekly with Greg Sharer, who is the Vice President of Student Affairs and our SGA advisor. I am responsible for our nine member executive board, and the office coordinator.

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 and personnel.

I serve on the college council and tell state officials about what is going on at our 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 is not your everyday average job, but it's very rewarding. I get to meet a lot of students and a lot of other people I never would have."

Do you have something that you're trying to accomplish before you graduate?

"The biggest thing I'm trying to accomplish is finding a replacement for next year. The

most important thing someone can do when leading an organization is to find someone who has the understanding and willingness to carry the torch.

When you put so many hours into something, you don't want to just turn it over and say 'hey, hope for the best,' or 'hey, good luck next year.' You don't have to find someone who will do things the same way you did, but you have to give someone the knowledge and foundation to be successful. Our organization had a great tradition and I want to leave that in capable hands."

What's next for you?

"After graduation, I would like to get a job with GE in their financial management program or work somewhere like the stock market. (Laughs) In a perfect world, I'll go off make a couple million dollars and give it all back to SUNY Cortland."

Struggles and Success of the Africana Studies Department

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.

Though 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 much persistence by faculty and students, and the persistence of Dr. Seth Asumah, a new department formed six years ago into the Africana Studies Department.

The department focuses on Africa and the African Diaspora, which makes the department broader in its curriculum and discipline.

The department chair, Asumah, a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and professor of political science, discussed the different aspects of the department and major:

"There are eight majors and five minors in the department currently," said Asumah. "It is a trans-

disciplinary and multidisciplinary major. We collaborate with other departments in course offerings.

These departments include history, political science, economics, communications, performing arts, sports studies, international studies, english and sociology/anthropology.

We work closely with the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies (CGIS). We like students to know that Africana Studies is a discipline and that it is open to anyone regardless of race and ethnicity."

Junior and Africana Studies student Whitney Newby talked about her experiences in the department. "Being an africana studies major, I have learned to 'practice what I preach,'" said Newby.

"I am very proud to be a Black African American woman and now that I have taken courses in this major, I can speak on behalf of Black history with the proper knowledge.

I have dreams and aspirations to share this knowledge with young scholars so they don't have to wait until college to learn a huge part of African American history."

The Africana Studies Department has many graduated students who go on to get their graduate degrees in Africana studies and thrive in fields such as social services, education, communications and community development.

For Black History Month, the Africana Studies Department has taken a lead role in providing seminars, presentations, and performances to show advances in the culture as well as in the Cortland community.

The presenters are not only African American scholars and professors, but anyone who wants to display something they have studied or learned in the discipline.

The department has provided 306 programs, both during Black history month as well as throughout the school year for 17 years.

Dr. Samuel Kelley, a SUNY Distinguished Professor and Professor of Communications who also teaches within the Africana Studies Department stated,

"These programs are a great time for the students to not only expand their cultural and intellectual horizons but also to connect on a personal level with the Africana arts and cultural participation."

Some of the programs that will happen this month include talks about history, musical performances by groups, including the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, dance performances from the Africana Dance Class, and a reading of Dr. Kelley's new play, "Retirement Blues."

The Africana Studies Department is sure to provide interesting, thought-provoking, and educational presentations throughout the month and for years to come.



Our View

Christina Aguilera, what exactly happened last Sunday? Out of all the female pop singers that have emerged since the 1990's, you are definitely one of the most talented. You truly have an amazing voice and you know how to sing with soul, but Christina, how did you screw up the "Star Spangled Banner" during the largest televised event of the year (and of all time for that matter)?

Was it nerves? I doubt it, considering you have been performing live for over a decade and have never been accused of forgetting a line or being too nervous to get through a song without errors. Was it laziness? Did you rehearse this song at all, or did you trust your instincts as an American to be able to get through it unflawed?

Whatever the case may be, you distracted a world full of viewers as they settled into their chairs for the Superbowl by messing up the words and actually forgetting an entire line of the song. Yikes. It was absolutely cringe-worthy and ironically iconoclastic to butcher America's song as a prelude to America's biggest game.

Mistakes happen and you did recover nicely (thanks to your voice), but let us know when we can stop feeling uncomfortable at the mention of your name.

Letter to the editor:

In an event that continues to be largely unreported by the national media, upwards of 400,000 people—an estimated half under 25—came to Washington, D.C. on January 24 to take part in the 38th Annual March for Life.

The March included growing numbers of college students from across the country, including many who are members of their campus chapters of Students for Life (www.StudentsforLife.org).

We marched because our country rightly uses environmental laws to protect the egg of a bald eagle and rare flowers but a preborn human baby, under the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling, may be legally killed in its natural environment—its mother's womb—through all nine months of pregnancy.

We marched because we believe that abortion not only unjustly takes the life of a baby but also harms women, men, and our whole society.

At the pre-March rally, more than a dozen women stood shoulder to shoulder on the platform with signs that said, "I Regret My Abortion." Among them were men with signs that said, "I Regret My Lost Fatherhood."

Georgette Forney, co-founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org), told the crowd: "We are here because abortion did not solve a problem for us—it created more. Learn from our experience, and avoid our pain."

We marched because we share the nation's horror at the recent media reports of the Philadelphia abortionist who regularly delivered full-term babies and then used scissors to sever their spinal cords.

But if we're honest with ourselves, we must ask, "If it's wrong to kill a baby one second after birth, what makes it right

one second before? Six months before?" As one sign at the March said, "A person's a person, no matter how small."

We have a tiny, premature baby granddaughter now fighting for life with the best hospital care that modern medicine can provide. Is it not morally schizophrenic for a society to go to great lengths to save the lives of premature babies, while simultaneously using the violence of abortion to end the lives of children in the womb?

