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 entered, students donated five dollars and had the symbolic ribbon for cancer drawn on the back of their hand for re-admission. Upon entering, students donated five dollars and had the symbolic ribbon for cancer drawn on the back of their hand for re-admission.

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Rack-a-Thon Dance-a-Thon

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

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 of the Underground Railroad. Johnson dressed in “slave garb” which was a basic gray, 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 attended 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 “hoots” 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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Speaker explains hardships of slaves and the Underground Railroad

By Adam DeJesus Gonzalez
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Alumni Laura Buitrago will compete in the San Diego Marathon

By Daniel Harding, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

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.

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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 Brockett 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 Brockett 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:
11:15 a.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 Jarrett, a Cortland student and Zumba instructor, will lead the event in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

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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 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 in Hall, had this to say, “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 cong 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 alumna 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.” She tied 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 Outhere Brothers.

At 11 p.m., Rachael Killam and Kickline demonstrated extreme feats of flexibility and gave high fives. The crowd was pumped up and ready to assist Assistant Senator in RHA to say, “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.”

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ICAC Breaks It Down

The International Awareness Club explains world issues

By Erica Freerking
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 off office, protests in Egypt began.

Protestors demonstrated against the ongoing poverty, corruption and unemployment the country had been facing since the 50 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 after 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 in 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.

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The E-boards for NRHH, CSA and RHA display their “Nice Rack” t-shirts in honor of breast cancer awareness
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 hearing 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. Duties include acting as a peer advocate,宜居，and being a part of the judicial process at Cortland is something that interests you, applications can be obtained by contacting Judicial Affairs at x4725 or stop by Career Union 409-B for more information.

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He also reminded students to limit their alcohol consumption because alcoholic beverages are considered to be a conductor used by 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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By Michael Pitaro
Contributing Writer

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Black History Month is almost over. Within the Black community there are various opinions about the month and what it represents. Black actor Morgan Freeman strongly opposes the month, claiming it is ridiculous and racist. On an episode of “60 Minutes,” from 2006, Freeman poses the rhetorical question, “You’re going to relegate my history to a month?... which month is white history month?” Freeman makes a strong and provocative point, and some have taken it up by saying, “Black History is American history.” Can’t argue with that logic, and it seems Freeman effectively sapped some of the buzz and representation out of the month when he said those things.

There is the opposition to Freeman’s argument that defends the month by claiming that it reminds us all of the social inequalities that still exist in our society, all while educating the people of the struggles and contributions of African Americans. Like everything else, this is a subjective discussion with no clear right or wrong position.

There may be an argument to be discussed and possably won here, but the point is that you should celebrate the accomplishments of all people and not the one you personally favor. If you please too often we constitute opinion for reality. Black History Month currently exists, it’s up to the individual to observe it or not.

Did you realize that Cortland is a nationally accredited college for teacher education? Well we are and we will soon have the opportunity to earn that recognition again. NCAE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) is the largest national accreditation body for teacher education programs both internationally and in the United States. Cortland has been accredited by NCAE since the last site visit by a national team of reviewers. A five-member national team will visit our campus March 5-9, 2011. During their time here, members of the Board of Examiners will review the major aspects of the College of Education and Human Services, including teacher preparation, student teaching, and faculty qualifications. They may pop in and observe one of your classes. They may even ask you to discuss your experiences with your experience at Cortland. We every day are striving to provide the best staff to be aware of the visit and to be prepared to put our best foot forward.

To learn more about NCAE, feel free to visit www.cortland.edu/teacher-education

-Micheline Gibbons
Career Resource Specialist

Social networking provides plenty of opportunities to share voice

By Nick Larocca
Staff Writer

“We Are All Khaled Saed” is a Facebook group that was formed by Google executive Walid Ghomni to provide a place where like-minded individuals could organize and respond to their opposing leaders. The group attracted hundreds of thousands of members worldwide and played a major role in spreading awareness and leadership to the eventual overthrow of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; it provided a virtual place where citizens of these oppressed nations could share ideas and become organized to start a revolution that the Secret Police would have a hard time monitoring. This is awesome. The internet is literally changing the world. Obviously, the World Wide Web has changed the way we shop, communicate, and acquire information, but now it is starting revolutions. Social networking sites, like FaceBook, are bringing in remarkable mediums to bring old friends back together, form new relationships, and form support groups for politics, personal goals, or anything that you can think of.

