

An American original



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

U.S. Army General Ann E. Dunwoody '75 became the nation's first female four-star general during a Nov. 14 promotion ceremony at the Pentagon. She is shown accepting congratulations from Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, left, and Chief of Staff of the Army General George W. Casey.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — SUNY Cortland graduates everywhere swelled with pride when one of their own, Army Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody '75, became the first female four-star general in U.S. history on Nov. 14.

Dunwoody, a 2001 Distinguished Alumna, was promoted just hours before taking the helm of the Army Materiel Command, a *Fortune* 100-sized organization with nearly 130,000 service members at 150 locations worldwide charged with equipping, outfitting and arming the service's soldiers, reported the American Forces Press Service.

The emotionally charged promotion ceremony was a veritable *Who's Who* within the Defense Department, as the defense secretary, the Army secretary, the chairman and all of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, two former Army chiefs of staff and other senior military officials attended, the Press Service reported.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates heralded Dunwoody's 33-year career, calling her one of her generation's foremost military logisticians and a proven, albeit humble, leader.

"History will no doubt take note of her achievement in breaking through this final brass ceiling to pin on a fourth star," Gates said. "But she would rather be known and remembered, first and foremost, as a U.S. Army soldier."

Dunwoody's career as a soldier began, Gates pointed out, in the Women's Army Corps and at a time when women were not allowed to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Her father and brother, both West Point graduates, sat in the front row of her promotion ceremony.

The general's father graduated from the academy in 1943, following in the

steps of his father, who graduated in 1905. Dunwoody's great-grandfather graduated from West Point in 1866.

"Now you understand why people think I have olive-drab blood," Dunwoody joked later.

In fact, Dunwoody's father is a combat veteran of three wars and received Purple Heart medals for wounds suffered in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He wears the Army's Distinguished Service Cross for valor.

In a speech that alternated from tears to laughter and was punctuated by four standing ovations, Dunwoody credited her successes to her father's teachings and the family's strong military values.

"I know most of my success is founded in what I learned from you, as a dad, as a patriot and as a soldier," she told her father, choking back tears. "Talk about never quitting. Talk about never accepting defeat. That's my dad, my hero."

Dunwoody said she has been fortunate to live a lifetime of firsts made possible by the Army. The Army has mentored her, she said, and now she has been given the opportunity to return the favor.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. pointed out that, as Dunwoody was receiving her commission, the Army was finishing a study on what those serving thought were appropriate jobs for women in the Army.

The top job appropriate for women, according to officers and enlisted soldiers in 1975, was that of a cook. Dunwoody joined the Army's quartermaster branch.

"That's the Army that Ann Dunwoody entered — an institution just figuring out how to deal with the full potential of an all-volunteer Army, and not yet ready to leverage the strengths of each individual soldier in its ranks," Casey said. "And Ann's career has mirrored our progress."

In 1970, the Army promoted its first female officer to brigadier general. Three years after Dunwoody was commissioned, the Army promoted its first female soldier to major general, and at the same time disbanded the Women's Army Corps, which had its roots steeped in World War II. A year later, Dunwoody took command of a mixed-gender company, a relatively new concept in the Army. The first female lieutenant general was promoted in 1997. The Army now has 21 female general officers, and just more than 100 serve within the Defense Department.

Dunwoody first joined the Army intent on serving only two years, she said. Her success, she admitted, comes to her surprise.

"I never grew up in an environment where I even heard of the words 'glass

ceiling,'" she said. "You could always be anything you wanted to be if you worked hard and so I never felt constrained. I never felt like there were limitations on what I could do."

And, because much of her career has been forged on relatively new paths cut by a handful of women having gone before her, Dunwoody at first saw this latest accomplishment as simply more of the same, she said.

"My whole career was kind of the first of my generation, because women had not been down those roads before," she said. "And so you go, 'Why is this first any different than the other first?' But it is different, because it is a bigger first."



U.S. Army General Ann E. Dunwoody '75

Still, Dunwoody was quick to deflect the attention her accomplishments were receiving.

"While ... I may be the first woman to achieve this honor, I know with certainty that I won't be the last," she said.

Dunwoody was the subject of a *Columns* profile by editor Peter Koryzno in the Summer 2001 edition following her July 13, 2000, promotion to brigadier general by the Army General Office branch. At the time, Dunwoody was only the 11th female ever promoted to brigadier general. She was assigned as the first female commander to serve at Fort Bragg, one of just three U.S. Army Support Commands in the world.

The following July, the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association recognized the former physical education major as a distinguished alumna during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

At SUNY Cortland, Dunwoody had studied to become a physical education teacher, not a soldier, she reported in *Columns*.



PRESIDENT'S Message

Seven questions about the SUNY Cortland budget

BY ERIK J. BITTERBAUM *President*

By now everyone has heard about the economic downturn in New York State. During the recently completed Fall 2008 semester, SUNY Cortland, after enduring the unprecedented shock waves created by three separate budget cuts to SUNY within the current fiscal year, set about as an institution to determine the extent of the impact locally and to explore strategies to close the looming budget gap.

An overview of seven key questions and responses will provide context and a clearer understanding of how the budget crisis is impacting SUNY Cortland.

1. How did this budget crunch happen?

One might say we probably should have seen it coming. Like so many Americans, a large number of New Yorkers overspent with false confidence. In addition, New York never fully recovered from the aftereffects of 9/11, which severely damaged the state economy. This year the dramatically declining New York stock market was another important factor, especially when one considers that more than 20 percent of the state tax revenues come from Wall Street.

2. What are the budget cuts to SUNY Cortland?

By the end of July 2008, Governor David Paterson, in response to a significant projected state budget deficit, successfully proposed a \$1.13 billion reduction in state agency spending.

On Aug. 20, the governor announced, in a special economic session, an agreement with the Legislature to implement a \$1 billion, two-year "Savings Plan" for New York state aimed at achieving a savings of more than \$400 million in 2008-09 and more than \$600 million in 2009-10. Among other things, he also announced a hard freeze on state government hiring and recommended a five-day furlough for New York state employees.

The dire budget news sent colleges and universities across the state scrambling just before the opening of school, with administrators trying to decipher what these cuts would mean for their own institutions. During this period, SUNY Board of Trustees, union representatives and representatives from the Governor's Office were in discussion. The SUNY presidents convened, and I met frequently with my cabinet.

By Oct. 28, Governor Paterson announced that the 2008-09-budget deficit had reached \$1.5 billion and estimated the gap in 2009-10 to be \$12.5 billion. He projected that by 2012 the New York state budget deficit will reach a staggering \$47 billion. In this current 2008-09 budget, SUNY Cortland's budget cut reached \$2.9 million.

On Dec. 16, the governor presented his proposed 2009-10 Executive Budget to the state Legislature. A proposed cut of another \$547,800 to SUNY Cortland will occur in 2009-10. Budgetary unknowns for the next year include the cost of utilities, the need for part-time faculty positions and the future funding of approved faculty and

staff salaries. If SUNY does not fund the salary increases, individual campuses will be expected to do so.

3. How is SUNY Cortland responding to the budget cuts on the local level?

The College is committed to budgeting conservatively. We are fortunate to have reserves that will help us to weather the storm. As an institution, we have taken a number of important steps to try to close this budget gap while at the same time protecting our talented faculty and students. They include:

- Enacting a hiring freeze;
- Reducing departmental and office budgets;
- Cutting custodial building maintenance where possible;
- Reducing funding for equipment purchases and cutting library acquisitions;
- Curtailing funding of overtime and travel for faculty and staff;
- Delaying the annual "Call for Alterations," submission of proposals for modest one-time funding for projects to enhance the facilities of the campus;
- Consolidating 2008-09 Winter Session classes into two buildings, Studio West and Park Center. This action alone generated \$12,000 in electricity and \$16,000 in gas savings.
- Lowering the temperature in Holsten Pool;
- Publishing electronic versions of the semester *Course Schedule*, *The Bulletin*, the *College Handbook* and the *College catalogs*;
- Exploring the possibility of a four-day workweek for the summer semester in 2009; and
- Establishing a new Resource Enhancement Advisory Group composed of faculty, staff and administrators from a cross section of the campus. They have been charged with generating ideas for saving money and other resources at this College. Co-chairs are Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus and Vice President for Finance and Management William Shaut.

4. Will the tuition increase?

The SUNY Board of Trustees enacted and Governor Paterson supported a \$310 per semester tuition increase for SUNY institutions, beginning in Spring 2009. However, under the Governor's plan SUNY institutions would be allowed to keep only 10 percent of that funding, that is, a \$31 per student per semester. The remaining 90 percent of the tuition increase each semester would go toward reducing the state budget deficit. For SUNY Cortland, the \$620 charge per student for 2009-10 would yield approximately \$750,000, as opposed to \$4.5 million if the College received the entire amount.

5. When is the situation expected to improve?

Although it is very difficult to project, most economists predict that we will experience at least two very difficult years in New York state. Our College budget will continue to be tight. Some projects and initiatives will need to be post-

poned. At present, we have made an exception to the freeze on hiring to fill positions in critical need areas, but we may need to delay some of those hires as well.

6. Is there a lasting solution?

I will leave it to the experts to sort out the answer to this difficult question. We do know one thing for certain: SUNY as we have known it is going to have to change. As a system we definitely need to streamline the way we do things, cut out any unnecessary duplication of work, collaborate more among institutions and, in so many words, "tighten our collective belts."

Given SUNY's economic crises in the past and the numerous cyclical budget hits many of us have experienced, it is difficult to consider cutting back on already lean budgets. Without a doubt, changes of all types will require creative and collaborative thinking. SUNY System Administration recently implemented a new initiative called "Re-engineering SUNY." Campuses have been asked to submit their suggestions to System Administration.

7. How can I help?

As a campus, we need to pull together as never before to preserve our most precious resources — our students and the fine faculty and staff who dedicate themselves to providing them with a superb education and educational experience. I have given some examples of what I have asked the campus community to do.

As an alumnus or alumna, you may be curious to learn what you can do for your alma mater. You can:

- share your expertise, by welcoming our student teachers into your classrooms or providing internships for our students;
- underwrite the purchase of needed equipment for academic departments;
- create a student scholarship. The average debt of a SUNY Cortland graduating senior is rapidly approaching \$20,000. We are so grateful to those of you who have been able to fund student scholarships. These will become even more critical as SUNY Cortland families increasingly experience the negative impact caused by the economic downturn;
- donate to The Cortland Fund, which supports campus programs and priorities; and
- lobby anyone willing to listen on the benefits of maintaining a strong and affordable SUNY.

I invite you to share any suggestions you may have for cost-cutting measures. Please send me ideas at: president@cortland.edu.

As president, I will continue to do my utmost to keep the SUNY Cortland community informed and the process as transparent as possible. We are living in difficult times. Nevertheless, as an optimist, I believe that the economy will rally eventually. I am confident that the College will prevail and that SUNY Cortland will continue to offer a quality education for all students.

CORRECTION

An article titled "ASC to Help Cortland Students with \$525,000 Gift," published on Page 9 in the 2007-2008 Annual Report of the Cortland College Foundation, stated incorrectly that the Overseas Academic Program Award was funded in part by the Auxiliary Services Corporation. The award is funded entirely by the James M. Clark Center for International Education.

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HARRY'S ALUMNI HOUSE

WISH LIST

SUNY Cortland's loyal alumni are encouraged to once again come through for their College by donating to the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House items included in "Harry's List." This wish list of necessities for the Alumni House is named after Harry Bellardini '56, an Alumni Association board member whose countless volunteer hours have transformed the facility into a beautiful and inviting place for graduates to reunite.

If you are interested in making one or more of these wishes come true, as well as confirming the cost, please contact either Harry at (607) 423-2143 or Doug DeRancy '75, executive director of alumni affairs, at (607) 753-2516 or doug.derancy@cortland.edu. Donations may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS.

HARRY'S WISH LIST

INDOORS

- Small catering kitchen
- Chaise lounge with chair re-upholstery
- House linen fund
- Shelving
- Two towel racks

OUTDOORS

- Paved parking lot
- Perennial, tree and shrubbery project
- Funding for seasonal flower arrangements, fresh and silk
- Landscape lighting
- Assorted garden tools
- Rhododendrons (10)
- ECHO Edger and Trimmer

ALSO:

- Garden sections are still available for purchase. The name of a loved one placed on an Alumni House garden section is a priceless compliment.



Harry Bellardini '56

A L U M N I

Perspective

Alumni Affairs takes steps to become 'green'

BY DOUGLAS DERANCY '75 Executive Director, Alumni Affairs



On a sultry mid-July evening in 1957, my father agreed to drive my three friends and me from our Locust Valley, N.Y., home to nearby Bayville Beach and the refreshingly cool waters of Long Island Sound.

As we raced along Bayville Avenue in my father's 1956 Plymouth Belvedere, I thought I would celebrate our good fortune with a round of

Chicklets gum for everyone. I carefully ripped off the plastic wrapping and, without a thought, tossed it out of the front passenger side window.

Within a matter of seconds, my father slammed on the brakes. We came to an abrupt stop. My father's eyes glared in my direction as he began to speak.

"Get out of the car, go back and pick up that piece of paper," he said in a tone that propelled me out of that automobile before he completed his sentence.

A few minutes, which seemed like hours to me, had passed and my hapless search for a miniscule piece of plastic along the roadside proved fruitless. I returned empty-handed from the scene of my crime.

I do not recall much about our swim that night, but the lecture on respecting the environment that my father delivered during the remainder of our drive has stayed with me some 50-plus years later.

That's the thing about the environmental argument. It's compelling. Why shouldn't we be good stewards of the one earth that we will pass on to our children and grandchildren?

The question is being asked once again, this time of the entire SUNY Cortland campus community. President Erik J. Bitterbaum joined hundreds of other colleges and universities across the nation that also have signed the Presidents' Climate Commitment to reduce our carbon footprint.

Whether you agree with the science or not, it makes sense that we do all we can do to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. So to this end and to do our part, the Alumni Affairs Office is launching its online community, which we have appropriately named The Online Community. We will be producing our first electronic newsletter in 2009.

We will continue to print *Columns* for now, but will be increasingly looking at paperless, instant e-publications in the future to keep our alumni informed and to allow them to register much more easily for our many events.

The Online Community will be an interactive online system that will afford alumni the opportunity to electronically interact with classmates and friends on a regular basis. It's a mini-alumni reunion every night of the week without leaving the comfort of your home. The only

requirement is that you be a SUNY Cortland graduate and have access to a computer.

Why offer this service now when so many other social networks are out there and being fully utilized by our Cortland alumni?

The answer is simple. The Online Community is YOUR alumni site, one that not only offers social networking but also provides you with online class notes, an alumni bulletin board, your own alumni profile, career networking, calendar of upcoming events and online event registration information. The Online Community users will get instant preferred access to popular events like Cortaca Jug, Yankees/Red Sox games and other commonly sold-out events. The online community also will bring back the online directory feature and give you the ability to search for old classmates and friends.

A quarterly newsletter will be sent with College updates and other important messages that can only be viewed online. You will have the opportunity to subscribe or unsubscribe to additional electronic mailings from within your profile depending on your preferences. Dragonline will be updated with new features and other opportunities for alumni as more people join our community.

One of the challenges we face as we move into the electronic age is maintaining up-to-date e-mail addresses for our alumni. Ten years ago, e-mails were still a novelty. Today, e-mails, text messages and the like have become an accepted way of life, especially for the younger generation.

Beyond the prevalent usage of electronic communications elsewhere in 2009, we as an organization and a campus are headed in the direction because it will reduce our paper consumption and corresponding waste, help clean our air, reduce our costs and improve our ability to correspond with you, our alumni. If we are successful, our planet will be the winner.

Help us achieve this goal and update your alumni record by filling out the form at www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate. In early spring when we launch The Online Community, an e-mail will be sent with login directions and information on how you can have the chance of winning tickets to a Red Sox vs. Yankees game at the new Yankees Stadium, a one-week vacation at Raquette Lake, a weekend stay at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House, tickets to the next Cortaca Jug game or SUNY Cortland apparel. In future *Columns* editions and other paper publications we will include reminders and instructions on how to join The Online Community.

So please update your alumni records today to help you keep abreast of all the pertinent information about your former classmates and teachers and your alma mater.

It'll only take a minute. Believe me, it's much quicker and easier than trying to find a gum wrapper on a major thoroughfare.

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Chapter Chatter

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Capital District

Nineteen alumni, family and friends attended the alumni reception organized around the home opener for the Albany River Rats on Saturday, Oct. 11. The evening began with a celebration outside the Times Union Center that included a variety of games, giveaways and entertainment. Alumni later entered the Times Union Center for a pre-game buffet dinner in the Exhibition Hall. The River Rats lost 4-2 to the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, but alumni still enjoyed the evening by reconnecting with their classmates and their alma mater.

Cortland

The Cortland Chapter is planning an evening of musical entertainment by the SUNY Cortland Performing Arts Department. Join alumni, family and friends on Saturday, March 28, for a buffet dinner and a performance of the musical "Guys and Dolls." Special guest President Erik J. Bitterbaum will give an update on the College and Performing Arts Professor Thomas Hischak will speak about the musical. Look for more information in an upcoming registration mailing.

Hudson Valley

On Tuesday, May 7, the Hudson Valley Chapter plans a dinner and tour at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Students will provide alumni a guided tour and a look at the extensive training needed to become a professional chef. After the tour, participants will enjoy fine dining in the beautiful St. Andrew's Café, a facility run and served by the students of the Culinary Institute. Registration for this event will be mailed to the Hudson Valley area in late March.

New York City

The New York City Chapter is putting together a new award program for the New York City area in 2009. The committee is currently accepting nominations for a New York City Alumna/Alumnus of the Year. The nominee should be an individual who contributes to his or her community in a positive and productive way and serves as an inspiration to others. Criteria include significant community contributions and accomplishments, professional awards or academic achievements. This graduate should

have positively impacted the lives of New York City residents. If you are interested in nominating someone for this award, please contact Committee Chair Robert Vinal '71 at rvinal64@msn.com or the Alumni Affairs Office. The nomination form is currently available on the Alumni Affairs Web site under the New York City Chapter Chatter section.

