Students flock towards the beer tent at the Chill-A-Bration festival

By Dan Harding Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 100 yelling Cortland students drinking beer beneath a bright blue tarp as a DJ blended party-themed music replaced the usually tranquil Court House Park where the occasional Cortland resident can be found strolling about.

Chill-A-Bration is an annual festival created for bringing the community together despite the cold winter weather. With face painting, a snowboarding ramp, sled dogs, and a chill cook-off, the festival aimed to provide winter-themed fun for all demographics.

Those activities were overshadowed by the loud music and commotion at the beer tent about 50 yards away. For $2.50, anyone of legal age could drink as much as he or she wanted and it appeared many in attendance wanted to get their money’s worth.

“In the five hours we were there, we went through 12 kegs, which each hold approximately 160 to 170 beers in each of them,” says Dan Cleary, part owner of the Cortland Beer Company. “This was deemed a success from the local brewery that just four years ago debuted their beer at the first Chill-A-Bration to mixed reviews. Brands like Naked Lap Lager, Firehouse Pale Ale, Red Dragon Ale and the Seven Valley Stout couldn’t be poured into the cups of Cortland students fast enough as many had to wait in line for 10 minutes to get a fresh beer.

“Our Naked Lap Lager was very popular among students which is what we expected because they tend to drink Keystone and Bud Light. Ours has a more taste though,” laughed Cleary.

Around the perimeter of the tent, local restaurants and community members scoped their prize-worthy chili into small styrofoam cups for patrons to sample.

Though many were getting something warm to eat, they felt the chill cook-off lost its flair in the chaos of students trying to get their beers refilled.

“You can’t beat the combination of beer and chili,” said Cortland alumni Ross Edelman. “I think most students were getting the chili in between beers because they were hungry and not because they wanted to determine whose chili was the best.

Adam Megivern, Executive director of the Cortland downtown partnership, agreed that proximity of the beer tent to the town partnership, agreed that proximity of the beer tent to the chili cook-off and other activities was unfavorable.

“We got an overwhelmingly positive response from the college population, but we want to have a bigger space where other members of the community can sample beer and chili without waiting in line for an unnecessary amount of time.”

Organizers said they would work to create a plan that would address the overcrowding in the future.

“Whatever profit we make we put right back into hosting the event the next year. This year we saw a substantial profit so we will be able to really build it up,” says Megivern. “Next year we are looking to have an even better Chill-A-Bration.”

If You Build a Beer Tent, Students Will Come

Jenni Schaefer discusses eating disorders and how she overcame her own

By Hannah Connelly
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, February 23, Jenni Schaefer shared her journey to overcome an eating disorder. Schaefer is the author of the books Dirty Eyes: A Memoir of her experiences with an eating disorder, Life Without Ed, and Goodbye Ed, Hello Me, as well as a singer/songwriter, and has made appearances on Dr. Phil, Entertainment Tonight, and has been a writer for Cosmopolitan Magazine.

Currently ten million females and one million males battle every day with eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia, one million more are struggling such as bulimia and anorexia.

Schaefer chose to treat her eating disorder as a relationship, rather than a disease. Throughout her presentation, she addressed an empty chair where “Ed,” her eating disorder, sat. After butting “Ed” from the young age at 12, Schaefer decided it was time to get help when she started college.

“I used to take showers with my eyes closed because I hated the way my body looked so much,” Schaefer admitted. From weighing herself every day and closely monitoring her jean size and calorie intake, Jenni began the long, but not impossible, process of recovery.

“I slowly went from hating my body to accepting it, then from accepting it to truly liking it, then loving it, and that’s where I am today and I wish we could all get to this place,” Schaefer said. She told the audience that it is possible to fully recover from an eating disorder. She ended by telling the audience, “Recovery is about what you get, not what you get rid of.”

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Clubs advocate for and discuss women’s rights and health issues

By Jessica Downer
Copy Editor

Women have fought to be heard for many years. From women’s rights to health, people have pushed for the recognition of the concerns of women. In the Cortland community, the group that advocates for women is Women of Color which is located in the Voice Office in Corey Union.

The club goes by the motto, “Every woman is a woman of color,” and this shows in their weekly meetings. Women from all walks of life, regardless of race, creed, religion, etc., join together to have discussions. They always bring a new topic of interest to the table, ranging from trivial matters to life-changing situations. The executive board, which includes Bianca Hendricks (president), Jean Nicole Long (vice president), Violeta Rivera (secretary), and Dominique Dodson (public relations), provides the members with thought-provoking questions and encourages every member to participate in a welcoming environment.

Hendricks talked about her involvement with Women of Color throughout her college career: “I’ve always been concerned with women’s health issues, but as time went on, I found myself concerned with women’s issues in general,” said Hendricks. “I found myself attending Women of Color meetings and after my freshman year, I wanted to become part of the executive board.”

Some other members come to the meetings to learn more about womanhood and how it relates to them. “I attend Women of Color because I identify with the group,” said Regina Morgan, a senior. “During their general meetings they have topics that revolve around womanhood. These topics include culture, beauty, and health. From attending Women of Color, I have become a better, stronger...”
What’s Going On?

Calendar of Events: March 3 - 9

Today:
4:30 p.m. - CSA will be hosting “Old School Bash” in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Friday:
11 p.m. - CSA will be hosting “Old School Bash” in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Saturday:
1 p.m. - Cheer on Cortland Men’s Lacrosse team against Union.

Sunday:
10 a.m. - The Spring Home and Garden Show to benefit Habitat for Humanity at TEC.
4 p.m. - Student Housing for Walking Distance to Campus.