The events in Egypt and the surrounding countries are not finished. The overthrowing of Hosni Mubarak was a success but they still have to rebuild their government. So, the people are organizing their ideas online; this organization amongst the citizens is the reason they were able to overthrow their former leader. Egypt is also creating a domino effect of revolutions in other countries. Tunisia, Jordan, Algeria, Yemen, Baharan, and Sudan are all starting to stir and government protests are on the rise.

It is sad to see some citizens of any country die for any reason, but when it is to change the course of history for a nation, the deaths are not unnoticed.

Activists are always looking for ways to network with other people with similar ideas. They know organization is key if they want to accomplish their goals. After seeing the potential in Facebook for connecting individuals, activists, oppressed citizens, and the average consumer, we can fight back and really accomplish something big.

Egypt is a perfect example of this. When blogs were created, it really just gave opinionated individuals a place to rant about the latest movie they watched or the newest song they heard. However, blogs never really accomplished anything except for one thing.

The NBA set up the Dunk Contest so Blake Griffin would win

By Sam Dukowsky
Staff Writer

Anyone who watched the Sprite Slam Dunk contest this year could probably understand how it turned out. Blake Griffin was going to do something that hadn’t been done yet and easily win the crown.

The anticipation for this moment was very high, with the network constantly running back old dunks from previous contests. However, that wasn’t the only thing the network and the league took part in. With a commercial break every few minutes, it became apparent that waiting for Griffin’s finale was a way to insert more advertising and up revenue for the league. The extracurricular activities that came with every contestant also support the idea. Blake Griffin used a child to role play one of his dunks. Javale Mcgee used his mother’s character judges hoping to get a better score. Remember when Michael Jordan pulled stunts like this? How about Vince Carter? No, they didn’t do things like this.

If you missed out on Valentine’s Day, vitamin C is worth your time. It will be the best date in the world because the pros outweigh the cons in this relationship. Vitamin C helps the body maintain healthy tissues and a strong immune system. The foods that contain the highest levels of vitamin C are also quite tasty and easy to add to your diet.

Orange juice and vitamin C usually go hand-in-hand, in terms of vitamin C consumption, but what many don’t realize is how unhealthy orange juice can be.

Within the top three ingredients is high fructose corn syrup, which is proven to quickly spike your blood sugar.

So, cut out your orange juice and pick up an actual orange if you want to boost your immune system and stop gearing up for beach season.

It is time to think outside of the box when trying to boost the immune system and the beat flu season. Most would be surprised to hear that an orange isn’t the highest source of vitamin C in foods.

According the thedailycal.com, here are the top ten sources of vitamin C: 1) Guava 2) Red Pepper 3) Kiwi. 4) Orange. 5) Green Pepper. 6) Grapefruit Juice. 7) Vegetable Juice. 8) Strawberries. 9) Brussels Sprouts. 10) Cantaloupe.

Outside of the vegetable juice and Brussel sprouts, most foods that are tasty and won’t be a challenge to add to the diet.

Here are some quick tips on how to add these food sources to a diet: try snacking both the green and red peppers in olive oil and put them in your vegetable omelets; they can also be diced and put into a salad.

Unfortunately, grapefruit juice, aim for the brand Simply Grapefruit, can make your depression even worse. We have a day. Make a fruit salad with kiwi, strawberries and cantaloupe for a vitamin C crunch.

It is also nice to cut these fruits up and throw them on some oatmeal to jazz it up.

Wash those hands, rest up, and try to eat some of these foods to beat that sickness. Good luck.
Opinions

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 and 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 demand 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 compared to competing local businesses.

We need more Students and Less Parking

By David Mindich Staff Writer

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

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 life to freely worry about whatever I damn well please.

As I rounded the corner of Neubig road and drove past our new 24-hour convenience store, I began to thank my lucky stars that we Cortland students now live so close to a Wal-Mart.


