

Rack-a-Thon Dance -a-Thon

Students danced all night to raise money for Breast Cancer Research

By Megan O'Brien
Staff Writer

Last Friday night, Cortland students danced their 'racks' off at the first ever Rack-a-thon Dance-a-thon. From 8 p.m. until about 2 a.m., Corey Union Function Room was transformed to raise money for breast cancer research. Upon entering, students donated five dollars and had the symbolic ribbon for cancer drawn on the back of their hand for re-admission.

Jill Cole, President of RHA, said their goal amount of money to raise is \$2,000 or more, with all the proceeds going to a breast cancer organization through Syracuse University Hospital. Cole said, "RHA and NRHH are sister organizations, so they usually work together for events, but this is the first time we are working with CSA for an event, and it has been a success."

Lima Stafford, a CSA member said, "I like that we're doing something different by collaborating with the residence halls. Now we can have a bigger event and bring even more people out."

DJ Tumbo played bass-thumping dance tunes as people



photo by Jonathan Rodriguez

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Jason Carriero and Lima Maria Stafford dance to various types of music to support breast cancer research last Friday night in Corey Union

Stilettos to Sneakers

Alumni Laura Buitrago will compete in the San Diego Marathon

By Daniel Harding, Jr.
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Cortland Alumni and former member of the Sigma Delta Tau sorority, Laura Buitrago won't hesitate to admit that she was no athlete while at Cortland. In fact, when she first decided to give running a try last fall she could barely run two miles.

This Spring, Buitrago, a Long Island resident, will be competing in the San Diego Marathon as a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training, an international running club that raises money for Leukemia and Lymphoma research.

Team in Training helps individuals complete their goal of completing either a marathon, half marathon, triathlon, century ride(100 mile bike ride) or hiking adventure. In exchange for pledging to raise funds for the society during your training, they provide their athletes with everything from



photo provided by Laura Buitrago

Inspired by a cancer patient, Buitrago now runs for the cause

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Freedom Aprons

Speaker explains hardships of slaves and the Underground Railroad

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

"Do you remember the ancestors? It means that we are aware, for we did not make ourselves. It's easy to forget, we were not the first to suffer. Forget and die," sang Vanessa Johnson to set the mood for her presentation entitled: "Freedom Aprons."

Vanessa Johnson is a Griot, or African story teller. She uses her research of slaves in the Syracuse area in order to raise awareness about the role the city of Syracuse played in freeing slaves using the Underground Railroad. Johnson dressed in "slave garb" which was a basic grey, long sleeved dress that drooped down to her feet. She also wore an orange, brown, and yellow head wrap.

Johnson is the creator of the "Imagine Syracuse" program that exposes 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to college campuses in Syracuse. The purpose is to motivate young children to attend college after high school. Some of these children also at-

tended Johnson's presentation.

Johnson proceeded to literally act out the feelings and emotions of slaves and slave masters. Each "act" featured a different person that existed during slave times. Her first story started off with three separate "toots" that were used to notify other members of the railroad that slaves were coming through. Johnson took the role of a young girl that had to get the blankets for the slaves that were jumping off the trains that passed through Syracuse. She embodied the emotion of the young girl as she acted out the situation.

Johnson also took the role of a fleeing slave mother who ran from her slave plantation with her husband and newborn son. The act depicted the family making it to Syracuse after much difficulty, but after a few months the Federal government passed the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which required all runaway slaves to be returned to their previous masters.

The family fled north to Canada but during the journey the couple lost their baby and tried to commit suicide from grief. This is just one of the many difficult situations slaves faced when trying to run away.

Johnson stirred many emo-

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What’s Going On?

Calendar of Events: February 24 - March 2

- Today:**
- 12 p.m.** Susan Rayl, Kinesiology and Africana Studies Departments will present, “The Mighty Burner: The Life and Legacy of G. Larry James,” at this Black History Month Sandwich Seminar. Located in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.
- Friday:**
- 3 p.m.** Get information on how you can study abroad at the Study Abroad Informational Session. Please contact the James M. Clark Center for International Education to sign up: studyabroad@cortland.edu or (607) 753-2209. Event located in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.
- 8 p.m.** The Performing Arts Department presents, “The Drowsy Chaperone” at the Dowd Fine Arts Theater. The show will run March 25, 26, 27 and April 1, 2 and 3.
- Saturday:**
- 11 a.m.** Cortland Chill-a-Bration celebrates all things winter at Court House Park. The event features ice sculptures and good food.
- Sunday:**
- 4 p.m.** Hear the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir and other choirs sing at the Gospel Choir Cultural Celebration, located in Old Main.
- Monday:**
- 5 p.m.** The Dowd Fine Arts Gallery will be showcasing, “Bògòlanfini, Patterns of Bamana Culture,” an exhibit that explores authentic mudcloth methods practiced by people belonging to Bamana Culture in Mali, Africa. The artwork is from the personal collection of Kassim Kone, professor of anthropology and linguistics at Cortland.
- Tuesday:**
- 1:15 p.m.** A faculty senate meeting will be held in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room, D242.
- Wednesday**
- 7 p.m.** Wellness Wednesday presents, “Enhancing Your Life with Zumba!” Brittany Jarrard, a Cortland student and Zumba instructor, will lead the event in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

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tions from the crowd, and audience members wiped away their tears and hid their faces. Even the children present in the audience felt the pain and anguish in Johnson’s tone. Johnson was able to recreate events from the Underground Railroad to remind people during Black History Month of the difficult past African Americans share.



photo by Adam Dejesus Gonzalez

Johnson shows freedom apron

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started to arrive. Students enjoyed a huge spread of food, including pink frosted breast cancer ribbon-shaped cookies, pink cotton candy, pink snow cones, and many other snacks. Pizza and wings were delivered fresh hourly. When they took a break from dancing to eat, students, siblings, teachers, staff, and faculty sat at tables decorated in pink tablecloths and pink flowers. Balloons shaped like the breast cancer ribbon were also around. Reminders of the cause for this event were everywhere. The night started out with Brian Keefe and Wendy Richards teaching couples swing dancing. Simple dance steps were put together into larger combinations to popular oldies songs. Keefe is a Cortland graduate who has been taking swing lessons since 2007. He said, “I loved doing programs

IAC Breaks It Down

The International Awareness Club explains world issues

By Erica Frerking
Contributing Writer

Where? Egypt.
Who? Egyptian People vs. President Hosni Mubarak & his supporters.
What? Anti-government protests in Egypt break out on January 25 calling for change.
Why? After weeks of anti-government protests in Tunisia, resulting in Tunisian president Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali stepping down from office, protests in Egypt began. Protesters demonstrated against the ongoing poverty, corruption and unemployment the country had been facing since the 30 year rule of President Mubarak. Continuing protests and numerous deaths and casualties saw the resignation of the ruling party on February 5, though President Mubarak stated he would stay in power until elections were held in September. On February 11, just af-

ter the 18th day of protests, President Mubarak stepped down and fled to a resort on the Red Sea with his family. **Now:** Though President Mubarak has stepped down, there is still a lot of progress to be made in Egypt. People continue to demonstrate, showing their unity and determination to establish a representative democracy. Plans to amend certain constitutional clauses are in effect, though the people hope for more dramatic reform, eventually rewriting the constitution as a whole. **Why we should care:** Egypt is the most populous country in the Arab world, and thus it carries a lot of weight in the Middle East. Additionally, the Suez Canal sees a lot of trade traffic, and unrest in the country could affect the prices of goods that travel through the canal. The demonstrations by Egyptians, especially by the youth and the labor groups, have inspired many populations in other countries who are unhappy with their governments (namely Yemen, Bahrain, Algeria & Morocco) to voice their opinions and concerns.

in the residence halls and I’d like to do more teaching, especially for such a great cause. Some people pick it up very quickly and it’s rewarding to see a result.” His partner Richards picked up swing dance from Keefe, and they exchanged spirited high fives after a successful lesson. Stephanie Vitale, a Resident Assistant Senator in RHA said, “It’s rewarding to see the end result of what everyone has done, since so much work was put into it. I think people will appreciate the event since it is something different.” The events continued on after swing dancing as those on the dance floor formed an impromptu dance train conga line to a Black Eyed Peas medley, which was a crowd favorite that night. Shortly after 9 p.m., “Zumba with Allison” began. Allison is a Cortland alumni who did choreography with the Cortland Dance Company. She explained to the crowd that “Zumba is a Latin based dance that incorporates other cultures as well.” After a brief warm up, the energy was high

as Allison taught steps to “Livin la Vida Loca” by Ricky Martin. They also danced to “Jai Ho”, and “Don’t Stop (Wiggle Wiggle),” by the Outthere Brothers. At 10 p.m., Danceworks and Kickline demonstrated extreme feats of flexibility and gave high energy performances. The crowd was pumped up and returned back to the dance floor for more Zumba, and then some Salsa lessons with Carlos Malave. DJ Tumbo played until 2 a.m. To raise even more money, each residence hall hosted a basket for a silent auction. Clark Hall had a “Sweet Tooth Delight” basket full of candy, while Glass Tower had a “Spirit” basket full of Cortland gear. Hendrick Hall donated the “Ultimate College Survival Kit” full of the essentials: markers, pens, highlighters, snacks, and of course, Ramen noodles. To get involved, RHA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Lounge, and CSA meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Voice Office.



