

If You Build a Beer Tent, Students Will Come

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 blared 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 chili 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 \$25, 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 165 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 more taste though," laughed Cleary.

Around the perimeter of the tent, local restaurants and community members scooped their prize-worthy chili into small Styrofoam cups for patrons to sample. Though many were glad to have something warm to eat, they felt the chili cook-off lost its flavor 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 really 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 chili cook-off and other activities was unfavorable.

"We got an overwhelmingly positive response from the college population, but we want to



photo by Carly Waters

People inside the beer tent keep warm and celebrate at the Chill-A-Bration festival last Saturday

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."

Life Without ED

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. Schafer is the author of two books about 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 with a binge eating disorder.

Schafer 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 bat-

ling "Ed" from the young age of four, 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 everyday 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." Schaefer is an example to everyone, and shows that no one has to struggle with an eating disorder forever.

Schaefer's presentation was part of Cortland's Body Appreciation Week, sponsored by the SUNY Cortland Health Promotion Office, as well as many other clubs and organizations on campus.

Cathy Smith, coordinator of

Wellness Wednesday and Body Appreciation week said, "Body image issues and eating disorders are all concerns within our culture and on our campuses. Body Appreciation Week, which was initiated 13 years ago, was originally called "Eating Disorders Awareness Week," as part of a national awareness event. Several years ago, our committee decided to take a more positive approach and focus on body appreciation. By doing this we can celebrate the people we are, just the way we are. The Body Awareness Week theme this year was 'You're Amazing Just the Way You Are.'"

Students all around the world have the same pressure put on them by media, society, and friends to look perfect all the time. Schaefer said, "We're told by TV shows, magazines, and advertisements that we're supposed to be thinner."

This idea of perfectionism is where a lot of people get caught up in eating disorders. Our society needs to start sending out a new message to young people, telling them that it's ok to be

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Women of Color

Club advocates for and discusses 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 women's 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-

more (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,

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What's Going On? A Reason to Give

Calendar of Events: March 3 - 9

Today:

- 4:30 p.m.** Jeanne Shenandoah, Lindsay Speer, Cecile Lawrence and Lisa Wright will be panelists for the discussion: "Women of the Shale," located in Sperry 106.
- 4:30 p.m.** A panel will explore, "Cultural Perspectives on Plagiarism," in Brockway Hall Jacobus 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 Lacross team against Union.

Sunday:

- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The Spring Home and Garden Show to benefit Habitat for Humanity at TC3.

Monday:

- 7:30 p.m.** Spectrum will have a discussion titled "Youth and Suicide," in Corey Union Function Room.

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 'Artiste': Nakunte Diarra's Signature Bogolanfini Design" in the Dowd Gallery.
- 8 p.m.** SAB Coffeeshouse 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.

Student raises money for cancer research in honor of cousin

By Rachel Gleason
Contributing Writer

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors a long and healthy life. St. Baldrick's is made up of different teams who come together on a set date to support cancer research. They do this by raising money as either a volunteer or a shavee. Each team is made up of a mixture of both, but in order to participate, each team member must raise money.

This year's St. Baldrick's event is being held on March 27 in Syracuse. I signed up for this year's event because of my cousin, Craig. I am a member of the Craig Rienhardt Crusaders team.

At the beginning of last December, my cousin was diagnosed with stomach cancer. His form of cancer was incurable and unresponsive to chemotherapy or radiation therapy. The cancer came on suddenly and you could see the changes as the cancer took over his body.

Craig was a smart, active, adventurous teenager who was always doing something with friends or family. He was always outside, either working or hanging out. He loved sports, mainly basketball and soccer, and he also loved going to the gym to work out. The winter 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 out 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 my brother and 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



photo provided by Rachel Gleason

Cancer victim Craig Rienhardt

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 has 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 in, or go to www.stbaldricks.org and type in "Craig Reinhardt 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.

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and smarter woman over the three years I've been a member."

Rivera talked about how she became involved with the club: "Last year I was introduced to Women of Color by the last president, Thanisa. I loved everything about it. Not only did I like that it advocated for women, but I also learned things about womanhood and women's issues that I didn't know."

One of the club's main events during the school year is the Women of Color is Annual Breast Cancer Walk. Khalia Brown, sophomore, talked about her 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 Woman's Day on March 3 and the Celebration of Women on March 26. For International Woman's Day they will collaborate with the Pan-African Student Association to discuss cultural practices that pertain 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 any and all who want to learn more about woman or more about themselves.

"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 meets in the Corey Union VOICE Office Thursdays at 6 p.m.

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Professor performs music composed by famous black musicians

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

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 Lois Pfister (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 tal-



photo by Adam Dejesus Gonzalez

Moore speaks to an audience member by a piano in Jacobus Lounge

ent was accompanied by Pfister'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 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.

Professor Performance

Women in the Workplace

Professor discusses troubles faced by working black women

By Adam Dejesus Gonzalez
Staff Writer

Ibipo Johnson-Anumonwo, a geology professor, presented a lecture on the inequalities of gender and the amount of time people spend commuting to work. Using the United States census of 2000, (the 2010 census has yet to be published), Anumonwo argues that women of color spend more time traveling to low-paying jobs as opposed to white women who travel less to higher paying jobs. “60-90% of all commuters spend an average of 5-25 minutes a day [by car]. The remaining percentage takes around 32 minutes by public transportation,” said Anumonwo. “Only 1.8% of white women use public transportation, but 16% of black women use public transportation, while 6% of Hispanic women use public transportation.” There are many jobs that