Monday:
7:30 p.m. - Spectrum will have a discussion titled “Youth and Suicide,” in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Tuesday:
5 p.m. - Barbara G. Hoffman, Director of the Visual Anthropology Center at Cleveland State University, will present a Gallery Talk titled “The Making of an Artist: Nakunte Dianara’s Signature Bogolan-fini Design” in the Dowd Gallery.
8 p.m. - SAB Coffeehouse in Corey Union Function Room.

Wednesday:
11 a.m. - Wellness Wednesday will have a table display titled, “Safe Spring Break” on the first floor of Corey Union.
5 p.m. - Women’s History Month program “Our Health, Our Lives” in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Do you want to get involved on campus, meet new people and have your voice heard?
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A Reason to Give

Student raises money for cancer research in honor of cousin

By Rachel Gleason
Contributing Writer

The Craig Rienhardt Crusaders, a student volunteer-driven charity, is committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancer. The group’s sisiter, Craig Rienhardt, was diagnosed with cancer in 2008.

Craig was a smart, active, adventurous teenager who was always doing something with friends or family. He was always outside, whether working or hanging out. He loved sports, mainly basketball and soccer, and he also loved going to the gym to work out. The before he was diagnosed, I had taught Craig how to snowboard. He loved it so much that we were planning on taking another family trip to Utah. Craig was willing to do or try anything if someone asked him to.

He didn’t particularly love running, but he participated in road races with me. He ran Paige’s Butterfly Run, the Boilermaker, and the Warrior Dash. We all signed up for the Warrior Dash for this August and we were going to convince him to run the 15k at the Boilermaker this year.

Now we are running the races in honor of him. Because of the cancer, Craig did not have a lot of energy, and most days did not leave his house. With everyone encouraging him to stay strong, and with the support from his family and friends, Craig tried to fight. Unfortunately, Craig was unable to fight for much longer; on January 12, 2011, Craig lost his fight with cancer.

Craig had just turned 17 exactly one month before and was a junior in high school. The Craig Rienhardt Crusaders have a team goal to raise $10,000 and I have a personal goal to raise at least $1,000. I want to raise money for research so they can find a cure for this form of cancer. In the end I want to know that I made a small impact on research, and that I can help give children and teenagers, like my cousin, the chance to beat the odds and survive.

Donations are greatly appreciated! To donate, fill out the donation form and mail it to, or go to www.stbaldricks.org and type in “Craig Rienhardt Crusaders” in the search engine. Then go to “team members” and donate. If you know of anyone who would like to donate, it would also be greatly appreciated!

All donations must be in before March 27. All the money raised stays locally in the Syracuse area.

Professor Performance

Professor performs music composed by famous black musicians

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Moore’s experience at the breast cancer walk: “I enjoyed the Women of Color’s Annual Breast Cancer Walk. We wore shirts that had a picture of Wonder Woman on it with the pink breast cancer ribbon on the side. We also said chants to raise breast cancer awareness. After the walk we had brunch and discussed what breast cancer is, who it affects, and important information about how to prevent it. This event gave me a chance to bond with the members of the club.”

Some of the upcoming events that Women of Color will participate in are the International Women’s Day on March 3 and the Celebration of Women on March 14. For International Women’s Day they will collaborate with the Pan-African Student Association to discuss cultural practices that pertained to women all over the world. At the Celebration of Women event, women who have gone above and beyond in the Cortland campus are celebrated for their achievements and hard work. Women of Color is open to to all and who want to learn more about women or help our community.

“Don’t be intimidated to come to our meetings,” said Rivera. “Though we are different, we are all women that deal with similar issues. In order to be understood, you must educate yourself. Once you educate yourself, together we can create allies to help our community.”

Women of Color is Annual Breast Cancer Walk. Members of the community were serenaded by the musical compositions of various famous black musicians of classical music on February 23 in the Jacobus Lounge. Some of those musicians were Aaron Copland, James P. Johnson, and William Grant Still.

Their music was performed by Edward Moore (pianist and associate professor of music) with the assistance of Anne Shelly (soprano) and Jeremy Rivera (violinist). During the pieces of Copland and Still, many faculty members and students swayed to the mystical beats as Moore’s fingers flowed flawlessly over the piano keys. During some of the compositions, Moore’s talent was accompanied by Pislar’s violin and Shelly’s voice.

“The purpose of the concert was to reintroduce the campus to other genres of African American music other than rap and R&B,” Moore said after the concert.

Moore spoke to an audience member by a piano in Jacobus Lounge.

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Moore is a Florida native and holds a master of fine arts degree in music from the University of Florida. Moore has performed in various states across the country, such as Florida, Michigan, and Mississippi.
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"Black women tend to travel less to higher paying jobs," said Anumonwo.

"White women tend to be in very low paying jobs. They spend more time traveling than white women in the suburbs." Anumonwo argued.

"Only 1.8% of white women use public transportation, but 16% of black women use public transportation." Anumonwo adds. "This has made it difficult for people to get out of the city and get to new jobs. Anumonwo primarily examined Buffalo, Miami, and Denver. In her presentation, Anumonwo also touched on the topic of suburban segregation.

She argues that blacks and whites don't tend to live well together, and blacks still receive various forms of discrimination. Many jobs are springing up in the suburbs, making it very difficult for people to commute. Members of the inner city community spend six minutes longer travelling than white women in the suburbs.

"White women tend to be in professional positions, while black women tend to be in service jobs," said Anumonwo. "Black women have to live in homes with more children, yet white women tend to live in homes with higher incomes." Anumonwo added. "This is particularly true for theinner city community members.