photo by Jonathan Rodriguez

The E-boards for NRHH, CSA and RHA display their “Nice Rack” t-shirts in honor of breast cancer awareness

Student Justices

Students have the opportunity to help decide Cortland judicial cases

By Michael Pitaro
Contributing Writer

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in what goes on at Cortland? Have you always wanted to be part of an important decision making process? If so, then Judicial Affairs wants you. We are looking for a diverse group of student, faculty, and staff to serve as justices on the Judicial Review Board (JRB) and College Hearing Panel (CHP) for the 2010-2011 academic year. This is a great way to get more involved in the college community. As justices, members of the panel listen to respondent and witness testimony, review evidence provided to the hear-

ing board, and ultimately decide whether or not a student is in violation of school policy. Justices hear cases dealing with all aspects of the Code of Student Conduct, from alcohol and drug policy to physical assault. If a student is found in violation, the justices decide what educational sanctions will be imposed to ensure the safety of the campus community. While student justices gain valuable experience and understanding of how the college judicial system works, they have the opportunity to receive one credit for each semester of their involvement. Student justices attend monthly training sessions and participate in about three to four hearings a semester involving alleged violations of the Code of Student Conduct. As members on the panel, faculty and staff are provided an opportunity to positively interact with student justices and also have a role in educating students

outside the classroom or office. The voluntary participation of faculty and staff members is vital to the judicial process and it also provides them with a great opportunity to become more involved with campus and student life. Current student justices participate because they have an interest in the judicial system and want to ensure a fair process for all respondents. Being a student justice is also a great resume builder and the communication skills attained in the group setting are an asset to any future employment. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. If being a part of the judicial process at Cortland is something that interests you, applications can be found at www.cortland.edu/judaffairs by clicking on the leadership opportunities link. Applications are due March 9, 2011 at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Judicial Affairs at x4725 or stop by Corey Union 409-B for more information.

Crime Alert

Recent string of sexual assaults remind students to protect themselves

By Becky Greenland
News Editor

Within a 16-day time span, three sexually-related incidents occurred in the city of Cortland against three Cortland students. On January 28, a female Cortland student was sexually assaulted in the Groton Avenue area. The suspect was known to the victim and has been referred to Judicial Affairs. About two weeks later, another female student reported that she had been raped in an on-campus residence hall in the early morning hours of February 12. The suspect has been identified and was known to the victim prior to the incident. In the early morning hours of February 13, a female student was raped in a residence location off-campus, located in the area of Prospect Terrace. This suspect was also known to the victim prior to the incident. In each incident it is im-

portant to note that the suspect was known to the victim before the assault took place. Assistant Chief of Police, Mark DePaull said, "We need to understand that it's still a misconception that most sexual assaults occur from the attacker hiding in the bushes. Stranger sexual assaults do occur, but the vast majority of sexual assaults are committed by someone who is known to the victim." He reported that the National Crime Victimization Survey revealed that 73 percent of sexual assaults were perpetrated by a "non-stranger." Cortland takes students' safety seriously, and the professionally trained University Police officers patrol the campus by foot, bike and vehicle 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The college starts programming efforts at the new student Orientation Program and continues throughout the year with guest speakers and peer education. "We have a committee on campus, the Sexual Assault Awareness and Programming Committee (SAAPC), which has been instrumental with programming and with bringing the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System Program to campus," reported DePaull. The Rape Ag-

gression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. DePaull gave tips to students to avoid unfortunate incidences like the ones that have occurred in the past month. To defend yourself against stranger sexual assaults, DePaull says, "walk in groups, do not walk in dark areas, stay away from areas where someone could hide, be aware of the locations of the blue light emergency phones, let someone know where you will be and trust your instincts." He also reminded students to limit their alcohol consumption because alcoholic beverages are considered the most widely used "date rape" drug and are readily available. He said to be confident in your principles regarding sexual activity; both parties need to communicate and set up parameters. Remember that "no" means "no," and it is not up for interpretation or debate. Sexual activity in the past does not mean it is permissible now. Also, be cautious of new acquaintances, especially in bars or at house parties. By remembering these tips and utilizing programs sponsored by the University Police, students can lead safer lives on and off-campus at Cortland.



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running partners and coaches, to mentors and running apparel. It wasn't until she completed her first half marathon that she built up the courage to sign up and begin attending Team in Training meetings. When she first signed up, Buitrago's main goal was to get back in shape. However, just a few weeks into the program she found a higher calling. "At one of my first meetings, a cancer survivor came to speak to us about how she won her battle with cancer, and is currently training for a triathlon," says Buitrago. "To see a woman who was once bed ridden persevere and compete as an athlete really makes you think anything is possible." Team in Training has provided Buitrago with a customized training program that works around her full time substitute job during the day and graduate courses at night. "We generally have the athletes train on a 16 to 24 week program (for a marathon) but we customize each of them based on individual goals and special needs," said nine year Team in Training running Coach Carmen Cruz. The particular team Buitrago trains with is composed of college students, former athletic standouts, and single mothers, as well as members in their 50's and 60's all with varying degrees running experience. As diverse as the members of the team are, their reasons for joining are equally as diverse. "Some joined to lose weight, others wanted to raise money, and others have always dreamed of running a marathon," said Cruz. With weekly team runs, and


clinics explaining running form, race strategy and cross training, among other topics, Team in Training aims at adequately preparing every member. "Laura is relatively new to the program but has been adapting really well and really seems to be enjoying the program," says Cruz. "I can't wait for her and my other athletes to complete their goals; it's priceless to see." With the race day of June 5 fast approaching, Buitrago isn't sure whether it's running the marathon or raising the money that has her the most scared, but she finds comfort in knowing that she isn't in it alone. "Whether it's cancer patients or athletes, the whole idea of Team in Training is that you don't have to go through it alone. You have people with you to support you and motivate you," said Buitrago.

- Blood cancers such as leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, myeloma and myelodysplastic syndromes are cancers that originate in the bone marrow or lymphatic tissues.
 - Every 4 minutes, one person is diagnosed with a blood cancer.
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 - Every ten minutes, someone dies from a blood cancer.
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Consider this, Cortland

Wal-Mart: it started as a small business and grew into the most successful retailer in the world. It visualized and attained its American dream, which was to start small, gradually build, and eventually succeed on a national/global scale.

We Americans should be applauding this demonstration and representation of the American way, but this is hard to do when it is becoming more evident that Wal-Mart is damaging local business.

Wal-Mart provides a cornucopia of consumer possibilities; it is a survival guide to American life. The variety and breadth of offered goods, combined with the always low prices, have made Wal-Mart the ideal choice for any American citizen looking to maintain their lives.

But is Wal-Mart introducing demise to the local business enterprise in America? The short answer is yes. Wal-Mart has created a successful marriage between producers and consumers, which allows them to offer goods at a lower price than competing local businesses.

Wal-Mart also offers nearly everything and anything a consumer can consume. The new super-sized Wal-Mart in Cortland sells everything from toe nail clippers to haircuts; it sells authentic pro sports gear and baby food.

Cortland is a rural area, meaning there are not many consumer options in the town. Wal-Mart has capitalized on this by creating its own monopoly, as it sells products most other stores sell for the lowest possible price.

A common understanding of economics and consumerism is all it takes for one to realize that local business will suffer in a rural town taken over by the largest, most recognized retailer on the globe.

The most affected and devastated local businesses in this situation are those that sell specific items like jewelry, hardware, apparel, and groceries, because Wal-Mart offers all of these things at a lower price and all under the same roof. If “one-stop shopping” ever needed an advocate, Wal-Mart would be the clear choice.

Ok, so these are the unambiguous negatives that Wal-Mart enforces on a local economy, but are there positives?