have started to expand in suburban areas, which then increases the amount of travel time for inner city community members. This has made it difficult for people to get out of the city and get to new jobs. Anumonwo primarily examined Buffalo, Miami, and Detroit for 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, which can make it very difficult for people to commute. Members of the inner city community spend six minutes longer traveling 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 tend to live in homes with more children, yet white women tend to live in homes with higher incomes,” Anumonwo argued. Anumonwo describes four categories that all members of the work force 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 favorable commutes because they are close to home and do not have to pay much for gas. Compensatory means that travel times are a little longer but the reward for traveling this distance is a higher paying job. Blacks often fall into the compromised and constrained categories. The compromised category basically means that better opportunities have presented themselves to the commuters but due to personal issues, such as family or travel time, they are unable to take the job. It also means that the income they receive isn’t substantial enough based on the amount of time they spend traveling. The constrained category is the worst to be in as commuters spend more time traveling to a very low paying job. They spend more money traveling than they earn. This is obviously detrimental to their families as well as their financial well being.

Celebration of Women

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, staff, or community member can be nominated. We are looking for student nominations in a variety of categories – high academic achievement, extraordinary campus involvement, and outstanding athletic abilities. We also honor teams or clubs for their accomplishments

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 an all female staff, 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 and make sure their students leave their class knowledgeable about their subject are also included. You are not limited to these examples; these are just some characteristics of the women who were honored last year. If you know any student, faculty, staff, or community member that should be recognized at this event, 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at: womenofcolor0@gmail.com

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, 11 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 three credit course on basic leadership, go to leadership seminars, and attend campus events. In particular, the required 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 three credit course will focus on the topics of leadership, civic engagement, philanthropy, and non-profit organizations in America. Other leadership developments would be attending five different campus activities or events. There are many great incen-

tives to living in the Leadership House such as a full kitchen, dining room, living room, free laundry, a large flat screen t.v., and an easy route to classes, as well as accessible parking space. Students will be provided with a single room and will be charged the same amount as a designed single on campus. One other benefit of living in the Leadership house is the \$400 stipend given each year (\$200 a semester). Applications are available on the Residence Life and Housing website, or can be picked up at the Residence Life and Housing office in Van Hoesen room B-33 and are due as soon as possible.

Professor Profile

Professor, author, and musician, Dr. Fitz-Gibbon’s many talents

By Brittani Sahn
Staff Writer

Dr. Andrew Fitz-Gibbon is going on his 11th year as a professor in the philosophy department at Cortland. Before deciding to become a Social Ethicist, 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 Wit 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 where the Beatles first performed. He began playing the guitar at age 16, and now also plays a ukulele that he made himself. The class was recently entertained by Fitz-Gibbon’s musical talent with a sample of his ukulele playing to start one class. The song selection was chosen by the students: a love song involving cats. Before teaching, Fitz-Gibbon was a banker for six years, and then a minister for 19 years. He went to four different universities 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 first 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 actually make it permanent, but the British culture was very different than here. “We decided to just give it a go,” said Fitz-Gibbon about the move. He and his wife still make time every summer to visit his family. Since moving to the states, Fitz-Gibbon has learned a lot as a professor: “I learn new things every day from the students. Just by talking with them and being with them, I am learning from them.” He says he’s always meeting interesting people, and this lets him talk about interesting topics. “Love is my very favorite topic,” said Fitz-Gibbon when asked what he enjoyed talking about most in ethics. “How could you think that love is not brilliant?” Fitz-Gibbon takes such an interest in love, his latest book (in progress) is titled, “Love is a Guide to Moralism.” He has written six other books on many topics involving ethics and spirituality. On top of being a professor, an author, and a musician, Fitz-Gibbon is also an instructor 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 beginning, helping them change their thinking about life and what the world brings to them. As a professor, Fitz-Gibbon does not want to be an “inspiration” or someone the students look up to; he enjoys learning more from them and what new students will bring to his life as semesters begin again.

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who you are and look the way you do. Cathy Smith hopes that “students will take away a sense of contentment, confidence, appreciation and pride in who they are as individuals -- an apprecia-

tion for who they really are, just as they are. We hope that rather than striving to be like the media images with which we are bombarded every day, individuals will take away a renewed sense of self-appreciation.” Jenni Schaefer and her life lessons inspire everyone, not only those with eating disorders, to let go of what you don’t like about yourself and start to, as Schaefer puts it, “fall in love with life.”

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Poor Professors

I don't want to blame Cortland for this, but I have to. They hire these professors and they allow them to remain here. The sad part is that once a professor has tenure

Can You Hear Me Now?

This is due primarily to the

Consider this, Cortland

Possessing the power and passion of a chorus group, Cortland college students shouted traditional karaoke hits as they gathered under a party tent guzzling beers.

Kegs emptied, pots of chili bubbled, and cold hands took turns passing the karaoke microphone.

The Cortland Beer Company provided the beverages, competitive chili cookers the food, and a portable karaoke machine inspired the impromptu choir. The fourth annual Chill-a-Bration was seemingly in full effect and it was only 1:30 p.m.

Over 100 people braved the cold this past Saturday at Court House Park in order to celebrate the winter months that dominate much of Cortland’s calendar.

Chill-A-Bration, an event started by the Cortland Downtown Partnership, is designed to bring members of the Cortland community together to enjoy winter.

Advertised as a “family

festival,” activities at the park included: face painting, dog sledding, an improvised Greek Peak terrain park, snow sculpting, and the aforementioned attention-grabbing tent of beer and chili consumption.

The event spanned from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., but by 1:30, it was no longer a family festival; it was a college party.

For \$25 at the entrance of the tent, you could buy an all-inclusive bracelet that afforded you access to unlimited beer between 11 and 4. If you showed up at 11, you got your money’s worth; if you showed up at 1:30, you were alone with your sobriety.