Southern Tier

On Oct. 11, 19 alumni, family and friends enjoyed a beautiful autumn day aboard a Cayuga Lake Cruise ship out of Ithaca, N.Y. Participants sampled good food, good company and the brilliant Central New York foliage as they traveled around Cayuga Lake. This event repeats next year.

Alumni and their guests will have an opportunity to meet SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum on Friday, March 27, at the Southern Tier's annual Binghamton Senators hockey game. The night's festivities will include a buffet dinner at Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena, the hockey game and SUNY Cortland Alumni giveaways. Each person also will be entered into a raffle for SUNY Cortland alumni apparel and other items. Look for details in our upcoming registration mailing.

Syracuse

Katherine Flack '71 was honored on Nov. 18 with the Central New York Alumna of the Year Award at the Glen Loch Restaurant in Jamesville, N.Y. Kathy was nominated by fellow alumna and Arethusa sister Patricia Berry Bain '70. The 29 alumni, sorority sisters, family and friends in attendance congratulated and shared stories about Kathy and her alma mater. Contact the Alumni Affairs Office to nominate a deserving fellow graduate for the next event in 2009.

On Saturday, March 14, the Syracuse Chapter will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day event at Mulrooney's in Armory Square of Syracuse, N.Y. Plans include a lunch buffet and a cash bar as the parade marches just down the street. More information and registration details will be mailed soon.



The Southern Tier Chapter hosted 19 alumni, family and friends for the Cayuga Lake Cruise and Brunch on Oct. 11. Pictured from the left are: Roberta "Bobbie" Merz Cushing '59, Clara Schuster Ernstrom '57, Bea Krupa and Rose Papa '65.



Katherine Flack '71 was honored on Nov. 18 as the Central New York Alumna of the Year at the Glen Loch Restaurant in Jamesville, N.Y. Pictured in the front row are: SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Janet Dimmick McKnight '71, Joan Sulick Fruscello '70, Barbara Schooley '72, Katherine Flack '71 and Karen Rapp Barendse '74; and in the back row are Cynthia Westbrook Helmer '72, Patricia Berry Bain '70, Gloria Quadri '59, Marsha Hoffman Tunison '71 and Suzanne Snyder '73.



2009 REUNION SUNY CORTLAND

Reunion Set for July 17-19, 2009

Reunion Year Classes include: the Half Century Club (1959 and earlier), 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999. Classmates celebrating reunion are urged to update their alumni records to be assured they will receive all reunion communications by visiting www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate. The class committees will be contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (607) 753-2516 or by e-mail at alumni@cortland.edu.

ALUMNI ASKED TO SERVE ON CLASS COMMITTEES

Graduates who are interested in serving on their class committees are asked to contact the Alumni Affairs Office at (607) 753-2516 or by e-mail at alumni@cortland.edu.

Committee membership requires only a small time commitment and a willingness to reach out and contact classmates and friends about reunion weekend and reunion class gifts.

THETA PHI SISTERS AND ALUMNI OF STUDENT MEDIA GROUPS INVITED TO REUNION

The Alumni Affairs Office is hosting both Theta Phi Sorority alumnae and alumni who participated in a student media group (student newspaper, radio station, television station or *Uniplanet/NeoVox*) for Alumni Reunion Weekend. This will be the first media clubs reunion. Alumni of these groups are encouraged to update their records by filling out the form mailed to them in February or by visiting www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate. Please be sure to indicate the group with which you are affiliated.

Alumni in reunion classes will receive a registration packet in early May. Reservations are required. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome. If you are not a member of a 2009 reunion class or featured group (see above), please call the Alumni Affairs Office at (607) 753-2516 to request a registration packet. Requests also may be sent by fax to (607) 753-5789 or by e-mail to alumni@cortland.edu.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 16

- Class of 1949 Welcome Pizza Buffet

FRIDAY, JULY 17

- Class of 1949 Bus Day Trip
- Class of 1959 Cayuga Lake Boat Cruise with Luncheon
- Eighteen-Hole Golf Tournament
- Theta Phi Golf Outing
- Reunion Committees Recognition Reception
- Class of 1959 Golden Anniversary Dinner
- Class of 1949 60th Anniversary Dinner
- Theta Phi Welcome Party
- Class of 1984 Welcome Party
- Media Clubs Reunion Welcome Party
- Class of 1994 Welcome Party
- Reunion Kick-Off Party

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- Hot Breakfast Buffet
- Self-Guided Campus Tours
- Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House Tours
- Exploring the History of Hoxie Gorge
- Nu Sigma Chi Alumnae Tea
- Alumni Luncheon featuring the Presentation of Distinguished Alumni
- Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian, Tri Sig, Sig Rho Meeting
- WCSU/WSUC Symposium
- All-Greek Reception sponsored by the Nu Sigma Chi Legacy Fund
- Theta Phi Sorority Dinner
- Class of 1949 Dinner and Theatre Production
- Class of 1959 Dinner Dance
- Class of 1984 Silver Anniversary Dinner
- Red Dragon Reunion Dinner (all classes)
- The Fab Cats Concert (60s cover band)

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- All Class Farewell Breakfast
- Theta Phi Farewell Breakfast
- Theta Phi Sorority Tour of 21 W. Court St.

SPECIAL EVENTS

POST-WORLD WAR II REUNION

Post-World War II alumni will hold their 11th reunion in Chattanooga, Tenn. Rose Marie Luppino Kleinspehn '49 and the Alumni Affairs Office are busy organizing the schedule of events. Preliminary plans include accommodations at the Chattanooga Choo Choo in Chattanooga. Look for more information in upcoming mailings.

calendar OF EVENTS

For updates, check the alumni online calendar at www.cortland.edu/alumni/calendar.html

March

- 6 2009 East Coast Florida Reunion, Jupiter, Fla.
- 7 2009 West Coast Florida Reunion, Waterford Club, Venice, Fla.
- 7 Long Island Chapter, SUNY Cortland vs. Gettysburg Lacrosse Tailgate, Burns Park, Massapequa, N.Y.
- 14 Syracuse Chapter, St. Patrick's Day Parade Event at Mulrooney's, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 22 Alpha Sigma Alpha Alumnae Tea, Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House
- 27 Southern Tier Chapter, Binghamton Senators Hockey Night, Binghamton, N.Y.
- 28 Cortland Chapter dinner and a musical "Guys and Dolls," SUNY Cortland

April

- 7 Grad Finale, SUNY Cortland
- 17 Student Leadership Banquet, SUNY Cortland

May

- 5 Senior Send Off, SUNY Cortland
- 7 Hudson Valley Chapter, dinner and tour at the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.

June

- 6 Alumni Association Board of Directors, Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House

July

- 17-19 2009 Alumni Reunion, SUNY Cortland
- 28 Hamilton Picnic, Hamilton, N.Y.
- 31-2 Alumni Association Board of Directors, Raquette Lake, N.Y.

August

- 2 Capital District Chapter, A Day at the Races, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 8 Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankee Game, Yankee Stadium, N.Y.

September

- 30-4 Post-World War II Reunion, Chattanooga, Tenn.

October

- 24-26 International Studies Reunion, SUNY Cortland

November

- 14 Cortaca Jug Football Game, Ithaca, N.Y.

BY PETER D. KORYZNO *Editor*

OAKLAND, Calif. — Walking alongside her magnificent hillside house, Carol Bailey Baird '62 stops occasionally to identify the California native plants that grow unabated throughout her five-acre natural garden.

A secluded outpost overlooking California's Anthony Chabot Regional Park, Carol's ecologically designed residence is only minutes from the urban sprawl creeping up the far side of the mountain range from San Francisco Bay. From here, though, it is a world apart. Carol's gated serpentine driveway removes from view any vestige of human encroachment. Instead, only a panorama of majestic oak, bay woodlands and the 3,849-foot peak of Mt. Diablo greet the visitor's eyes.

"California has the richest biological diversity in the world, outside the tropics," explained Carol. "We have everything from desert plants and animals to marine kelp forest organisms to rainforests in the northwest part of the state. We've got pygmy forests, scrublands, elephant seals, cougar, and pronghorn. You name it, we've got it."

Carol should know. For the past decade, she has been educating California's teachers and young students about the richness and fragility of their surroundings. In 1995, she created the nonprofit California Institute for Biodiversity (CIB) with Carmia Feldman, her former University of California (UC) at Berkeley student; Chad Moore, a colleague from her work with California raptors; her husband, Alan B. Harper, a scientist from the University of Washington; and her son, Tom, a computer expert. Together, they launched an innovative and educational computer software program called "*Cal Alive!* — *Exploring Diversity.*"

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— Carol Bailey Baird '62

"Our idea was to spread the word about California's biological diversity to all the kids in the state," said Carol, who earned a Ph.D. in zoology from UC Berkeley, where she then taught biology for more than 12 years and, from 1990-94, was director of education at the UC Botanical Garden at Berkeley.

The CIB concept was an extension of Carol's earlier biological work. She had studied heliconia, a flowering plant in Costa Rica, and the hummingbirds that transported its nectar, as part of her pre-doctoral fellowship and dissertation study at the noted La Selva research station. While on staff at UC, she taught the biology majors course, and created a new course focused on the ecology of California. At the botanical garden, she created visitor programs on its extensive California native section and its Chinese medicinal garden.

"We also created a program for under-served kids in the Bay area," she explained. "We saw many teachers bringing their

Saving California's biodiversity one classroom at a time



Carol Bailey Baird '62 is an experienced global traveler who has hiked with her husband, Alan, at such exotic locales as Tanzania, Greenland, Alaska's Aleutian Islands and the Australian Outback. Pictured at her California home, she ranks the nearby Sierra Nevada Mountains among her favorite destinations. "The alpine meadows at 12,000 feet looking across to Mount Whitney are the most beautiful settings I have seen in my life," she noted.

students to the botanical garden from the wealthier suburbs, but that did not happen in the industrial cities such as Richmond and Oakland."

Funded by the San Francisco Foundation, Carol and her gifted student Carmia visited inner-city classrooms to talk about plants and help students pot their own dudleyas.

"We had one teacher tell us about a boy who was not allowed to have pets, but he started writing wonderful stories about his little 'pet' dudleya plant," recalled Carol, adding that after her school presentation the students would actually visit the botanical garden.

"The third part of the program invited teachers to either plant a garden at their own schools or prepare a report or poster session for their community," she noted.

But with *Cal Alive!* Carol and the CIB staff wanted to target all California students. Their tool would be a series of disks, containing an extensive computer software program that enabled fourth-through eighth-grade students to become explorers through simple interactive activities that transported them across 53 of California's distinct habitats. The students could elect to navigate across California by way of ecological habitats, such as forests and scrublands, or via geological regions, such as the coast, arid regions, or the mountains. Other disks illustrated sources of biodiversity and offered virtual games and experiments.

"We saw ourselves interpreting science for kids and teachers," explained Carol, noting that in the late 1990s teachers welcomed the idea with open arms. "In fact, by 1997, at our first California State Science Teachers Association (CSTA) conference, we had 200 teachers show up for our workshops. We couldn't believe the interest: it was just off the wall! However, in those days

not everyone had a computer. That tended to be a problem as our program was driven by images and aimed at the kids."

Later, California schools became more universally electronic and by 2008, some 164,000 students had used the materials, she noted.

"By 1999, we were beginning to connect with people who were putting on teacher institutes. As we worked with the K-12 Alliance, a professional development nonprofit in California, we realized there was a whole new way of teaching out there. On the job we learned about experiential learning, hands-on techniques, project-based learning and mastery."

Soon, CIB began putting on its own institutes. Carol explained that interest in the environment began to wane in 2000 but has made a strong resurgence in the last two years, and with it came a renewed interest in the *Cal Alive!* program.

In the interim, CIB was contacted by California's vast Department of State Parks, which was impressed by the institute's efforts. The two groups collaborated to produce the Eureka Series, a program similar to *Cal Alive!* but focused on California's geographical regions used by the state parks, and aimed at slightly older students.

"We were moving away from biodiversity and toward science literacy in general, but still focused on the environment as a means to get there," said Carol. Named for the state motto meaning, "I have found it," the Eureka program was funded by both Toyota Motor Sales and the California Coastal Conservancy.

"We started with the five coastal southern California counties from Ventura to San Diego," she explained. "We not only used educational disks but also conducted two-day teacher workshops. When we moved up north to the central coast, we

offered longer eight-day institutes that included field investigation and experimental design components. With the Eureka Series, we insisted up front that participating teachers be paid (\$500 stipends) to attend our institutes. We've had over 583 teachers attend since 2005 and we're still going strong."

Carol sees a lot of herself in the young teachers enthralled with science. As a youngster, she explored creeks, collected frogs and snakes, and trekked the wooded trails near her Westport, Conn., home and later on Long Island with her younger brother, Dick, when their family moved to Baldwin, N.Y.

She was an avid athlete whose participation in several girls' sports strengthened a leg shortened by juvenile polio. She always loved reading and writing. Her mother was a fashion artist and her father illustrated the nationally syndicated "Tom Corbett: Space Cadet" comic strip in the 1950s.

But it was her maternal grandfather, Walter Behrens, a mechanical engineer originally from New Mexico, who both shared and fueled Carol's passion for the out-of-doors and the sciences.

"He took me on little adventures," she fondly recalled. "He's the one who brought me to the American Museum of Natural History on a regular basis."

Graduating third in her Baldwin High School class, Carol thought she had the credentials to study science at the next level. "But every one of the small Eastern colleges to which I applied wrote back, 'We don't accept women into the sciences,'" she explained. "That's what it was like in those days."

SUNY Cortland, which was a few years away from creating its arts and sciences majors, did provide an outlet for her other academic love — literature.

"I thought Cortland gave me an absolutely excellent education," said Carol, who majored in English education. "I can't tell you how much I loved the people at Cortland."

She took four courses with Anglo-Irish Professor Emeritus Robert Rhodes '53, calling him "one of the seminal people in my life." Associate Professor of English Herbert Goldstone, who instructed in drama and 20th century fiction, "taught a full semester on James Joyce that was just a stunning course," she said. "He helped us through the nuances of the language and was quite a scholar." And, although not a science major at the time, Carol still recalls being impressed by Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences Eugene Waldbauer, who made the subject matter exciting.

Carol credits her four years in Cortland student government with bringing her out of her shell.

"I had been a shy kid in high school," explained Carol, who had completely jettisoned that demure personality by the time she became House of Delegates president in her senior year. She joined with other SUNY student government presidents to create an organization to combat Governor Nelson Rockefeller's plans to establish tuition at SUNY colleges in 1962-63.

"He really wanted to initiate tuition to enhance the state university systems, but for those who were about to become seniors,

Nu Sigma Chi, and about five of us from Sigma Rho."

Carol worked as a claims adjuster in San Francisco before pursuing a master's degree in English literature at Stanford University. She married in 1965 and her son was born in 1971. When he was older, Carol rekindled her interest in science at UC Berkeley where she earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1976. Carol continued her biological studies in a master's degree program at San Francisco State, where she studied California hummingbirds, and worked part time at the California Academy of Sciences in its Birds and Mammals Department. This work enhanced her interest in California ecosystems.

"In the past, San Francisco Bay was surrounded by eel grass, thick salt marsh and mud flats, most of which have been destroyed," she lamented. "As a result, we've had erosion and pollution problems because agricultural toxins, instead of being caught and filtered by the marshes, get into the bay. We've caused more problems because we haven't understood the ecological processes of our natural systems."

Carol believes that CIB and its staff have made some inroads into helping to educate the next generation about those dangers.

"I think we've had a huge impact already," she explained. "We're now working with the state and regional parks on a climate change program. We're bringing in teachers



Carol Bailey Baird '62, pictured on the far right, leads teachers in a seining experience in San Francisco Bay. Wearing hip waders, the teachers slog through leopard shark hollows toward the deeper parts of the bay to collect pipefish.

it was going to be a real financial hardship," she explained. "We wanted to stop this movement in whatever way we could. We produced proclamations and white papers. We weren't trying to be outlandish. We were simply trying to put the halt on something that seemed to be speeding through the Legislature."

Carol's tactics, including a face-to-face meeting with Rockefeller on the Cortland campus, were partially successful.

"He listened very politely and then said, 'I am going to go ahead with it anyway,'" she recalled. "We were able to hold off tuition costs for over a year; it was instituted two years after I had left Cortland."

After graduating magna cum laude, Carol joined a West Coast exodus of SUNY Cortland sorority sisters who took jobs and lived near each other in California.

"We wanted to put a continent between our parents and ourselves," she said. "There were five women from Alpha Sig, three from

who are sharing their understanding with other teachers. We're conducting hands-on learning activities that explicate processes such as transpiration or tectonics for teachers. We're hitting teachers on many levels with science literacy."

Can California's biodiversity be preserved?

"Yes, but that doesn't take just me," replied Carol. "What everyone who is in this arena is trying to do right now is to reach students and their parents and make them aware. Teachers, too, are more ecologically attuned than a generation ago. The buzz is back now. When we went to our most recent CSTA meeting in October, we were overwhelmed with people coming to our booth. Even in these hard times, people are saying this is still very important."

For more information on the California Institute for Biodiversity, contact Carol at cbaird@nature.berkeley.edu

RENT THE KIRBY CAMP AT RAQUETTE LAKE



The Kirby Camp at Raquette Lake will be available for rental to SUNY Cortland alumni, faculty, staff and their guests on a one-week basis. The rental season is June 14 through Sept. 12, 2009.

In the event of multiple registrations for the same week, a drawing will take place and the result will be shared by mail with drawing participants.

A maximum group of eight individuals can occupy the camp for the weekly rental rate of \$600. Use of a small motorboat costs an additional \$125.

Renters must bring their own linens or sleeping bags and groceries. The nearby Huntington Memorial Camp does not provide meals or services to Kirby Camp renters.

Camp guests can expect a relatively remote and rustic experience featuring a gas-powered stove, refrigerator and lights. The camp has cold, running water and a composting toilet. The camp includes all housekeeping supplies as well as 10 gallons of drinking water (more is available at Camp Huntington). Tents and personal watercraft are not permitted.

Visitors should arrive at the Antlers facility on Sundays at 2 p.m. to be transported to the Kirby Camp. They depart on Saturdays at 10 a.m. when the boat leaves Kirby Camp and returns to Antlers.

A required \$100 deposit with pre-registration will be applied to the total cost. The remaining balance is due upon arrival with a check made payable to SUNY Cortland. The registration form and deposit should be sent after April 20 to: Jack Sheltmire, P.O. Box 99, Raquette Lake, NY 13436.