There appears to be one, which is the amount of jobs that a Wal-Mart provides. It is estimated that a Wal-Mart employs between 150-350 people.

In an area like Cortland, this is a big deal, and the opening of the new store on Rt. 281 definitely opened up job opportunities that didn’t exist previously. However, keep in mind that these positions often pay minimum wage, and that there are people out there that either run or work at small businesses that are losing their jobs at the same time others are gaining them.

So far, I have been looking at this topic through the perception of the small business owner and retailer. If I look at it as a consumer, Wal-Mart is a positive addition to a community because it offers quality products for the lowest prices, all at one location.

That’s right, the very same thing that hurts the local business, benefits the local consumer; a conundrum so intricate that I’m left contemplating the American consumer system. If you’re strictly a consumer, a new Wal-Mart is a positive thing. If you are a small business owner specializing in the sale of any of the products that Wal-Mart offers, then a new Wal-Mart is a negative thing.

Whichever title you individually fit into will most likely dictate your opinion of what Wal-Mart is doing to America. The new Wal-Mart in Cortland is still in its preliminary months of operation, meaning that the citizenry still possesses an infatuation for a new option.

These first few months are definitely the hardest for any local business, especially ones that sell similar products or provide similar services to that of the super retail store. Some stores will inevitably close, while others will experience a large decline in revenue and sales.

But let’s say we look into the future at the Wal-Mart situation in Cortland. In a few years from now—after Wal-Mart has firmly established that it is the head retailer and many small businesses have closed—other stores, shops, and businesses that offer products and/or services that Wal-Mart doesn’t will most likely replace those that were forced out of business.

Restaurants, music stores, coffee shops, and other local businesses can emerge where others failed because they offer things Wal-Mart doesn’t.

This might just indicate the circle of life in American capitalism. It is not so much survival of the fittest, but rather survival of the company that offers something Wal-Mart doesn’t.

That’s right, Wal-Mart has made it to the top of our capitalistic food chain, and local economies will be forced to adapt and act accordingly. “Save money, live better.” As a consumer, I can’t argue with that.

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

-Matt Ianno

We need More Students and Less Parking

Cortland’s parking situation is terrible; here’s a solution

By David Mindich
Staff Writer

COLUMN

I love looking for parking in Cortland. Every minute spent missing class as I look for a place to squeeze my Jeep into is another minute for my mind to freely wonder about whatever I damn well please.

As I rounded the corner of Neubig road and drove past our new 24-hour convenience vending machine the other day, I began to thank my lucky stars that we Cortland students now have the ability to buy bottles of shampoo and giant bags of Doritos at literally any time we feel the need, provided we don’t mind paying a “slight” convenience mark-up of course.

As I attempted to pull into the consistently full “pay lot” however, already being five minutes late, I couldn’t help but wonder if there wasn’t something more useful Cortland should be spending its money on.

Now while I love to let my mind wander, it doesn’t always know where to go at first.

For a brief moment, I toyed with the idea of building some sort of parking garage, perhaps where the pay lot is, seeing as

though while we may be short on horizontal real estate, we still have quite an abundance of vertical to spare.

However, I quickly realized that the few hundred more students paying three dollars a day to park there would never be able to add up to the revenue Cortland must already receive through ticketing its delinquent student parking violators.

I for one have contributed at least a hundred dollars to Cortland over some discrepancies of a few inches on several occasions. And let’s not forget, kids, Cortland’s a business first and foremost, isn’t it? We can already see this ideology being put into effect when looking at the current rooming situation. I remember when owning a “tripled” T-shirt was a rarity, not the norm.

So what does Cortland really need? Well, more dorms of course. I figure for every car we could fit into that hypothetical parking garage, we could easily squeeze two or three more students.

A few extra stories should allow for a couple hundred more students no problem. And we don’t even have to stop there, imagine how many kids we could get into a building that covered the parking lot behind the gym? Shit, we could probably fit somebody into the 24-hour vending machine if we really wanted to—get them on some kind of work-study program.

More students, that’s what Cortland needs. More time to consider the fragility of life as

we stand on the never-ending Subway line.

More time to contemplate the human condition as we decide between going crotch to crotch or crotch to ass as we brush past classmates during the twenty minute walk from the dance floor to the bathroom in Dark Horse.

More time to find that spot on a girl’s back where you can place your hand as you make your way to the bar that doesn’t make you look like a creep, but still allows you to subliminally cop a feel and check for more than an uninviting reaction.

“Oh, excuse me...excuse me.”

More time to think about whatever as we look for a place to park.

Now I know many of you may prefer the idea of a parking garage. It gets cold here, walking sucks. I hear you. But, as Cortland’s current students, we have to do what’s best for Cortland’s future students, don’t we? And what speaks more towards a school’s respectability than the sheer multitude of its student body? Certainly not its parking.

So, as we wait to see the formulation of Cortland’s next campus enhancement project (if not dorms, maybe a 24 hour bathroom facility? Sometimes the trek back to the dorms at night is just too long) I guess we’ll just have to get used to walking. Bundle up, folks.

Same old Oscar

The Oscars are back to being typical this year; expect the usual results

By Brian Lupo
Staff Writer

Sunday, February 27 marks the date of the 83rd Annual Academy Awards, and contrary to last year’s ceremony, things seem to be back to the way they’ve always been.

Last year was an important year for the Oscars as far as diversity. Kathryn Bigelow became the first female to win the award for best director, and the film “Precious,” which featured a predominately African-American cast, was nominated for many awards.

But what happened this year? Aside from “The Kids Are All Right,” which focuses on a lesbian couple raising teenagers, the Best Picture category lacks diversity. Also, the nominees for Best Director features only white men.

And the Best Actress and Best Actor nominees (aside from Javier Bardem who is from Spain) are all white. This is disappointing for those who saw hope for change in last year’s awards.

It isn’t just about ethnic and racial diversity; it seems that the Oscars will always flow with the same narrative. For example, I believe that “The Social Network” should win the Oscar for Best Picture.

Many viewers dismissed this film, simply calling it “The Facebook Movie.” However, it was a brilliant effort in screenwriting, directing, and acting. More importantly, the film was relative to this generation’s attitudes and aspirations. It is

with these criteria that a movie should win Best Picture.

I haven’t seen “The King’s Speech,” but I think this movie will take home Best Picture. From what I’ve heard, it is an excellent film, but what bothers me is that this film is so typical in what the Academy loves: it’s a period piece.

I mean really, who cares? Unlike “The Social Network” which told a story that is still unfolding today, “The King’s Speech” is a historical drama that has no room for an open ending because the events happened over 50 years ago.

In short, it’s what the Academy consistently picks. Films come to mind such as “Titanic,” “Shakespeare in Love,” and “The English Patient.” All Best Picture winners. But, were they really the best films that came out those years?

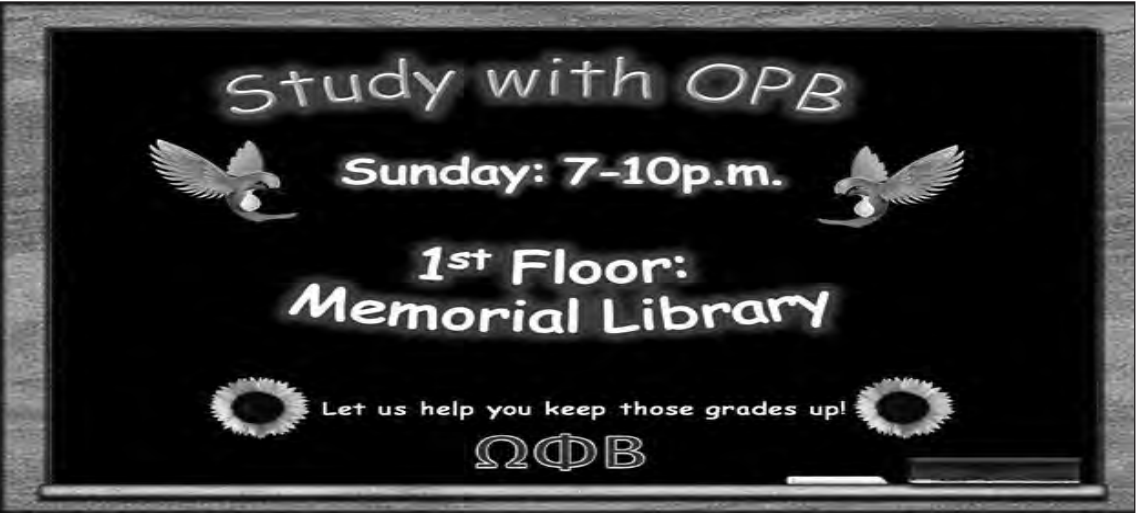
It just goes to show that if you want your movie to have a better chance of winning an Oscar, add in as much drama and romance as



you can, and make sure the setting isn’t present day (preferably during or before World War II).