A just society must be a culture of life. For life-affirming alternatives to abortion, go to www.optionline.org. There's compassionate help available if you're facing a crisis pregnancy.

-Tom Lickona

Professor, Childhood Education

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 music video into an 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 in the reality department, the Real World isn't the worst thing out there.

It's actually fairly tolerable at times, except when you get the idiot on the show that is either mentally unbalanced or is drinking hot candle wax for attention; then it's not only tolerable, it's extremely entertaining.

Since the birth of *The Real World*, MTV has put out various winners from *Date My Mom*, *Room Raiders*, *Viva La Bam*, *Parental Control* and some date show with a lie detector test and best friend watching from a van. But MTV deserves some credit for *True Life* and *Made*.

As annoying as some of MTV's programs were, many were harmless. Then they took *Teen Mom* and *Skins* out of the closet. *Teen Mom* is the follow up to *Sixteen and Pregnant*; a documentary style show

following pregnant sixteen year olds and their various baby daddies.

If these girls are really lucky they get to share an hour of television with four or five other girls and let millions watch them struggle to support a child and live their young lives at the same time.

While the show does depict the harshness of having a child at such a young age, it still glamorizes it to some degree. It almost screams, "These girls may have made a bad choice and maybe even ruined the future of their child, but we're going to reward them with fifteen minutes of fame."

It wouldn't surprise me if at some point it comes out that one of the girls got pregnant just to get on the show. I really hope I'm wrong though, because if that's what people will do to get 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 *Skins* is more likely to do the opposite.

If you don't know, *Skins* is originally a British show; think *Degrassi* but R-rated. I guess people felt that just because we took *The Office* from England and that worked so well, we can take just about anything.

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. *Skins* 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 actions, but more often than not *Skins* makes it look way too much fun to be bad. MTV stresses 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.

Shop24 Fails to Fill Void

The new 24/7 kiosk outside of Neubig offers little to the campus

By Francis Hoard
Staff Writer

Days before students returned to Cortland for the spring semester, ASC announced that a 24/7 convenience store was opening on-campus.

Unconventional by typical convenience store standards, Shop24 is a robot located behind Neubig Hall. Shop24 offers a variety of products ranging from cookie dough to condoms.

A bit over-priced, Shop24 accepts payment by credit card and Connections. Like typical Cortland technology, Shop24 has encountered operating difficulties.

The two times I visited Shop24 in the first week of school, it was not working. If it works as well as MyRedDragon and the printers on campus, then it will undoubtedly be out of order when you need it most.

As an upperclassman that lives off-campus and does not use connections, I question the building of Shop24. Our tuition increases and unnecessary additions to campus, like Shop24 and stone signs outside of lot 281, keep appearing.

I have yet to see anyone use Shop24 and would not be surprised if I can say that again come May. I understand that some sort of convenience or grocery store needed to be built after Corey Union was redone, but was Shop24 really the best option?

I wonder if there is a single person who would opt for Shop24 over the late-night food options surrounding campus. Open 24/7, Shop24 does outlast all of the order-out services, but if you are still awake after Pontillo's, A Pizza & More, and D.P. Dough

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Consider this, Cortland

Politics in America is like a well-oiled V8 engine that empowers cynicism. Like the devout, radical religious followers that have killed and continue to kill in the name of their religion (thou shall not kill?), Republicans and Democrats seemingly cannot share this country peacefully.

President Obama’s speech in Arizona following the shooting spree in Tucson last month that killed six and has Senator Gabrielle Giffords fighting for her life, has been discussed at length by opposing members of the political spectrum.

Fox News, a right-wing news program, immediately began dismembering and attacking the event for the most asinine, politically motivated reasons.

By claiming that Obama used the opportunity as a personal political rally, and by focusing on how the crowd was cheering during what was supposed to be a mournful afternoon, Fox took the focus off the actual news story and made their own story instead (all while claiming “fair

and balanced news”).

It seemed as if Fox was deploring Obama for being optimistic in tone instead of focusing on what his speech 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 each other.

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 putting down the political left in hopes of empowering the right.

Is Fox the only one being biased? No. CNN does it right back to Fox and the right-wingers; however, they do it more subtly,

creatively, and they sound more intelligent while doing so.

Ok, so I’ve said all this before and this is becoming a bit redundant, I know, I get it: the political seasons never change. But, I am beginning to believe this binary political system is becoming a serious issue in regards to how America will emerge as a progressive, intellectually active nation over the next few decades.

I say serious because Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert are the only public figures out there that recognize and discuss this trend, and the only reason their viewpoints are heard is because they use comedy to voice them (we laugh at the truth instead of confronting it).

Although informative through their comedy, it is becoming old to simply laugh at this destructive political divide that is dictating our nation’s social and cultural identity.

We need to acknowledge that political rhetoric has become poisonous and that the media

is largely to blame for this. Republicans and Democrats are supposed to hold opposing views—each side subscribes to separate political ideologies—but it has been at the hands of media conglomerates that this opposition has turned into an all-out war: a battle for the right to be the biggest bully in the nation.

America is supposed to be the land where people of all races, ethnicities, and religions can coexist in a giant salad bowl of life, and capitalism is supposed to be the dressing that gives American life its flavor and its appeal.

However, the current political scenery in America has had the adverse effect on this giant metaphor, as we continue to portray ourselves poorly and butt heads at every possible moment.

I am not a Democrat or a Republican because I’d rather be in charge of my own thoughts and make my own conclusions, rather than subscribe to a viewpoint that conducts the way I live.

Maybe this makes me a

Libertarian, but either way, I don’t see America making much progress if the political system continues down this path of binary, objectified struggle where one side says “we are right and they are wrong” whenever an issue is discussed.

The media is making all of this worse, which makes the situation more dynamic than simply saying, “both sides need to get along and try and fix this country.”