Anumonwo describes four categories that all members of the workforce fall into in regards to their travel time to work: convenient, compensatory, compromised, and constrained. Whites generally fall into the convenient and compensatory travel times.

The convenient category is described as having fewer minutes to travel than they earn. This is the worst to be in as commuting time is the least they spend commuting.

The constrained category is described as commuters spending more time traveling to a very low paying job. They spend more money traveling than they earn. This obviously detracts from them and their families as well as their financial well being.

The compromised category is described as having favorable commuting times. These commuters receive some or all of the benefits of time they spend commuting.

The convenient, compensatory, compromised and constrained categories all members of the workforce fall into.

Nominations are now being accepted to recognize outstanding women.

By Women of Color
Contributing Writers

The 5th annual "Celebration of Women" is a ceremony to honor the women of Cortland and the Cortland community for their outstanding endeavors.

Any female student, faculty member or community member can be nominated. We are looking for student nominations in a variety of categories: high academic achievement, extracurricular campus involvement, and outstanding service and record breaking capabilities.

We are seeking nominations of faculty, staff and community members in a variety of other categories as well. Those holding a high administrative position (i.e. chair of their department), being part of all of the students going above and beyond the "call of duty" and making the Cortland experience a memorable one (i.e. secretaries, ASC staff). Professors who genuinely care about their students make sure their students leave their class knowledgeable about subject but are asking.

You are not limited to these examples; these are just characteristics of the women who were honored last year. If you know any student, faculty, staff, or community member who fits this description, please feel free to fill out the nomination form and return it by March 4, 2011.

There is no limit to the number of women you can nominate. Selves to the company, any questions, please feel free to email us at:

Womenofcolor@gmail.com

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who you are and look the way you do. Cathy Smith hopes that this book will become "a source of comfort, confidence, appreciation and pride in who they are as individuals," Schaefer says. The book is to be published this fall.

Looking for Leaders

Applications are being accepted for the Judson H. Taylor Leadership House by Jonathan Rodriguez Staff Photographer

The Judson H. Taylor Leadership House provides a living and learning experience to Cortland students. This fall, first year students will get the opportunity to apply and be a part of the Leadership House experience.

What's the catch? Students who live in the Leadership House must go to three conferences, take a third-year credit in basic leadership, go to leader- ship seminars, and attend campus events. In particular, the most beneficial conferences are: the Raquette Lake Student Leadership Retreat, the Multicultural Life Leadership Retreat, and the "Fire it up: Lead the Way to Change" Community Leaders Conference.

The focus of the conference is on the topics of leadership, civic engagement, philanthropy, non-profit organizations in America. Other leadership developments would be attending five different campus activities or events. There are many great incen-

Professor Profile

Professor, author, and
musician, Dr. Fitz-Gib-bon's many talents

By Brittani Sahm
Staff Writer

Dr. Andrew Fitz-Gibbon is going on his 1st I year as a professor in the philosophy department at Cortland. Before deciding to become a Social Ethics, Fitz-Gibbon lived a very different life than most because he grew up and attended college in Great Britain. This difference makes him both interesting and unique for the students sitting in his classroom.

As soon as you walk into Fitz-Gibbon's classroom you are greeted with a random playlist of music. Students go from hearing songs by Chumbawamba, Lean 'It, and the Rolling Stones. When class begins, he leads a quick meditation session to clear the minds of the students, allowing for more efficient discussions.

"Music is very important to me," says Fitz-Gibbon. As a child, he lived just 25 miles from London, where the Beatles first performed. He began playing music at age 16, and now also plays a skakle that he made himself. His class was recently attended by Fitz-Gibbon's musical talent with a sample of his skakle, playing to start one class. The song selection was chosen by the students; a love song involving cats.

Before teaching, Fitz-Gib- bon was a banker for six years, and then a minister for 19 years. He went to four different uni-

versities in Great Britain, the most recent being New Castle, where he received his Ph.D. in Social Ethics, and which led him to teach at Cortland.

Fitz-Gibbon became interested in ethics in 1987. When asked "Why ethics?" he sim-ply states, "It answers the question: How shall we live?" He continues on by saying, "I like exploring the issues in ethics. There are no clear-cut answers." In 1995, Fitz-Gibbon moved to the U.S. He had visited many times before deciding to actu-

ally make it permanent, but British culture was very dif-

ferent than here. "We decided to just give it a go," said Fitz-Gibbon about the move. He and his wife still make time ev-

ey summer to visit his family. Since moving to the states, Fitz-Gibbon has learned a lot as a professor: "I learn new things ev-

ey day from the students. Just by talking with them and being with them, I am learning from them."

He says he's always meeting in-

teresting people, and this lets him talk about interesting topics. "Love is my very favorite top-

ic," said Fitz-Gibbon when asked what he enjoys talking about the most. "How could you think that love is not brilliant?"

Fitz-Gibbon takes such an interest in love, his latest book (an essay) is called "A Guide to Moralsalism." He has writ-

ten six other books on many topics involving ethics and spirituality.

On top of being a profes-
sor, author, and musician, Fitz-Gibbon is also an instruc-
tor in Tai Chi for Cortland.

With all of this involvement, it is no wonder students love to take his philosophy classes. He engages students from the be-

ginning, helping them change their thinking about love and the world that brings them to him. If a professor, Fitz-Gibbon does not want to be an "inspiration" or someone the students look up to; he enjoys learn-

ing more from them and what new students will bring to his life as semiesters begin again.
NYPIRG is helping raise awareness and opposition to Hydraulic Fracturing.