I could be wrong. “The Social Network” or the other eight films aside from “The King’s Speech” could win. And maybe next year there will be non-white actors and actresses who are acclaimed for their effort.

Either way, Sunday night I will be watching, rooting for my man Mark Ruffalo to win Best Supporting Actor, and hoping that Anne Hathaway wears something sexy.



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because it is clear the NBA is more about making money and commercialism than they are about the actual contest anymore.

This point was proven to be quite obvious when Blake Griffin dunked over the “official car of the NBA” and sealed the deal for the contest. If you ask me, it seems like they had Griffin’s name etched on the trophy prior to the contest.

When it came down to the two finalists, Griffin and McGee, it was clear that someone was going to have to pull off something absurd to win. McGee did just that, executing a crazy windmill coming from under the hoop.

It wasn’t until Griffin rolled out the car and dunked over the hood that fans became excited. If he cleared the entire car, it would have been the best dunk of all time.

But he didn’t. He got an alley-oop over the hood and threw it down, winning him the contest. Any contestant could have easily pulled this dunk off. The blatantly obvious point the NBA made was that they set up the most popular player to win, not leaving it open for all the contestants.

After all, it wasn’t even their dunk contest anymore; maybe Sprite put them up to it. Maybe the people at Kia played a role in the outcome. Whatever the case, it is clear that money played the biggest role in determining the winner of the 2011 dunk contest.



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Blake Griffen soars over a Kia to capture Slam Dunk Crown

Stop Assisting Assault

Changes need to be made in light of three sexual attacks in Cortland

By Dan Harding Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

Within the last three weeks two female Cortland students were the victim of rape and another fell victim to sexual assault. One of the rapes occurred on campus, while the other two incidents occurred off campus. In each circumstance, the victim knew their attacker.

Based on the above statistics, Cortland is averaging one sexual attack a week. At what point do we sound the alarm and realize that this is unacceptable?

It seems as if our community as well as our culture, has become immune to hearing about rape victims. Never has this theory been more evident than with the idolization of professional athletes despite them being accused of sexual assault.

Pittsburg Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has recently faced two allegations of sexual assault and NBA star Kobe Bryant was accused of raping a hotel worker while he was a patron in 2003.

Despite these atrocious allegations, jerseys adorning their names are still flying off of shelves and onto young people everywhere. Sports Center has long forgotten about the charges brought upon these two men and focuses on how many yards they

throw and points they score.

This trend of tolerance towards these crimes needs to change and it needs to start within our own community and campus. Many are quick to point a finger at Cortland City and University police, though they are usually the same people who are paranoid about hearing a knock at their door from them.

It’s up to us. We need to be adults and start looking out for one another. If you see a situation that doesn’t seem right to you, chances are that it isn’t. If you see someone getting out of line and are fearful that a dangerous situation like sexual assault may occur, don’t worry about being a “tattle-tale” and call the police immediately.

“Safety in numbers” may be a common term that was drilled in our minds in elementary school, but now, more then ever, it is relevant. And, no, I’m not talking about remembering to bring your wingman when you go out. What I mean is when you head out for the night plan to return home with everybody you left with.

At this point, you may be saying, “relax, that’s overkill; that’s not necessary; what’s the big deal?”

That is the type of complacent, nonchalant attitude that got us in this predicament to begin with.

In the last three weeks, three girls were the victim of sexual assault. Let’s get our act together and work to keep Cortland a place we are proud to call home.

Living off campus

Cortland students can live off campus as well as on campus

By Tony Nguyen
Staff Writer

At Cortland, students have the option of moving off campus after two years.

I, myself decided to move off campus for my senior year to have the experience of living on my own without the supervision of a resident assistant.

Moving off campus with my three good friends is probably the best choice I’ve made. The location of the house we lease is located near campus, which makes the commute to classes minimal. This is especially helpful in the cold weather.

Having the parking lot right behind the house and having my own parking spot is a big plus since I don’t need to walk 10 minutes from the dorm to get my car.

Living off campus also gives you the ability to cook your own dinners at night.

Depending on housing prices and everything else that comes with the house, it can be a lot

cheaper to move off campus than continuing to live on campus. For me, off campus life is very fun and relaxing.

There are no floor meetings to go to and none of the closing hassles when leaving for the holidays.

My room is bigger and my closet is a walk-in. It’s also easier to have guests visit, because you don’t have to sign them in. They can just come and go whenever you have them up visiting.

One negative is having to shovel the driveway to get out and go places, but it still beats the icy parking lots of PER.

Some people prefer off campus life and others prefer to stay on; it is all about who you are and what you feel more comfortable with.

I made the right choice moving off campus, so if you think moving off campus is what you want to do, don’t be afraid to do it.

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accomplished anything except make a few people famous. YouTube is similar to blogging just with video. Again, the focus is on the individual not the cause.

Social networking sites focus on connecting rather than self-promoting. It is a tremendous feeling knowing that if a big company screws you over, you can make your experience public and connect with other consumers that may also have been wrongfully dealt with by that company.

So, kudos to Egypt for showing the rest of the world what’s good when it comes to overthrowing a government.

It will be very interesting to see what goes on in the nations surrounding Egypt in the next few months. Organization is essential. So get organized and start a riot.

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“Bieber Fever” Continues to Infect The World

16-year-old recording artist Justin Bieber is quickly taking over pop

By Kimberly Mazzaro
Staff Writer

“Bieber fever” has hit fans throughout the world harder than ever and it looks as if it is here to stay.

Only 16 years old, Justin Bieber’s arrival to the entertainment world has caused a phenomenon among not only young teens, but adults as well, and is causing one of the biggest stirs in the music industry thus far.

Justin Drew Bieber was born on March 1, 1994. Growing up with a passion for music, Bieber taught himself how to play the drums, trumpet, piano and guitar.

Bieber’s talent became exposed when he began to participate in singing competitions and his mother would post the videos of his performance on YouTube for their friends and family to see.

Shortly after, Bieber’s mother, continued to upload videos of her son, only to later discover that the videos would be the main component towards his uprising fame and popularity.

The discovery of Bieber happened relatively fast: Scooter Braun, a former marketing executive of So So Def, accidentally came upon one of Bieber’s YouTube videos and found himself to be rather impressed.

Braun immediately tracked down Bieber’s mother and, just like that, Bieber was flown to Atlanta, Georgia to record demo tapes at the young age of 13.

Within that week, Bieber sang for R&B singer/songwriter Usher and shortly after, Bieber was signed to Island Records in October 2008, with Braun as his manager.

Bieber’s hit singles which include “One Time,” “One Less Lonely Girl,” “Love Me,” and “Baby,” have peaked on the Billboard Hot 100, and the Canadian Hot 100.

His debut album, “My World 2.0,” charted at number five in the U.S., while reaching the top ten in seven other countries as well.

It debuted number one on the U.S. Billboard 200 and number one in 18 other countries. Bieber’s success has made him the youngest solo male act to top the charts since Stevie Wonder in 1963 and his success is only going to expand.

Bieber has performed at various events. He has performed for U.S. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama, at Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve with Ryan Seacrest, Saturday Night Live, the 2010 MTV Video Music Awards, the 52nd Grammy Awards in 2010, and most recently he performed with Usher and Jaden Smith at the 2011 Grammy Awards, which were held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Bieber’s world tour titled, “My World Tour,” was a world-



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Justin Bieber and Usher doing a collaborative performance during this year’s Grammy Award show

wide phenomenon that swept the country and only contributed to his growing fame.

Along with millions of albums sold, Bieber’s recent film, “Never Say Never” was released February 11, 2011 and topped the box office with an estimated \$12.4 million on its opening day, being shown in 3,105 theaters.

His film grossed \$30.3 million for the weekend and now

holds the record for the top debut for a music-documentary.

Justin Bieber’s success has grown in an outstanding way. Starting out as a young boy from Stanford, Ontario to a pop culture phenomenon, Bieber has proved to young teens around the world that anything is possible.

In a matter of three years Bieber has managed to influence music and pop culture altogether.

He is mentioned in sitcoms, movies, and songs and is leaving his mark in pop history.

Although he may be hated by many just as much as he is loved, he has entered the music industry with a bang and will be a part of it for years to come.