Cortland students know how to drink, and they know a deal when it presents itself to them, so it’s no wonder that the Cortland Beer Company went through twelve kegs in five hours, and that drunken renditions of Queen’s most recognizable hits claimed the cold air by mid day.

As a college student, this was

a great time, and I only wish I had shown up earlier and immersed myself fully in the experience.

But I showed up at 1:30, and when I approached from Church St. and walked past the octopus snow sculpture and the Greek Peek terrain park, I immediately noticed that there were few families at the event.

A couple of teenagers were in the terrain park and a few adults and children were playing with dogs, but the park was primarily empty. Chill-A-Bration had moved entirely to the tent, and college kids had claimed the tent as theirs.

So, why is this an issue? Obviously families aren’t going to spend their Chill-A-Bration under a tent clouded with drunken aspirations, and obviously the event organizers had 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: chili. This

event was supposed to feature the chili cook-off, and instead, it became centered around getting intoxicated.

The chili was located under the tent alongside the beer kegs and across from the karaoke machine. The tent filled up; those that filled it became drunk, and the chili pots were pushed to the background.

Community members couldn’t access the chili, and the chili cook-off didn’t feel like a cook-off at all. This transformed the “family event” into a college get-together, and some community members were not too thrilled by it.

So, should we blame our student body for turning Chill-A-Bration into intoxication? No, because beer was provided at an affordable and continuous rate, and students were in no way disrespectful throughout the day; they were just having a good time.

The whole scene just felt odd and appeared different from what the event was advertised

as. Chill-A-Bration was as much for the community members as it was for college students, but the vibe and atmosphere was entirely college.

Cortland students and community members normally mesh well in this town. We share streets, bars, restaurants, and Wal-Mart, but sometimes something has to give.

This time, the student body took over the event and the community was forced into the background with the chili.

I feel bad for those that missed out on their Chill-A-Bration because of this, but I don’t believe the student body did anything wrong. Were you there? What do you think?

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

-Matt Ianno

Cortland’s Lost its Culinary Curl

Cortland needs to satisfy its students’ needs and bring back curly fries

By David Mindich
Staff Writer

We can’t always hate on Cortland. You can’t deny that the school’s education program has been a driving force behind a large portion of Cortland’s hopeful applicants for years now.

The gym’s pretty sweet, too. But, being the way things are, nothing seems to bring people together more than having something to complain about.

So, it’s for the sake of student solidarity that I bring up this topic: It’s been almost two years since Cortland began disappointing me on an almost daily basis with what I can only describe as the school’s most glaring fault in managerial decision making.

As I walked to the counter in Hilltop to pay for my buffalo chicken wrap, a true favorite among many of Cortland’s students, I couldn’t help but notice something was amiss.

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 pretty gnarly tear in it, but I’ll save ASC’s inability to wrap wraps for another day).

What was off were the fries. They were too plain. They were too straight. They were too yellow.

They weren’t the generously spiced orange-and-brown curly fries I had grown so fond of over my first few semesters as a Cortland student.

Now there may be a few of you out there who are wondering if curly fries really deserve the attention they’re currently getting.

That perhaps this “non-issue” isn’t actually news-worthy. And you may be right, but I’m not getting paid, and real journalism is hard. I can, however, almost effortlessly talk about curly fries—those little orange springs of highly caloric deliciousness—for hours. I don’t even have to put jeans on.

And, besides, I feel as though the very fact that this “non-issue” has been plaguing the school for almost two years now very much makes it an issue in and of itself.

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: it’s definitely not better to have loved and lost curly fries.

I pray for amnesia every time I despondently cover my sad 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.

It’s too painful to remember how dipping used to be a flavor enhancing luxury, not a requirement. I’m never more fully aware of the blissfulness of ignorance than as I stare at the half inch deformed fry chunks that seem to be accompanying the few decent-looking fries I get in a batch at an ever increasing rate.

I once got a curly fry that was close to two feet long. A two foot curly fry. It might actually be the coolest thing that’s ever happened to me.

It’s been almost two years since Hilltop fell from fried potato glory, and it hasn’t gotten any easier. And what’s worse is, I don’t know why.

How much is Cortland possibly saving on fries? I didn’t complain when I was crammed into a triple freshman year. I laugh it off every time I read the

sign that tells us our technology fee pays for the G-25 computer lab that hasn’t had a working printer in over a year.

I’ve ignored the rumors of budget slashing that may lead to the firing of tenured teachers even though we’ve seen two tuition increases in the past few years. Cortland needs to meet us half-way here. They need to give us back our curly fries.

This article is only the beginning. I can no longer idly sit by as students are subjected to subpar fries.

My passive-aggressive comments to every fulltime ASC employee that I assume is a manager have been shrugged off for too long. Until Hilltop gets their act together, I will not order another buffalo chicken wrap.

Should any of you out there feel as strongly as I do about Hilltop’s current fry situation, feel free to join in on the boycott.

For it’s only through acting together that we’ll ever really get anything done. Until then, it’s your move, Cortland.

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them to remain here. The sad part is that once a professor has tenure, there is little that can be done to remove them, except for some horrible scandal involving farm animals and Neubig.

Of course, not all teachers are like this, but there is always a rotten egg to ruin the bunch. But just like you wouldn’t buy a rotten egg, you shouldn’t have to pay for a rotten education.

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getting a whole lot of bad press. Consequently, HTC and Samsung smart phones continue to sell well, and at higher rates than the Verizon iPhone.

Consumer reports recently reported that the iPhone 4 has a problem which can cause the phone to drop calls or be unable to make calls in weak signal areas.