KIRBY CAMP RENTAL SUMMER 2009 RESERVATION FORM

Reservations accepted after April 20, 2009.

REGISTRANT'S NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

NAMES OF ADULT GUESTS: _____

NAMES OF CHILDREN: _____

Boat Rental: Yes No

2009 SESSIONS:

June 14-20 June 21-June 27

June 28-July 4 July 5-11

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Seth Meisler '76, a senior associate architect with the San Francisco-based firm of Perkins & Will, loves the ever-changing challenges of creating educational structures for the future.

The art of designing science buildings

BY PETER D. KORYZNO, *Editor*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Three decades ago, Seth Meisler '76 discovered a way to successfully converge his divergent interests in science and art into a single professional career about which he is passionate.

"I love science but my two years as a biology major at Cortland proved to me I couldn't be a scientist," he explained. "I love art but I would not want to make my living as an artist."

Instead, Meisler, a senior associate with the internationally renowned architectural firm of Perkins & Will, designs science educational and research buildings in the U.S. and around the world.

"My current project is a research buildings and a series of health science schools at the Riyadh University for Women in Saudi Arabia," said Meisler, adding that the university will train Saudi Arabian women to become physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists and physiotherapists and is expected to be completed in 2010.

"It's a thrill for me to be doing work in the Middle East. It's a very complicated and interesting part of the world. Meeting and working with people there makes me think they know as little about us as we know about them. It is an opportunity for me to try and bridge that gap.

As part of a 30-person architectural team, Meisler admits to some occasional frustration because of the "breakneck speed" at which his team is working, though he couldn't imagine himself doing anything else.

"I love going to work every day because of the collaboration within our office," said Meisler, whose office window overlooks San Francisco's AT&T Park and "McCovey Cove," the small bay that fills on San Francisco Giants' game days with a summertime flotilla of baseball fanatics waiting in their boats and rafts to catch out-of-the-park home runs.

"Architects tend to change jobs often," he said. "I've only worked three places

and I've been here with this firm for over 20 years. I found the building types that I really enjoy doing: the world of science. My buildings are about trying to cure diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and Alzheimer's. When a scientist comes up with a discovery, I feel like I am a part of the process."

Meisler has always placed a premium on the input of the scientists themselves since his first major project in the 1980s, when he designed an animal sciences research lab at Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. He was a staff architect then with McCue, Boone and Tomsick (MBT), which was incorporated into Perkins & Will a few years ago.

"For me, one of the thrills has always been the collaboration with colleagues, both fellow architects and scientists."

Starting as a biology major but ending up with a sociology degree at SUNY Cortland, Meisler worked for a short time as a chef in Massachusetts prior to studying his future trade at the Boston Architectural Center. He compared the two lines of work.

"I find that research labs are like restaurant kitchens with almost the same infrastructure and filled with people with the drive to be creative," he explained. "In both places, how and why you create changes over time. Part of the challenge of being an architect for science is being able to build a scientist's vision for the future. In my years as an architect, I've seen the world of science change drastically in areas such as bioinformatics and DNA sequencing. One of the things we excel at in this firm is building flexible buildings that can change with the world of science."

In the late 1990s, Meisler collaborated with Britain's Norman Foster + Partners, whom he calls one of the world's greatest architectural firms, to design Stanford University's Clark Center as the antithesis of a traditional science lab. Rather than closed rooms and corridors, the Clark Center has

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flexible open spaces that can be adapted to the ever-changing world of science, said Meisler. The facility, situated in the heart of the Stanford campus, houses academic faculty from the humanities, sciences, engineering and medicine in settings that foster interaction rather than segregation.

"It was about breaking down barriers," explained Meisler. "We wanted to design a building that enables science to be done in large, open collaborative spaces. There, a biologist could possibly sit next to a chemist, who sits next to a physicist, who sits next to a neurobiologist, who sits next to a neurophysiologist — encouraging cross pollination. Early on, this mixing of disciplines was seen as experimental but now it is seen as a success.

Growing up in the Bronx, Meisler never met an architect or harbored any thoughts of architecture as a career. When he graduated at only 16 years of age from Evander Childs High School, he followed the example of a former tennis teammate and went to SUNY Cortland.

"I was floundering and kind of lost at Cortland," admitted Meisler, who nonetheless made the most of his time on campus. "I had

some really fantastic courses which changed my life and ended up proving useful in my career as an architect."

He singled out his Ancient Techniques in Art class with J. Catherine Gibian, with whom he studied fresco making, silver point and tempura, as helping to foster a lifelong love of both doing and collecting art. Meanwhile, his course in History of the Cinema also helped to open up the world of the visual arts.

Meisler was a resident assistant in both Bishop Hall and Clark Hall and was photo editor of the yearbook.

"As I look back now, my best photography was of buildings," said Meisler, who also helped on weekends at the recently purchased 1890 House on Tompkins Street with its transition from a residence to a museum. He recalled sharing his photos taken of the next-door Wickwire Mansion, now the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House, with its owner, Helen Wickwire, when she invited him over for tea.

One campus building, though, continues to stand out in Meisler's memory — Bowers Science Hall.

"It is a fantastic building," he recalled. "Back in my Cortland days I remember noticing things like the beautiful proportions of the doors — tall and narrow — and the details of the windows, display cases, staircases and glassy conference rooms. I knew this place was special but I didn't understand why until years later."

After his formal training in architecture in Boston, Meisler joined the firm Cambridge Seven and assisted with the design of the Baltimore Aquarium. He then worked on elementary schools for Hill, Miller, Friedlander, Hollanders, Inc., in Massachusetts.

When his partner, John Devine, a psychiatrist, graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School, he talked a then-reluctant Meisler into moving across the country to San Francisco. The two have been together now for 29 years and live in one of San Francisco's historic "painted lady" houses, filled with the works of local artists.

Meisler, who loves to travel, has weaved that interest into his work at times. Besides the Saudi Arabian university, his firm was chosen to work on several U.S. Embassy projects. He worked on the Nigerian embassy in its capital city of Abuja.

Another interest, which is also a philosophy shared by his Perkins & Will firm, is being environmentally conscious in new construction.

"For me, if the building is not sustainable, then we have failed," admitted Meisler, a LEED-accredited architect.

Meisler, who jokingly laments that he works eight days a week, says that he plans to be doing this work for the rest of his life.

"Not every project is great, but there's always that next project which can be real exciting," he concluded. "I don't think I will ever tire of science buildings because they are always different."

Successful grads mentor current students



Whitney Mayer of Portville, N.Y., a SUNY Cortland graduate student in recreation with a concentration in therapeutic recreation, visits Cortland Youth Bureau Director John McNerney '87, with whom she interned in Fall 2007.

BY JENNIFER WILSON, Associate Editor

For several years, Anthony R. Moon, Jr. '86 has returned to his alma mater to give talented students a chance to try on a real job for size before graduation.

"What we find with these students at Cortland is that they are of course smart, they have a good academic background and really are eager to get opportunities such as what we want to offer," said Moon, the general manager and chief risk officer with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd. Headquarters for the Americas in New York City. "Unfortunately, that's not always true with student interns. It's the energy level that we get from the Cortland student that sets them apart."

Moon is not the only Cortland alumnus providing an experiential education opportunity to current students. He's among the most visible.

Since Summer 2007, the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi executive has given six students the experience of a paid internship on Wall Street working in the financial industry. During his most recent visit to campus in October, as a SUNY Cortland President's Executive-in-Residence, Moon, accompanied by bank Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Group Head Tom Hasek, interviewed 16 students and spoke in classes. At least three of the candidates Moon and Hasek met will be offered internships, joining a larger group in the company's formal internship program, Moon said.

Although SUNY Cortland gathers a variety of information on its graduates, it does not track alumni who recruit for internships, said John Shirley, the College's director of career services and coordinator of volunteer and internship programs.

"Most internship requests tend to be pretty specific," he said. "For example, a student may want a banking internship in Potsdam because that's the student's hometown. I can think of no others who are recruiting like Anthony Moon is."

Career Services and Field Placement officials both think that many graduates who are teachers are finding student teaching slots for current students from their alma mater.

Nowadays, stepping outside the classroom to face real-world challenges is part of the college experience for most SUNY Cortland students, said Shirley, noting that about 90 percent of SUNY Cortland students use an internship or other experiential activity to hone skills in their chosen profession before actually seeking out that first job. About 20 percent of these engage in more than one extracurricular learning opportunity.

"The vast majority of students are out there doing some sort of field-based learning before they graduate," said Shirley, referring to findings from the Graduate Survey students complete at the conclusion of their college careers. "I feel sad for those 10 percent who haven't done it, because they are at a real disadvantage when competing for a job."

His office oversees the college-credit bearing internships of 250-300 students a year.

"On top of those we place through this office, many other departments — sport management, recreation, political science, health — place interns on their own. I'm guessing there are at least 500 students a year in total with those 250 or so placed through career services."

That figure doesn't even include student teaching.

"The numbers would skyrocket," Shirley said. "Roughly half of our students are in teacher certification programs."

Uriah "Ry" Santiago '07, senior specialist in Tokyo-Mitsubishi's Market Risk Management Department, Corporate Risk Management Division for the Americas, accompanied Moon on his recent campus-recruiting visit.

"I think that one of the major things that sets the Bank of Tokyo internship program apart from the rest in the finance community is that you are able to get integrated into the actual work being done," said Santiago, the first intern recruited by Moon from SUNY Cortland during a campus visit in Spring 2007.

Santiago's student experience a semester before his graduation in Fall 2007 led to a job with the bank.

"At many places they just give you busywork," he explained. "You're the coffee boy. Here, you're actually doing material

work that's actually going to affect the progress of the bank."

As an intern, Santiago helped analyze systematic risk within capital markets.

"How does your portfolio react to systematic changes inside the market? That's what I looked at on a daily basis.

"In general, one of the things you learn very quickly is that innovation is key. There are a lot of different things that are thrown at you that are not necessarily by the book. You have to realize that they aren't, and sort of hit the ground running in learning new ways to tackle new problems as they come up."

The bank's internship program includes 20 or so New York participants.

"We have a lot of goals in the program, including to help and support Cortland," Moon said. "We're looking upon it as an opportunity to get skilled individuals for the summer to provide real work and real assistance with our daily activities. The other thing we like to do is to try them out and see if there is a fit for them with our company. And the only way to do that is to give them real work assignments in a real environment and see how they perform."

Successful interns might be hired upon graduation, Moon noted. "That is why we take a pretty pragmatic, realistic approach to these internships."

"While I was at Cortland, I was sort of stigmatized for getting a public education, but after I got out, I realized that my educational equivalents were similar to those in the internship around me," Santiago said. "And I think that knowledge builds confidence and that confidence builds skills. That's one of the most important things I've learned since I've been here at the bank."

The 11 internship credit hours he earned also required him to write weekly one-page updates plus a 10-page essay for his faculty supervisor, Chair of Economics Timothy Phillips.

During his October visit, Moon and his associates also interviewed mathematics, sport management and biological science majors.

"I think the candidate pool we saw in October was far superior to what we had seen in the past in part because we had

discussions with the College to explain that lots of skill sets are needed to be successful in our business," said Moon, who laments that he did not undertake an internship as a student.

"As an undergrad, I may not have been as in tune with opportunities as I could have been," admits Moon, who started his career at Bankers Trust Company before joining Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in 1999.

Indeed, students rarely embarked on non-teaching field experiences until after the program was centralized to Career Services in 1988, Shirley said.

John McNerney '87, the Cortland Youth Bureau director, tried two recreation-related internships as a student, one under the athletics director at SUNY Potsdam and a second with the YMCA in Syracuse, N.Y. Over the years, he has employed 5-6 students from his alma mater at the city agency's Port Watson Street facility.

"We don't look for them, they actually seek us out," as do a few students from other colleges, observed McNerney, now in his 21st year with the agency. "I do have students come to me who can't afford to move temporarily to a new community, and we offer exactly what they're looking for."

Whitney Mayer, McNerney's most recent student intern with a SUNY Cortland tie, is currently a graduate student in recreation with a concentration in therapeutic recreation. The Portville, N.Y., native had been a recreation and event management major in her final semester at University of Florida in Fall 2007 when she interned with McNerney at the Cortland Youth Bureau.

"I was exposed to pretty much everything in my job," Mayer said. "John had me look at the financial aspects: budgeting, payroll, administration. I went to board meetings with him. I would go to the Cortland Regional Sports Council. Every aspect of the job he had me take a look at."

"There's certainly one thing to be said about classroom work and school work and book practices but to actually experience it firsthand I think is very, very valuable," McNerney said.



Inside the mind of the jury

Joseph Rice '77, CEO of the Jury Research Institute, Inc., has consulted on more than 1,000 trials over the past 20 years.

BY PETER D. KORYZNO *Editor*

OAKLAND, Calif. — When the lawyers representing the estate of Nicole Brown Simpson prepared for their clients' highly publicized civil case against O.J. Simpson in 1997, they hired the Jury Research Institute, Inc. (JRI) of Alamo, Calif., to assist in securing what would become a favorable verdict.

The choice of JRI marked both its prominence within the industry as well as the emerging popularity of jury consulting.

Joseph Rice '77, the CEO and president of JRI who majored in psychology as a SUNY Cortland undergraduate, has methodically grown his company's clientele for the past 25 years. During that same period, jury consulting has blossomed from a hidden trump card used by a few knowledgeable attorneys into a full-fledged and accepted part of today's legal system.

"The early years were challenging because nobody knew what a trial consultant was," said Rice of the 1980s, when he joined JRI, a company started by a classmate from his days as a University of Alabama graduate student.

"We were one of the pioneers. There were probably 40 or 50 people in the country doing this then. For the first five to seven years, we had to teach our legal audience who we were and what we could do. Then our role was pretty much kept under wraps for fear the other side would make it known to the jury. That has all disappeared now. On any case of a significant matter that would engage us, we would see a consultant on the other side."

In the Simpson trial, Rice, a veteran of more than 1,000 jury cases with JRI, used proven research methods to educate his famous clients as to what specific issues and perceptions both positively and negatively impacted potential jurors prior to the actual trial.

"At the time, you may recall, (Nicole Brown Simpson's) sisters were on the TV all time and were somewhat controversial," he explained. "From our research, it was clear that we needed to establish this case was not about them. It was about the children. So we limited their presence in the courtroom."

Another challenge, said Rice, was what to do with jurors who were unable to grasp the "fairness" of holding a civil case for a person already found not guilty in a criminal court.

"We had to find out the questions needed for jury selection to identify that view of the world," he said. "Is that something that can be overcome or do you have to eliminate those people in the selection process because they are not going to give you a fair and even chance?"

The professional tools employed by Rice and his JRI staff range from simple focus groups to extensive surveys and mock trials, all dependent upon the client's needs. Such activities help determine a case's strengths and weaknesses as well as what dollar threshold, if any, in a financial settlement is the most advantageous to a client. Bringing JRI on board itself requires a hefty ante for a client.

"There's got to be a value of at least \$500,000 or \$1 million as a potential gain for the plaintiff or an exposure for the defense to justify hiring us to do a large focus group and a mock trial," said Rice.

"My partners and I are all Ph.D.s in social science. So we bring a research orientation to our role as consultants to attorneys. That may differ from our competitors. That's our business model and what we have to sell. We look for the best methodology we can apply to test issues to see if we can find statistical significance in large sample sizes."

Rice will sample 200-300 people by phone or, increasingly, via the Internet. They hear the facts of a case and render a verdict.

"They also give me tremendous demographic information about themselves," he said. "So I know their age, gender, marital status, education, attitudes and experiences. I analyze all that data to determine what variables correlate with someone likely to be pro-plaintiff or pro-defense. What are the two ends of the Bell curve? It rarely comes down to a demographic variable as simple as age, gender and race. It's almost always a life experience variable."

Rice's sample jurors hail from the same locale where the case will be tried to allow for any local bias or local recognition of the parties. He also tests for strong personalities and leaders versus those more apt to follow so as to account for the dynamics in a closed jury room.

"I never try to predict the behavior of a single individual. You cannot do that," said Rice. "We're trying to predict what a group is going to do. There are certain tendencies whenever you have a group deliberation to move towards the mean."

For mock trials, Rice uses the same marketing research firms that find people willing to test a new cereal, for example, to fill his 30-40 mock jury seats.

"We'll simulate a trial over the course of a couple of days," explained Rice. "The jurors will then go off, deliberate and come back and report their verdicts to us. We videotape all of their activities and reactions throughout the presentations so we can determine which issues were most significant to them."

How successful are JRI's mock trials?

"We find an incredible correlation," he replied. "To the extent that we are wrong, we usually do better at the real trial than the mock trial. We've learned something, which is the goal."

Born in the Bronx, Rice grew up in Huntington, N.Y., and graduated from Holy Family Diocesan High School, where he was

the school president as a senior. His father, who emigrated from Northern Ireland in the 1930s and had to quit school at the age of 16 to support his family, placed a premium on his six children getting a college education.

The eldest, Rice chose Cortland for its location and Psychology Department.

"I really embraced the idea of living in Central New York," he said. "I loved the skiing and sports opportunities and the smallness of the Cortland community. It was an intimate environment. I just took my second daughter to UCLA, a campus of 35,000. I would have gotten lost at something that big."

Rice performed with the College Singers and, as a sophomore and junior, was a resident assistant in Hayes Hall and DeGroat Hall. Although not a high school athlete, he responded to a poster seeking Cortland rugby team members.

"The sign read 'No Experience Necessary,'" he recalled. "I said, 'Here's a sport that nobody knows more than I do. I've got a shot!' I played for three years and ended up being one of the officers in the club."

"It was a great fraternal organization because there was a place for everybody, regardless of your skill level. There was an emphasis on sportsmanship. Nobody talked to the ref but the captain. Then you would have a party with the opposing team at the end of the day. When you step back and look at it, it was a very unique experience."

Rice worked with Psychology Professor Anthony Taylor as a counselor for disadvantaged youths on a project involving Cortland area support groups and agencies.

"Dr. Taylor was a mentor who was instrumental in guiding me to the clinical side of the field," said Rice.

He met his future wife, Joanne Iwanicki '77, in his first year at Cortland. When she went to the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) to enter its master's program for surgeon's assistants, Rice remained in Cortland for a year as a residence hall director in Cheney.