If you’re interested in catching the “Bieber Fever” go see “Never Say Never” in theatres now.

Grammy Hosts Fashions Do’s and Dont’s

2011 Grammy Award show was the home for fashion icons and clowns

By Stephanie Disen
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Many viewers tuned in for the 2011 Grammys last Sunday, some for the award show and others to take witness to the sheer insanity that is seen on the red carpet and during the show in regard to celebrity fashion.

Everyone at the Grammys had one thing in common: everyone was dressed to impress.

Hundreds of paparazzi were ready with their cameras to take the pictures of the world’s favorite celebrities that would later be posted on the Internet and scanned through various types of media.

Many celebrities and artists presented themselves in a truly elegant manner, showing off this season’s latest trends: females in one shoulder, lace, or sequen gowns and males in fitted suits.

Many such as Jennifer Lopez, who sported a long sleeved, extremely short, silver dress by Emilio Pucci, looked absolutely beautiful. Despite having twins not too long ago, J-Lo didn’t look like it.

The Grammys also had many risk-takers, who showed just how far they can take it. One of these risk-takers was Nicki Minaj in a head – to – toe leopard number by

Givenchy.

While I found Minaj’s choice of clothing absolutely ridiculous, it worked for her. If anyone else had stepped onto the red carpet in this number, it would have been his or her ultimate downfall.

However, not everyone was able to look as good. My advice to some of the people that stepped on to the carpet is that you probably should have thought twice about what you chose to wear.

One outfit that was memorable, (and not in a good way), was Rihanna’s dress by Jean Paul Gaultier. It looked like someone decided that she was a tree that needed to be tee-peed on Halloween. I agree with many others that she took a huge risk, but she really should have thought about keeping it simpler.

One person that many people were waiting to outshine everyone else was Lady Gaga. I was disappointed in her choice of “walking” the red carpet in an egg. I would have preferred to see her in an outrageous outfit instead of being incubated, [like a child,] in an egg.

Last, but not least, in the most outrageous costume was Cee-lo Green’s, who decided that



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Jennifer Lopez sparkles on the red carpet

he would wear a multi colored bird costume to perform “Forget You” during the ceremony.

Although Cee-lo’s performance was spectacular, he basically looked like a multicolored big bird, which caused many people to wonder if he “laid the egg that Lady Gaga came out of.”

My advice to anyone in the future who is going to attend the Grammys or any award ceremony: please consult a stylist, family, or friends because no one wants to be featured in any form of media as “worst dressed” or “biggest joke.” Also, shoot an invite my way; everyone likes a companion.

No, It’s Jersday

Thursday’s have been officially been taken over by MTV’s “Jersey Shore”

By Sarah McCannon
Staff Writer

Thursday, better known to it’s viewers as “Jersday,” is the best day of the week.

MTV’s reality hit show, “Jersey Shore,” airs at 10 p.m. Urban Dictionary defines “Jersday” as: Another name for the Thursday nights that new episodes of “Jersey Shore” air, which have become a phenomenon across the country. It can be used in a sentence as, “Nah, bro. I can’t go out tonight. It’s Jersday.”

“Jersey Shore” is an American reality television series that premiered on December 9, 2009 on MTV.

The show has earned record ratings for MTV, making it the

network’s most viewed series telecast.

The series follows the lives of eight housemates spending their summer at the Jersey Shore. Season two followed the cast escaping the cold northeast winter to Miami Beach. This season, the cast headed back to the Jersey Shore.

Season three’s cast includes: Paul “Pauly D” DelVecchio, Jenni “JWoww” Farley, Sammi “Sweetheart” Giancola, Vinny Guadagnino, Ronnie Ortiz-Margo, Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi, Michael “The Situation” Sorrentino, and it’s newest member, Deena Nicole Cortese.

These housemates live the “Guido/Guidette” lifestyle, which has caused controversy regarding the portrayals of Italian-American stereotypes.

Also, Jersey Shore locals are annoyed because the cast members weren’t residents of the area, and they are sending the “wrong



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Season 3 cast of The Jersey Shore pose for the shows promo photo

Have You Heard About Tubelord?

UK band Tubelord makes their way to fame with unique sound and talent

By Steve Hernandez
Staff Writer

REVIEW

It's not everyday that a band generates a following by playing shows at small venues and base-ments, and with just one full-length album to their name.

That's exactly what Tubelord from Kingston upon Thames, England has done despite never leaving their homeland.

You're probably thinking, "Why on earth would I listen to a band named Tubelord?" I'll tell you why. You would want to listen to a band named Tubelord because with only four members, they do things that most bands need at least five people to pull off.

Their debut album, "Our First American Friends," which was released on October 12, 2009 by Hassle Records, takes whoever is lucky enough to listen to it through 10 songs of utter creativity.

Fronted by Joseph Prendergrast, the band's lead singer and guitarist, the band employs strange time signatures and progressive song structures, which saves the spoon-fed music listener from the usual "verse, chorus, verse" song structure that they are

subjected to on a daily basis.

The lyrics are obscure yet easy to relate to and the instrumentals create a sort of confusion, which by the end of the album, the listener will appreciate.

The band also uses some instruments that most musicians are probably afraid to use for fear of criticism, such as the xylophone.

When looking at the track listing of "Our First American Friends" for the first time, make sure you listen to the ones with the strangest titles, because those are the ones that are worth listening to the most, although every song on the album is worth listening to.

"Your Bed Is Kind Of Frightening," "Night Of The Pencils," "He Awoke On A Bench In Abergavenny," and "Cows To The East, Cities To The West" are, in my opinion, the best songs on the album.

Their lyrical content expresses emotions in relation to sex, chasing after a girl you know you can't have, the loss of a parent to death or divorce, and reminiscing about time spent with your closest friends.

Sure, some of those are bad things, but most people can relate to things like that, and it always



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Tubelord does a live performance for fans at Banquet Records in the U.K.

helps to hear music that addresses what you have felt emotionally.

The most important thing about this band is its connection with their fans. The band runs its own online merchandise store, and personally mails the items purchased.

I know this because David Catmur, the band's drummer, mailed me my copy of "Our First American" Friends himself and even corresponded with me over e-mail when I had questions about my order. That sort of connection

with a band is a rarity today.

There are a lot of great and influential bands that have come out of England, such as The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Queen, The Smiths, and Radiohead.

These bands got their start in the United Kingdom and eventually found success and popularity in the United States as well; with their musical prowess, there is no reason that Tubelord cannot do the very same thing.

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image" of the Jersey Shore.

Along with controversy, the "Jersey Shore" cast has brought new phrases that have become very popular in American Pop Culture.

Along with "Jersday," some of the most common are: "It's T-Shirt time!," "Cabs are here!," "G.T.L." (gym, tan, laundry), "Smush," "Grenade" (an unattractive girl), "Beat up the beat" (fist pump), and many more.

The cast has especially influenced American teens. On Wednesday, February 16th, a teen fan tweeted to Sammi Giancola: "I woke up on Jersday, started straightening my hair for school and thought, 'I really want my hair to be as straight as @mt-vsammi!'"

Not everyone is striving to be like Sammi "Sweetheart," though. 15 year old (yes, 15 year olds even watch the show), Ashley Cooper from New Jersey, stated, "They are paid to do nothing but party and create drama. With partying comes drinking, mistakes, and confusion. I'm sorry, I know I'm 15 and this show is designed to 'appeal' to me, but I honestly think MTV is glamorizing a lifestyle of drunken mistakes."

I'm sure many parents agree with her.

MTV has announced that a fourth season, which will be filmed in Italy, will air in late 2011.

Tune in on Jersday nights at 10 p.m. on MTV.

Shipwreck Golf Lights Up Cortland

Cortland nights are now brighter with addition of new mini golf course

By Hannah Connelly
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Cortland students now have another way to have fun on week-ends. Shipwreck Golf Amusement Center, located on Route 13, recently opened their new Black Light Mini Golf course.

Not only is it an exciting new attraction for Cortland, it's the largest indoor golf course, as well as the largest black light course in the nation.

The new black light course opened December 26th, 2010 in addition to their outdoor Shipwreck Pirate course that opened in June of 2005.

The 450 ft. new black light course is colorfully painted in glow-in-the-dark paint and is a great place to have fun with friends on the weekend. Students are encouraged to wear white for maximum glow effect.

Shipwreck Golf Center offers three attractions including the two 18 hole mini golf courses, as well as a Bounce and Play Center for young kids.