The media needs to change its angle and alter its agenda as well, and, in the end, it may be the media that needs to step up and tell the politicians to get along. Will it happen?

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

-Matt Ianno

London Experience

Tales from a semester abroad in London, England

By Brian Lupo
Staff Writer

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

He 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 remember being so struck and fascinated that I have been almost obsessed with the culture of the United Kingdom ever since.

When I first came 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 semester abroad.

The overseas university I attended this fall was London Metropolitan University. This university offers courses similar to those at Cortland or any college at home. I was able to take classes in media and film, which are consistent with the Media Production studies I have been taking at Cortland.

However, the curriculum is different. Having teachers that are European and teaching in the United Kingdom had a totally different feeling than anything I have experienced before. The building I lived in was called Nido Student Living.

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 underground 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 my trip abroad, I had begun talking to someone from London.

We had started talking because I noticed his posts on my band’s Facebook page. When I saw in his profile that he lived in London, I figured it couldn’t hurt to send him a message 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 had no idea how much I could learn 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 just do it. It is an opportunity you may never have again. Whether it’s 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.



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

Unrest in Eygpt 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 cell phone or Internet privileges? How about that time when you were in a rural area and you had no cell phone service? Frustrating, wasn’t it?

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

Riots, protests, and uprisings of the lower classes have been all too common. The causes of the rebellion are numerous: widespread unemployment, poverty, government corruption, and despotic supremacy of President Hosni Mubarak are all to blame.

The recent success of a

similar rebellion in Tunisia was an effective inspiration as well. The government took a very interesting approach to handling the situation. To hinder communication and organization between potential dissidents, the government blacked out Internet access and cell phone reception.

That’s right, no Google, Facebook, Twitter, phone calls, or text messaging. Imagine if such a thing happened in the United States? If the government took a similar action here in America, the rioting would only get worse.

There would be citizens being murdered in the streets. In Egypt, the action was actually effective. It’s very similar to a parent taking a child’s privileges away. If you want your phone back, you behave. After a week-long blackout, cell phone reception and Internet access have been restored, but so has the pandemonium.

The right move here is a simple one: the president needs to step down. Blacking out 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, but his run is over.

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 completely restructure the government, but that doesn’t solve the issue.

It’s another half-hearted 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 Hilary Clinton have been two of the most outspoken.

Mubarak claims 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 the only thing to do. President Mubarak, do the right thing for the world and your country, and resign.

Please don’t be my Valentine

Valentine’s Day is a consumer holiday designed to exploit men

By Nick Larocca
Staff Writer

The holiday season is over. Students are back at school, Christmas is a fading memory, and the snow is not welcome anymore.

So, what are we supposed to do between New Years and St. Patrick’s Day? Celebrate Saint Valentine’s Day of course.

Shortened to Valentine’s Day, it is a day to celebrate love and affection between intimate companions. This sounds like a great idea until candy and flower businesses got a hold of Valentine’s Day and turned it into a Hallmark Holiday.

A Hallmark Holiday is an event not affiliated with a religious or worldly event and therefore designed for marketable

purposes wherein companies such as Hallmark benefit greatly.

I am sure you have heard more and more advertisements from companies selling flowers and jewelry targeted towards men with “that special someone in their life.”

I continually hear advertisements saying “don’t screw up this Valentine’s Day like you did last year and buy her chocolates, flowers, teddy bears, etc.” How can anybody screw up a day that is meant for celebrating relationships?

These businesses have annually guilted men into buying their products at largely inflated prices in order to keep their significant others happy.

My girlfriend is currently studying abroad in England, so 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 a breeze for single people right? Not so much.

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

There are those cynical singles out there that are going to mock couples trying to have 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 baseball 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. Among the hopefuls that auditioned were the youngest contestants in Idol history, with the age limit dropped to fifteen.

The judging for season 10 was talked 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 DeGeneres quit after claiming that she wasn't a good judge.

Randy Jackson was alone at the judges table until it was announced that 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

signs pointed to yes. This season's judging panel is, without a doubt, a breath of fresh air.

It is clear that both of the new judges love being there. Any viewer can see that they are really listening to the music; it's not an act, they just love music.

Steven Tyler is openly enjoying his time on the show. As a judge, he is making real technical points; he critiques the singers on specific aspects, actually helping instead of humiliating or insulting. Tyler's eccentric personality is humbling, but he really needs to stop hitting on the underage girls that come through to audition.

It's safe to say that Jennifer Lopez is the best on the panel. She did get off to a rocky start, letting through some unacceptable singers based on guilt. However, after each city, J Lo is becoming the judge that season 10 of Idol needs.

Lopez is not just concerned about the talent, she is looking at the entire picture, having been through the cycle before. Can they sing? Do they have charisma? Perhaps most importantly, are they ready? She proves that you don't need to be a "cranky Brit" to know something about potential singing sensations.

Though the judges are always a hot topic, the show is about the talent that comes through.

Every year Idol says the same thing. "This is the best talent we have ever had." Can this year make up for the lie that was season nine? From the looks of it thus far, there is a great amount of

potential.

Ideally, the show is about the singers and their potential futures as recording artists. Despite that, there are always clips of outrageously terrible singers in the audition portion. The poking fun seems to be quite unfair, not only to those that steal some screen time, but to those who lost it.

Of the fifty-one that received golden tickets on day one, forty were not granted screen time, screen time that went to a "Party in the USA" montage and someone who wouldn't stop burping.

The decision to drop the age limit to fifteen wasn't in vain. This season's teens are stacking up to be some of the greatest competitors.

Though the production of her over-the-top personality made her seem like a dud, fifteen year old Victoria Huggins surprised the judges with her beautiful voice. Robbie Rosen wowed the judges with his rendition of the Beatles hit "Yesterday," while Travis Orlando synched his golden ticket with Jason Mraz's "I'm Yours."