This isn’t a new issue for the iPhone. Remember when you had to hold the iPhone a very specific way to make calls?

It’s the same issue all over again. The natural way that most people hold their iPhone can cause the antennae area to be covered, creating all sorts of issues with reception.

The issues will be resolved, of course. Every phone carrier experiences preliminary issues with a debut phone.

What’s concerning is the fact that it’s anyone’s guess as to how long it can take to correct the issues. We may even have to wait until the summer for the iPhone 5.

Either way, I’m predicting more iPhone sightings on campus. These things are simply too good to pass up, especially in an area where Verizon offers exceptional coverage.

Let’s be honest: we’re college students and cell phones dictate our lives. I’m just hoping that Verizon can straighten out the kinks, because I’d rather be dictated by a glamorous iPhone than a worthless flip-phone.

Carmelo Joins Knicks; NBA Changing

The NBA is becoming a star-driven league; small market teams suffering

By Nick Larocca
Staff Writer

The NBA trade deadline concluded February 24. It was a busy deadline, with the New York Knickerbockers taking center stage by acquiring NBA star Carmelo Anthony from the Denver Nuggets.

The Nuggets received Wilson Chandler, Raymond Felton, Danilo Gallinari, Timofey Mozgov, and the Knicks 2014 first-round draft pick.

Along with Anthony, Chauncey Billups, Shelden Williams, Anthony Carter and

Renaldo Balkman were sent to the big apple.

The New Jersey Nets made headlines as well by trading for Utah Jazz point guard Deron Williams, who many say is the best point guard in the NBA. The Jazz received Devin Harris, rookie Derrick Favors, and two draft picks from the Nets.

Williams is a free agent in 2012 and will most likely leave the Nets, unless the Nets acquire more talent to persuade Williams to stay with the franchise and build a winner.

For the last couple of years, NBA analysts have been talking about franchises needing multiple stars to make it in the league.

The Boston Celtics have four stars, and their success can’t be denied, as evidence of their handful of NBA championship

appearances in recent years. Lebron James’ big announcement involving him “taking his talents to South Beach” to join Chris Bosh and Dwayne Wade seemed to have scared other teams into believing their success depends on big name athletes.

It has become clear that in the modern NBA, teams will have to dish out big dough to acquire championship caliber teams.

The New York Knicks have only confirmed this notion with the signing of Anthony, who is no stranger to New York, having played his freshman year of college at Syracuse University under hall of fame coach Jim Boeheim. Anthony led the Orange to a National Championship in 2003 (his only season).

So what does this really mean for the National Basketball

Association? Is the league becoming star driven? Of course it is. It has been for years and now there are just more star athletes to go around.

Teams will be better, therefore making the games more competitive, resulting in a larger fan base. This is what all professional sports want.

You could say that this will bankrupt other teams that don’t have the payroll for multiple superstars.

You could also say that there are already too many dreadful teams out there that haven’t been competitive in years and that these blockbuster trades could finally get rid of these underachieving franchises. It will be interesting to see if these trades pay off. I’ll definitely be watching, and this is just what the NBA wants.

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Lifestyles of the Weird and Shameless

Showtime's comedy series "Shameless" keeps viewers wanting more

By Matt Tyoe
Staff Writer

REVIEW

"Shameless" is the new dramatic comedy series on Showtime. The series debuted on January 9, 2011 and has continued on a weekly basis. By simply looking at the cast of the show, you know you are in for a treat.

The basic premise of the show is about the Chicago-based impoverished Gallagher family, which consists of a drunken Frank Gallagher (William H. Macy) as the father, and his six kids.

Frank basically blacks out every night, waking up in different places. He is as far from a father figure imaginable, but there is an uncanny response to laugh at his antics.

Frank makes the show dramatic, but he also keeps it light. He is simply about having a good time. The mother of the children is out of the picture we assume she got fed up with Frank and ran away.

His oldest daughter, Fiona (Emmy Rossum), is the brains of the family. She keeps herself busy by practically raising all of the kids, as well as keeping up with the house, and trying to manage a new relationship.

With all of the antics of her

siblings and her father, she has her hands full on a daily basis. She has a hard time finding a balance between doing things for herself and for her family. She is a selfless individual who is easy to love for anyone watching, especially the guys.

Fiona gets into an early relationship with Steve (Justin Chatwin), although she has a hard time giving him time. This is a fight that plays out over and over again. Steve wants her to have a good time and do things for herself, but Fiona has a hard time doing so.

The next oldest is Philip "Lip" Gallagher (Jeremy Allen White). Lip is basically a genius. He finds ways to use his book smarts to his advantage. Lip does school work and takes the SATs for people in order to earn an income. As with any of the characters, he just does whatever he can to try to keep his family afloat.

Ian Gallagher (Cameron Monaghan) is the next oldest brother. He is a go-getter. He takes part in the ROTC program at school and works in a corner store on the block. He becomes very close friends with the Muslim shop owner Kash (Pej Vahdat). Their relationship 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 is one of the most cunning 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 wild child that is more than the elementary schools can handle. He gets into trouble in school and is on the verge of 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 racially mixed baby, with more African-American traits than anything else. Although it is obvious that the baby is not Frank's, the family takes care of him like he is their own.

There is also an interracial couple that lives next door to the Gallagher's that is basically a part of the family. Kevin tends to the bar that Frank goes to on a daily basis. Veronica is Fiona's best friend and she helps the family out in many ways.

More characters come into play as the episodes go on. The series is currently eight episodes in, with four left.



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

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

into 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.