In 1978, he enrolled in the master's program at UAB, got married, and a year later, started on a Ph.D. at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. His focus was substance abuse and he received a National Institute of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse grant.

Alabama Psychology Department Chair Roy Fowler, a prominent figure in the American Psychological Association, exposed Rice to psychology and the law in his classes.

"The prison system in Alabama was under Federal Court order because of the issues going on there," explained Rice. "As a result, Ray was able to get grant money to help evaluate and play a role in fixing the criminal justice system, particularly how prisoners are evaluated and treated."

After earning his Ph.D. in 1984, Rice became a faculty member at the UAB Medical School and worked with the Treatment of Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) outpatient clinic. While at UAB in 1987-88, he also assisted at a remote inpatient program for substance abusing health-care professionals.

Seeking a change of venue, Rice accepted an offer to join his former University of Alabama classmate, Susan Jones, in her relatively new business, JRI, in California.

"I joined Sue in 1988 as vice president and we incorporated in 1989," said Rice, who reversed titles with Jones a few years later. She now works for JRI from her 40-acre ranch in Oregon. They have a third partner based in Oregon and Washington.

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In the 40 years since the SUNY Cortland Annual Fund was launched in February 1969, more than \$26 million has been raised from alumni and friends to support the College's educational mission.

Annual Fund changes campus landscape

In February 1969, the SUNY Cortland campus was still riding the wave of momentum created by its just-completed and successful centennial celebration. Distinguished speakers, building dedications and major events reflecting the College's first century of progress captured headlines and fueled excitement throughout 1967-68.

A less publicized but equally important event was unfolding. SUNY Cortland was embarking on its first-ever formal appeal to its alumni for funds, the product of serious College-wide planning throughout the decade under SUNY Cortland Presidents Donovan C. Moffett and Kenneth E. Young.

The initial Annual Fund netted \$8,442 from 720 alumni donors. Seven percent of alumni who were asked responded with an average gift of \$9.66. A modest sum by all accounts, the Annual Fund nevertheless set into motion a much-needed plan that would grow with each passing year.

By contrast, SUNY Cortland raised \$3.3 million in 2007-08 from 5,994 alumni and non-alumni donors. In the four decades since the Annual Fund was launched, SUNY Cortland expanded its fund-raising efforts to encompass not only the original annual giving program now known as The Cortland Fund, but also to planned and leadership gifts. To date, the College has raised more than \$26 million from all donors — a lasting tribute to the College's far-sighted alumni and administrators and to its generous supporters over the years.

The events that triggered the start of the SUNY Cortland Annual Fund actually began in January 1961, when the SUNY Board of Trustees mandated that Cortland and the other SUNY teachers colleges must transition into colleges of arts and sciences. That edict set into motion a period of campus self-study and the drafting of long-range plans at Cortland.

One area that took the introspection to heart was the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association. While alumni activities at the Cortland Normal School had been taking place since 1872, four years after the institution was founded, a modern era Alumni Office was formally created in 1944. Norma Lockey '21 oversaw the operation by herself from 1952 to 1962 when Lillian Birdsall Corey '43 joined the Alumni Office staff.

Alumni relations became the responsibility of the College's Public Relations Office when it was reorganized in 1965 and Norbert Haley was named its director. Then as now, a Board of Directors manages the business of the Alumni Association and its finances,

while the College offered campus space, furnishings, telephone service and mail.

As the 1960s unfolded, three-quarters of the funds for the Alumni Association operation came from voluntary \$10 life membership dues collected from SUNY Cortland students during course registration. In 1967-68, just two thirds of the students

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— NORBERT HALEY

were paying the fee for a total of \$5,800.

“The annual operating budget of the Alumni Association was three times that figure,” recalled Haley, director emeritus of college relations and development. “The only other source of income was the payment of a modest subscription cost for the alumni magazine. The small list of subscribers meant that the vast majority of graduates were not receiving any communication about the College or the association.”

SUNY Cortland President Young wanted a stronger alumni relations program, so Haley proposed to the Alumni Association Board of Directors a plan to create a Task Force Committee on Alumni Organization. In September 1966, the Board approved the move and named Haley as chair.

“Our charge was to critically review the association's administrative structure, its activities and programs, goals, and financial support,” said Haley.

Besides Haley, the task force included Harry Bellardini '56, C. Robert Clark '38, James Colclough '60, C. Bennet Daly '35, Lynn Dorset, Ralph H. Johnson '37, Jane R. Ludwig '66, Richard P. McLean '43, Gordon W. Robinson '53, Daniel H. Schaeffer, director of placement, Robert Tagner, '58, Andrew Tei, Sr. '35, Anthony P. Tesori '39, Mrs. Charles Wilcox '56 and James Yaman '40. In addition to Lockey and Corey from the association office, the other consultants were Alumni Association President Dorothy Bush '30 and Cortland Head Football Coach Roger I. Robinson.

The task force presented its final report, with far-reaching recommendations, to

the Alumni Board in February 1967. In June, the board approved the document and its Alumni Long Range Plan.

The hiring of a full-time alumni director was one of the major recommendations. SUNY had approved a state-sponsored personnel line for alumni officers at all SUNY campuses and Nick Pauldine '54 joined the public relations staff as alumni director in September 1967.

The previous year, Joseph Ludewig joined the public relations staff as publications editor. He and Haley served as co-editors of the alumni magazine until it gave way to a College-wide newsletter, edited by Ludewig, and directed to all alumni.

Other task force recommendations for alumni programs were to provide regional chapters, admissions assistance, continuing education opportunities, new committee structures, better alumni record-keeping, improved communications and fundraising.

The Alumni Development Council, an outgrowth of the task force study, reviewed the financial needs of the association in relation to the number of projects alumni were planning in support of the College.

An annual appeal to alumni for funds to support educational activities was an important cog in the new alumni plan. Haley, Ludewig and Pauldine were charged with implementing it using College resources as much as possible.

“The new program was called the Alumni Fund,” said Haley. “Timing was important. With the College having just celebrated its 100th anniversary, it presented the opportunity to launch annual giving as the College's second century was just getting under way.”

The trio faced the challenge of explaining the benefits of an annual fund to more than 10,000 graduates. They decided to produce an expanded edition of the *Alumni Magazine*, replete with endorsements from SUNY Cortland President Richard Jones, Faculty Council Chair Sam Forcucci, College Council Chair Louis Folmer and Alumni Development Council Chair Harry Bellardini. Serving with Bellardini on the first Alumni Fund campaign committee were: Mary Blann '60, Russell Certo '53, Sam Molnar '46, Mary Thames '55 and James Yaman '40.

“The initiation of the Alumni Fund this year is a clear expression of the loyalty of Cortland graduates and the sincerity of their aspirations for a greater Cortland,” wrote President Jones, while Forcucci stated that the Alumni Fund “can provide the type of assistance the College needs to achieve an even greater record in our second hundred years.”

Alumni Association President Dorothy Bush '30 said that an annual giving program “was long overdue.”

“Expectations regarding results of the Alumni Fund appeal that first year as the mailing went out in February 1969 were foggy at best,” admitted Haley.

“It was the good fortune of the campaign to have all alumni names and addresses installed in the College Computer Center before annual giving became a reality. A great deal of planning and work on the part of the Alumni Office and the Computer Center staff prepared the way for computerized alumni data. Earlier efforts on working with alumni addresses involved the use of an out-of-date addressograph system of more than 10,000 individual metal plates which represented a major storage problem.”

The influx of new monies allowed the association in December 1969 to publish a newsletter that was distributed to alumni free of charge three times a year. In addition, an annual issue of the *Alumni Magazine* was mailed to all graduates beginning in 1971. With improved communications, the Alumni Fund experienced increases in dollars raised for 13 consecutive years before a slight drop in 1981. The Alumni Fund resumed its growth pattern the next year and continued to record yearly increases. In the mid-1980s, the College successfully transitioned from a direct mail appeal to employing student phone callers to solicit funds from SUNY Cortland alumni.

Over the ensuing years, the additional funds allowed other task force objectives to become realities. The association expanded the Alumni Scholarship Program; introduced short-term student loans; sponsored travel programs for graduates; established a graduate assistantship; provided assistance to College admissions; sponsored grants-in-aid for student organizations; and strengthened alumni reunion activities, especially Alumni Reunion Weekend.

“The annual giving program launched in 1969 came through some early difficult years, underwent considerable scrutiny and evaluation, and gained momentum as the Alumni Fund became more and more successful,” concluded Haley, who retired in 1995 after 30 years with the College. “The seed planted 40 years ago has blossomed into a strong fundraising program that continues to grow today as The Cortland Fund.”

This article was researched by Norbert W. Haley, director emeritus of college relations and development.

Hilltop HAPPENINGS

Carnegie Foundation awards community engagement classification

SUNY Cortland was among 119 U.S. colleges and universities selected by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its 2008 Community Engagement Classification.

SUNY Cortland was chosen in the category of Curricular Engagement and Outreach and Partnerships, one of three classifications offered to institutions.

The Foundation, through the work of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, developed the first typology of American colleges and universities in 1970 as a research tool to describe and represent the diversity of U.S. higher education. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education is used for a wide range of purposes by academic researchers, institutional personnel and policymakers.

In order to be chosen for this recognition, colleges had to provide descriptions and examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement that showed alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

"We hope that by acknowledging the commitment and accomplishment of these engaged institutions, the foundation will encourage other colleges and universities to move in this direction," said Carnegie President Anthony S. Bryk. "Doing so brings benefits to the community and institution."

"We are the first SUNY school to achieve this designation, and we are currently the only SUNY school to hold it," said Richard Kendrick, who directs SUNY Cortland's Institute for Civic Engagement. "We are one of only nine colleges and universities in the state to hold this classification. The entire college community and our many community partners should be proud of this achievement, because it is not possible without the commitment of many, many people to our civic engagement initiatives."

College launches M.S. in International Sport Management

SUNY Cortland has partnered with London Metropolitan University (LMU) to offer a new dual diploma masters' degree in international sport management, one of only a handful in existence worldwide.

The new dual degree in international sport management program targets professionals working in a variety of segments of the sport industry in both the for-profit and non-profit sectors around the globe.

The inaugural group of five students — four Americans and one Greek — enrolled in the Master of Science in International Sport Management program completed the fall semes-

FALL AWARDS



New York State Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton became the 27th recipient of the College Council's College-Community Appreciation Award during an Oct. 24 banquet in Corey Union. Assemblywoman Lifton (left), whose district encompasses SUNY Cortland, receives the award from College Council Chair Dorothea Kreig Fowler '52, M.S.Ed. '74.

ter curriculum at SUNY Cortland. The contingent joined a small group of new students recruited through LMU for studies in London this spring. The program is expected to reach its target enrollment of 25-30 students over the next couple of years.

LMU's Dean of the School of Business Bob Morgan and its International Student Coordinator Jan Bamford visited the Cortland campus on Dec. 16 to sign the program's agreement with SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

"This is the first university in the United States that has a dual degree graduate program in international sport management," said Ted Fay, the program's developer, professor and chair of the College's Sport Management Department. "We are being recognized by our peer institutions nationally for the direction we have taken. This effort is also drawing the interest of other colleges and universities involved in our discipline, causing them to look at similar models."

"This provides a truly international experience for our graduate students," observed Stephen Burwood, director of the James M. Clark Center for International Education at SUNY Cortland. "The mission of the Clark Center is to help internationalize the campus and to assist departments in



Susan M. Teeter, a Secretary I who has worked in the SUNY Cortland School of Arts and Sciences Office for the past 23 years, was presented with the prestigious 2008 President's Award for Excellence in Classified Service by President Erik J. Bitterbaum on Dec. 5 at the 39th Annual Service Recognition Ceremony.

providing the broadest possible spectrum of international experience for the students and also for faculty. This is a major new initiative toward that goal."

In late summer, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) Office of Higher Education granted SUNY Cortland permission to begin offering this new graduate degree. A graduate student may elect to complete either a M.S. degree solely from Cortland or in its dual diploma form in partnership with London Metropolitan University. This program is designed to be full-time and to be completed in 18 months to two years by a close-knit cohort of up to 30 full-time graduate students. To earn a dual degree from both SUNY Cortland and LMU, graduate students will split their studies between both campuses and earn a total of 36 credit hours including both a master's thesis and an intensive, semester-long internship.

The new program, launched earlier in the academic year, marks the College's first dual diploma at the master's level.

For more information, contact Fay at ted.fay@cortland.edu or (607) 753-5537.

Fundraiser at Alumni House benefits Cortland Community Scholarship Fund



David Hennessy '53, left, and Mildred Hennessy accept a certificate on Sept. 28 at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House for their efforts in establishing the Cortland Community Appreciation Fund. The endowment fund will finance scholarships at SUNY Cortland for outstanding seniors from school districts throughout Cortland County.

Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of SUNY Cortland came together on Sept. 28, at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House to support a scholarship to benefit students from families in Cortland County.

The event, which raised about \$4,500, included a live auction where attendees bid on items such as dinner for 10 at SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum's residence, a weekend stay at the Alumni House and two Cortaca Jug game tickets that included brunch, game admission and admission to the VIP lounge.

"This event is important because it not only raised money for this Cortland Community Appreciation Fund, but it raises awareness of the creation and existence of such a wonderful program for local area high school graduates," said Raymond Franco, SUNY Cortland vice president for institutional advancement.

David Hennessy '53 and Mildred Hennessy initiated the endowment fund, which will finance scholarships at SUNY Cortland for outstanding seniors from school districts throughout Cortland County.

Hennessy, a former Naval officer and retired executive of his own company in Nashville, Ind., hopes to endow the future SUNY Cortland scholarship that benefits the county's students by raising \$150,000.

"Through the SUNY Cortland College Foundation, Mildred and I are offering this community \$50,000 as an incentive to start an endowed scholarship fund for graduating seniors who qualify to attend SUNY Cortland," he said.

The Hennessys' five-year personal commitment of \$10,000 a year was pledged on condition that the College and community organizations in Cortland County must raise the remaining \$100,000 within the same time period and create the structure to continue raising funds for the scholarship in perpetuity.

Hennessy created the award to thank the community and the people of Cortland for all they did for him while he was a student at the College.

The event was sponsored by Hage Real Estate, Marietta Corporation, SUNY Cortland Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC), National Grid, SUNY Cortland Alumni Association, Inc., and the College's Outdoor Education Program, Athletics Department and President's Office.

For more information about the Cortland Community Appreciation Scholarship Fund, contact the Institutional Advancement Office at (607) 753-2373.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Couple advocate for the benefits of planned giving

Even though Carol Davenport never attended SUNY Cortland, she powerfully supports the College.

Carol and her husband, George Davenport '62, who live in Manlius, N.Y., both serve as staunch proponents of the College's Lofty Elm Society. The society honors those who have remembered Cortland in their wills or through planned gifts.

George Davenport, who was a recreation studies major at SUNY Cortland, first heard about planned giving opportunities at his alma mater in 2007.

"I wondered why state-supported schools have foundations," he says. "When I learned about how state schools received their money, I decided it was a good idea for Carol and me to list SUNY Cortland in our will along with some other organizations we already had listed, like our church."

Anyone who includes the Cortland College Foundation in their estate plans is recognized through the Lofty Elm Society, named after the majestic trees of the Cortland Normal School mentioned in the first verse in the Alma Mater. Approximately 120 current members are honored by the College and invited to campus twice a year, for a recognition dinner at SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum's residence and to attend a play by the Performing Arts Department.

"If an alumna or alumnus has placed the College in their estate plans and then advocates a similar kind of gift with their fellow alumni, that kind of person-to-person encouragement has a lot of persuasive power," says Peter VanderWoude, SUNY Cortland manager of planned gifts. "People listen to people they trust, then they choose to take action or not."

Carol Davenport, who graduated from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., where she received a small scholarship for being valedictorian of her high school class, feels a strong allegiance to giving back.

"When I found out about Cortland's program, I decided to put all of my efforts into New York and raise for Cortland."

John "Jack" Hubbard '71 is one of those people that the Davenports have encouraged to join the Lofty Elm Society.

"Jack is my closest friend," says George Davenport.

"I hired him at the YMCA in Syracuse, N.Y., when he got

out of the service. I also encouraged him to go to Cortland. Then I brought him to the YMCA in Cortland where he worked for 10 years as a program director before owning his own business."

"Jack didn't stand a chance between the two of us," Carol Davenport jokes. "He was the best man in our wedding."

Hubbard chose to make a gift in exchange for a charitable gift annuity that pays the donor an income for life, part of which is tax-free, while allowing the College access to the remaining funds once the donor passes on. His support is going toward the Metcalf Endowment, which supports students in the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department and honors Harlan "Gold" Metcalf, the department founder.

"I thought by making a gift annuity I would be helping the College in the future," says Hubbard, who sold his business, the Owls Head Lobster Company in Cortland, N.Y., in 2003. "I wanted to be able to make sure some student could benefit from my gift further down the road for the outdoor recreation program. The program is extremely strong and I think it will help young people to realize their potential in the recreation field."

Carol Davenport also encouraged her coworker at the Bill Rapp Superstore in Syracuse, N.Y., John Gibbons '80 to give.

"John's daughter worked in the office with me," says Carol Davenport, who has been the office manager and system administrator at the car dealership for 11 years. "She was looking at colleges, specifically Cortland. That's when I learned that John was an alumnus and immediately asked if he was part of the Lofty Elm Society."

The Davenports hope more people will give back through planned giving. George Davenport was originally interested in supporting the Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake and the Metcalf Endowment, but found his concern growing beyond recreation.

"I have an interest in seeing people who need that support for college despite their major, says George, who retired in 1994 as the executive director of the YMCA in Syracuse. As you get older, people think they have to give

tons of money to be part of a foundation. What they don't understand is that they can make it part of their wills."

"When we are out at different functions and College events, George and I tout the Lofty Elm Society," adds Carol Davenport. "I've been successful. And I am currently working on a couple more people. It's my way of supporting university or college efforts to help people through scholarships."

"Every person who contributes means that there's more available for other students," George Davenport explains. "Cortland is a very high caliber school. Most of the people that I talk to are in my age group and our responsibilities are different now."

The Davenports are special because they have taken action in their estate plans and actively advocate for the College when talking with their peers, says VanderWoude.