Lauren Alaina blew the judges away when she sang "Like We Never Loved at All." The fifteen year old not only won her ticket, but also a duet of "I Don't Wanna Miss a Thing" with the songs original singer, judge Tyler.

Don't think that it's just a kid's season. Twenty year old singing waitress, Devyn Rush, made the judges believe in her dream of stardom. Though her look didn't scream star, Rush's enthusiastic personality and killer vocals were enough to nab her a



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Jackson, J. Lo, Tyler and host Ryan Seacrest promote season 10

golden ticket.

Harvard graduate and White House assistant, Molly DeWolf Swenson, shocked the judges with "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay."

Jordan Dorsey, a piano teacher, made his way to the Hollywood round after he sang "Over the Rainbow" for the panel. Dorsey could be a real contender this season.

"American Idol" hasn't seen a solid R&B vocalist hit the live shows in years. Since Carrie Underwood wore the Idol crown, country-western singers haven't made it too far in the competition either. However, that hasn't stopped Scotty McCreery and John Wayne Schulz from reach-

ing for their dreams.

Though McCreery's extremely low-singing voice may seem like a challenge, J Lo believes that "with the right songs" he can make it in the competition.

Idol only has one episode of auditions left. After the judges hit San Francisco, they will be headed to Hollywood.

The contestants will be cut down to forty after the judges deliberate their performances in the Hollywood round.

Once the forty emerge, episodes will go live and the future of the show will be in the hands of the viewers once more. It's shaping up to be a great season, and in the end we'll have one more "American Idol."

No Valentine? No Worries

Valentines day is not only for couples, singles can enjoy the day as well

By **Sarah McCannon and Brit-tany Beehner**
Staff Writers

COLUMN

Valentine's Day is near, but your Valentine isn't? It's okay-we all know that feeling.

Lace-frilled love notes, rose bouquets and heart-shaped chocolate boxes are all around, and you feel like the only person in the world who isn't getting one of those treats?

Even if you're "ridin' solo" on a day built for two, you don't have to spend it in a fit of envy or alone. Never fear: it's possible to make it through the day. Here are some foolproof ways to say goodbye to that V-day depression.

Step 1: Friends.

This is the most important day of the year for single friends to surround and support each other.

Do the things with your best friends that you would otherwise be embarrassed to do in front of a significant other. Let's be honest, it's better that way.

Step 2: Food.

No need to eat your feelings, but allow yourself to splurge a little bit.

Have fun and make a heart-shaped cake with your friends. Then, you can eat it, or destroy it in anger (smash it to pieces, put it in an ex's face, throw it out the top story window of Casey Tower, etc.)

Any of these choices are perfectly acceptable. Or, our personal favorite, wait until the day after Valentines Day and head over to Wal-Mart when all the candy is 75% off, and get a little crazy.

Step 3: Fitness.

While all those other couples are eating their heart-shaped chocolates, work on your fitness at the gym. This way, you're burning off what they're putting on.

In the end, you're the winner. Indulge in a little yoga, relax, and breathe.

Step 4: Films

Two Words: HORROR MOVIES. There is no such thing as a "Romantic Comedy" on this



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Depressed on Valentine's? We have the cure

day. Nothing is better than enjoying a good slasher film on a day dedicated to love.

Being Valentine-less on Valentine's Day is really no great loss.

Don't think we're here to attack you all who are head-over-heels; we're happy for you, honestly. But the way we see it, the more you indulge in yourself, the happier your V-Day will be.

Cute But No Cigar

"No Strings Attached" leaves viewers unchanged and half tickled

By **Lisa Torswick**
Staff Writer

REVIEW

I'll give it this, "No Strings Attached" is definitely not your cookie-cutter romantic comedy.

It takes a look at a more modern "friends with benefits" relationship and steps away from the usual "girl meets guy, they fall in love, they encounter some quirky obstacle, but still find their way back to each other in the end."

Even though the writers did try to take a different route this time, we've all seen these characters played before.

Ashton Kutcher plays the same character he has in almost every movie he's been in the fun, cute hopeless romantic that the female lead can't help but fall for.

Natalie Portman however plays an emotionally unavailable young doctor who thinks she's only interested in a sexual relationship with no commitments (very reminiscent of ABC's Grey's Anatomy).

The roles were almost a waste of their acting abilities. On the other hand, they did keep it a little interesting with a developed sub-plot.

While there were a few humorous one-liners and it did hold my attention for the majority of the time it wasn't anything too

memorable, and it was completely predictable (which I fear is the pitfall of most romantic comedies).

It's a movie you can watch while you turn your brain off for a few hours.

There was no insightful message or deeper meaning to take away at the end, and it left you with nothing to think about, but then again I guess not everyone wants that in a movie. I'd call the movie "cute" at best.

While some of this review may seem a little harsh, it definitely wasn't all bad.

I wouldn't say don't see it, but I would definitely say go into it expecting to be completely unchanged and only half-amused.



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No Strings Attached film poster



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

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

By Steve Hernandez
Staff Writer

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 Guru, 2Pac, The Notorious B.I.G., DJ Premier, Dr. Dre, Nas, Jay-Z and Eminem. These rappers and producers are the pioneers 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 actions, which have nothing to do with their creation of music and their creative ability.

I have heard several people

say that they do not like Kanye West because of his interruption of Taylor Swift's award acceptance speech at the MTV video music awards, and as a result they refuse to listen to his music.

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 five studio albums was met with much negative criticism because of its stylistic deviation from West's previous efforts.

However, it became clear 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 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 too much. Kanye West uses many samples and was able to get the 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 sorts for any aspiring rappers and producers, and if he isn't already, Kanye West should be considered one of the all-time greatest musicians to be associated with the genre of hip-hop.