Pixar Family Colors the Big Screen

Pixar Animation Studios uses dedication and love to animate their films

By Ryan O'Callaghan
Staff Writer

There was a glimmer of hope inside of me that said maybe, just maybe, "Toy Story 3" would take home the Oscar for best picture. I knew that it was hardly possible, but wouldn't it have been awesome?

"Toy Story" made history as the first computer animated feature film to win an Oscar. Wouldn't it have been nice, 15 years later, for "Toy Story 3" to be the first animated film to take home the Oscar for Best Picture?

That of course did not happen. "The King's Speech" took home the Oscar. However, Pixar need not hang their heads in shame. "Toy Story 3" left that night with two wins: Best Animated Feature Film and Best Original Song for Randy Newman's "We Belong Together."

Oscars aside, "Toy Story 3" stands as the highest grossing film of 2010. The movie is also the highest grossing animated film of all time and the fifth highest grossing film of all time. Not too bad.

Now, 15 years after their first success, I wonder if Pixar can do any wrong.

Since 1995, Pixar has released a total of 11 feature films, all of which have been commercial successes. The 12th film, "Cars 2," is slated for release this summer.

What is it that makes a Pixar

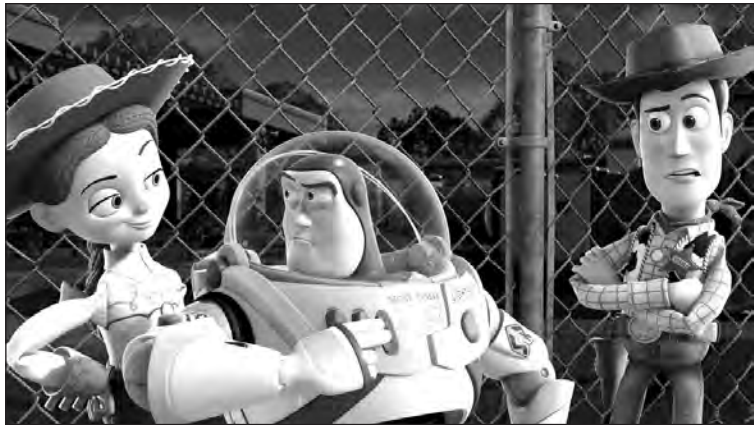


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"Toy Story 3" makes animation history with awards and grossings

film work?

"Pixar is its people," says John Lasseter, Pixar's co-founder, animator and chief creative officer.

The Pixar Animation Studios, located in Emeryville, California, holds all of the Pixar employees under one roof in hopes 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, its 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. There is a great amount of devotion put into making the films as close to perfect as possible.

The crew on one 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 and 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 study 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 dump scene.

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.

Gospel Cultural Celebration

Gospel choir's cultural celebration kept audience inspired

By Jessica Downer
Copy Editor

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 Maraya Ferreira, a freshman and member of the gospel choir. "I'm here to praise God," said Ferreira. "To me, it's all about Him."

Dr. Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo gave an introduction on the diversity of the groups performing and the impact that the Gospel Choir has made on the SUNY Cortland community.

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 rendition of "Colors of Wind" from the Disney movie "Pocahontas."

Next to perform was Cortland A Capella, whose voices performed an array 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 sang by the girls, whose harmonies were angelic.

The group concluded their performance with "A Life Uncommon" by Jewel. 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 Yomee Lee. The troupe combined wild dance moves to the sounds of drums and other percussion instruments.

Before the Troupe's second performance, Nikolay Karkov and a some dancers from the 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 "oos" and "ahhs."

After their performance, the Africana dance troupe returned to perform again this time to Samba Reggae. The moves embodied

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African influences as well as Latin type dance moves.

The Gospel Choir returned to close out the concert with "Let's Dance" by John P. Kee. Despite not having a pianist, the powerful voices in the choir and the direction of Robert Brown made for a phenomenal performance. Brown said, "It was an exquisite performance. Despite not having a piano player, the choir stepped up."

The choir then performed a new song entitled "Ride On, King Jesus," a spiritual which was sung a capella. The absence of instruments made it clear to the audience the force behind the collective voices.

The concert ended with the familiar songs "Faithful is Our God" and "Oh, Happy Day" where audience members were



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Cortland's Gospel Choir sings a rapturous tune during celebration

invited up to sing with the choir. At the end of the concert there were nothing but positive comments about the performances.

"I was impressed by the talents of the singers and dancers," said Johnson-Anumonwo. "It was a very energetic performance, and the mix of performances was very dynamic. I am always excited to see new talent."

Like any concert, new people are attracted to the art presented by the performers. Senior Tonya Alemao, who had never been to a concert before, stated, "I had an uplifted feeling that I've never experienced before." The singing and dancing of these performers shows the talent that comes from all walks of our culture as well as our campus.

Follow Me On Twitter

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 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. Lets say your friend says something utterly ridiculous, you can tweet it in a second so everyone else can enjoy it 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 to 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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Popular social network Twitter has users tweeting and following

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 breakup-up for good?

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

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Closure In Moscow

Australian band Closure In Moscow brings listeners back to real music

By Steve Hernandez
Staff Writer

REVIEW

Just as there are very talented bands from England and the United States, there are Australian bands that should have their music heard by everyone that likes to listen to skillfully assembled music.

While their name suggests that they are from Russia’s capital, Closure In Moscow is actually from Melbourne, Victoria.

They have played with American acts such as Coheed & Cambria, and deserve just as much, if not more, recognition than the bands they have played with.

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 instrumentals, 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 char-

acteristic among bands with two vocalists that don’t sing the same lyrics.

Thanks to producer Kris Crummett, 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 buy albums I truly love, and all it took 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 and generic bands.