"Having alumni volunteers like George and Carol greatly leverages SUNY Cortland's and the Cortland College Foundation's planned giving awareness efforts," says VanderWoude. "Those are the kind of results that any organization would love to achieve."



George '62 and Carol Davenport, left, enjoy the Lofty Elm Society's Nov. 1 dinner at President Erik J. Bitterbaum's residence with Jack Hubbard '71, far right, and his guest, Connie Gamel. Hubbard has included SUNY Cortland in his estate plans, thanks to the Davenport's advocacy of planned giving.

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ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2009

Classes are invited to celebrate Reunion every five years beginning with their 10-year reunion and will gather together July 17-19, 2009, on the SUNY Cortland campus. Special Reunion celebrations for this year include the Classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999. In addition to these class years, sisters of Theta Phi sorority and alumni members of student media groups (radio station, television, newspaper and *Uniplanet/NeoVox*) will host events during Alumni Reunion Weekend. The Alumni Affairs Office reminds everyone that Reunion is open to all SUNY Cortland alumni regardless of graduation year. Alumni who are not members of a 2009 reunion class may request a registration packet by calling the Alumni Affairs Office at (607) 753-2516.



MEMBERS FROM THE CLASS OF 1959 who get together at Antlers annually are shown with the canoe they bought for the Outdoor Education Center. Pictured front row, kneeling, were: Donna Bell Traver '59; middle row from the left are: Donald Traver '59, Lois Bates Abbott '59, Virginia Wunsch Smith '59, Lenore "Lyn" Pearlman Lundberg '59, Virginia "Ginny" Lull Polo '59, Annabelle Brockway Kerwin '59, Maribeth "Beth" Burr Carey '59 and Jack Carey; and back row: Bruce Schafer, Doug Kessler, Isabelle Lovette Niles '59, Frederick Smith '59, Donald Kerwin, Susan Gandolf MacNeill '61, Robert MacNeill '59 and John Polo.

1934

M. Josephine Butler Zaharis

recalls being in the second Glee Club while a student at Cortland Normal School. She also writes that her first teaching job was in a two-room school. After her children were in school she substituted in the Cortland City School District. Josephine then taught at St. Mary's from 1960-1979.

1942

Irene Weglinski Phelan

was profiled in the Oct. 14 edition of the *Daily Record* in Parsippany, N.J. Irene, at 88 years old, leads modified aerobics classes for senior citizens four days a week in Morristown and Morris Township. Every week, she also teaches physical education to four pre-school classes and three kindergarten classes at Assumption School in Morristown.

Frances Kaplan Rosen, who turned 89 in February 2009, lives at Lasell Village, an independent living and learning community in Newton, Mass., writes her daughter, Shelley Chamberlain. Lasell is the first such community to feature a formal individualized and required continuing education program for residents. As a resident, Frances is required to take a minimum of 45 hours of learning or fitness each year. "The classes are wonderful," Frances says. She is especially interested in theater.

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REUNION 2009

1948

Ernest Luongo was inducted into the Oswego State Athletic Hall of Fame, reported *The Valley News* on Oct. 14. A SUNY Oswego professor emeritus of health and physical education, Ernest received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the Oswego Alumni Association in 1970. He was inducted into the Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame in 1983.

1949

REUNION 2009

1952

Jacqueline Zabadal Goldman writes that she is a substitute teacher for the Towns County Board of Education in Hiawassee Ga., where she lives. Jacqueline urges any retired teachers who feel like they are slowing down or at "loose ends" to consider substitute teaching. She also would like to hear from her Alpha Sigma sorority sisters.

1953

Rosalie Russo Tate '53 attended the ceremony when **Thomas Fish '08** graduated from SUNY Cortland in May

1954

REUNION 2009

1956

Kingdon Van Nostrand of Vero Beach, Fla., won the International Tennis Federation World Tennis Championships in the 70-and-over singles and doubles in Manavgat, Turkey, reported the *Port St. Lucie News* on Nov. 19.

1959

REUNION 2009

1962

Lee Van Voorhees '62 reports that he and his wife, Bev, reside in Williamsburg, Va., in the golfing community of Ford's Colony. Their seventh grandchild was born in 2008 to their daughter, Kristin. "My health is good, my hips are new and life is great," Lee says. "I am interested in hearing from others in the class of 1962."

1963

Air Force lacrosse coach **Frederick Acee** announced his retirement recently, effective at the end of the 2009 season. Fred has been coaching collegiate lacrosse for more than 40 years and holds a career record of 350-223-1.

Audrey Spisak Pharo

writes that she received recognition for 45 years of teaching, 10 in New York and 35 in Alabama, by the Governor of Alabama. She was honored as the First Alternate Favorite Teacher of Alabama, the Golden Apple Award and was nominated for the Disney Favorite Teacher in the United States. More than 300 of her former students and parents, who came from Florida, New York, Tennessee and Georgia, attended a reception to express their thanks for her never-ending dedication to her students. Audrey, who lives in Birmingham, also received letters from the mayor and the House of Representatives for her commitment to education.

1964

REUNION 2009

"I am having a banner year," writes **Joe Cordero**. In March 2008, Joe, who is 70 years old, won the 3,000 meter run at the Masters Track and Field Championship in Boston, Mass. He also ran on the 4x800 relay for men over 70 years old. The group set the indoor world and national record in that event and Joe ran the 4x400 relay for the fourth gold medal. In August, Joe won the 2,000-meter steeplechase for the fifth year in a row in Spokane, Wash. He also won the 1,500-meter run and was on the 4x400 and 4x800-winning relay teams for men over age 70 for four more gold medals. Also in August, in Claremont, Fla., Joe participated in the North American, Caribbean and Central American World Masters Regional Championship where he won the 2,000-meter steeplechase and the 5,000-meter run in international competition for his ninth and 10th gold medals.

1966

Albert Sosa was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's New York Chapter with a Lifetime Service Award, reported *The Daily Star* in Oneonta, N.Y., on Sept. 20. Al was one of six honored at the event in Syracuse, N.Y. He received the award to recognize years of dedication to the development of leadership and citizenship in young people through the sport of wrestling. Al served as SUNY Oneonta's coach from 1966 through 2004.

Linda Barnes Gadkowski writes that she was recognized by *Medical Economics* as one of the 150 Best Financial Planners for Doctors for 2008-10. This is Linda's third consecutive time receiving this award. She is a certified financial planner at Beacon Financial Planning, Inc., in Centerville, Mass.

Kay Shanks Barton retired from coaching boys and girls volleyball at Central Square (N.Y.) Central School District this past fall after 23 years, reported the *Syracuse Post-Standard* on Oct. 30. Kay, who was the middle school physical education teacher, retired from teaching in June. She won a combined 489 matches at Central Square. Kay also stepped down from coaching softball at Onondaga Community College after three seasons.

1967

Judy Miller Barclay retired on May 27, after 29 years as a math instructor and division chair at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, Calif. At Cuesta, she was named the 2004 Outstanding Educator of the Year. Judy's college service was extensive. She served on numerous committees and authored two textbooks. She lives in San Luis Obispo with her husband, Ken Barclay, former director of Corey Union.



FRIENDS OF THE CLASS OF 1975 spent a mid-July weekend together in Rhinebeck, N.Y., at the Beekman Arms and Delamater Inn, writes Helen O'Driscoll Martin '75. The ladies enjoyed touring the nearby Vanderbilt Estate, great food, non-stop conversation and laughter, photo sharing, shopping and nostalgic live music. Seated from the left are: Mary Brodfuehrer Wiese and Patricia Cicino Murphy; standing are: Judith Sherow Petrosillo, Helen, Margaret "Meg" Colligan Weiss, Sharon Brimmer Jackson, Fern Sobol Gottlieb, Janet "Jan" Wright Bailey, Debra "Debby" Parker Swan and Patricia "Pat" Leary Guillebeau.

1968

James Henderson was one of two featured speakers at the Jackson (Miss.) Touchdown Club on Oct. 13. He is a 13-time winner of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Sportscaster of the Year Award in Louisiana. Jim is the sports director of WWL-TV in New Orleans, La.

1969

REUNION 2009

Nelson Neal has taken a new position as associate professor of physical education at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. In 1999, Nelson retired as professor of dance from the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at Longwood University in Farmville, Va. Prior to his 21 years at Longwood, he taught at the University of Mississippi, the University of Wisconsin and at Lynn Junior High School in Las Cruces, N.M. During Nelson's nine years away from academia, he was a realtor in Sarasota, Fla., and a real estate broker in Flat Rock, N.C.

1970

Thomas Neilson gave two musical performances in Nashville, Tenn., reported the *Cortland Standard*. He was protesting presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain's exclusion of third-party candidates from their debate at Belmont University. Thomas lives in Montague, Mass., with his son. He teaches music, theater and Spanish, coaches basketball in a recreation program and works with HIV-infected people. He was a finalist in the 2008 Plowshares Songwriting Competition and received a Just Plain Folks Award for best folk song and folk album in 2006.

Joseph McInerney writes that he has had several journal articles and book chapters published. He is the executive director of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics in Lutherville, Md.

1971

Ronald "Otto" Graham writes that he returned to Central New York despite being a Brooklyn, N.Y., native. "I am working three jobs and am not ready for retirement yet," he writes. The work he has completed since graduation has been in the education and medical fields, mostly cardiopulmonary and now paramedicine. He received a master's degree in exercise physiology from East Stroudsburg University.

1972

Theresa Russo Barosky retired after 36 years at East Middle School, where she taught English, reported the June 17 edition of *www.wicked-local.com* in Braintree, Mass. She was Braintree's Teacher of the Year nominee to the Norfolk County Teachers Association in 2005. Theresa lives in Canton, Mass., with her husband, Tom. She looks forward to supervising student teachers or substituting.

J.E. Bert Severns is the newly hired coach of the Tompkins Cortland Community College's men's lacrosse team, noted *The Ithaca Journal* in its July 24 report.

Carol Holmes Mager and her husband, Jim, recently moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she works independently as a channeler, healer, speaker, yoga instructor and workshop organizer. Since graduating, Carol writes, she has taught yoga and meditation in San Francisco, Calif., Houston, Texas, Venezuela, France, Abu Dhabi and Argentina. She and Jim plan a long journey to South America where they will continue their spiritual work.

1974

REUNION 2009

Barbara Ryan left the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on Sept. 3 to direct the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Space Programme



LACROSSE FANS CELEBRATE at the NCAA lacrosse finals in Foxborough, Mass., where they enjoyed the Cortland tailgate party, writes Kathleen "Kathy" Shade Lynch '77. Pictured from the left are: Ralph Boettger '77, Lynn Benjamin Boettger '76, Deborah "Debbie" Quigley '79, Richard "Rich" Winkler '78, Patricia "Patti" Ignagni Allen '78, Terry Allen '78, David Haefele '78 and Kathy. The group traveled from Upstate New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Las Vegas, Nev.

in Geneva, Switzerland, writes **Susan Gunner McDermott '76**. Barbara worked with the USGS for 34 years in five Science Centers in Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She served as one of the first assistant regional hydrologists for the National Water Quality Assessment Program. Susan also noted that the United States Board on Geographic Names approved that a mountain in the Antarctic be named Mount Ryan to honor Barbara's work.

1975

Mark Jenks is clinical assistant professor in the College of Education

at the University of Arizona. An instructor in the Physical Education Department, he teaches elementary physical education methods and adapted physical education and supervises student teachers. He lives in Oro Valley, Ariz.

The New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, Inc., held a summer institute from Aug. 5-8 at SUNY Oneonta where **Theresa Sullivan Caccavale** offered a workshop. The president of the National Network of Elementary Language Learning, she is a 2005 recipient of the SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumna Award.

1976

Denise Glyn Borders M '76 is a senior vice president and group director of the U.S. Education and Workforce Development Group for the Academy for Educational Development. The group focuses on improving the quality of decision-making for education reform from pre-K through higher education. Denise directs six group centers.

The Optical Society (OSA) named **Michael Bechtold** the winner of the Paul F. Forman Engineering Excellence Award in recognition of his work revolutionizing the process of optical fabrication by producing the first affordable CNC machine designed for the optical industry. Michael is the co-founder and president of Opti-Pro Systems in Ontario, N.Y.

1977

Linda Kinel-Karch is the director of parks and recreation for the City of Delray Beach in Florida. "The first person I met at work was another Cortland alumna, **Betsy Nash Ring '77**," writes Linda. She says that they never knew each other at Cortland. Linda's executive assistant, **Carol Pierpont '69**, is also a Cortland graduate. Linda also noted that she attended the Queens, N.Y., Bat Mitzvah of Emily, the daughter of **Lori Stein Butera '77**.

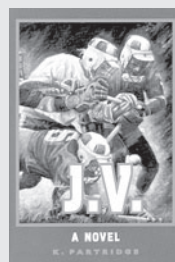
Denise DiVeglio Herman has run in every Freihofer's Run for Women since it began in 1979, reported the Albany, N.Y., *Times Union* on May 31. Denise, who lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., helped start one of America's

ALUMNI IN PRINT



Betty Ann Campbell Lockhart '58 is the author of a video, *The Maple Sugaring Story*, and its accompanying book, *The Maple Sugaring Story: A Guide to Teaching and Learning about the Maple Industry*. The project is a product of Perceptions, Inc., in Vermont. The video received a Council on International Non-Theatrical Events

Golden Eagle Award and was chosen to represent the United States at foreign film festivals in the scientific and didactic categories.



Stephen Kurt Partridge '74 authored a book titled *J.V.* Published by Argive Press of Minneapolis, Minn., the work's plot focuses on college lacrosse. The novel relates the comic misadventures of Jack Gaffney, an everyman on the "State College Red Dragons" lacrosse team. The Dragons are vying

for the 1974 national championship, but Jack is mired at the end of the bench. In honor of his alma mater, Stephen has pledged 5 percent of his gross book sales to support SUNY Cortland's General Scholarship Fund. He hopes *J.V.* will remind alumni, whatever their graduation date, of their years at Cortland. To order go to *www.argivepress.com*.

Mary Langton '85 recently released a book titled *Sense and Nonsense*, a collection of her newspaper columns and other writings. The work is self-published through AuthorHouse. In it, Mary turns her sharp eye and keen wit on the absurdities of American culture. With its take on the foibles of politicians, the practices of the educational system, a look at modern entertainment and more, the collection is described as a humorous and thought-provoking look at the early years of the new millennium. Mary holds a master's degree from New York University. She has been a teacher, a newspaper columnist and a radio personality. She lives in the Hudson Valley of New York. All of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association.



Dreams on the Oregon Trail, a book by **Barbara Linsley M '91**, was published by Whitehall Publishing of Arkansas. A middle-grade level historical work of historical fiction, *Dreams on the Oregon Trail* was inspired by Barbara's travels and the differences she witnessed in how historical diaries, written by both adults and children, described areas and what they were like when she

visited. Barbara teaches fifth grade at Mount Markham (N.Y.) Middle School. "I wanted to share my love of history, reading and writing with my classes," she writes.



DAVID QUINLAN '81, LEFT, AND MARTIN SWEENEY '68 pose in front of a painting of Henry Ludlow by Francis Carpenter at the Homer (N.Y.) Center for the Arts. David and Martin are both committee members for "Lincoln in Print and Paint," a commemorative project which received endorsement from the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration Commission in Washington, D.C., in December. "Lincoln in Print and Paint" will hold a number of events in May in conjunction with the Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration to commemorate Lincoln's connection to Homer. Francis Carpenter, a Homer native, lived in the White House and painted the "Emancipation Proclamation." Their series will spotlight another Homer native, William Osborn Stoddard, one of Lincoln's assistant secretaries and the first person to read the "Emancipation Proclamation" and write draft copies for Congress.

premier road races and the first women's race. She won the 5 kilometer title in 1984 and 1987.

1978

Michael Chiapparelli teaches physical education at Mamaroneck (N.Y.) High School, where he coaches junior varsity football, varsity ice hockey and varsity baseball. His ice hockey team won the Section I Championship, defeating Suffern (N.Y.) and ending its 45-game winning streak, he writes. Michael's team finished fourth in New York state. He reached his 300th win this past season, the most in Westchester County history. In baseball, his team won the Class AA New York State Championship and ranked first in the state and 10th in the country. Michael was named winner of the Frank McGuire Award given to the top coach in the tri-state area by the New York Athletic Club. He also won Class AA New York State Coach of the Year.

John Howe was appointed the new superintendent of the Hudson (N.Y.) City School District, reported *www.indenews.com* on Dec. 26. John is a former teacher in the Hudson district and was serving as principal of Stissing Mountain (N.Y.) High School in the Pine Plains (N.Y.) Central School District. He transitioned into the superintendent position on Feb. 2.

The vice president of Leverage Life and the founder of FamilyCare Inc., **Catherine "Cathy" Clark Leibow** is considered a pioneer in the work/life field. She is nationally recognized for her expertise in establishing innovative and quality work/life balance programs for many companies across the country.

1979

REUNION 2009

In February 2008, **Donald Blaine Jr.** became the 32nd coach in New York state wrestling history to win 300 matches. In November, he reached the National Board Certification level for secondary social studies. Donald writes that he serves as the Social

Studies Department chair at Cornwall (N.Y.) High School.

Selling Source, LLC announced on Dec. 2 that **Gary Fisher** will lead the newly created Consumer Acquisition Group. As executive vice president, Gary will focus on increasing consumer acquisition for Selling Source customers through traditional marketing channels not currently used by the Las Vegas-based company.

Glenn Hamilton was named superintendent at Gilbertsville-Mount Upton School District, reported *The Daily Star* in Oneonta, N.Y., on May 29. Glenn was previously the Harpursville (N.Y.) High School principal.

1980

William Dunn is defensive coordinator for the 2008 New York Institute of Technology's lacrosse team. The team defeated Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., at Foxborough, Mass., in May. William won his third NCAA Division II Championship in his nine-year tenure at NYIT.

1981

Rick Gonzales is a supervisor at Pall Trinity Corp. in Cortland, N.Y. He lives with his wife, Joan, in Groton, N.Y.

Michael Cummings, a teacher and coach at Chautauqua Lake Central School for the past 20 years, umpired the 2008 Babe Ruth World Series held in August in Jamestown, N.Y. His six-man crew was selected from around the country.