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Kanye West graces the camera for a dramatic scene in his "Homecoming" video

For those willing to set aside your ill feelings toward Mr. West, listen to *My Beautiful Dark*

Twisted Fantasy; it is truly worth it.

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
Staff Writer

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 downfalls of such an impacting decision.

"Teen Mom" promotes safe sex after every episode and reiterates how preventable teen pregnancy really is.

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

Jenelle, who used to be a big partier, realizes 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 responsibilities 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 incapable of raising her baby in a healthy, functional environment, and sues Jenelle for custody of the baby. Jenelle agrees to sign over custody of Jace temporarily, only for the fact 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 typi-

cal 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 continually.

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 baby boy named Isaac.

At first, Kailyn tries her best to keep her pregnancy a secret,

however, she is forced to quit her high school's lacrosse 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 Charlestown, West Virginia, gives birth to twins Alianna and Aleeah.

After her baby's father Corey cheats 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 Corey in hope that they can rekindle their relationship due to the health of Alianna.

Leah is continually torn about Alianna's sickness and re-

alizes 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 decision could change one's life forever.

Teen pregnancy is a serious issue that happens way 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 10 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 itsyoursexlife.com, and don't forget to tune into MTV's hit series "Teen Mom."



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Teen mom Leah and baby's father Corey try to work things out for the advancement of their daughter

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Drag Race Works it For A Third Season

“RuPaul’s Drag Race” is back for another dramatic and crazy season

By Jessica Downer
Copy Editor

REVIEW

One of Logo TV’s most popular shows is back for a third season. “RuPaul’s Drag Race” combines elements from shows like “Project Runway,” “America’s Next Top Model,” and “American Idol.”

The show features thirteen men who dress up in drag to win the title of “America’s Next Drag Superstar.”

Like any other Reality TV show, the stakes are higher this season. In addition the queen who wins receives \$75,000, which is more than the previous seasons’ cash prize of \$50,000, a lifetime supply of Kryolan brand makeup, and a spot on the Absolut Vodka Tour.

The third season of the show brings interesting queens from all across the United States and Puerto Rico, including Carmen Carrera, a popular New Jersey Queen that performs in major Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transsexual (LGBT) clubs throughout New York, and New Jersey.

Another contestant, Raja, a queen and model, is popular in the Los Angeles Area. The men who embody these queens grab inspiration from the women in their lives, celebrities, and any other aspect that the contestants believe embodies womanhood.

One controversy that arose in the first episode of the show was the return of Shangela Laquifa Wadley, who was eliminated in season two of the show.

There was a hint of her return during the second season, when RuPaul stated, “I don’t think this will be the last we see of you” to

Wadley. Along with showing RuPaul that they should be the next drag superstar through their extravagant make-up, wigs, and costumes, the “lady-boys” must participate in the weekly themed challenges of RuPaul’s choosing.

In the past, the challenges have included reacting music videos, creating outfits out of dollar store materials, and making crazy themed movies with the other contestants in teams.

These challenges utilize the contestants’ skills, creativity, and will-power to win the title and the prizes.

The drag stars also bring in social problems that they face as drag queens.

The issue of weight is brought up in respect of competition and winning, where some of the skinnier contestants feel that the more plus-sized contestants do not have a chance of winning.

The issues of race, culture, and sexuality are always brought into play in this show. The backgrounds of each contestant teaches a lesson to not only the other contestants but to the show’s audience as well

Along with RuPaul, Santino Rice, and Michelle Visage as judges, many other celebrities have and will guest judge for the



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Drag Race contestants get fierce for the camera

show, including Vanessa Williams, Fantasia Barrino, Amber Rose, and Johnny Weir.

Many of the celebrities to guest judge on the show provide great influence to not only the drag queens, but also to many people in and outside of the LGBT community.

People should be excited for the show because of the drama that American culture craves in a Reality Television show, the extravagance of the costumes and make-up that these drag queens put on, the display of talent, and the social and cultural differences in the drag stars.

To catch “RuPaul’s Drag Race” season three, check your listings for Logo TV and tune in every Monday night at 10 pm.

Kourtney & Kim Conquer The Big Apple

Kourtney & Kim Kardashian take over T.V. as they take over New York City

By Christina D’Agostino
Staff Writer

REVIEW

The Kardashian’s are back- and they continue to make the biggest imprint, ever.

After fulfilling Miami and Calabasas with “Kourtney & Khloe Take Miami” and “Keeping up with The Kardashian’s!” respectively, the Kardashian sisters have yet again proved to be the starlets that they portray themselves to be.

This time, although Khloe Kardashian, the youngest sister, and Scott Disick, boyfriend & father of Kourtney Kardashian’s son Mason, make many appearances, the show is intended to display Kourtney & Kim exclusively.

“Kourtney & Kim Take New York” premiered on Sunday, January 23, 2011 and not only fulfilled, but also exceeded viewers’ expectations- but is that because of how much we anticipated in the show, or a result of curiosity to inquire about what drama will outbreak next?

Either way, the show has

fulfilled both of these inquiries, by being both very entertaining, while, of course, producing some type of drama to keep viewers reeled in.

Although the show has not even been on the air for a month yet, it already has grasped the attention of viewers by revealing drama that continuously keeps us coming back for more.

To those who watch, we know that the greatest dramatized events thus far would obviously be Kim’s reaction to her “nude” photo shoot, Kourtney’s approval in allowing Scott to move back in

with her, and none other than the club fight Kim and Scott experienced in the second episode.

As always, the highly anticipated lives of the Kardashians prove again to be extremely successful through the publicity of this show.

Whether we’re observing their every move in print or television broadcast, the Kardashians are a pair of sisters that we can never get tired of.

Be sure to tune in Sundays at 10 p.m., to watch a pair of the most defiant and successful sisters take on New York City.