By Brian Lupo
Staff Writer

On Sunday, February 20 I attended a debate on campus on the issue of hydraulic fracturing. For those who are not aware of what hydraulic fracturing is, it’s a process of extracting natural gas from shale formations. Although this natural gas is extremely beneficial for energy companies, this process has caused irreparable damage to water supplies across the country.

As a concerned citizen of New York, I was thrilled to find out that the state has recently put a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing until more research is done. One of the groups behind the moratorium in the New York Public Interest Research Group, better known as NYPIRG. NYPIRG is New York’s largest and most effective consumer and environmental advocacy organization.

For 38 years, NYPIRG has been a non-profit, student-run organization that has had legislative victories such as the bigger Better Bottle Bill, which gives consumers 5-cent deposits on non-carbonated beverages, also worked to ban Bisphenol A, a carcinogenic agent found in plastics.

Cortland has a NYPIRG chapter where students can volunteer on these efforts. This chapter allows students to improve voter registration, benefit the environment, and work for social justice.

I first got involved with NYPIRG this summer working through their Summer Outreach Program. This job included door-to-door canvassing, in which I informed constituents of the advantages of renewable energy and how they can support a new energy policy, not just for New York, but also for the rest of the nation.

By receiving support at the door, NYPIRG effectively shows politicians which issues are most important for New Yorkers.

Right now it is crucial for students to get involved with issues regarding the environment. Our lawmakers have failed to adequately meet the needs of environmental legislation. The damage to our atmosphere due to high levels of greenhouse gas emissions, along with concerns of hydrofracturing containing the population’s water supply, should be more than enough reasons for voters to speak up. Because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill last year, it’s never been a better time to support renewable energy.

NYPIRG consistently strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by supporting the growth of renewable energy.

In the end, I would like all of our politicians to pass legislation that is practical and necessary for the environment and our health, our economy, will see the boost it needs through the creation of stable and clean energy jobs. This is something everyone can agree with.

By getting involved, students at Cortland are able to work against the special interests and fight for the public interest.
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OPINIONS

Consider Us, Cortland

Cortland's Lost its Culinary Curl
By David Mindich

It's wasn't the wrap; no, the
wrap was up to par with many a
wrap I've had before (actually it
did have a dip sauce, but I'll be
SAV's inability to wrap wraps for
another day). What they got for
their fries were too plain. They
were too straight. They were too
tyellow.

They weren't the generously
spiced orange-and-brown curly
fries I've grown fond of
over the past few semesters as a
Cortland student.

Now there may be a few of you
out there who are wondering if
curry fries really deserve the
attention they're currently getting.
That perhaps this "non-issue"
isn't actually news-worthy. And
you may be right. I was getting
paid, and real journalism is hard.
I can, however, almost effortlessly
talk about curry fries—those little
oranges spoons of highly calorie
deficient things for hours. I don't
even have to paint pictures in my
mind.

And, besides, I feel as though the
very fact that this "non-issue"
has been given the attention it's
received for almost two years now
must very much concern both
the student body and myself.

I envy this year's freshmen, for
if there's anything I've learned
in my four years here in Cortland,
it's that that old axiom is false:
"You can't teach a student how
to love and lost curly fries.

I pray for amnesty every time
I encounter this by far the
excuse for a fry in the excess hot
sauce and blue cheese that
drips out of my wrap—attempting
to give it some sort of flavor.
They were so poor I remember
how dipping used to be a
requirement. I'm never more
fully aware of the bluntness of
unяснancy that as I stare at the
half inch deformed fry chunks
that seem to be accompanying
college students in mind when
they offered a drink special that lasted the
entire day.

But lost within this
generalization is one major aspect of
the event. This was no
longer a family event; it was
no longer a friends event;

it was now a college event.

It's too painful to remember
that this year's Chill-A-Bration
was seemingly in full
machine inspired the impromptu
competitive chili cookers the
microphone.

As I walked to the counter
in Hilltop to pay for my buffalo
curry fries, I knew I was one of
the few students who
enjoy winter. Cortland community together to
much of Cortland's calendar.

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"Shameless" is the new dramatic comedy series on Showtime. The series debuted on January 9, 2011, which included Frank and Gallagher (William H. Macy) as the father and his six kids. Frank basically blacked out every night, waking up in different places. He is as far as a father figure imaginable, but there is an uncanny response to laugh at his wits. Frank makes the show dramatic and keeps it light. He is simply about having a good time. The mother of the children says Ed Catmull, President of Pixar, "is one of the most cunning in the business, but is wise beyond her years. She tends to the bar that is basically a part of the family. She is one of the most artful elements that live next door to the Gallagher's. The house, and trying to manage a family and always surprises the viewer with the ideas she comes up with.

"Lip" Gallagher (Jeremy Allen White) is the second youngest. He is a go-getter. He takes part in the ROTC program at school and works in a corner to the block. He becomes very close friends with the Muslim shop owner Kash (Pej Vahdat). Their friendship is definitely one to look into as the show progresses.

The next youngest is Frank's daughter Debbie (Emma Kenney). She is about 9 years old but is wise beyond her years. She tries to help others in the family and always surprises the viewer with the ideas she comes up with. The second youngest is Carl (Ethan Cutkosky). He is a young child that is more than the elementary schools can handle. He gets into trouble in school for being expelled and is required to bring his parents in for a conference but his drunken father refuses to attend the meeting. The youngest is a two-year-old baby named Liam. He is a two-year old baby but is wise beyond his years. He tries to help others in the family and always surprises the viewer with the ideas she comes up with. The second youngest is Carl (Ethan Cutkosky). He is a young child that is more than the elementary schools can handle. He gets into trouble in school for being expelled and is required to bring his parents in for a conference but his drunken father refuses to attend the meeting. The youngest is a two-year-old baby named Liam. He is a two-year old baby but is wise beyond his years. He tries to help others in the family and always surprises the viewer with the ideas she comes up with.