Shipwreck Golf is not only

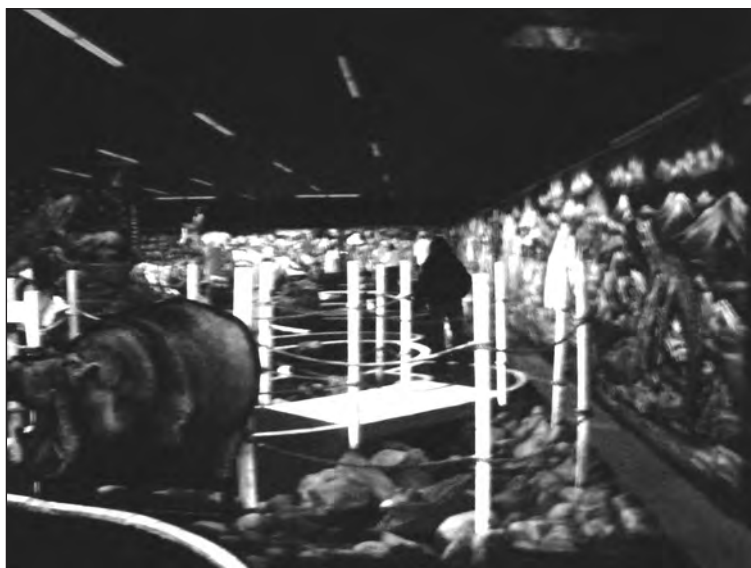


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Shipwreck Golf's animated black light course with animal theme

popular with Cortland students, but also with Mark Sanchez, quarterback of the Jets, who "golfs at least twice a week during Training Camp," according to Patty Jordan of the Shipwreck Amusement Center.

Shipwreck Center also offers a range of discounts for Cortland students.

Students can play half price when their parents play with them on Parent's Weekend. During Finals Week, five students can golf

together for the price of four.

Fundraising opportunities are also offered for campus clubs, sports teams, and fraternities/sororities. Fundraising nights are Monday – Wednesday and groups keep half the admission.

For fundraising opportunities or any other information, call the Shipwreck Center at 607-758-8585. The center is open Monday – Thursday 12pm – 10pm, Friday 11am-11pm, Saturday 10am – 11pm, and Sunday 10am – 10pm.

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True Life: I’m A Resident Assistant

Pet peeves and truths from your Resident Assistant, Cara Shulman

By Cara Shulman
Copy Editor

COLUMN

True Life: I’m a Resident Assistant (RA). Like many other jobs and identities, the resident assistant one is not without stereotypes and assumptions; some people assume that I am a goody two-shoes who likes to get people in trouble. Wrong. Others believe I’m only an RA for the “free room.” Wrong again. Still others call me things I am not allowed to write in the newspaper, when I simply do my job. I guess the first thing you should know about me is that I don’t care; I don’t care what people think of me. And I know that’s been said a million times before me, but it’s true; however, there are several things I think residents—and other students—should know about resident assistants.

One: We’re just like you. We take classes and tests, pull all-nighters, and drink too much coffee; we have best friends and boyfriends (and girlfriends), we’re athletes and singers, and we make mistakes. We’re students, not your mom or dad, and we like to have fun.

The only real differences between you (a resident) and me (an RA) are 1) I am responsible for

enforcing the policies of the College, and 2) I don’t pay for my room.

Two: It’s harder than it looks. Being an RA doesn’t require knowledge of rocket science, but it does require flexibility, patience, good communication, leadership skills, and time management.

Three: Just because it’s 3:00p.m. doesn’t mean you should be “obnoxious.” We are students first, and therefore, it is important to create and maintain an environment in the residence halls that is suitable for learning and studying. My biggest pet peeve as an RA is when residents aren’t courteous to one another; we are all part of the same community, and although we are not required to like everyone, we do have to treat everyone with respect, and we have to live together. My biggest wish is for residents to respect others—who may be studying or go to bed early—by being conscientious of noise levels, particularly at night. I don’t think it’s too difficult to quiet down at night, and half the time, shutting the door would suffice. Really.

In addition, regardless of your views on the College policies, they still exist and it is necessary to follow them. Please, don’t get angry with me for documenting an alcohol situation that may involve you; I don’t make the policies (or laws), just enforce them.

Four: We aren’t out to get you. I hear this all the time

from residents; just because I document situations that involve you—however frequently—does not mean that a) I am targeting you or b) don’t like you. As an RA, it is my job to document situations that break College policies.

Additionally, when I get up in the morning, I don’t ask myself, “Whom should I document today?” In fact, I think I can speak for most other resident assistants when I say that I can think of so many other things I’d rather and could be doing than writing an incident report: exercising, sleeping, taking a test, doing homework, and watching paint dry, for example.

I once had to deal with and document a situation for eight hours. Eight hours! If you think I want to document you or write an incident report for eight hours again, we need to have a chat, stat.

Five: It’s a fun job. Yes, the RA job requires a lot of hard work and is very demanding, but it is also very rewarding. I have met my best friends—and boyfriend (aw)—through residence life and housing, and I’ve had the ability to express myself creatively through making door tags and bulletin boards and leading programs. Although it seems, most days, that I live in a fishbowl—people know me—I can honestly say that I love my job. I save money (while the free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and I get paid to do what I love. For what more could I ask?

Best Buy Buys Back

Best Buy impliments new buy back program to revamp your gadgets

By Jessica Downer
Copy Editor

Picture this: you find out about that new 3G Smartphone, which is all the rage, big in Japan and anyone who is anyone will have it. You look down at your cruddy old 2G cellular device and decide to save up and eventually be able to video chat with your cool friends who have one.

The day comes when you walk into the store, throw your money down and say, “I want THAT,” finally buying that hard-earned device.

Not even a week later after buying it, you see a commercial on TV announcing the new and improved 4G device which has speak to text capabilities and other cool things that your “new” phone doesn’t have.

Most people, at that point, will cry, throw their phone against the wall, or just accept their new piece of ancient technology.

Imagine if there was a program where you could return your product and get some of the money you spent back, which you could use to be on top of the new technology.

To give you peace of mind

about your purchases, Best Buy has come up with a new buy back program where you can bring your cellular phone, laptop, tablet, and TV, sell it, and get up to 50% back for your product.

This idea is great so you don’t have to start from scratch to buy a new product.

For cellular phones, you get up to 50% off the retail value which, depending on the type of phone can be a lot more than what you pay for a phone with a plan.

But, if you think about it, the newer product might be a lot more money than the original product.

So, if you sell your old product for the 50% you get, which must be done within six months of purchasing the product, then you might have to spend even more money.

Also, with the ever changing technology, how often would you be able to get your money back for obsolete products?

Remember, you only get 50% back for your products six months after you buy them and then the percentage goes down as time passes. You also have to add the program to your Best Buy purchase.

Though it seems like a good idea to get some of the money back, you are losing money every time you do this program. Is it really worth it to try to stay on top of the changing technology?

Odom and Kardashian are “Unbreakable”

Newlyweds Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian produce new fragrance

By Christina D’Agostino
Staff Writer

REVIEW

When asked about Lamar Odom, one would say that when they hear his name, the first thing they think about would obviously be the Lakers; however, what the public doesn’t know- is that he has an obsession with cologne and body sprays.

Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian would spend hours upon hours shopping for fragrances, just to satisfy his urge to smell good.

After hours of shopping, Kardashian finally got skeptical, and asked him “what his obsession with fragrance was” a question that sparked what they consider their most prized project.

Odom revealed that he constantly searched for new scents, because he hadn’t found the “perfect one” yet. It was this response that inspired Kardashian to begin formulating a fragrance that embodied her husband and herself dually and that, was the birth of the unisex fragrance, “Unbreakable.”

“Unbreakable” possesses the unique bond and relationship of Khloe and Lamar, by emoting scents such as Italian bergamot, sparkling clementine, Asian saffron, green apple, African geranium, sheer jasmine, lily of the valley, juicy red fruits, Texas cedarwood, tonka bean, vanilla bean and dark chocolate.

The fragrance ideally symbolizes a mixture of all of their most favorite scents, to produce a distinctive, sexy overall product.



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Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian in an ad for their joint scent

The commercial, which was released at Super Bowl 45, contains Kardashian stating, “There’s something sexy about a couple who shares a scent,” followed by Odom’s response, “the perfect sense of masculine and feminine.”

With the rush of their relationship, many speculators were skeptical of Odom and Kardashian’s love. The production of their

joint fragrance should erase a bit of doubt in the minds of skeptics, and maybe force people to root for Odom off the court. This joint scent solidifies the loving bond between the couple.

There’s just nothing that can keep these two newlyweds inseparable, not even body scent.