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Kourtney and Kim Kardashian strike a pose to promote their show

Awkward Mintz

Comedian Dan Mintz gives Cortland students little to laugh about

By Matt Ianno
Opinions Editor

REVIEW

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

Mintz’s dead-pan, 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 Demitri Martin and Louis C.K. and is currently the voice of Tina on Fox’s new animated comedy “Bob’s Burgers.”

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 because I am a huge fan of stand-up comedy and a moderate fan of Mintz (having seen a few clips of his work on Youtube).

The difference between posting a three minute clip of jokes on the internet and sustaining a room filled with college students for 60 minutes turned out to be much broader than I anticipated

Mintz came out flat and delivered a string of lifeless jokes that flopped and was unable to recover. It seemed as if the crowd possessed no prior knowledge of Mintz and his moribund style and was expecting a more traditional, engaging genre of comedy.

This turned out to spell disaster for the wayward comic as he progressed through his routine inside a room lacking laughs.

Fifteen minutes in, Mintz 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 disappointed 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 time.

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 expecting the type of comedy that Mintz performs, this may have 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 Wright and Hedberg have.

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

My laughs sounded like soliloquies 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 and that he told many poorly constructed, flat-out unfunny jokes, but I do believe he deserved 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.

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Just biding their time....

All eyes on the Octagon

The weather wasn’t enough to stop the Red Dragons from winning

By Nathan Vaji
Staff Writer

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

Junior 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.

Micki Volpini also scored 16 points to go along with four rebounds and three steals for Cortland.

Cortland never trailed after jumping out to a 5-4 lead then using a 9-0 run early in the first half. The Red Dragons continued to control play as they grew their lead to 18 (46-28) at halftime.

The Red Dragons came out hot again in the second half and pushed their lead to 20 early in the half. Cortland continued to lead by 20 or more points until Oswego turned things around and went on a small run of their own.

Oswego cut the Cortland lead to 13 (73-60) with 9:30 remaining in the contest. 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 seven rebounds. Jen Polan finished



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

with nine points for Cortland, with all of her points coming on 3-pointers. She was 3-5 from behind in arc.

Kayla Ryan led Oswego in scoring with 16 points. Jenna Rossi scored 14 points and Megan Stover 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 just 29% from the field in the first half. Cortland held a strong rebounding advantage by outrebounding Oswego 45-34.

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passed the puck to sophomore Paul Rodrigues, who then put a shot top shelf to give the Lakers the win and kept them perfect in

SUNYAC play.

On Saturday, Cortland traveled to Elmira to face the Soaring Eagles; however, the Red Dragons ended up losing 6-4 after the Soaring Eagles scored two power plays goals in the third period to break a 4-4 tie.

While Cortland got their

fifteenth loss, Elmira stretched their unbeaten streak to 10 games and improved to 13-5-2.

Junior Ryan Markell led Cortland with two goals; Chris Kaleta and freshman Brian Roller each netted a goal.

Junior Erik Nordqvist got two assists, while Jake Saville and

Silva and Belfort square off in a important yet historic UFC bout

By Matt Tyoe
Staff Writer

There isn’t a much more exciting event for a group of college friends than wrangling some money together in hopes of having enough to order a Pay-Per-View UFC event. On Saturday, February 5th, UFC 126 was fought at Mandalay Bay in front of 10,893 excited fans. It is also estimated that somewhere between 500,000 to 650,000 PPV buys.

The main event of the night was a title fight between Anderson Silva (28-4) defended his middleweight (185 lbs) title for a record fifth time. The challenger in this fight was fellow Brazilian Vitor Belfort (19-9). This marked the fifth time in history two Brazilians fought for a title.

Vitor Belfort earned an early take down as the fight began. Belfort seemed to be in control, but only for a short amount of time. After an exchange of strikes, Silva landed a hard kick to the shin of Belfort. Before he was able to recover, Silva shocked the world with a massive front kicked that connected on the chin of the challenger. Belfort was knocked unconscious from the kick which ended the fight just 2:35 into the round 1.

The first round stoppage marks the third time that Silva has stopped a challenger in just the first round of a title fight. An interesting side note after the fight was that Anderson Silva “credits Steven Segal for helping develop his (front kick) technique”. Segal

was in Silva’s corner for the fight so it is not all that hard to believe, especially if you have seen any of his action movies...and if you have seen one you have seen them all.

Quite possibly the biggest story of the night came from the light heavyweight bout between 23-year old Binghamton native, Jon “Bones” Jones (12-1)and Ultimate fighter season 8 winner Ryan Bader (12-1). Jon Jones’ only loss came on a disqualification against Matt Hamill for throwing illegal elbow strikes.

Jon Jones outwrestled yet another opponent. He also controlled the standup battle as well. Ryan Bader allowed his first ever takedown in the UFC octagon. Jones controlled the fight the entire way and ended it just 40 seconds into the 2nd round via guillotine choke. Bones is normally known for his devastating Kos, but on this night he received a \$75,000 bonus for submission of the night.

After the fight, Joe Rogan announced a knee injury that will keep Rashad Evans out of the light heavyweight title fight in 6 weeks. At a mere 23 years old, Jones was offered and accepted a chance to fight champion Shogun Rua for the title. After the fight, fellow fighter and analyst, Stephan Bonner remarked “no one has been able to come close to figuring out Jon Jones”. It is widely believed that he will be the favorite in the championship bout.

In the other co-main event, light heavyweights Forrest Griffin and Rich Franklin faced off. After a long layoff, Griffin came back to the octagon in rare form dominating Rich Franklin throughout the fight and winning by unanimous decision.

Everybody’s ready for some football

Cortland students gather for various Super Bowl celebrations

By Teddy Montalvo
Staff Writer

The Green Bay Packers defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 in Super Bowl XLV on Sunday night.