"Toy Story 3" made animation history with awards and grossings. What is it that makes a Pixar film work? "Pixar is its people," says John Lasseter, Pixar's co-founder, and chief creative officer. The Pixar Animation Studios, located in Emeryville, California, holds all of the Pixar employees under one roof in layers of "unplanned collaboration.

What they learned through work on "Toy Story 2" was that the people work so well together. "The important thing is not the idea, it's the people. It's how they work together, who they are, that matters more than anything else," says Ed Catmull, President of Pixar and Disney Animation.

The animated films created by Pixar contain insane amounts of detail in a consistent amount of devotion put into making the films as close to perfect as possible. The crew on a given film spends around two years writing the story and doing research on the film. For "A Bug's Life," the crew made tiny cameras so they could see how things really looked from a bug's point of view. While working on "Cars," Lasseter said a group of Pixar employees took a road trip down Historic Route 66. For "Ratatouille," Brad Bird (director) and the crew working on the film went to France to research the architecture and sample the foods.

For "Toy Story 3," Pixar set up a large pool in their foyer. They threw large "trash" into the pool, having animators run through it to help them understand how the characters would function in the movie.

Pixar takes pride in the detail they strive for. Many of the animators like to say, "we sand the undersides of the drawers," as a joke about their over attention to detail. Pixar is devoted to making great films. They don't think that using computer animation will be enough to make a great movie. Each film is artistically stunning and has a great story with heart.

However, if you have Showtime, all of the episodes are on demand. I ended up watching the first five in one sitting; it is addicting. It is easy to get wrapped up in the lives of these characters. The extensive situations that they find themselves in makes for a riveting show that you won't want to turn away from.

Showtime's "Shameless" cast displays their dysfunctional and loving family life

The Cortland Gospel Choir hosted their annual cultural celebration on Sunday, February 27. The celebration also featured Cortland A Capella, Africana Dance Troupe, and Salsa Dancers.

Many of the performers expressed their excitement about the celebration, including Marisya Ferrera, a freshman and member of the gospel choir. "I'm here to praise God," said Ferrera. "To me, it's all about Him."

The concert started off quite somber with the song "The Presence" featuring Jason Carriero singing the soulful solo.

The choir's next song was "Perfect Praise," also known as "How Excellent." The solo was sung by Leah Horning, who's beautiful voice was a great opening for the prayerful song. Though the song was slow, it picked up the mood, getting it more in a celebratory state and having people standing on their feet. After the choir's first set, Khalia Brown performed "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," a spiritual. Though the words repeat throughout the song, the passionate way that Brown sang it resonated with many of the audience members.

Dorothy Thomas performed an embellished version of "Color of Wind" from the Disney movie "Pocahontas." Next to perform was Cortland A Capella, whose voices performed a medley of musical styles. Their first song, the popular spiritual "Wade in the Water," was carried well by the group's voices. Their next song was "Killing Me Softly," popularized by The Fugees. The song was sung by the girls, whose harmonies were amazing.

The group concluded their performance with "A Life Uncommon" by Jelwali. The way the group combined solos, duos, and trios was really dynamic.

The first dance performance of the afternoon was the Africana Dance Troupe directed by Yonnee Lee. The troupe combined wild dance moves to the sounds of drums and other percussion instruments.

Before the Troupe's second performance, Nikolay Karkov of Pa'lante Salsa Rueda Troupe showed off their salsa moves on the Brown Auditorium Stage. Their twists and turns impressed the audience which was evident by their "ohs" and "ahhs."

After their performance, the Africana dance troupe returned to perform again this time to Samba Reggae. The moves embodied...
CELEBRATION
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Twitter keeps followers posted and has the potential to get you famous
By Stephanie Disen
Staff Writer

One way to make everyone aware of what you’re doing, even though many may not care, is to sign up for Twitter. It is a stalking-made-easy, basically, if people use their Twitter to talk about how they just woke up and they cannot wait to eat their cheerios. When Twitter first hit the Internet, many people did not believe that it was going to make the big impact it has.

Twitter provides a way for people to inform stalkers, creepers, friends, and others who may be interested about what is currently happening in their lives.

At first I thought Twitter was the most pointless concept, and if anyone wanted to know anything about you, then they should have just friend-requested you on Facebook. However, I have drunk the Kool-Aid and joined the Twitterverse.

It is an interesting way to keep people informed of what you are doing. If you’re into people knowing what you are doing every second of your life. However, that isn’t the only way that Twitter can be used. Many people use Twitter as a way to tweet words of wisdom, funny things they have heard from their friends, or a snapshot of their day. Basically, things people believe their followers will find interesting. Large corporations, as well as small businesses, use Twitter to announce specials and promotional ideas.

The main part of Twitter that gets people to sign up is its mobility. People are able to tweet on the go. Let’s say your friend says something utterly ridiculous, you can tweet it in a second so everyone else can enjoy as well.

Now, if none of this has made you want to sign up for Twitter, I hope this will: You could be “Twitter famous.” Yes, there is such a thing as being “Twitter famous,” which can cause you to get a book, movie, or sitcom deal. If you do not believe me, then go and Google “Justin Halpern” who became famous due to his Twitter.