Lynn Kiehle Billi met up with **Karen Vogel Morey**, **Patricia "Patty" Rabasca Antonelli**, **Meg Bazukiewicz Lewis '80** and **Joanne Kolota Venturino '80** in Philadelphia, Pa., she writes. The get-together was in celebration of Patty finishing her master's degree and Karen's upcoming move to Zurich, Switzerland. The alumnae also commemorated their upcoming 50th birthdays. Lynn says that they met as freshmen and lived together in Hayes Hall in 1977-78.



JAKE JACOBSON '83, right, reaffirmed his ties with SUNY Cortland while he was on campus in September. Jake met with SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum after attending the Toronto Film Festival.



FOUR COMPANIONS celebrated their 25th year of SUNY Cortland postgraduate friendships in June in Ocean City, Md. The former college roommates from the left are: Jennifer Meoli Stanton '83, RoseMarie D'Angelo Crossan '81 and Yvette Sullivan '94. Amy Henderson-Harr '83 was there behind the camera.

1982

Thomas Carroll was named executive managing director and chief technology officer of BNY ConvergeX Group, LLC, a leading provider of global agency brokerage and investment technology solutions, the company announced on Sept. 15. Thomas will have global responsibility for the technical infrastructure, software development and business processes of ConvergeX and for directing company resources in support of accelerating new product development and innovation.

Vermont Governor Jim Douglas named **Robert Hofmann** secretary of human services effective Nov. 23. Robert served as the commissioner of corrections since 2005. Prior to that, he was Vermont's commissioner of finance and management.

Matthew Lambert was presented the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Professional Service as a student support counselor at Jefferson (N.Y.) Community College, reported the *Watertown Daily Times* on June 18. Matthew joined the counseling center staff in 1991 and became a provisionally credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselor before earning a certificate in mediation and dispute resolution. He is nationally certified as an entrepreneurship instructor.

1984

REUNION 2009

Dawn Beinert recently moved to Winchester, Tenn., where she is a special education teacher in the Franklin County Schools.

Robert Thomas the new principal of Twelve Corners Middle School was featured in the Nov. 4 edition of the Rochester, N.Y., *Democrat and Chronicle*. Robert recently moved his wife and three children into the house where he grew up in Brighton, N.Y., after his parents moved into a smaller living space. Robert recalls all of the fond memories and hopes his children will form their own.

1985

Dominic Carter received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the City University of New York Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Dec. 3, during the school's 19th Convocation Ceremony. Dominic has been described as the best political reporter working in New York television today. He is anchor of the NY1 news and the commentary program "Inside City Hall," which focuses on New York City politics. On May 29, Dominic served as the keynote speaker for The Family Violence Prevention Council in Broome County, N.Y. He delivered a talk on "Resiliency – The Past Doesn't Dictate Who You Are."

Lorraine Richardson Scheftic was selected as Teacher of the Year, announced the Cazenovia (N.Y.) Central School District on Sept. 2.

1986

Lori Beesmer Kleine and her daughters were featured in a sports article in the Sept. 13 edition of *The Post-Standard* in Syracuse, N.Y. Lori coaches her daughters in high school soccer in the Cazenovia (N.Y.) Central School District.

1987

Patrick Dougherty C.A.S. '87 retired as superintendent from the Tioga (N.Y.) Central School District after 30 years in education, reported the *Morning Times* in Sayre, Pa., on Dec. 25. Patrick served as superintendent since 1993. He plans to take some time to relax before pursuing some form of public service.

Susan Krencik is a massage therapist at Natural Care Chiropractic in Huntington, N.Y. She lives in St. James, N.Y.

David Langone M '87 began work as superintendent of the Whitesboro (N.Y.) Central School District on Sept. 1, reported the Utica, N.Y., *Observer-Dispatch*. David was previously superintendent of the New York Mills (N.Y.)



THOMAS HUBER '84, right, writes that after teaching physical education for many years he switched to the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) in 1989. Two years ago, he became a physical training instructor for the new recruits at the FDNY Academy. Thomas's brother, New York City firefighter Joseph Huber '83, left, was asked to put his fitness degree to use and join the P.T. Unit as well.

Union Free School District, where he served for more than 21 years as a teacher and administrator.

Scott Smith writes that he teaches physical education at Greece Arcadia High School in Rochester, N.Y. He is defensive coordinator for varsity football and head girls basketball coach. Scott says that he's in contact with fellow Cortland graduates **Alan Steele '88**, head football coach in Herkimer N.Y., **Scott Parsons '87**, head baseball coach in Holland Patent, N.Y., and **Jay Dykstra '87**, an astronomer in Mahopac, N.Y. "I often hear fellow alumni talk about their great memories from their days at Cortland and they try to visit as often as possible," Scott writes.

1988

Michael Vela was promoted to senior vice president of First Investors Corp. in 2002, he writes. One of three senior vice presidents nationwide, he is responsible for production and recruiting on the East Coast and in Kansas City, Kan. In Nov. 2007, he won the No-Limit Main Event at Foxwoods Casino. The No-Limit Poker Tour holds 14 events each year around the world. Michael lives in Newburgh, N.Y.

1989

REUNION 2009

Curtis Czarniak M '89 was named principal of Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School in Syracuse, N.Y. Curtis previously served as a science teacher at Bishop Ludden and has 25 years of experience in education.

1990

Christine Harvey, head of the Department of Military Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Connecticut, was featured in the Nov. 10 edition of *UConn Advance*. Christine, who arrived at UConn in 2006, discussed the booming numbers the Reserve Officers Training Corp. (ROTC) program has seen recently.

Three Cortland graduates were hired as new administrators for the 2008-09 school year at Canton (N.Y.) Central School, writes **Mark Passamonte**. They are: **William Porter '91**, athletic director, **Jennifer Walsh Rurak '98**, middle school principal, and Mark, high school principal.

Kathleen McKinney Turney was featured in the Nov. 2 Binghamton, N.Y. *Press & Sun Bulletin* article discussing residents who moved away from the area and returned. Kathleen, her husband and three young children reunited with her hometown in 2004. The couple worked at an orchard business for one year before purchasing it in 2006.

Daniel Rayome attended the premiere of "The Express" on Sept. 12 at the Landmark Theater in Syracuse, N.Y., he writes. He walked the orange carpet with his father-in-law, Gus Creazzo, who was on the 1951 Syracuse Orange football team. Dan, who is the physical educator at Enders Road Elementary School in Manlius, N.Y., appeared in the movie trailer and in three scenes as a Syracuse University professor.

1991

Kerri-Ann Catlaw-Berleth '92 writes with great sadness of the



CORTLAND GRADUATES working for the South Seneca (N.Y.) Central School District gathered recently for a photo in front of the Carl "Chugger" Davis press box, writes Stuart Matthey '88. The press box was transported to South Seneca when the College built the Stadium Complex. Front row from the left are: Karen Morris Martin Sanchez '88, Darlene Hall Huff M '90, Marcy Clawson '08, Anne Guinan-Matthey '88 M '99 and Margarete Couture M '87 CAS '95; back row: Cynthia Brewer M '97, Kimrae Alsheimer M '91, Asa McMahon '00, Stuart, Steve Zelienski M '99 and Roger Clemenson '74.

heartfelt loss of her good friend, **Cathleen McDermott-Lavelle**, after a courageous battle with cancer: "Cathy leaves behind her husband, Tim, and three-year-old son, Jace, along with so many loved ones. Cathy lived every day with such passion. You may recall that the Class of 1991 yearbook was dedicated to her." In honor of Cathy's love for Cortland, a scholarship fund has been established in her memory. Gifts may be sent to the Cortland College Foundation, Cathleen McDermott-Lavelle Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland NY 13045. For more information, contact Mike Katz, manager of leadership gifts, at (607) 753-5516.

Michael DeGeronimo writes that he is recently divorced, has three great kids and now lives in Holtsville, N.Y. He is a teacher coordinator at the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Wheatly Heights, N.Y.

1992

In August, **Maura Burruto Kerkezis** and her six-member team set out for Boston to walk in the Susan G. Komen three-day event, writes Maura. Her mother is a three-time breast cancer survivor, so when a friend challenged her to walk 60 miles in three days, she couldn't resist. Each team member committed to raising \$2,200 for breast cancer research and initiatives. To meet their goal, team "Walking Boston for Bust" held a garage sale, middle school dance/carnival, sold homemade jewelry and hosted an event with the Buffalo Bills' cheerleaders, the Buffalo Jills. After months of fundraising, the team contributed \$13,200 to the event that grossed more than \$5.1 million. Team "Walking Boston for Bust" is planning for summer 2009. If anyone is interested in the challenge, contact Maura.

Jon Spaulding was named publisher of *The Palladium-Times* in Oswego, N.Y., reported the newspaper on Dec. 7. Jon served as its advertising manager in the mid-1990s. He most recently spent 11 years as the advertising director at the *Star-Gazette* in Elmira, N.Y.

1993

Keith Furlong serves as vice president with the Catania Consulting Group, Inc. (CCGI), a government relations and consultancy firm with extensive experience in gaming issues. Keith also is the deputy director of the Interactive Gaming Council (IGC),

a trade association established to promote strict government regulation and fair and responsible trade guidelines in the interactive gaming industry.

Suzanne Behme is the first women's lacrosse coach at Fresno State in Fresno, Calif. She was profiled in the Sept. 2008 issue of *Lacrosse Magazine*.

1994

REUNION 2009

Steven DiStefano became the Owego (N.Y.) Free Academy principal on July 28.

Maureen Gallivan M '94 teaches Spanish at Thomas J. Corcoran High School in the Syracuse (N.Y.) School District.

Carol Merchant Frank was profiled about her successful collegiate field hockey career at Cortland in the June 30 edition of the *Watertown Daily Times* in Watertown, N.Y. In 2006, Carol was one of 11 players named to the 25th anniversary all-time NCAA Division III field hockey team. She recently coached the Salem (N.H.) High School field hockey team to its third straight New Hampshire state crown and its fourth in five years.

1995

Marie Bogdanowich writes that she graduated summa cum laude from Long Island University in May 2007 with a Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. Marie returned to Long Island University and earned her school counseling certification in May.

Mark Kessler '95, **Amanda Hooker '02**, **Julie Stashko '05** and **Kathryn Hahn '01** are working to create 100 percent tobacco-free schools in New York state. The Tobacco-Free Healthy Schools Program is funded by a grant through the New York State Department of Health and is available at no cost. The team's program provides schools with signage and training opportunities. As coordinators, they assist with updating tobacco policies.

Denise Latte Timpano M '95, the academic intervention specialist at Watson Williams Elementary School in Utica, was profiled by the Utica, N.Y. *Observer-Dispatch* on May 31. She has been teaching at the school since 1995 and has been with the Utica City School District since 1992. Denise currently lives in New Hartford, N.Y., with her husband. The couple have two daughters.



ALLISON MERCER-BELL '94 AND HER HUSBAND, **WILLIAM BELL JR. '95** hosted a small group of friends at their home in Newburgh, N.Y., in July, she writes. The group reminisced about old times, caught up on each other's lives and met each other's children. Standing from the left are: William, Allison, Sheila Giraulo-Borowski '95, Rebecca "Becky" Tunick-Ferrante '94, Melanie Rogers '94 and Beth Patterson-Buckley '94.

1996

Mark Landahl, the supervisor of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Homeland Security Section, was featured in a story in the *Frederick News-Post* in Frederick County, Md., on July 21. He has gathered portable computer equipment for use in emergencies. He received the certified emergency manager credential from the International Association of Emergency Managers, which is the highest professional designation available from the association in Falls Church, Va. In 2006, Mark earned a master's degree in homeland security studies from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, Calif.

William Horan IV was promoted to John Hancock Financial Network - New York Partners firm in Westbury, N.Y., as vice president of the firm. After spending seven years as a sales manager and associate managing partner at his father's John Hancock Financial Network firm in Albany, N.Y., he will focus on recruiting top sales talent to the organization and helping New York state educators put a strategy in place for their financial futures.

1997

Ogdensburg (N.Y.) City School District Superintendent **Maurice Barry**

plans to retire in 2008, reported the *Watertown Daily Times* in Watertown, N.Y., on June 3. Maurice became superintendent in 2006 after serving as assistant superintendent.

John Bugaiski, the Kannapolis (N.C.) City Schools 2008-09 Teacher of the Year, was profiled in the Sept. 21 edition of the *Charlotte Observer* in Charlotte, N.C. He is noted for the connections he makes with the academically and intellectually gifted fifth- and sixth-graders at Kannapolis Intermediate School.

Gregory Woznicki writes that he is the manager of school programs for the Philadelphia (Pa.) Zoo, known as America's First Zoo. He oversees education programs, including all curriculums for classes, workshops, camping services, teacher development and district outreach. Gregory has developed a tri-state curriculum for New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware that encompasses language arts, math and regional social studies into the science and conservation programs. This spring, he will be working with officials in New York and Maryland to expand national awareness. Gregory obtained his master's degree in education and plans to start his doctorate in curriculum development. He is the head varsity soccer coach and PTA member of his daughter's school. Gregory and his wife, Kristina, celebrated their six-year anniversary. They have three children. **Valerie DiFlorio M '97** was inducted into the Alfred (N.Y.)



Teresa Letkiewicz '96

TERESA LETKIEWICZ '96, an employee at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse, N.Y., was selected to receive a 2008 NOVA Award, the corporation's highest recognition for individual or team achievements.

Teresa is a senior software engineer for Lockheed Martin's business unit. She was instrumental in working on the Romanian medium-range radar warranty closeout program. She traveled to Romania to resolve data communication issues with the Lockheed Martin program team. Teresa's efforts on the Romania and Croatia radar programs also earned her a Lockheed Martin Evening of Stars Award. She also has received

several individual and team awards recognizing her outstanding commitment to helping customers in Jordan, Romania and Croatia. In addition, she was recognized by the Croatian military with a Croatia Surveillance and Navigation Brigade Award for her service on the Croatian radar program. Each year, less than one-half percent of Lockheed Martin's 140,000 employees worldwide receive the NOVA Award.



SELINA PEAY '00 MARRIED RODERICK COLLINS on Aug. 23 in Yonkers, N.Y. Attending, front row from the left, were: William Ware, Peterson LaFaille '02, Katherine Lattimer '02, Selina, Roderick, Erin Bradley '02 and Chikara Matsuzaki '03; and back row: John Conreras, Brian Lattimer '02, Joseph Belgio '02, Mark Schumacher '03, Emmanuel Bobo '02, Jason Buckley '03 and Eric Schumacher '02.

University (AU) Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 4. Valerie was a standout goalie for the women's soccer team for four years helping AU to four post-season tournaments. She ranks second in career saves and shutouts at AU and holds the single-season record for saves. Valerie directs special education for North Syracuse (N.Y.) Central Schools.

1999

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Denise Hachey Kindberg is a financial analyst living in Chandler, Ariz., with her husband, **Kenneth Kindberg '98**.

2000

Kevin VanDerzee was named director of football operations at Syracuse University, *The Post-Standard* in Syracuse, N.Y., reported on Jan. 2. Kevin directed high school relations for football at the University of Tennessee, and directed football operations at the University of Richmond in Virginia, Central Connecticut State and at the University of Massachusetts.

2001

Bruce Steinberg started his own practice in March as a wellness chiropractor in Queensbury, N.Y., he writes. He and his wife, Val McGaffin, have a son, Brendon, 2.

2002

Holly Hineman Louis and her husband, **Scott Louis '03**, reside in Ballston Lake, N.Y. Holly teaches health education at Saratoga Springs (N.Y.) High School and Scott teaches physical education at Orenda Elementary School in the Shenenedehowa (N.Y.) Central Schools. Scott also coaches varsity boys volleyball and is assistant coach for the varsity boys ice hockey team.

2004

James Coughlin graduated from Albany (N.Y.) Law School in May. He also passed the New York State Bar exam.

2005

Miranda Chrispell received her master's degree in health science education from SUNY Cortland. She has accepted a physical education teaching position at Massena (N.Y.) Central High School.

Jeremy Weber, a Hopewell Junction, N.Y., resident, and a new physical education teacher in the Pine Plains (N.Y.) School District, was profiled in the Sept. 26 edition of www.theregisterherald.com, which serves the mid-Hudson region of New York state.

2006

Michael Bedard joined the TV6 team in upper Michigan in March 2008. Michael is the weekend sports anchor and reporter. In 2007, Michael received a degree in broadcast journalism from Syracuse University.

The *Laurel Leader* in Laurel, Md., recently featured **Julie Provino**, the new varsity softball coach at Laurel High School. Her assistant is **Donald Cleveland '07**. She replaces **Chris Acosta '05**, who coached for one year. **Laura Barrett '07** just completed her first season as the Laurel High girls soccer coach and told Julie about the opening.

Kevin Slade, who resides in Ridge, N.Y., is finishing his second year as a New York state forest ranger for the Department of Environmental Conservation. He is currently stationed in Suffolk County and hopes to go out West during any future wildfires.



JENNIFER HANSEN '03 WED DANIEL TEICHMANN '05 on July 22 in Nanuet, N.Y. Attending, front row from the left, were: Jessica Have, Kelly Giammarco '03, Stephanie Konicoff '03, Brian Doogue '05, Jennifer, Ryan Berrard, Amanda Winn '04 and Kathleen Hansen Bobell '01; and second row: John Cannetti '07, Jimmy Phillips, William Kunzig '06, Keri Doogue, Daniel, James Hahn '06, Joel Ferrera '96, Laura Hahn Ferrara '99 and Eddie Bobell '06.



LAUREN RAIANI '05 WED ROGER LATTIMER '06 on June 29 in Moseley, Va. Celebrating with the couple were, seated from the left: Keri Kuhlmeier '07, Benjamin Java '06, Lauren, Megan McGraw '06, Lisa Wendel '06 and John Clark '06; and first row, standing: Colin Gomes '05, Kathleen Cuff '05, Matthew Brown '05, Joe Dejeihl, Roger, Meghan Phillips '05, Brittany Schenk '06 and Matt Baker; and second row, standing: Peter Kreitzer '05, Christopher Schmidt '06, Nicholas Brockway '06, Robinson Lattimer '61 and E. Roger Lattimer '66.

2007

The Auburn (N.Y.) Doubledays selected **James Dougher** as one of their first round picks on June 15.