The whole country watched as hall of fame inductee, Dion Sanders, conducted the coin toss. The Packers won and elected to defend which gave the Steelers the ball.

Many people believed this game would be an aerial battle between Aaron Rodgers and Ben Roethlisberger but it didn’t start off this way. The first 3 possessions led to punts by each team.

The game broke open on a Packer 3rd and 1 when Aaron Rodgers threw a bullet to J. Nelson down the sideline for a touchdown. Green Bay led 7-0.

Less than 20 seconds later the Packers scored again on an interception by N. Collins who ran it back for a touchdown. The Packers were ahead 14-0.



photo by Giovanni Diomedé

A casual game of catch during some of those infamous commercials

The Steelers put together a strong drive, but Roethlisberger appeared to tweak his knee just before he ran for a first down which ended the first quarter. At the start of the second quarter Roethlisberger, or big Ben as he is often called, didn’t seem bothered by the previous play.

The Steelers drove down the field but had to settle for a 33 yard field goal. It was 14-3 Green Bay.

On the next Packer possession their already long list of injuries got longer when D. Driver went out of the game with an ankle injury. They had to punt the ball on 4th down but regained possession on another interception this time by J. Bush.

The interception led to a 21 yard touchdown this time by G. Jennings who was hit hard right on the goal line. Green Bay led

21-3.

Things were looking good for Green Bay but they suffered another injury. This time it was C. Woodson who hurt his shoulder when he dove to break up a pass.

Big Ben capitalized on the Packer injuries and threw an 8 yard touchdown pass to Hines Ward. It was the Steelers first touchdown of the game and they were down 21-10 at halftime.

The halftime show was the Black Eyed Pea’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 Steelers caught another break on a questionable facemask call that gave them a first down. R. Mendenhall then ran for an 8 yard touchdown on a drive that was 5 plays and 5 rushes. It was now 21-17 Green Bay.

Big Ben was hit with the first sack of the game on a 3rd down and long. The Steelers tried a 52 yard field goal but it was wide left. The next couple of drives led to punts by both teams as the 3rd quarter came to an end.

To start the 4th quarter, D. Bishop had a 7 yard fumble recovery which led to another

Green Bay touchdown. This time it was an 8 yard receiving touchdown for G. Jennings. Green Bay leads 28-17.

The Steelers responded on their next possession with a 25 yard touchdown pass to M. Wallace. They decided to go for 2 and converted it was now 28-25 Green Bay halfway through the 4th.

The Steelers needed to stop the Packers on their next possession to keep the game alive. They were able to prevent a touchdown but M. Crosby hit a 23 yard field goal which increased the Packers lead to 31-25.

This is how the score remained as the Packers defense stuffed the Steelers on 4th down. They went on to win Super Bowl XLV and returned the Vince Lombardi trophy to its home in Green Bay.

Aaron Rodgers was 24/39 with 304 passing yards 3 TD and 0 INT while Ben Roethlisberger was 25/40 with 263 passing yards 2 TD and 2 INT.

With Super Bowl 45 in the books, one question still remains. Will there be a season next year? As collective bargaining agreements begin we can only wait and see.

Player Profile: Anthony Giuliano

Individual player attributes his success to close knit team

By Melissa Kane
Staff Writer

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 NCAA playoffs for the third time in six years and seventh time overall. Cortland lost to Alfred State 34-20 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Senior Captain Anthony Giuliano said although the team was obviously disappointed to have their season come to an end, they were proud of all they had accomplished.

"I think we had such a successful season because of this team's work ethic. We're a really tight knit group and everyone can count on each other so there is no pressure going out on Saturdays, we can just play our game," says Senior Captain Anthony Giuliano from Thornwood.

Giuliano lead his team in receiving with 47 receptions for 704 yards and 6 touchdowns. "I guess that my hard work and coaching has helped me to achieve this.

I knew I had huge shoes to fill when Eric Hajnos left and I just worked really hard all year to become better. My coach Alex Smith is always there to help me and work with me and has really showed me some things that help me get better," says Giuliano.

A major highlight of the Red Dragons season was the nail biting win against Ithaca. "It feels amazing going out with a win against Ithaca. I never got to feel 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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Anthony Giuliano's talent as a wide receiver was noticed by Scoutwear's d3football.com and the NJAC

better. It was just an amazing day for all of us especially the seniors," said Captain Anthony Giuliano.

He says his greatest moment this year was the win against Montclair State, "Just so much hype and so much riding on that game and it came right down to the last second. When their kicker missed the kick it was one of the greatest moments of my life."

Anthony seems to have followed in his brother's footsteps, Andrew Giuliano who was also a Captain in 2008 and holds many school records including rushing yards and touchdowns. Anthony feels that his brother has been a huge impact on his football career, "He was an amazing running back and earned all American honors which kind of pushed me to try to play up to

his level. I was also lucky enough to get to play with him for 2 years here and look up to him the most out of anyone."

Andrew says he is very proud of Anthony who was selected to d3football.com national "team of the week" as Special Teams performer for the week of Nov. 7th as well as the NJAC football special team player of the week. He played a major role in the

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is what helped us out during our meet", said Nadrowski. "We knew what we were all capable of doing and we had a positive mind set. The win this week boosted our confidence even more and we are excited 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) ended up in third place in the floor exercise competition with a 9.425, and Brittany Baglow (sophomore) finished second in the same event with a 9.575. She also took second place in all-around competition 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 Saturday they go up against Rutgers University and Ursinus College at 2pm in the Corey Gym.

victory against William Paterson that enabled the Red Dragons to clinch at least a share of the NJAC championship. Giuliano gives credit to his teammates for these honors, "Earning those honors was a great feeling. I have to give credit to the guys around me though, without them making the plays out there and setting up the scenarios for me it would've never happened, but it's a great feeling to see my name up there on a national scale."