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

While 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 catapult Australia to the front of the contemporary music scene.



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Closure In Moscow performing at the Warped Tour at The Gorge

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been really happy since their ugly split and would love to turn back time to the point where they were both in love before fame took over."

I guess fame can really get to some people’s heads, but all 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 us 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.

I Have a Hall Pass

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

By Justin Atkinson
Staff Writer

REVIEW

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 the theaters 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 your significant other. Throughout the movie there are several scenes that will cause you to laugh uncontrollably. Cortland junior Andy Buckley says “Hall Pass is one of the funniest movies that I have ever seen”.

Without giving the whole movie away, the basic plot to the movie is friends Rick (Owen Wilson) and Fred (Jason Sudeikis) are starting to feel restless

at home because they have been married to their wives 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.

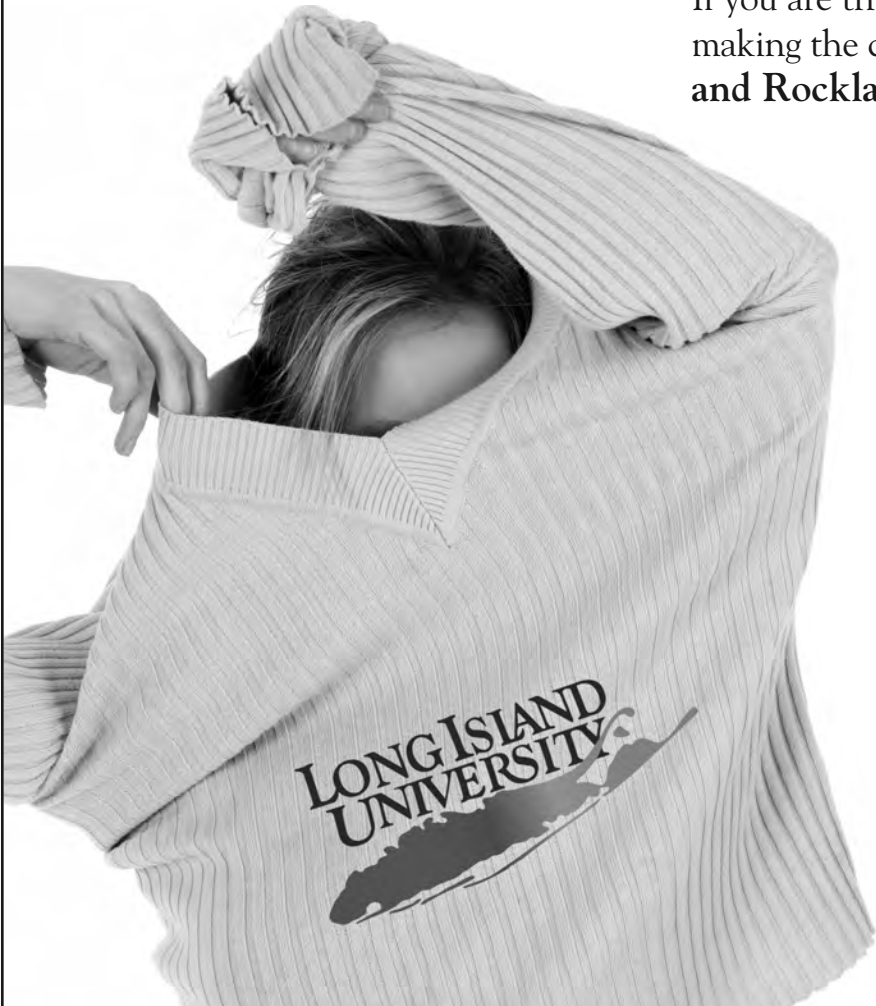
They realize that being single isn’t all it is cracked up to be. On the contrary, the wives of the men also have some fun of their own as they also give themselves a “hall pass.”

This movie is definitely worth seeing in theaters versus waiting until it comes out on demand or on Netflix. The idea for this movie is very unique and offers a lot of good messages throughout the movie.

This hilarious new comedy hit theatres on February 25 and should be on the big screen for a while. Cortland graduate student Clint Devinney 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.

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Curtain Falls on the Red Dragon’s Season

Athletes of the Week

Post-Season ends early for men’s basketball team

By Mark Nader
Staff Writer

Victories over SUNY Oneonta and SUNY Geneseo secured the men’s basketball playoff SUNYAC bid, but their postseason run came to a quick halt as they lost their first round game to Buffalo State, 75-56

The 81-59 romp against the rival Red Dragons of SUNY Oneonta was a shocker from the beginning. Cortland, who dropped the first battle between the foes used hot shooting and stymie defensive to get out to an early 20 point lead. Cortland went 19-30 from the floor to begin the game including an impressive 6-8 showing from behind the arc. Freshman John Connolly scored the first five points for Cortland, who never trailed throughout the game. Up 10-4 in the early going, sophomore Jeremy Smith trained a pair of threes to extend Cortland’s lead to 16-4.

Defensively, Cortland forced Oneonta’s center, Derek Hahn, to beat them. Hahn would get his share as he would finish with 13 points and 15 rebounds, but the rest of the starting lineup was held to 20 points collectively. Cortland led 45-25 at half time and continued to lead by 20 plus throughout the second half. “Down the stretch I feel our team has been really starting to come together and play the best basketball of the season at the right time,” said sophomore Jesse Winter.

Winter finished with 18 points and seven assists while not committing a single turnover. Turnovers are a category that Cortland continues to excel at. The Red Dragons average only ten turnovers a game, thanks to great ball handling from Winter, Smith and Ian Walcott. In the win over Oneonta, Cortland committed seven turnovers, none coming from the three guards.