Halpern’s Twitter is called “s**t My Dad Says” where he posts, yes, you have guessed it, “s**t” his dad says. Now, who would have thought such a thing would have occurred? He just wanted a place to store things his father said on random occasions. So, it goes to show that becoming famous may not be such a difficult thing to acquire. Have a funny friend, or do you say funny things? Then get a Twitter account. Who knows? Maybe you will be the next person to become “Twitter famous.”

If becoming “Twitter famous” does not appeal to you, then just join to keep in touch with family, friends, your favorite celebrities or just tweet about your life.

If you read this article and decide “OMG, wow, I need a Twitter!” I suggest following people such as Vinny: from Jersey Shore; Kingsley: from You Tube, and Lord Voldemort, whose tweets are highly appreciated by many.

Drink the Kool-Aid and join Twitter. I promise you will not be disappointed.

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Jon and Kate Reunited?

TLC reality stars Jon and Kate Gosselin are reuniting for the love of ratings
By Christina D’Agostino
Staff Writer

After the harsh breakup from the reality couple, the Gosselins, viewers worldwide were left with one universal question: Is this a trend or this the real thing?

In June 2009, when the Gosselins officially divorced, viewers everywhere wept in remorse; now that they are no longer a duo, what family will we look forward to watching grow up? The answer to that soon became known, as what was left of the Gosselin relationship dwindled away before our very eyes.

The family essentially deteriorated in the blink of an eye. Rumors of Jon having mistresses and other “girlfriends” surfaced; meanwhile Kate was left to take care of eight children she once shared with him. This time became a time for Kate to develop principally into a single mother, who actually wasn’t so single. Thankfully, throughout the day she had the assistance of multiple people who assisted her in aiding and tending to her multiple children.

Perhaps Kate should have attempted to find a male mate to spend free time with, but who said she even had free time? She spent her time filming her hit reality series, Kate plus Eight, which was re-named after Jon refused to continue airing, because that was her sole source of income.

In essence, the relationship of the Gosselins is incomparable because it has no end; there is always a new twist. Just when we thought it was finally over between the two, we learn that now, they may be looking to reunite.

“They both miss each other terribly” stated a close family friend. “Neither of them have...
Closure In Moscow

Australian band Closure In Moscow brings listeners back to real music

By Steve Hernandez

The release of their first EP “The Penance and the Patience” was what enabled them to get signed to Equal Vision Records. They have released one studio album entitled “First Temple” through Equal Vision, which was once the home of bands such as Circa Survive and Alexisonfire.

“First Temple” is what got me hooked on this band. The front of the album reads “Directions in Music by Closure In Moscow”. That is exactly what Closure In Moscow is providing to other bands: direction.

The first thing about Closure In Moscow that will likely catch your attention is that its members know their instruments front and back, top to bottom.

Following impressive instrumental tracks, the album’s opening song “Kissing Cousins” smoothly allows the entrance of the voices of Christopher De Cinque and Mansur Zennelli, which work very well together, a rare characteristic among bands with two vocalists that don’t sing the same lyrics.

Thanks to producer Kris Cruummet, the efforts of every member of the band are heard. It’s not often that I can listen to an album and be able to hear every instrument and all of the background vocals in each song.

The songs where the band’s talent is really displayed are “Vanguard,” “A Night At The Spleen,” and “Arecibo Message.” I only applaud those truly love, all I ask for me to decide that I loved “First Temple” was the first time I heard “Arecibo Message.”

I made it a goal of mine to meet this band once I had heard the whole album.

When I finally got that opportunity at a show in the summer of 2010, it was easily one of the best experiences I’ve ever had.

I had a chance to speak to Mansur Zennelli, the band’s lead guitarist.

We spoke long enough for me to find out that he shared my views on the state of the music industry and its similar-sounding generic bands.

He informed me that they would be hiring Rick Rubin to produce their next album, which was great because according to Rubin is one of the most respected producers around today, and Closure In Moscow’s collaboration with him means they are doing something right.

This right. The band has 53,844 listeners on the popular music site last.fm, there are still a lot of people across the globe that don’t know of the band.

If given their deserved attention, Closure In Moscow should be able to single-handedly catalyze Australia to the front of the contemporary music scene.

I guess fame can really get to some people’s heads, but in all there is a fairy tale ending, so we think: Jon has gotten a job installing solar panels, in order to prove to Kate that he is ready to be responsible again.

“I think we getting back together wouldn’t hurt next season’s ratings,” stated Jon. Then again, I guess it isn’t so fairy tale after all and just is about the fame.

Have a Hall Pass

Hall Pass is a must see comedy that will leave you in stitches

By Justin Atkinson

If you wish that your girlfriend or wife would give you one week in which you could do whatever you want with whoever you want, then “Hall Pass” is definitely a movie worth watching.

The new movie “Hall Pass” is sweeping the country, and those who have seen it are thanking themselves that they did; the ones who haven’t are rushing to watch it.

The hilarious new movie stars Owen Wilson, Jason Sudeikis and Christina Applegate. The movie is great to see with your friends or significant other. Throughout the movie there are several scenes that will cause you to laugh uncontrollably. Cortland graduate student氯化物 Rick says “Hall Pass is one of the funniest movies that I have ever seen.”

Without giving the whole movie away, the basic plot is that the movie is friends Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) are starting to feel restless at home because they have been married for so long. When their wives realize this, they decide that they can save their marriages by granting their husbands a hall pass, meaning that their men have one week of freedom to do whatever they want with no questions asked.

At first, Rick and Fred think that this hall pass is awesome because they are having so much fun being worry-free. However as the movie progresses, they realize that they are running into some problems along the way.