Scott Girolmo is pursuing his master's degree at Castleton State College in Vermont, reported the *Rutland Herald* on Nov. 11. He works as a graduate assistant with the football team's wide receivers.

Andrew Lalia appeared on CNBC in August talking about his Web site, www.kidsfurnitureolutions.com. He teaches in the Baltimore, Md., public schools.

The Utica, N.Y., *Observer-Dispatch* profiled **Richard Mathy M '07** on May 31 for his appearance as a suitor vying for the affection of DeAnne Pappas on ABC's "The Bachelorette." The Earth science teacher at Whitney Point (N.Y.) High School lives in Binghamton and is a native of Sauquoit, N.Y.

Jonathan Walters, of Rockingham, N.C., teaches physical education at Richmond (N.C.) County Schools.

2008

Melissa Tabek joined the Peace Corps in August to serve 27 months as a teacher in Khromtau, Kazakhstan.

David Cholden of Coram, N.Y., is a personal trainer with Planet Fitness and LA Fitness.

Erin McGrady is a recreation therapist at The Schulman and Schachne Institute for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Binghamton, N.Y., *Press & Sun Bulletin* featured **Matthew Meacham** on Dec. 7. Matthew serves as a video coach for the Binghamton Senators hockey team. He codes the game during plays, which allows the coaches to look at plays in between periods. Matthew puts together packages for the team's two to three video sessions a week and assists with on-ice practices.



ALLISON HOUSEMAN '07 MARRIED JEREMY COOK '06 on July 12 in Wellsville, N.Y. Attending, front row from the left, were: Michael Bianco '06, Dianna Ravinsky '05, Kelly Bonsted '07, Nicole Labarge '07, Heidi Quay '07, Allison, Jeremy, Taylor Houseman, Matthew Peters '05, Krista Lennox '07 and Sunny Porras '07; middle row: Timothy Pisarczyk '07, Marissa Bechtold '07, Richard Jaklitsch '06, Jason Wiese '07, James Pioli, Brian Ellithorpe '90, Kristin McNally '08, Lauren Friedlander, Kelly Malone '07, Jesse Nunes '08 and Ilona Sotyor '08; and back row: Ryan Kendrick '94, Brian Tobin '94 and Corey Ryon '99.

Alumni ON CAMPUS



JUSTIN SABLICH '05, left, who produces Web news for the sports desk at *The New York Times*, joined *The New York Times* Sports Editor Tom Jolly at SUNY Cortland on Oct. 30. Tom and Justin discussed the newspaper's coverage of the 2008 Olympics in Sperry Center, Room 204. Justin joined *The New York Times* in 2006 after earning a master's degree from Syracuse University.

William Haines '63, founder in 1972 of the Bromley Companies, met with alumni, students and staff on Oct. 22. The New York-based real estate development and investment company that owns and manages more than several million square feet of office, retail, residential and industrial space. Bromley and its projects have won numerous development and architectural awards under his leadership.

Mark Westfield '78 served as the master of ceremonies for the annual Goofs and Goblets dinner on Oct. 20 in the Corey Union Caleion Room. During this interactive dinner, Mark, the general manager at the Hempstead Golf and Country Club, taught students

how to navigate a formal meal. Students also were given an opportunity to interact with alumni and community professionals from a variety of different fields. Mark obtained his master's degree in restaurant and hotel administration from Cornell University and taught for nine years at one of the most prestigious culinary schools in the world, the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

John Edwards '86, a professional and leadership development speaker, offered SUNY Cortland students the tools to fine tune their communication skills and ready themselves for the real world on Oct. 22 in the Corey Union Function Room. John, who lives in Vestal, N.Y., presented "Talent Makes You Good, Communication Makes You Great!" He is the author of *SNAP Into It – How to Move Your Life from Ordinary to Extraordinary* (2005). Since 2005, John has served as the manager of leadership development, organizational development or training for Time Warner Cable and Adelphia Cable.

Jonathan Joura '96, intelligence research specialist, gave a talk titled "How 9/11 Changed the Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Agency," on Nov. 12 in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Jonathan works for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Drug Enforcement Administration.

On Nov. 3, **Clare Monahan Ferramosca '00** discussed "Growing Up with a Sibling with Special Needs" in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. Clare, who supervises special educators for Important Steps, Inc., in New York City, is a board certified behavior analyst. Clare continues to experience life

with an older brother diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). She discussed the challenges, as well as the advantages to growing up with a sibling with special needs. Also while on campus, Clare spoke with students in Associate Professor of Psychology Paul Luyben's classes about careers in teaching children on the autism spectrum.

Approximately 400 recreation professionals and college recreation majors gathered at SUNY Cortland for the 58th Annual Recreation Conference from Nov. 6-7. Cortland alumni who presented at the conference included **Jessica Krueger '06, Donna Dvoracek '07, John LaRue '89, Lauren Penney McGee '99, John Silsby '69, James Francisco Bonilla '76** and **Elizabeth Coveney '05**.



DAVID BAUER '66, nationally recognized authority and best-selling author on grant-seeking and fundraising, stands beside a table of SUNY Cortland science faculty members who gathered on Jan. 18, 2008, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge for his workshop on "Team Building for Successful Grant Applications." Shown seated from the left are Mary Beth Voltura, biological sciences; Patricia Conklin, biological sciences; David Kilpatrick, psychology; Theresa Curtis, biological sciences; and Frank Rossi, chemistry. David has traveled from Gardnerville, Nev., since early 2007 to help the College's faculty and staff develop their careers and advance the College through successful, collaborative grant-seeking. His series of workshops have been organized through the Research and Sponsored Programs Office and the Faculty Development Center. David returned in September to lead two more workshops.



ANTHONY MOON JR. '86, center, general manager and chief risk officer at the Bank of Tokyo – Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd., Headquarters for the Americas, visited SUNY Cortland from Oct. 20-22. Anthony was accompanied by Uriah Santiago '07, left, senior specialist in the Market Risk Management Department Corporate Risk Management Division for the Americas at the Bank of Tokyo, and Tom Hasek, right, senior vice president of human resources at the Bank of Tokyo. They interviewed students for potential internships at the bank's offices in New York City, spoke in classrooms and met with College officials as part of the SUNY Cortland President's Executive-in-Residence program.

Recent alumnus assists in developing African governments

BY JEAN PALMER Staff Writer

Nicholas Weekes '06 has come a long way since growing up in St. Lucia, an island nation in the eastern Caribbean.

Weekes, in his last year as a graduate student at the Cornell University Institute for Public Affairs, knew from a young age he wanted to work in international relations.

The former Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) undergraduate at SUNY Cortland revisited his alma mater on Sept. 22 to share with faculty, staff and students the early realization of his dream: his summer graduate internship in Liberia where he assisted the Ministry of Labor in this struggling democracy.

"I thought about Liberia as a place to gain first-hand experience at a graduate level," Weekes told the campus gathering in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. "Liberia is literally in the Stone Age and is lacking the most basic services like health care and education."

As a policy analyst in the Ministry of Labor, Weekes assisted in the creation of both a poverty reduction strategy and an effective labor policy. He offered education and training ideas and sought partners from the global community to establish a summer program for children.

A history of outside interference and civil war has devastated the Liberian economy. Today, a staggering 85 percent of the population is unemployed.

Weekes said his life's goal is to make a difference on an international level. His causes include worldwide underdevelopment, a topic he began to explore as a teenage immigrant in America and later as a SUNY Cortland freshman in 2003.



Nicholas Weekes '06, center, talks with sophomore Lawrence Chappy, left, a political science major in the Honors Program who was born in Liberia and came to the U.S. as a teenager. Ross Borden, right, lecturer of English, joined the conversation following Weekes' presentation about his work with the Liberian government in September.

"I was interested in international issues," said Weekes, the youngest of eight children and the only one to attend college. "I came to the United States to live with my mom in Brooklyn, N.Y., and get my high school education. I joined the International Youth Leadership Institute and attended seminars on geopolitics at Columbia University and New York University. That led to my first trip to Africa where we studied the history, cultures and geography of Morocco

and Senegal to gain a much deeper understanding of those regions."

When Weekes came to SUNY Cortland, he was already becoming a practitioner of global capitalism, said Ross Borden, lecturer of English at the College, who introduced Weekes at the campus presentation.

"Nic came to Cortland through the EOP and he graduated in the Honors Program. His father owns and works a small banana farm in St. Lucia," added Borden, who took Weekes under his wing in the honors program. "Nic already knew first-hand what transnational corporations mean for local economies. I was privileged to direct Nic's honors thesis, an original and deeply informed study of post-colonialism in Africa."

Weekes also credits his parents for instilling a strong work ethic in him and a firm belief in God.

"At a young age, my dad showed me his attitude toward working and doing it at the best of your ability," Weekes said. "My mom works and raised eight children without complaining about it. It has made me want to work hard toward my goals."

"Nic's story is unique, but it is also representative," said Borden. "It is the story of modest and even humble beginnings of hard work and dedication to community, of challenges overcome by stubborn hope, of visionary and dazzling achievement."

"It was through the faculty who reached out to help students be prepared in their majors and in graduate work,"

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Marriages

Steven Solinsky '75 to Evie Morrow on Sept. 6 in New York, N.Y.
Amy Lewis '91 to Kenneth Jenkins on March 16, 2008, in Washington, D.C.
Selina Peay '00 to Roderick Collins on Aug. 23 in Yonkers, N.Y.
Anthony Wendt '01 to Nichole Jenney on June 30, 2007, in Newfield, N.Y.
Jennifer Hansen '03 to **Daniel Teichmann '05** on July 22 in Nanuet, N.Y.
Amanda Heroux '03 to Brian Lookadoo on Aug. 1 in Garden City, S.C.
Matthew Miller M '04 to Stephanie Shear on July 4 in Otego, N.Y.
Rhea Gratton '05 to **Thomas Kelly '05** on Oct. 4 in Wilmington, N.C.
Lauren Raiani '05 to **Roger Lattimer '06** on June 29 in Moseley, Va.
Emily Mattison '05 to Anthony Welsh on Aug. 8 in Oneonta, N.Y.
Jeremy Cook '06 to **Allison Houseman '07** on July 12 in Wellsville, N.Y.
Laura Bowen '07 to Justin Perkins on June 14 in Moravia, N.Y.

Births

Anthony Wendt '01 and Nichole, a son, Mason Lee, on April 15.
Justin Mendelson '02 and Shannon, a daughter, Kaylee Jeanne, on Aug. 6.
Rebecca Smith Maroney '00 and Mark, a son, Owen Edison, on July 26.
Lauren McNally O'Connell '96 and Tim, a son, Gregory Joseph, on Sept. 13.
Beth Zaccaria Edson '96 and **James "Jamie" Edson '96**, a son, Sean, on Nov. 11.
Nancy Brennan Poulis '93 and Andre, a daughter, Lexie, on May 23.
Julie Kimball Geremski '92 and Andrew, a daughter, Alaina Helen, on Aug. 29.
Kevin Hyatt '93 and Veronica, a daughter, Caitlyn Marie, on Sept. 16.
Michelle Storz Kenie '94 and Joe, twin daughters, Addison Marie and Emma Morgan, on June 17.
Jennifer Neumann Begley '95 and Joseph, a son, Luke George, on Nov. 8, 2007.
Holly Ganio Doty '99 and Ben, a daughter, Madeline Rosabel, on Dec. 19.
Maureen Pesce Sheldon '00 and **Benjamin Sheldon '02**, a daughter, Julia Maye, on Sept. 26.
Killeen Keilty Pritchard '00 and **Thomas Pritchard '89**, a son, Karsen Kallner, on Nov. 14, 2007.
Arlene VanAlstyn Widrick '01 and **Matthew Widrick '99**, a daughter, Oliveia Adyson, on May 2.
Holly Hineman Louis '02 and **Scott Louis '03**, a son, Kyle Scott, on Oct. 8.
Robert Malarkey Jr. '03 and Jamie, a daughter, Alexa Rose, on Oct. 9.
Meaghan Wagner McDermott '03 and **Thomas McDermott '04**, a son, Wyatt Aaron, on Sept. 5.
Julie Lemmon Martin '06 and David, a son, Russell David, on July 6.

In Memoriam

Florence Courtney Dellow '28
Pearl Ott Nissler '28
Eva Dennis Kuhn '32
Gloria Reeves McMaster '35
Helen Iles Feeney '36
Elvah Abbott Robson '36
Dorothy Potter French '37
H. June Spoeri Clement '40
Howard Kimball '41
Charlotte Elizabeth Griffiths Fortran '44
Martha Dam Gallup '44
Leland "Bud" Stedge Sr. '46
Anastasia Smith Tomaselli '47
Violet Reilly Sauer '46
Roberta Simpson Stilson '48
Carl Cross '49
Samuel Paradise Sr. '49
Harry Bearsh '51
Henry Mucci '51
Patricia Woodward '51
Francis Josefiak '53
Priscilla Miller Nichols '53
John Gibbons '56

Grant Sharman '56
Robert Deger '58
Nancy Hadland '58
Jane Hopkins Polo '59
Donald Haynes '60
Ronald Sisselman '61
Catherine Miller '63
Richard Russ '63
John Brewer Jr. '66
Hannah Ashley '67
Lynn Asa Gordon '64
Gayle Gebbia Moroney '68
Arden "Arnie" Jones Jr. '70
Douglas Parsons '71
Catherine Zrebiec '71
Constance Orcutt '73
Carol Hopkins Place '73
Laurie Douglas Segal '75
Keith Mosier '84
Sybil Foster '85
Cathleen McDermott Lavelle '91
Heather VonBergen '96
Kurt Simmons '08

Obituaries

G. RAYMOND FISK

G. Raymond Fisk of Melbourne, Fla., a distinguished teaching professor emeritus of chemistry who served SUNY Cortland for 31 years, died on Dec. 31, 2008.

When he retired in 1977, Fisk had served longer than any faculty member in SUNY Cortland history.

Born in 1915 in New Berlin, N.Y., Fisk grew up on a farm in Mt. Upton, N.Y. He earned a B.A. in chemistry from New York State College for Teachers at Albany.

Fisk subsequently taught junior high school history and mathematics for a year at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy and completed advanced radar training at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Princeton and the Naval Research Laboratory. Afterward, he worked as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve and returned to Albany to earn a Master of Arts in Chemistry and education in 1946. Fisk also was a laboratory instructor and taught physics, chemistry and algebra at Rhinebeck High School.

He joined SUNY Cortland in 1946 as an instructor of science upon the urging of his former instructor at Albany, Donnal "D.V." Smith, who had become the new president of Cortland State Teacher's College. Fisk later earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry and animal nutrition from Cornell University.

A passionate teacher of science to many generations of elementary and junior high school teachers, Fisk received three National Science Foundation (NSF) grants. He studied radiation biology at the University of Iowa in 1960, focused on the chemistry of polymers at San Jose State College in 1967, and researched the chemistry of high polymers at the University of Akron.

During summer sessions and while on sabbatical leave, he taught as a visiting faculty member at New Mexico State University, State University College at Buffalo, the College of St. Rose and Siena College.

For several years, he was general chairman of the annual Southern Tier Science Congress, which was conducted at SUNY Cortland by the Science Teachers Association of New York State. He chaired the State Science Congress' Scholarship Committee from 1961-63.

In 1973, the State University of New York honored Fisk with a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, along with 75 other SUNY faculty members who were the first to be accorded this recognition. The following year, SUNY promoted him to the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor.

He chaired the College's Science Department from 1955-1958, before biology, chemistry and geology and physics were divided into separate departments, and was acting director of Graduate Studies in 1963-64.

Fisk continued to reside in McGraw until 1997, when he moved to Florida with his wife, Ruth Josephson Fisk. She had taught at Cortland area

school districts and held positions supervising student teachers at SUNY Cortland. After 55 years of marriage, Ruth died in 2007.

He is survived by a son, Raymond, of New Jersey, and a grandson, Noah.

REED L. MCJUNKIN

Reed L. McJunkin of Vero Beach, Fla., a former Cortland resident who as an officer of the J.M. McDonald Foundation supported significant gifts to SUNY Cortland, died on Aug. 10.

Born in Manila, Philippines, he grew up in New Rochelle, N.Y., and graduated from Cornell University School of Engineering in 1932. In 1938, he married Eleanor Frances McDonald. They resided in Cortland for many years and were married for 62 years before her death.

McJunkin owned and operated the Cortland Vault Company and the Sanders Archery Equipment Company. He raised championship Guernsey cattle in the Cortland area.

A distinguished philanthropist, McJunkin had served as the past president of the J.M. McDonald Foundation, a 56-year-old, independent foundation based in Evergreen, Colo., which had operated in Cortland for 48 years. The foundation primarily serves upstate New York charities with funding for education, humanities, health and a variety of social services.

McJunkin had ties with SUNY Cortland. His son, Donald R. McJunkin, the current president of the McDonald Foundation, was a graduate of the former Institute for Experimentation in Teacher Education (Campus School) and Donald's wife, Jacqueline Veselitz McJunkin, is a 1970 SUNY Cortland graduate.

During McJunkin's tenure on the McDonald Foundation board, the College received a grant to support its Speech Pathology and Audiology Department, with state-of-the-art audiology and observational video equipment in the McDonald Building. The facility was a 1957 gift along with \$100,000 from James M. McDonald, the late J.C. Penney chain entrepreneur and philanthropist who established the McDonald Foundation.

McJunkin was on the McDonald Foundation board when the College received a gift to help underwrite construction of the baseball press box in honor of Robert Wallace '53. He was also instrumental in another grant to the College in support of the Main Street SUNY Cortland as classroom space and a home for the College's Institute for Civic Engagement and the Downtown Cortland Partnership.

McJunkin donated time and money to several other charitable organizations throughout the eastern U.S.

In addition to his son, McJunkin is survived by two daughters, Nancy Palmer and Janet Stanton; a sister, Marjorie Russell; and 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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With a smaller percentage of today's cases actually going to a jury, JRI has diversified its offerings by adding a courtroom graphics division, by developing tools popular with insurance companies for claims assessment and by providing training programs aimed at lawyers.

Rice, who toys with the idea of getting a law degree, marvels at the declining courtroom experience of today's attorneys from those of a decade or longer ago.

"I see many instances where a senior associate, who's been in

a firm five to seven years and is about to become a partner, has never tried his own case," said Rice.