Nine Cortland players scored



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Jesse Winter didn’t commit a single turnover while playing Oneonta

in the victory with Winter, Smith, Connolly and Harrison Hefele 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 Sternkopf 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 30 seconds on Harrison Hefele three-pointer. Sternkopf’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 [Sternkopf] and Kevin [McMahon], who have been playing great basketball as of late,” said Smith.

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 one 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 were unable to execute from the get-go as the Bengals started the game on a 12-0 run over the first four minutes. Cortland’s deficit extended to 17 as the Red Dragons trailed 25-8 with 8:17 left in the first half. While Buffalo State found ways to convert on many possessions the same was not true for the seventh seeded Red Dragons squad that shot 25% from the field in the first half including 0-9 from beyond the arc.

Like they have done all season, Cortland showed resiliency. Down 39-16 just more than two minutes into the second half, Cortland mounted a rally to make things interesting. The Red Dragons scored 14 of the game’s next 15 points, including seven points by Smith, and were down only 40-30 with 14:56 remaining. But it wasn’t meant to be, as the Bengals never let their lead slip below double digits.

Cortland was within 10 points multiples times, the last coming with 7:45 left, as the trailed 55-45.

Jake Simmons then scored five consecutive points giving the Bengals a comfortable 15 point lead.

The Red Dragons were down 13 with three minutes to go before the victors closed the game with seven straight points. Winter, Smith and Hefele all finished in double digits for the Red Dragons while Simmons had a game high with 22 for Buffalo State who has since gone on to take the SUNYAC crown.

Marissa Goodstein and Jarrett Gold represent some of Cortland’s best

By Ashley Wysocarski
Staff Writer

Marissa Goodstein had an eye-popping performance for the gymnastics team this past week. Goodstein, Cortland’s female Athlete of the Week, pushed limits with her vault routine, and wrote her name in history.

On February 19, the Red Dragons traveled to Ithaca for Ithaca College’s Harriet Marranca Invitational. Goodstein came into the meet having scored at least a 9.70 on the vault the previous two weeks. Goodstein came in first for her impeccable routine, with a score of 9.775. That score became Goodstein’s career high, and set her a school record.

The following week, at the meet against Ithaca College, Goodstein would again score high with a 9.725, giving her another first-place finish in the event. Cortland won the meet against the rival school with an overall score of 187.425 to 186.325.

This past weekend, against nationally second ranked Brockport, Goodstein fought her way to the top once again, tying for third with a score of 9.575. Not to leave her floor exercise routine behind, Goodstein set her career high for the event with a score of 9.415. The SUNYAC rivals had a nail-biter of a meet, with the final score less than a point apart: Cortland won 187.725-186.925.

On the men’s side, Jarrett Gold of the hockey team was this week’s standout, male Red Dragon Athlete of the Week. Gold moved his way up one of the most prestigious rankings lists for Cortland during a weekend that saw two SUNYAC rival games.

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 Leaders for Cortland, to be tied for seventh place.

In his final season with the Red Dragons, Gold amassed 18 total points, with an even breakdown of nine goals, and nine assists.

Rugby

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he has never actually played the game but he has experience coaching.

Only time will tell if Labar will succeed here in Cortland.

Getting the departing seniors to gel with the upcoming rookies is just one of the tasks he must overcome.

Labar has to prepare the Warriors for 5 tournaments and with limited time available in the field house he certainly has his worked cut out for him.

The team also practices at the J.M. McDonald center in Homer. “The McDonald center is important for our development, it is the only time we can hit to show the rookies how the game flows” said team president Alex Garrett.

The Warriors are looking

to continue their success from Fall semester and win their two biggest tournaments; SUNY Championships and the Upstate Tournament in Albany.

Anyone interested in playing can contact Garrett through his Cortland email alexander.garrett@cortland.edu

Cortland’s SUNYAC Standouts

Cohen, Winter among others recieve honors for their accomplishments

By Mark Nader
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year a Cortland player has been named the Women’s SUNYAC Player of the Year. Former standout Jessica Laing claimed the title in 2009 and 2010 and it is now Brittany Cohen’s turn to be named to the prestigious award. A first year transfer from Onondaga Community College, Cohen led the Red Dragons this season with 15.3 points and 6.1 assists per game. She also averaged 2.6 rebounds and nearly two steals per contest. She shot 40 percent from the floor, 33 percent from three-point range (54-of-164) and 79 percent from the foul line (102-of-130). The junior point guard ranked first in the SUNYAC in assists per game, second in scoring and third in free throw percentage.



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Jesse Winter led the Red Dragons this season with an average of 15.7 points per game .

Her teammates Molly Byrne and Jennifer Patten were also recognized. Byrne, also a first year transfer from OCC was named to the All-SUNYAC second team finishing the season as the team’s second-leading

scorer with 12.7 per game. She ranked second on the team with 4.7 rebounds per game and led the team with 2.0 steals per game. The shooting guard hit 49 percent of her shots, including 41 percent beyond the arc (45-of-

111), and made 78 percent from the foul line. In her final season as a Red Dragon, Jennifer Patten earned All-SUNYAC honors for the second time in her four year career. This year, she averaged 11.8 points and a team-best 4.9 rebounds per game. She ranked second in the SUNYAC in field goal percentage at 49 percent and ninth in scoring. In her four seasons at Cortland, Patten scored 945 points and grabbed 499 rebounds while the Red Dragons were 92-22 over that period.