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This hilarious new comedy hit theaters on February 25 and should be on the big screen for a long time. Cortland graduate student Oncle Devlinney said “This is one of those movies that is worth seeing twice.” Don’t miss out on the movie that is giving the nation something to laugh about. Go see “Hall Pass” today.
Curtain Falls on the Red Dragon’s Season

Post-Season ends early for men’s basketball team
By Mark Nader
Staff Writer

Despite Courteny’s victory over SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Geneseo second-place finishes, the basketball playoff SUNYAC bid, but their postseason run came to a quick halt as they lost two fouls in the final game to Buffalo State, 75-56.

The 81-59 romp against the rival Red Dragons of SUNY Oneonta was a harbinger of the beginning. Cortland, who dropped the last three meetings between the foes, used hot shooting and strong defensive play to get to an early 20 point lead. Cortland went 19-30 from the floor to begin the game, including an impressive 6-8 shooting from behind the arc. Freshman John Consolatti scored the first five points for Cortland, who never trailed throughout the game. Up 10-4 in the early going, sophomore Jesse Winter, Smith and Ian Walcott. In the victory with Winter, Smith, Connolly and Harrison Heffle all finishing in double figures.

Cortland clinched a playoff spot in Friday’s 68-58 win over SUNY Geneseo. Kevin McMahon had his career high with 19 points and 13 rebounds while Dan Sterkoppst had a Red Dragon single-game record of nine blocks. Cortland led 30-22 with 3:45 left in the first half, but Geneseo finished the half strong on a 9-2 run and trailed by only one, 32-31, at halftime. The Knights would tie the game at 43-43 with 12:36 remaining and led 49-47 after two Lamont Stokes free throws with 8:15 remaining. The Red Dragons regained the lead for a good 36 seconds on Harrison Heffle three-pointer. Sterkoppst’s foul-line jumper with 6:37 left, and a Winter three-pointer from the left corner with 5:41 remaining gave Cortland a 55-49 advantage. Geneseo cut the deficit to three at 55-52 on a Mike Hoy three with 4:34 left, but Cortland scored the next 10 points, seven by McMahon, to put the game out of reach.

“Everyone has received their roles,” especially our big men [Dan Sterkoppst] and Kevin [McMahon],” who have been playing great basketball as of late,” Smith said.

We are definitely playing our best basketball right now and we know it.” It is now win or go home for the Red Dragons who faced Buffalo State in a first round SUNYAC playoff game on Tuesday. Cortland was 0-2 against the Bengals this season, most recently encountered a 70-68 loss at Corey Gym in late January. Cortland led that game by three at half. “We control our own destiny and we truly believe that we can go far, we just have to stay humble and take it possession at a time, one game at time,” Winter said. “We believe if we match high effort with high execution we can beat anybody in this league,” Smith added.

The Red Dragons came with the effort against Buffalo State but had to overcome a tenacious defense from the get-go as the Bengals started on a 12-0 run and were up by 20 over the first four minutes. Cortland’s deficit extended to 17 as the Red Dragons trailed 25-8 with 18 left in the first half. While Buffalo State continued to stymie defensive to get out to a 39-16 lead for a good 30 seconds on the way to the top once again, tying for seventh with a score of 9.75, giving her another first-place finish in the event. Against Geneseo on February 18th, Gold earned himself a goal; versus Brockport on the next day, Gold racked up another goal, as well as an assist. His achievements over the weekend moved Gold up the All-Time Career Points List for Cortland, good for third with a score of 9.775. That score became good for her impeccable routine, with a score of 9.70 on the vault the previous two weeks.

The following week, at the meet against Brockport, Goodstein fought her way to the top once again, tying for third with a score of 9.57. Not to leave her floor exercise routine behind, Goodstein set her career high, and set a new personal record at 9.775. That score became the rival school with an overall score of 187.425 at 186.325.

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Player Profile: Mike Tota

SUNY Cortland junior defines “commitment” and “dedication”

By Jason DiStefano Staff Writer

In order to achieve greatness, sacrifices must be made. Studying after four hours of lacrosse, hitting the books, instead of the bar, running even when the thermometer reads below 34 degrees are a few of the sacrifices a successful student-athlete must make.

Succeeding as a student-athlete doesn’t come easy for most, whether it be in regards to the rule for Cortland State, junior Attackman, Mike Tota.

Simply put, he defines the phrase “student-athlete.”

His all-conference athletes put their sport before their academics, but not Tota. After two years in college, he has earned accolades that many couldn’t imagine in four years of school, on and off the field.

Growing up, it is every kid’s dream to be an All-American and win a national championship, Tota has done both.

Tota Said, “I can attribute this to my work ethic, dedication, and professionalism in every classroom and on the lacrosse field. I never want anyone to work harder than me, and I put the same dedication on my work ethic, dedication, and commitment to my academics as I do on the lacrosse field.”

A lot of athletes will focus in on one aspect of their career, usually their sport. For Tota, he finds the perfect balance between academics and lacrosse.

If Tota said, “I try to effectively manage my time so that I am able to get my schoolwork and lacrosse done, and still have time for my friends and social life. I try to make each day as productive as possible so that I can find time to relax and enjoy myself at the end of the day.”

With an astonishing GPA of 4.08, many would think that there wouldn’t be any time for athletics especially at such a high level. Tota has proven all of the critics wrong as he is one of the best attackmen in division three and down in Virginia two weekends ago.

Cortland lost a tough 2-0 pitchers duel against nationally sixth-ranked Shendandoah and a ninth inning meltdown against Bridgewater College.