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Atheletes of the Week Stay Afloat

Both of Cortland's swim teams shatter records and set new goals

By Ashley Wysocarski
Staff Writer

Red Dragon swimmers were the cause of much attention during the SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships. Both the men and women's teams saw records shattered during the tournament.

Ben Strickland holds the title of male Athlete of the Week, after he raised the bar on multiple levels, setting the school record for his performance in the 100-yard backstroke, by clocking in at 51.99 seconds.

Strickland's incredible performance in this race not only set records, but his time was also quick enough to allow Strickland to make the NCAA "B" cut standard.

Strickland saw success in multiple races. He also was a part of Cortland's winning 800-meter freestyle team relay, and was the anchor for the 200-yard winning freestyle relay.

In his other races, Strickland helped his relay teams finish strong with two second-place endings: one in the 200-yard medley, and one in the 400-yard freestyle.

Not to be outdone, the women's team also saw the team's history rewritten. Jessica Evans is Cortland's female Athlete of the Week, after she put together an endlessly brilliant showing.

"My greatest accomplishment



Ben Strikland set not only a school record but also a championship record while competing on day three of the SUNYAC Championships

to date was just recently winning the 100-yard butterfly in the SUNYAC championship," Evans said.

Evans did not just win that race, she broke the school record for it, and would go on to set school records in two other races.

Evans swam the 100-yard

butterfly in 58.23 seconds, and the 100-yard freestyle in 53.54 seconds.

Evans also swam in the 400-yard freestyle relay team. Evans swam the opening leg of what was a strong race by all team members, leading to another school record with a time of

3:34.36.

Cortland finished third overall, out of nine, an impressive ending to an impressive 10-3 season.

Evans was a strong swimmer for the Red Dragons, even though she almost never dove into Cortland's pools:

"My driving force behind swimming has always been my father, he was my first swim coach as has always helped me throughout my career. I wasn't even going to swim in college but my dad was the one who encouraged me to." Evans said.

Orange & Blue Shine Brighter than Crimson & Gold

Syracuse wins its first season game against Denver

By Justin Atkinson
Staff Writer

Syracuse kicked off its season the same way it started its season last year. Syracuse slaughtered the University of Denver on Sunday. Syracuse won 13-7. Right from the start it was clear that it was going to be a blowout. Syracuse jumped out early to a six to one lead. Denver's freshman goalie Jamie Faus was obviously rattled and was clearly intimidated by the Syracuse offense and the Carrier Dome. Denver managed to cut the deficit at halftime to seven to four. All of Syracuse's seven first half goals came from seven different players. Tim Desko, Stephen Keogh, JoJo Marasco, Kevin Drew, Jovan Miller, Jeremy Thompson and

Josh Amidon all had goals in the first half.

Denver's comeback at the end of the first half was short lived because Syracuse came out hot at the beginning of the second half. Syracuse showed why they are Syracuse and why Denver is Denver. Syracuse came out and scored five goals in the third quarter as they put the game away. Desko, Keogh, Amidon, Miller, Marasco all had goals in the third quarter. For most of them it was their second goal of the game. At the end of the third it was twelve to five Syracuse. The fourth quarter was more of a defensive quarter because their only three total goals scored. In the fourth Pete Coleman had the only Syracuse goal.

Syracuse didn't just blowout Denver, they dominated the whole game statistically. Syracuse outshot Denver fifty to twenty eight. When it came to face offs Syracuse destroyed



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Jovan Miller's third quarter goal helped pave the way to victory.

them seventeen to seven. Goalie John Galloway picked up right where he left off last season as he had eight saves and he cleared the ball like he was the number one clearing goalie in the nation.

This was a great way for Syracuse to start off the season because it showed that there was no hangover from losing to Army in the first round of the NCAA tournament last season. The schedule only gets more difficult for the Orange though. Syracuse will be heavily tested the next three games. Up next Syracuse has a rematch against Army, then they will face number one ranked Virginia, and then they will have go to Baltimore in the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic to face Georgetown. This upcoming stretch of games will reveal what kind of team Syracuse is. Their next game will be home against Army on Sunday February 27t at 4:00PM.

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HOCKEY

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the Red Dragons the lead with 14 seconds left in the first period off an assist from Markell for his first career goal.

After the first period, it was all Geneseo for the rest of the game, scoring on four of their ten shots in the second period. At 3:10 into the second period, Vit scored his second goal of the night on a deflection in front of the net. Olson scored the game winning goal at 6:03 with a wrist shot from the face-off circle. Forgione added the insurance at 12:26 while Geneseo was shorthanded on a wrist shot that went over Kuhlman's shoulder, and then Bulach finished the scoring at 14:30 with a goal in front of the net.

On Saturday, Cortland ended their season on a high note as they defeated The Brockport Golden Eagles, 5-3, at the Alumni Arena in the season finale for both teams. Also, history was made as senior Jarrett Gold recorded a goal and an assist to become the 10th player in Cortland history to record over 100 career points. Gold finished his four-year career with 101 points on 46 points and 55 assists, which makes him tied for seventh place on the all-time scoring list.

Saville also registered a goal and an assist for Cortland, while Ryan Markell and Joey Christiano and freshman Zangara each scored a goal. Junior Peter Lompado and sophomore Chris Kaleta had two assists, and seniors Justin Porpora and Matt Davie contributed with an assist apiece. Senior goalie Dan Jewell



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Geneseo's Cory Gershon watches the puck as it sails past him and into the net. Despite their best efforts, the Red Dragons lose it 6-3

made 40 saves.

On the Golden Eagles side, senior Tom Galiani, junior Ian Finnerty, and freshman Matt DeLuca scored the goals for Brockport, and four different players registered one assist. Junior goalie Oliver Wren stopped 31 shots in 57 minutes, one second before giving way to senior goalie Jeremy Rossignolo, who did not make one save in 38 seconds. Brockport then played the final 2:21 with an empty net.

Prior to the game, seniors Gold, Jewell, and Porpora were honored for senior day.

Finnerty gave the Golden Eagles the lead at 6:43 of the first period on a power play. Christiano then tied up the game at 15:31 on a shot from the right circle for his team-high 10th goal of the season. Gold then reached the 100-point mark at 17:52 with a wraparound goal from behind the net.

Before the second period, the game was delayed 59 minutes

due to a leaking pipe that was dripping hot water onto the ice. Once the game continued, Markell gave the Red Dragons a 3-1 lead on a breakaway that went through Wren's pads at 3:10 of the second period. DeLuca made it a 3-2 game with a wrist shot from the left side. Less than two minutes later, Zangara gave Cortland a two-goal lead with a one timer in front.

Saville made Cortland's lead to 5-2 at 13:58 in the third period with a power play, and Galiani

then finished the scoring for the Golden Eagles on a penalty shot at 17:12 after a Brockport player was tripped on a breakaway. Brockport then pulled Rossignolo for the final 2:21 for the extra skater but couldn't capitalize on the advantage.

Cortland finished their season with a record of 6-17-2 overall and 5-10-1 in conference play, while Brockport finished with 4-18-3 overall and 2-13-2 in conference play.

East Meets West in The Battle of Los Angeles

The 2011 NBA All-Star Game keeps fans watching all weekend

By Matt Tyoe
Staff Writer

This season, the All-Star festivities began on Friday, February 18 and continued with events leading up the actual all-star game on Sunday, February 20. The Staples Center in Los Angeles hosted the event this year.

The BBVA Celebrity All-Star game opened up the weekend on Friday Night. NBA legends Magic Johnson and Bill Walton coached the West and the East respectively. The West was starred former NBA players Rick Fox, A.C Green, and Jalen Rose. Current WNBA player Swin Cash also played along with celebrities like Justin Bieber, Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Romeo Miller. The East was headed by former NBA players Scottie Pippen, Mitch Richmond, and Chris Mullin. Current WNBA star Tamika Catchings also played alongside celebrities such as Common, Nick Cannon and U.S Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. The game was a fun watch for fans of basketball and pop culture.

The East's top scorer in their 54-49 win was Scottie Pippen with a game-high 17 points. The West's top scorer was Romeo Miller with 14 points. The MVP voting was done by a fan vote. This vote showed that America truly does have "Bieber Fever" voting him as the game's MVP with his eight points (3-11 FG), two rebounds, and a game-high four assists. NBA legend Chris Mullin talked about Bieber's performance after the game



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Pop star Justin Bieber dazzles the crowd with his skills on the court

saying, "He's got a nice little game... but more importantly, he's got great passion. It looked like he loves the game."