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

By Brian Lupo Staff Writer

Sunday, February 27 marks the end of the 83rd 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 Best Director, and the film “Platoon,” which featured a predominantly 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 that are often white men.

And the Best Actress, supporting Actor, and supporting Actress categories are all white. The nominees for Best Supporting Actress are all white women. The nominees for Best Supporting Actor are all men.

The Oscars have long been criticized for their lack of diversity in terms of race and gender. Some argue with that.

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So, as we wait to see the formulation of Cortland’s next campus enhancement project (if not dorms, maybe a 24-hour bathroom facility) (Or sometimes the trek back to the dorms at night is just too long) I guess we’ll have to rely on the Oscar ceremony for a new Wal-Mart excuse.

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

However, I quickly realized that a few hundred students paying three dollars a day to park there would never be able to think the parking lot full 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 advertisement, Wal-Mart would be the clear choice.

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 all of these things at the lowest prices, all at one location.

That’s very, the same very thing that hurts the local businesses, benefits the local consumer, a concession so intricate that I left contemplating the American consumer system. If you’re strictly a consumer, a new Wal-Mart will mean positive things. If you are a small business owner specializing in the sale of any of these products, then 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.

The first few months are definitely the hardest for any local business, especially ones that compete with Wal-Mart. However, already being five minutes late, I couldn’t help but wonder about whatever I damn well please.

We need more Students and Less Parking.
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 around 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 determining the winner of the 2011 dunk contest.

“Always be a first-rate version of yourself and not a second-rate version of someone else.”

-Judy Garland

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 assault 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.

Pittsburgh 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 threw and points they score. This type 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 than ever, it is relevant. And, no, I’m not talking about rearranging 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 compliant, 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.
“Bieber Fever” Continues to Infect The World

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 it is causing one of the biggest stirrings in the music industry thus far.

Justin 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 his friends and family to see. Shortly after, Bieber’s mother, continued to upload videos of his song, only to have itself曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲曲curated by popcrush.com

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

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, Bieber 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.

“Bieber Fever” Continues to Infect The World

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

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 in-sanity 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: every-one 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 sequin gowns and males in fitted suits.

Many such as Jennifer Lopez walked down on 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 the Grimly.

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 new episodes of “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.


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
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 basement parties, 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 who-you-know out of the equation and introduces you to things like that, and it always 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 Twitter, Facebook and personally mails the items purchased.

I know this because David Catmur, the band’s drummer, emailed me my copy of “Our First American Friends” and even corresponded with me over email 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.

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

Have You Heard About Tubelord?

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 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 or on your own. 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 popular with Cortland students, but also with Mark Sanchez, quarterback of the Jets, who “golfs at lease twice a week dur- ing Training Camp,” according to Party 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 Fi-nals 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 607-758-8550. The center is open Monday – Thursday 12pm – 10pm, Friday 11am-1pm, Saturday 10am – 11pm, and Sunday 10am – 10pm.

Shipwreck Golf’s animated black light course with animal theme

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True Life: I’m a Resident Assistant

By Cara Shulman

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 think of me as a good-natured, cool person who loves to be 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 a 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. I know that this is 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 walk, we talk, we laugh, we eat, we drink, we play, we sleep, and we drink too much coffee; we have best friends and our favorite eating spots, we enjoy all-nighters, and drink too much we are students, and—most importantly—we like to have fun. We make mistakes. We’re students, we’re athletes and singers, and of course, we’re in love.

Two: It’s harder than it looks. 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 studying. And I’ve had the ability to express myself creatively through posters, bulletins, 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 does not pay the rent), I learn something new every day; I don’t think it’s too difficult to quiet down at night, and half the time, shutting the door would suffice. Really.

Three: Just because it’s an RA job doesn’t require flexibility, patience, good communication, leadership skills, and time management.

Four: We aren’t out to get you—however frequently—does the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit), and free room isn’t the reason I took the job, it’s a great benefit). 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, sit.

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 studying. And I’ve had the ability to express myself creatively through posters, bulletins, 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 does not pay the rent), I learn something new every day; I don’t think it’s too difficult to quiet down at night, and half the time, shutting the door would suffice. Really.

Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian are “Unbreakable”

Newlyweds Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian produce new fragrance

By Christina D’Agostino Staff Writer

When asked about Lamar Odom, one would say that when they hear his name, the first thing they think about would 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 spend hours upon hours shopping for fragrances, just to satisfy his urge to smell good.

After hours of shopping, Kardahian 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 “Unbreakable.”

“Unbreakable” possesses the unique bond and relationship of Khloe and Lamar, by emoting scents that exemplify the popular couple. It contains Kardashian stating, “There’s something sexy about a couple who shares a scent,” followed by Odom’s response, “the perfect blend of masculine and feminine.”

With the rush of their relationship, many speculators were skeptical of Odom and Kardashi- an’s love. The production of their joint fragrance should erase a bit of those doubts, and maybe force people to root for Odom off the court. This joint scent solidifies the loving bond between the couple. Lamar Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian in an ad for their joint scent

Odom and Kardashian are “Unbreakable”

Best Buy Buys Back

Best Buyimplments new buy back program to revamp your gadgets

By Jessica Downer

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 clunky 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 spread 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.

If you could only get back 50% of your money every time you did a transaction, it is rea- rally worth it to try to stay on top of the changing technology?
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 Faux was obviously rattled and was clearly intimidated by the Syracuse offense and the Carrier Dome. Denver managed to cut the deficit at halftime to twenty eight. When it came to the second half, Syracuse showed their makeup 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 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 to 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 27th at 4:00PM.

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.

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:

“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.

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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 Geneso 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 winner with 1:03 left in the second with a wrist shot from the face-off circle. Forsgberg added the insurance at 12:26 while Geneso was shorthanded on a wrist shot that went off the inside of the left post 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 former Junior 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 36 goals and 66 assists, which makes him tied for fifth in all-time scoring list.

Saville also registered a goal for Cortland, while Ryan Markell and Joey Chapman each scored a goal. Junior Peter Lompado and sophomore Chris Kalinowski each had two assists. The game was headlined by former NBA players including Seniors Justin Porpora and Matt Darie-contributed with an assist. Senior goalie Dan Jewell made 40 saves.

On the Golden Eagles side, senior Tom Gallina, junior Ianni Finnerty, and freshman Matt DeLuca scored the goals for Brockport, and four different players registered one assist. Junior goalie Oliver Wen 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. On ferrying, gave the Golden Eagles the lead at 6:43 of the first period on a power play. Christianson then tied the game at 12:31 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 game-winning goal from behind the net.

Before the second period, the game was delayed 59 minutes due to a leaking pipe that was dripping into the ice. Once the game continued, Markell gave the Red Dragons a 3-1 lead on a breakaway that went through Wen’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 from in front of the net.

Saville made Cortland’s lead to 5-2 at 13:58 in the third period with a power play, and Gallani then finished the scoring for the Golden Eagles on an overtime 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 at 3:30. NBA legends Magic Johnson and Bill Walton coached the West and the East respectively. The West was started former NBA players Rick Fox, A.C Green, and Talon Loney. Current WNBA player Swin Cash also played along with celebrities like BlackBerry founder Jim Balsillie, Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player Rob Kardashian, Trey Songz, and rapper/USC basketball player.

The next event that took place was the Sprite Slam Dunk Contest, won by Rookie Sensation 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. Then a partner was lowered 50 feet, and McGee dunked three balls into the hoop at once; dunking two and receiving the third on an alley-oop from teammate John Wall. After 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 DeVanney felt that the contest was set up for a win by Rookie Sensation Blake Griffin. DeVanney 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 highlights 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 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.
**Red Dragons’ Hard Work Pays Off**

**After rough week**

Cortland lands a spot in championships

By Nathan Vaj

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 Woodruff 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 20 (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 nearly 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 two of 19 free throws on the evening (19-20 overall).

Cortland then hosted Oneonta to put them ahead 13-6. 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 Volpin finished with nine points and Caryn Crary scored a career-high eight points.

Cortland was unusually cold from three-point land, hitting 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 powered by a 3-Mid-pulse goal before Redlick hit a 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 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 put 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.

**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 4-10-1 in the conference.

Juniors Jake Saville and Jonathan 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 Clay Olson had a goal and three assists, while junior Jonathon 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