The Red Dragons were up 14-9 with two outs and no men on in the ninth before Bridgewater staged a furious walk off 15-14 victory. The Red Dragons salvaged the weekend with a 2-0 win over 21st ranked Salisbury University.

Michael Mahay went seven innings while striking out five batters. He walked one and Smith each had a pair of hits to add to the attack.

Cortland looks to start the first winning streak of the year as they begin the regular season schedule.

Big Ten Towers Over NCAA Competition

The Eastern Conference stands out among Top 25 teams

By Nathan Vaji Staff Writer

If you were to look through either the AP Top 25 or the ESPN/USA Today Coaches’ Poll, you would see the usual Duke, Kansas, Syracuse, and North Carolina teams. One may not recognize right away that one-third of the teams in the polls are from the Big East.

The Big East had eight teams in the Top 25, not a lot for the Big East standards. Other teams in the Top 25 include Notre Dame, Connecticut, Villanova, Louisville, Syracuse, and St. John’s.

“The high competition makes the Big East one of the most exciting conferences in the country to watch,” said Cortland student Andy Buckley. “There are a lot of solid Big East teams.”

This puts the Big East, as if not the best conference in the country, one of the best. But the real question is “are these Big East teams good enough to win a National Championship?”

The last Big East team to win a National Championship was Connecticut in 2004. The Carmelo Anthony-led Syracuse team won the title just a year before in 2003.

No Big East team has made it to the National Championship in the Big East,衢州 Connecticut. West Virginia represented the Big East in the Final Four, but lost to eventual national champion Duke 78-57 in the semifinals. Villanova and UConn both made it to the Final Four in 2009, but both lost in the semifinals.

The Big East has a lot of solid teams, but no Big East team has been ranked #1 this season. Duke, Ohio State, Kansas, and Texas have all held the top spot.

If you are most people, you will feel that one of those four teams will be the likely favorite to win the National Championship.

“Kansas has a tough team and will be tough to beat,” said Cortland grad student Clint DiVinny. “Ohio State is tough too.”

The Big East continuously has one of the toughest conferences in the nation, but does that tough in-conference regular season schedule wear down the top teams in the conference in the regular season? Is this team well in the NCAA Tournament.

InsideRPI Daily, four of the nation’s toughest schedules belong to teams out of the Big East. Georgetown has the toughest schedule of strength of schedule (SOS) in the nation. West Virginia follows at #3 and St. John’s comes in at #4.

“This year’s season has not been dominated by one team. Ohio State, Duke, Kansas, and Texas have all lost while being ranked #1 in the nation. This is something that can happen during any conference tournament, especially the NCAA Tournament,” said Tota.

The Big East teams that have to go through the strenuous Big East Tournament face a tough turn around to make it to the East Championship Game on March 15 and 16.

Only time will tell as to how these teams respond. Coaches will have to have a deep bench down the stretch to give their star players a rest and not overwork them. With that said, it will be a tough road to a National Championship.
SPORTS

Baseball Season Underway

Red Dragons aim to protect their reputation in 2011 season
By Mark Nader
Staff Writer

Coming off a 2010 season in which the team finished as the national runner-up, the 2011 season will be hard to out due. Not only do they have to replace several key players but they also have high expectations from the rest of the Division III Baseball world. The Red Dragons came into the season ranked second nationally. And if that isn’t enough, Baseball America chose Cortland as the top Div. III team among the “Top 5 – How They’ll Finish.”

While Cortland returns four of their five starting pitchers from a season ago, the Red Dragons lineup only returns leadoff man, Matt June from a lineup that averaged almost ten runs a game. The loss of seniors such as Anderson Gardner, and Steve Nickel, as well as Adam and Khyile Dimino come as no surprise. But the loss of two-time SUNYAC Player of the Year, Jason Simone did come as a shock. Simone has since transferred to Division II powerhouse Mount Olive College in North Carolina, in large part to improve his draft stock for the June MLB draft. June, who hit .414 a season ago to go along with 23 stolen bases, will be the leadoff man in a revamped Red Dragon lineup. While last year’s team gave opposing pitchers fits last year with seven lefties in the lineup, this year’s lineup will be much more righty-based. Alex Coffey and Dan Kaplan will be taking over the spots at the corners in the infield, while Tim Panetta, who redshirted last season at Division I University of Connecticut, will take over the job behind the plate. All three

Pitcher Michael Mahay only allowed three hits against Salisbury.

Warriors Prepare for Battle

Tonee Labar takes his place as the rugby team’s new coach
By Teddy Montalvo
Staff Writer

Cortland’s Warriors Rugby team hired a new coach this semester for the team’s crucial transition period. Coach Tonee Labar is from the Binghamton area with a background in football and baseball.

“The spring season is an important transition period for the ruggers and we need a coach figure for the younger guys on the team to look up to,” team captain Thanner Hestdalen said.

Coach Labar transferred to Cortland from Cornell where he coached their Rugby team for two years. “We were able to take a team of raw talent and turn the guys into a fundamentally sound team who worked well together” Labar said when asked about his achievements at Cornell.

Labar met his new team for the first time last week during the team’s second practice of the semester. “Practice wasn’t much different,” he changed the way we warm up and introduced some different drills that we can definitely use to get better,”

The SUNY Championships and the Upstate Tournament are the two biggest challenges facing the Warriors said senior wing player Drew Hermann. Hermann is one of the team’s 15 seniors that are graduating in May. The Warriors didn’t have a coach last semester, but had a successful season where Aquilina was the team’s player coach last season when he led his team to their State Title. Some seniors have voiced their concern about Labar because

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