Following the BBVA Celebrity was the T-Mobile Rookie Challenge. The Rookies were headed by DeMarcus Cousins, Blake Griffin, and John Wall. The sophomore's top players were James Harden, Stephen Curry, and DeJuan Blair. The rookie squad up-ended the elder sophomore squad 148-140. Rookie DeMarcus Cousins dominated the game, scoring 33 points and 14 rebounds. John Wall also added a game-high 22 assists. Sophomore James Harden scored 30 points for his team. DeJuan Blair added 15 boards.

On Saturday players showed their talents, starting with the Taco Bell Skills Challenge. In this event, players must utilize their speed, agility, passing, and shooting skills to complete an obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. The contestants

were Stephen Curry, Russell Westbrook, John Wall, Chris Paul, and Defending Champion Derrick Rose.

After the first round, Russell Westbrook and Stephen Curry led with the fastest times and moved onto the next round. Stephen Curry dominated the final round recording the lowest time of the competition at 28.2 seconds.

The next event that took place was the historic Foot Locker Three-Point Contest. The contestants were James Jones, defending champion Paul Pierce, Ray Allen Dorell Wright, Daniel Gibson, and Kevin Durant.

The three players to move on are Miami Heat forward James Jones and fellow Celtics Ray Allen and Paul Pierce. Each of these shooters shoots again in second round; with the highest score taking home the title of champion. James Jones was crowned champion with 20 points.

The highly anticipated Sprite

Slam Dunk Contest followed. This year's participants were Serge Ibaka, DeMar DeRozan, JaVale McGee, and All-Star Blake Griffin. Each dunker receives two dunks in the first round. It was evident that JaVale McGee was coming into the event trying to do new things. In his first dunks McGee dunked two balls into two hoops, while throwing himself an alley-oop off of the backboard. This dunk scored him a perfect 50. He also dunked three balls into the hoop at once; dunking two and receiving the third on an alley-oop from teammate John Wall, scoring a 49. In a disputed victory, Blake Griffin moved on with a score of 95 edged out DeMar DeRozan's 94.

In the second round, each dunker got two dunks. However, this round was decided by fan voting. Griffin's final dunk was an alley-oop out of a sun roof and over the hood of a brand new Kia. The fans voted him as the Slam Dunk Champion. Cortland Grad Student Clint DeVinney felt that the contest was set up for a win by Rookie Sensation Blake Griffin. DeVinney said, "Blake's final dunk was premeditated and required a car from a sponsor

(Kia) with NBA and Sprite logos on it, it was all about promoting products and promoting Griffin".

The All-Star game was held on Sunday night. The pre-game featured a performance by Bruno Mars and Keri Hilson. The halftime show featured Rihanna, Drake and Kanye West.

The game was a highly competitive battle that matched stars of the East vs. Stars of the West. Various times throughout the game, LeBron James was shown trying to get his teammates pumped up, showing leadership and presenting himself in a positive light. Despite his leadership, the West edged out the East 148-143. He also recorded the second triple double in All-Star history, putting him in company with Michael Jordan. Despite defeat, James led the East with 29 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Amar'e Stoudemire also added 29 points points and six boards in the loss.

The West was led by game MVP Kobe Bryant's 37 point 14 rebound explosion. Kevin Durant also added an impressive 34 points in the victory. It was a great weekend to be an NBA fan.

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Red Dragons' Hard Work Pays Off

**After rough week
Cortland lands a spot in
championships**

**By Nathan Vaji
Staff Writer**

Heading into the final week of SUNYAC play, the Cortland women's basketball team sat comfortably in second place behind Geneseo with a 17-4 record.

Tuesday night, Oneonta came into Cortland for a battle of the Red Dragons. The visiting Red Dragons pulled out a 78-70 victory, but it didn't come easy.

Cortland jumped out early with a 6-4 lead, but Kate Wilverding sank three consecutive three pointers for Oneonta to put them ahead 13-6. Oneonta pushed their lead to 14 at one point late in the first half before Cortland cut the lead to 10 (37-27) at halftime.

Oneonta opened the second half with a quick run to push their lead back to 14 points, but Cortland used an 8-0 run of their own to cut the lead to 44-38.

Brittany Cohen scored all of her game-high 22 points after halftime, including 8-of-8 from the foul line. Cohen's seven straight points started a Cortland run that would eventually tie the game with just under 12 minutes to play.

However, Cortland went cold from the field and didn't score for the next five minutes while Oneonta scored 10 straight points to push their lead to 67-56 with just under four minutes remaining.

Cortland clawed back to cut the lead to six points, but Oneonta made eight consecutive free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. Oneonta missed just one free throw on the evening (19-20 overall).

Cortland then hosted



photo by Todd Curtis

Caryn Crary breaks through Geneseo's defense to score

SUNYAC leading Geneseo Friday night with the hopes of getting back on the winning track. However, the Knights kept Cortland off those tracks with a 61-52 win.

Geneseo was led by Bri Dunton and Melissa Graham with 11 points apiece.

Jennifer Patten was Cortland's lone double-figure scorer with 16 points. Micki Volpini finished with nine points and Caryn Crary scored a career-high eight points.

Cortland was unusually cold from three-point land, hitting on just two of 24 (8.3 percent) three

point attempts. The Red Dragons entered the contest hitting on 36.9 percent on the year.

Geneseo led by 12 early in the first half, but the Red Dragons cut the lead to 34-26 at halftime. The Knights pushed their lead to 13 early in the second half, but Cortland would not go down without a fight.

Cortland went on a 9-2 run, capped by a Micki Volpini 3-pointer from the corner to cut the lead to 54-50 with four minutes left.

Geneseo put the game away down the stretch by nailing three out of four free throws in the final 26 seconds.

The Red Dragons wouldn't wait long to get back on the court. They hosted Brockport the following afternoon on Senior Day.

However, it was a junior that led the way as Molly Byrne scored 22 points to lead the Red Dragons to a 67-57 victory in the final game of the regular season.

Brittany Cohen finished with 12 points, hitting on three of seven three pointers.

Cortland jumped out quickly and led 34-25 at halftime. The Red Dragons pushed their lead to 16 in the second half with Rosie McKee's three point play. McKee scored five points in 21 minutes off the bench. She also recorded five rebounds, two assists, and two steals.

Brockport made the game interesting with a 13-2 run midway through the second half to cut the lead to five, but Megan Maycumber and Cohen both hit key free throws in the next minute to push the Cortland lead back to nine.

After the game, Cortland recognized its two seniors Jennifer Patten and Jen Polan. Cortland will enter the SUNYAC tournament as the #4 seed with an 18-6 overall record and a SUNYAC record of 13-5.

Cortland Ends Season on a High Note

**Red Dragons lose Friday
night, but take the win
on Saturday**

**By Chris Ouellette
Staff Writer**

On Friday, the Red Dragons lost their fourth game in a row as the Geneseo Knights scored four unanswered goals in the second period in win, 6-3, in Alumni Arena. With the loss, Cortland fell to a record of 5-17-2 overall and 4-10-1 in the conference, while Geneseo improved to 16-6-2 and 10-4-1.

Juniors Jake Saville and Joey Christiano and freshman Joel Zangara scored the goals for Cortland. Senior Jarrett Gold, junior Ryan Markell, and freshmen Stephen Nardi and Matt McNamee each collected an assist. Junior goalie Brittan Kuhlman made 17 saves through the first two periods, while junior Mike Reilly stopped all 14 shots in the third period.

On the Geneseo side, freshman Zachary Vit contributed to the Knights' win with two goals and two assists. Junior Clint Olson had a goal and three assists, while junior Jonathon



photo by Todd Curtis

Goalie Brittan Kuhlman racked up 17 saves during the first two periods against the visiting Knights

Redlick added a goal and two assists. Senior Michael Forgione and sophomore Ryan Bulach each scored a goal, and four others collected an assist apiece. Junior goalie Cory Gershon registered 20 saves.

Vit gave Geneseo the 1-0 lead at 1:56 of the first period with a wrist shot during a power play. Christiano tied the game at 8:31 when he scored off a rebound after Nardi's shot hit the crossbar. Saville then gave

Cortland the lead with 3:15 left in the first period, but Redlick tied it up again on a power play with one minute, 35 seconds left in the period. Zangara then gave

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Athletes of the Week



Jessica Evans

Women's Swimming & Diving

Set two school records and contributed to the Red Dragons record-setting victory at SUNYAC



Ben Strikland

Men's Swimming & Diving

Set school and championship records and helped Red Dragons win two SUNYAC events