On the Men’s side, sophomore point guard Jesse Winter was named to the All-SUNYAC second team. Winter led the Red Dragons this season with 15.7 points and 4.2 assists per game to go along with 2.9 rebounds per game. He shot 47 percent from the field,

including 41 percent (58-of-143) from three-point range, and hit 83 percent (69-of-83) of his free throws. Winter ranked third in the SUNYAC in assists per game and three-point percentage, fourth in free throw percentage and eighth in scoring.



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Brittany Cohen was named Women’s Player of the Year

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. There is no exception to the rule for Cortland State, junior Attackmen, Mike Tota. Simply put, he defines the phrase “student-athlete”.

Many collegiate 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 the classroom and on the lacrosse field. I never want anyone to work harder than me, and I put the same 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



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Two-time All-American attackman Mike Tota has made the Dean's List and won a national championship

finds the perfect balance between academics and lacrosse.

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

one of the smartest students on the campus of Cortland.

Even after nine semesters of making the dean's list, two seasons of being an All-American, and winning a national championship in 2009, sky is the limit for Tota.

Tota said, “It would mean a lot to leave Cortland with a second championship because I would really be able to put myself in an elite group of guys who have won multiple national championships. This is something that I have dreamed of doing since I started playing lacrosse when I was seven years old.”

To get into that “elite group” is what every athlete aims for, no matter what level they are at. This is why some athletes opt out of playing for a middle of the road division one lacrosse team and come play at division three Cortland. Competing for the national championship on a yearly basis is what draws such a talent into the program.

With Tota being a junior, nothing would satisfy him more than another national championship. After hitting the low point of his career with a loss to Tufts in the semi-finals last season, he is eager to compete for another national championship in 2011.

What Tota is looking forward to most for the upcoming season is winning another national championship. He would love nothing more than to send the seniors off with two rings on their hand.

Baseball

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hit from the right side. June, will have a new double-play partner in John Adornetto, a left-handed hitting sophomore who joins the team after playing his first season for Division I Stony Brook.

The outfield will see several

faces early as Andrew Pezzuto, Zack Graczyk, Adam Smith, Matt Wild and Jeff Wiltsie will all fight for time, with Kris Gentzke expected to roam the Wallace Field grass on days that he is not on the mound.

While Coach Joe Brown will have to see what will happen in the early going with the bats, he already has a rotation in place, one very similar to last year's team that went 40-10-1. Senior

lefty Travis Ratliff will head the Red Dragons rotation, which also returns Scott Hartling, Mike Assman, and Gentzky.

Ratliff led Cortland in win, nine and strikeouts, 70 for last year's team. Both Mike Mahay and Brendan Hourihan, who made three starts each last season, will see an increase in innings.

The season has gotten off to a sour start as the Red Dragons went 1-3 in a series of games

down in Virginia two weekends ago.

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

The Red Dragons were up 14-9 with two outs and no men on in the ninth before Bridgeport 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 to record the win. Panetta and Smith each had a pair of hits to and runs scored.

Cortland looks to start the first winning streak of the year as they head to Staten Island and Farmingdale for three games this weekend.

Big East 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. But what one may not recognize right away is that one-third of the teams in the polls are from the Big East.

The Big East had eight teams in this past week's polls. Pittsburgh comes in at #4 with a 24-3 record and a comfortable lead in the Big East standings. Other teams in the Top 25 include Notre Dame, Georgetown, 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 since Connecticut in 2004. 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 DiVinney. “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 to the point where they can't perform as well in the NCAA Tournament.

According to ESPN's InsideRPI Daily, four of the nation's toughest schedules belong to teams out of the Big East. Georgetown has the toughest strength of schedule (SOS) in the nation. West Virginia follows at #3 and St. John's comes in at #4. Seton Hall fell at #6, and holds an 11-17 record.

Thirteen of the Big East's 13 teams have a national top-50 SOS. By looking at these numbers, you can see that the in-conference regular season schedules are grueling. Not one game is easy in the Big East. Teams have to come out every night and play against a tough team, and often high-ranked.

Big East coaches agree. Seton Hall head coach Kevin Willard said recently in an interview with bigeast.org that “With the strength of this league from top to bottom, there's not one time you look at the schedule and say ‘Oh boy, a breather’.”

The best bet for the Big East to capture a #1 seed and have a good chance at winning a National Championship is Pitt. Pitt has a 25-3 record. They are ranked #6

by the ESPN/USA Today Poll and are also #6 in the RPI.

“Pittsburgh is the most talented team, but that doesn't make you the best team,” said DiVinney, a Syracuse fan.

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, and especially the NCAA Tournament.

The Big East teams that have

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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 Khyle 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



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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,"



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The SUNY Championships and the Upstate Tournament are the two biggest challenges facing the Warriors

said senior wing player Drew Herrmann.

Herrmann 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

they went undefeated to win the Division II State Championship.

"This is where having a coach is crucial. The younger guys need to learn the game, and they need a coach to help them prepare for next season," said Tony Aqualina.

Aqualina was the team's player coach last semester when he led his team to their State Title.

Some seniors have voiced their concern about Labar because

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Cortland Athletics Scores

WRESTLING places **2nd** at Empire Collegiate Wrestling Championships
Next: NCAA Div. III Championships

GYMNASTICS defeats Brockport
Next: ECAC Div. III Championships

Men's and Women's Track and Field both place 3rd at SUNYAC Indoor Championships
Next: ECAC Div. III Indoor Championships

Men's Lacrosse
Cortland 13
Widener 0

Next: vs. Union

Athletes of the Week



Marissa Goodstein
Gymnastics

Set a school record on vault with winning score of 9.775 at Ithaca's Harriett Marranca Invitational



Jarrett Gold
Men's Ice Hockey

Surpassed the career 100-point mark during a two game weekend for Red Dragons