Anthony plans on student teaching at home next year in Westchester and then going to grad school to get his masters in health education.

It's in the name A truly special occasion

Brittany Cohen and Brittan Kuhlman both make Athlete of the Week

By Ashley Wysocarski
Staff Writer

Starting off the spring semester, Brittany Cohen is the Red Dragon female Athlete of the Week. For the season Cohen is averaging 14.8 points per game, and showed up huge with 16 points against Oswego last week. Against Fredonia, Cohen put up 12 points, with a career-high 12 assists, and followed that performance with 19 points against Buffalo State.

Cohen is in her junior year, and this is the first season she has spent wearing Cortland's colors, as she transferred in from Onondaga Community College this past fall. It was there that she let her talent take hold of her.

"My biggest accomplishment in my sport to date was when my team, Onondaga Community College, and I made it to the national title game for junior college last year. Also the honor of being selected a Third Team All-American for the NJCAA last year was pretty special." Cohen said.

Pressure appears to have little influence on Cohen's game play: she is shooting 77% accuracy on her free throws. Couple that with her 267 points on the season,

and you realize just how special a shooter Cohen is, and wonder how she got to be such a solid athlete. The answer may have to do with genetics.

"I try to model my game after my dad, Hal Cohen who played basketball at Syracuse University. He was a great shooter and point guard, so I try to play just like he did." Cohen said.

The team is 14-4, and faces SUNYAC rivals Potsdam and Plattsburgh this coming weekend.

For the men, Brittan Kuhlman took the Athlete of the Week title, after also being recognized as the SUNYAC Goalie of the Week. Kuhlman made history when he blocked 40 shots on goal against Plattsburgh, giving the Red Dragons a shut-out, their first ever against Plattsburgh.

Kuhlman didn't rest, making huge saves the following night against Potsdam. Cortland fought back to win after being behind, largely due to the 31 saves Kuhlman put together.

On the season, Kuhlman has 577 total saves, giving him a .893 save percentage. The Red Dragons currently have an overall record fo 5-15-2 (4-8-1 in the conference), and look to add one to the win column this Friday, at home, against SUNYAC rival Morrisville.

2011 New York State Winter Special Olympics held in 'Cuse

By Mark Nader
Staff Writer

In today's day and age where billionaires can't come to an agreement with millionaires and you can trash anyone in 160 characters or less it is good to see sportsmanship still rule in some fashion.

Anyone doubting that competition and sportsmanship still exists should have been at Syracuse last weekend.

The 2011 New York State Winter Special Olympics was held in Syracuse last weekend, bringing athletes from all over the state competing in such sports as alpine skiing, figure skating and floor hockey.

While the next Michelle Kwan or Apolo Anton Ohno may not have been among the participants, every athlete played with enthusiasm, respect for their opponent and a smile on their face.

"Seeing how much they have grown and watching them do their best" was the best part of the event for Patti McKeon, who coaches her daughter Kayla's Onondaga Red floor hockey team. The team finished first in their

division. McKeon said Kayla began competing at a young age, also playing bocce ball, soccer and track.

The Onondaga team was one of two from the Syracuse area and included players from ages 8 to 44.

While some parents are involved as coaches, others support their athletes watching from the sidelines. This includes Bob McGonigal, whose son Kyle also plays floor hockey.

Kyle, who is 27, has been playing for a Rochester-area team for over ten years.

"Just seeing him with his group of friends and being together is really rewarding," said McGonigal.

Some floor hockey players had great wrist shots and stick work, while others were still learning the game.

Sportsmanship prevailed during the game as fans and volunteers carried signs such as, "go team" and "way to go." They were used when either team made a great play.

While the games were what brought everyone together, the athletes were the ones who made the event what it was.

Nobody made this clearer than Victor Colon. At 32, the self-professed rookie who resides in Nassau County may be new to sports, but he already shows he knows that the games are really

about.

When he wasn't stick handling and running past defenders on the floor, he was supporting not only his teammates but his opponents as well. Colon clapped for goals recorded for either squad and made sure to pat his fellow teammates on the back whether they made a great play or allowed a goal.

He was the first to congratulate the opposing team after his team's loss, and even hugged the referees, thanking them for being there. But while his sportsmanship was admirable, what was equally impressive was his reasoning for playing; "To be proud of myself," said Colon with a smile.

These athletes play because they love sports, love their teammates and want to be part of something greater than themselves- something that can appear to be lost in this day and age.

Compassion, respect and competitive spirit all are a focus of these athletes and none of them are lost even a little bit during the games.

If that isn't good enough for you, where else can you see an athlete teach a teammate how to dougie only minutes after a loss? If that isn't special, I don't know what is.



They just can't be stopped!

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 for her first time with a 35.85, landing her in third place. Freshman Stephanie Sladky of East Islip reached her career high when she finished in second place on the uneven bars with a score of 9.275, while Recor also earned a



photo by staff photographer Todd Curtis

The Red Dragons demonstrated impeccable form during their high scoring floor routine

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 balance beam she earned a 9.325 while the 9.45 she received on the uneven bars helped her tie her career best in the event. In addition, she also scored a new career high of 9.60 with her floor

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

Red Dragons Lose Heartbreaker in OT

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.

Joey Christiano gave Cortland a 2-1 lead with 12:52



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Teammates look on as Ryan Durocher and Brian Roller attempt to overpower Oswego's Taylor Ferris.

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 off 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

Bremner.

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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Athletes of the Week



Brittany Cohen
Women's Basketball

Averaged 16 points and 7.7 assists per game in 2-1 week for Red Dragons



Brittan Kuhlman
Men's Ice Hockey

Earned SUNYAC's "Goalie of the Week" honors and help shut out the Cardinals for the 1st time