The most common advice he has provided lawyers over the years has been "to put things into context."

"You've got to take what you've done and give jurors a reference point or it's going to be foreign to their life experience," he said. "You've got a person here with a sixth-grade education. They don't know what you've just said. Make it real to them. Make it accessible to the most common

denominator on the panel.

"Lawyers, in most of the firms I work with, are surrounded by people every day who are not going to be their jurors. If they want to see their jurors, they have to go down to the local supermarket or DMV. That's who the jurors look like. They don't look like the people walking the financial district in San Francisco."

Rice's extensive courtroom knowledge and his ability to make the complex issues simple have made him a recurring figure on CNN's "Burden of Proof," "Court

TV," "Nancy Grace," and on KCBS-Radio during high-profile cases such as those involving Michael Jackson and Scott Peterson.

He and Joanne have three children: Kristen, an NYU graduate who works at Apple's iTunes; Michelle, a UCLA freshman; and Patrick, a first-year high school student.

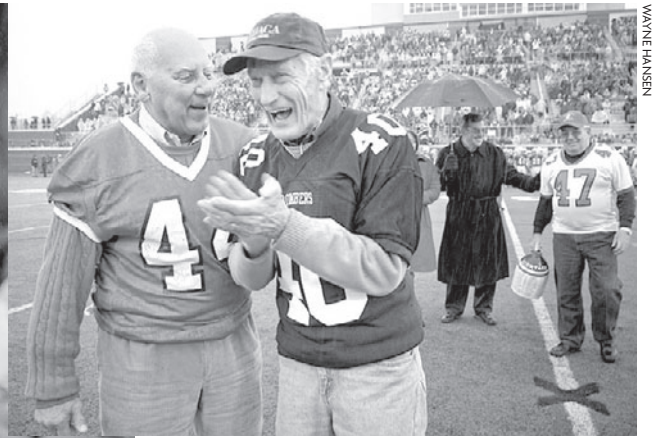
In a career spent inside the halls of justice, Rice strongly believes that jury consulting bolsters the American adversarial legal system designed to allow both parties to discover the truth.

"After doing this for 20 years, I am convinced that if I ever had a dispute in my life, I would take it to a jury in a heartbeat," he concluded. "I truly believe they do the right thing."

College family celebrates 50th Cortaca Jug game

Although SUNY Cortland and Ithaca first played on the gridiron in 1930, it wasn't until 1959 that the Cortaca Jug was born. Tom Decker '61, a Cortland football captain, purchased a \$2 moonshine jug from a local farmer at a yard sale. After meeting with friend and Ithaca captain Dick Carmean, the two originated the idea of using the jug as the prize for the already competitive football matchup.

Five decades later, the two reunited to serve as honorary co-captains for the 50th Cortaca Jug game on Nov. 15 at the Stadium Complex. Despite the torrential rains that plagued most of the game, the two were all smiles as they completed the coin toss. Bob "Sparky" Wallace '53, the remaining Cortland football coach from 1959, held the Jug as the toss was finished.



Above: Cortaca Jug co-founders Tom Decker '61, left, and Ithaca's Dick Carmean share a laugh during the coin toss as SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum and 1959 assistant football coach Robert Wallace '53 enjoy the moment.



1988 Head Football Coach Dennis Kayser (center) and tri-captain Steve Woodard '90, pictured right, high five as the Undefeated 1988 Football Team is honored during halftime.

Despite a steady downpour of rain, fans enthusiastically cheered on the Red Dragons.

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of their undefeated regular season, the College honored the 1988 football team during halftime. The team is credited with increasing the intensity of the rivalry when their 8-0 team beat 8-0 Ithaca during the Cortaca Jug matchup that year. The team went on to finish the regular season with a 10-0 record. Head coach Dennis Kayser, assistant coaches Craig Cheplick and Eric Hartz '89 and more than 50 players and support staff returned to campus to celebrate the day. Former tri-captain Steve Woodard '90 and his wife, Sarah Linko Woodard '95, hosted a pre-game reception at their home. The team was

further lauded that evening as the honorees at the C-Club Classic Team Reunion. The C-Club hosted a banquet that featured speeches from the coaches, players and Director Emeritus of Athletics Lee Roberts.

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association recognized the importance of the football program's long history by hosting an All Football Reunion in the Corey Union Function Room. More than 200 football alumni and their guests gathered for a pre-game brunch and attended the game together. SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, his wife, Ellen Howard Burton, and Dixie Davis Curtice '62, daughter of 1959



More than 200 alumni and friends gathered for the Football Alumni Reunion in Corey Union for a pre-game brunch. Seated, from the left are Lou Dominick '69, Bill McDermott '69, William Wallace '68 and Jim Nelson '70. Standing are George Homokay '71, Eric Bradshaw '70, Paul Besstak '71, Stan Kowalski '69 and Gary Feger '70.

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In the late 1960s when the U.S. needed her father's expertise during the Vietnam War, Ann and her two younger siblings went with their mother to her hometown in Randolph, N.Y., near Jamestown.

"I wanted to go to college close by," she recalled. "Cortland has a reputation as one of the top 10 phys ed schools in the country. It was a perfect fit. I enjoyed the College and the camaraderie we had there. It was very demanding to balance studies when you play sports all three seasons."

For all four years at Cortland, Ann competed in tennis under Coach Sylvia Stokes and gymnastics under Coach Antoinette Tiburzi.

"They were just great role models, great people," she remembers. "They're 'people' people. They just made sports fun. I will always fondly remember Cortland because it was a positive experience for me. I have been blessed to have lots of positive experiences. The encouragement I got from the faculty

there, the friends that I made there, made my whole college experience a positive one."

While at Cortland, Ann enrolled in the College Junior Program, which required spending four weeks during the summer of her junior year at Fort McClellan in Alabama to sample Army life.

"If you were accepted into this program, you got paid \$500 a month during your senior year in college and when you graduated you were commissioned as a second lieutenant with a two-year commitment. Five hundred dollars was a lot of money back then. I loved being an Army brat. I loved traveling all over the world. So, I said, 'Let me see what it's like to be on active duty.'"

Her father commissioned her at the Buffalo, N.Y., recruiting station and then she was off to Fort McClellan for a "women's officer orientation course" to learn about Army fundamentals.

"The physical part was not challenging to me thanks to my great training at Cortland,"

she recalls. "And I was already very familiar with Army protocol having grown up in an Army family."

Ann joined the Quartermaster Corps, which has been supplying and sustaining U.S. Army troops with food and equipment for more than 200 years. She spent four weeks at Airborne School learning to be a paratrooper before attending basic officer training for six months at Virginia's Fort Lee — home of the Quartermaster Corps.

For the gifted SUNY Cortland graduate and American trailblazer, the rest is history.

"I tell my young officers, if you're having fun, love what you're doing, and you feel like you can make a difference, then keep doing it," she concludes.

ATTENTION MILITARY GRADS

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2008 FALL SPORTS

Men's cross country wins national championship; Five Cortland teams make NCAA appearances



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SUNY Cortland enjoyed one of its best fall athletic seasons in recent memory in 2008, highlighted by the men's cross country team winning the NCAA Division III title. The football and field hockey teams both advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals, the women's cross country team finished ninth nationally and the men's soccer squad tied for 17th in the nation.

With these five national placements, Cortland ranks first in the nation out of approximately 430 schools after the fall season in the Learfield Sports Division III Directors' Cup standings, which measures all-around athletic success.

Here's a look at Cortland's 2008 fall sports highlights:

Men's cross country best in the nation

With all of its top runners returning from a national third-place team in 2007, the Cortland men's cross country team entered the 2008 season ranked first in Division III. The Red Dragons never relinquished that position and capped the season by winning their first-ever NCAA title in November at Hanover College of Indiana.

Cortland placed all seven of its runners in the top 75 and easily won the race with 80 points, 35 ahead of runner-up North Central College (Ill.). The Red Dragons have finished in the top four nationally each of the last three years, including a fourth-place finish in 2006.

Four runners earned All-America honors with top-35 finishes in the 278-runner national field. Junior Seth DuBois of Altamont, N.Y., placed seventh, senior Shamus Nally of Burnt Hills, N.Y., finished 11th, senior Josh Henry of Truxton, N.Y., was 15th and junior Justin Wager of Guilderland, N.Y., crossed the finish line 28th. Nally earned All-America honors for the third straight year and DuBois repeated as an All-American.

First-year head coach Steve Patrick '97, an assistant coach for the Red Dragons the previous season, was named the Division III National Coach of the Year. He was also voted as the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Coach of the Year after guiding Cortland to its third consecutive league crown and 13th overall. DuBois and Nally placed first and second, respectively, in the conference championship race.

Football best in the East, ties school victory mark

The Cortland football team enjoyed the best season of any Division III school in the East in 2008 after finishing 11-2 and advancing to the NCAA quarterfinals. The Red Dragons won the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) title with a 9-0 record, and the 11 victories tie a school single-season record set in 1988.

Cortland won its first two NCAA playoff games at home versus Plymouth State (N.H.), 31-14, and Curry (Mass.), 42-0. The season came to a close with a 41-14 loss at Mount Union (Ohio) in December. The Red Dragons took an early 7-0 lead — the only time Mount Union trailed in a game all season — and were within 20-14 at halftime before falling to the eventual national champion Purple Raiders.

In recognition of its outstanding season, Cortland won both the Division III Lambert Meadowlands and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Team of the Year awards for the first time in school history.



The Cortland men's cross country team celebrates after winning the 2008 NCAA Division III title at Hanover College of Indiana in November. The Red Dragons earned their first national crown after finishing fourth and third in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

Senior offensive tackle Sean James of Pelham, N.Y., was named to the Associated Press Little All-America and the American Football Coaches Association Division III All-America teams after helping Cortland average almost 32 points per game. Senior tailback Andrew Giuliano of Thornwood, N.Y., set school records with 1,480 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns and senior quarterback Ray Miles of Port Byron, N.Y., broke school passing marks with 2,963 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Dan MacNeill '79, in his 12th season as head coach, was chosen as the NJAC Coach of the Year and was one of five finalists for Liberty Mutual Division III National Coach of the Year honors.

Field hockey advances to NCAA quarterfinals

The Cortland field hockey team has been one of the nation's premier Division III programs for the past three decades and the 2008 season was no exception. The Red Dragons finished with a 17-3 record, including a 13-game winning streak, and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the 17th time in 18 years and 24th time overall.

Cortland opened NCAA play with a 2-1 win over Castleton State (Vt.), then rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the second round versus Salisbury for a thrilling 4-3 overtime victory. The Red Dragons tied for fifth nationally after losing to second-ranked Ursinus in the quarterfinals. Cortland has advanced to at least the quarterfinal round in nine of the last 10 seasons.

Senior Kayla Chambers of Craryville, N.Y., and junior Christine McCabe of Greene, N.Y., were both chosen as All-Americans for the second straight year. Chambers recorded 14 goals and seven assists for a team-high 35 points. She finished her career ranked fourth

at Cortland in both goals (59) and points (144). McCabe totaled six goals and a team-high 11 assists for 23 points.

Cynthia Wetmore earned SUNYAC Coach of the Year honors for the third straight year and sixth time in her 11 seasons at Cortland. She led the Red Dragons to their ninth straight league crown and has a career record of 173-42.

Women's cross country finishes ninth at NAAs

Despite living slightly in the shadow of their NCAA champion male counterpart this season, the Cortland women's cross country team proved that it was also a nationally elite program in 2008.

The Red Dragons, under first-year head coach Steve Patrick '97, finished in ninth place at the NCAA Division III Championships — the best finish of any school from the Atlantic Region. Cortland finished in the top 10 nationally for the 16th time in school history. The Red Dragons won seven national titles in a nine-year span from 1989-97.

Sophomore Andi Palen of Gardiner, N.Y., took home All-America honors with a 29th-place finish out of 279 runners at nationals. Senior Brittany Brunetto of Fishkill, N.Y., and freshman Alyson Dalton of Sherrill, N.Y., were Cortland's next fastest finishers in 121st and 123rd place, respectively.

Cortland finished second at both the Atlantic Region and SUNYAC championship races. Palen was the Red Dragons' first SUNYAC individual champion since 2003.

Men's soccer wins SUNYAC crown and NCAA opener

The Cortland men's soccer team entered the six-team SUNYAC postseason tournament as the fifth seed, but three games later the Red Dragons emerged as the league champion for the 17th time in school history and first since

three straight titles from 2001-03.

Fifth-year head coach Dwight Hornbrook's squad scored twice in the final 20 minutes to defeat host Oneonta, 2-1, in the quarterfinals, then advanced in penalty kicks versus top seed Geneseo after playing to a 0-0 tie in the semifinals. Cortland won the league crown and earned an NCAA tournament berth with a 2-0 victory the next day versus Brockport.

Cortland's hot play continued the following week with a 1-0 victory over Misericordia (Pa.) in the NCAA first round. The Red Dragons closed the season 11-7-3 and tied for 17th nationally after falling 1-0 at Hobart in the second round. Cortland has played in 19 NCAA tournaments, 15 on the Division III level.

Seniors Bryan Patterson of Farmingdale, N.Y., and Peter Degere of West Islip, N.Y., were chosen as all-region performers. Patterson led the Red Dragons with 11 goals and five assists for 27 points and finished with 33 career goals, tied for third in school history. Degere recorded two assists in 21 games, all as a starter, and was named the Most Valuable Player of the SUNYAC tournament.

Womens volleyball turns in another 30-win season

The Cortland's women's volleyball squad finished the season with a 30-11 record to reach the 30-win mark for the fifth time in the last six seasons. The Red Dragons, however, lost at eventual league champion Fredonia in the SUNYAC tournament semifinals, marking the first time since 1994 and only the second time ever that Cortland did not advance to the championship match.

Senior setter Britney Horton of Owego, N.Y., and junior outside hitter Michelle Gaufman of Wantagh, N.Y., were named

honorable mention All-Americans at season's end. Gauffman was also chosen as the SUNYAC Eastern Division Player of the Year.

Horton finished her career as the school leader with 4,892 assists, including 1,559 this season. Gauffman set a school single-season record with 599 kills and her 1,436 through three years ranks second at Cortland. Fourth-year head coach Pam Hoerup '90 surpassed the 100-victory mark during the season and has an overall record of 124-43.

Women's soccer advances to SUNYAC semifinals

Under fifth-year head coach Heidi Woodcock, the Cortland women's soccer team finished the season with an 8-6-5 record. The Red Dragons advanced to the SUNYAC semifinals for the fifth straight season with a 1-0 quarterfinal victory at Plattsburgh, but were eliminated in penalty kicks after tying Brockport, 2-2, one step from the championship game.

Senior midfielder Kayla Sweet of Fonda, N.Y., earned all-region honors after recording two goals and three assists. Sweet started all 78 games that she played in during her four-year career and missed only one game during that stretch.

A pair of freshmen finished as Cortland's leading scorers. Jackie Deluise of Schenectady, N.Y., scored six goals, including three game-winning tallies, and Bridgette DeSantis of Rotterdam, N.Y., recorded five goals.

Strong growth for women's tennis team

Featuring four freshmen among its top six players, the Cortland women's tennis team registered a 6-5 dual-match record and placed third at the SUNYAC Championships during the 2008 fall season. Both accomplishments were solid improvements from the previous year's 2-8 record and eighth-place league showing.



Dan MacNeill '79 was named the New Jersey Athletic Conference Football Coach of the Year and was one of five finalists for national Liberty Mutual Division III Coach of the Year honors. He led the Red Dragons to an 11-2 record, the NCAA quarterfinals, and the Lambert Meadowlands Award as the best team in the East.

Freshman Stephanie DiCapua of East Quogue, N.Y., was victorious in 11 of her 13 singles matches and teamed with classmate Alyssa Tretter of Batavia, N.Y., to win nine doubles matches. Freshman Gabriela Medina of Monticello, N.Y., finished the season with a 10-3 record and advanced to the SUNYAC finals at sixth singles.

Tom Spanbauer '83, third-year head coach, was voted as the SUNYAC Coach of the Year. Spanbauer is also currently in his 14th season as Cortland's men's basketball coach.

Women's golf feats include school record

A pair of school scoring records highlighted the Cortland women's golf team's 2008 fall season.

Second-year head coach Mike Discenza's squad opened the year with a runner-up finish at the St. Lawrence Invitational. At that meet, Cortland posted a school-best 334 on the first day and finished the two-day tournament with a school-record 675. The Red Dragons also placed second at the season-ending McDaniel (Md.) Invitational.

Junior Rasmita Taylert of Ithaca, N.Y., and sophomore Meghan Brunswick of Oneonta, N.Y., both contributed instantly to the team's success in their first seasons. Taylert was Cortland's top finisher twice, including at the William Smith Invitational where she carded a career-best 78 on the opening day. Brunswick was the top Red Dragon finisher three times.



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he explained. "EOP gave me a shot. They gave me the financial support and were very, very helpful. I am grateful for that to this day."

"Everyone who met him at the College admired his attitude toward learning, his constant and intense seeking," Borden said. "He spent a semester abroad at the University of La Rochelle, when Turkish and other immigrants were burning the French suburbs in protest. Nic knows from experience that our global problems are deeper than their manifestations in violence."

Resources about graduate programs from the faculty and Honors Program led Weekes to Cornell.

"The Honors Program helped me finish my thesis by making faculty available to bounce ideas off of," Weekes said. "I received a partial scholarship to Cornell in 2007."

Prior to beginning his studies at Cornell in 2007, Weekes spent a year gaining real-world experience. He worked in the United Nations' Radio Department in New York City from January to May 2007. From May until the fall, he was a substitute teacher at Intermediate School 291 in Brooklyn where he taught grades six through eight.

As part of the Institute for Public Affairs at Cornell University, Weekes was able to

choose his area of concentration within public policy in government management.

"Nic is exemplary," said Borden. "It is his skepticism about power, the other side of his idealism. What is characteristically and generously American in Nic's history is his belief in higher education and his commitment to its values."

In Spring 2009, Weekes will complete the last semester of his two years at Cornell in Washington D.C., as an intern at the Whitaker Group, a strategic consulting firm focused primarily on Africa. Its large and diverse client base includes African governments and global corporations with interests in Africa. The firm provides counsel and executes major initiatives for corporations seeking to expand business operations, partnerships and engagement with African nations and the global advocacy community.

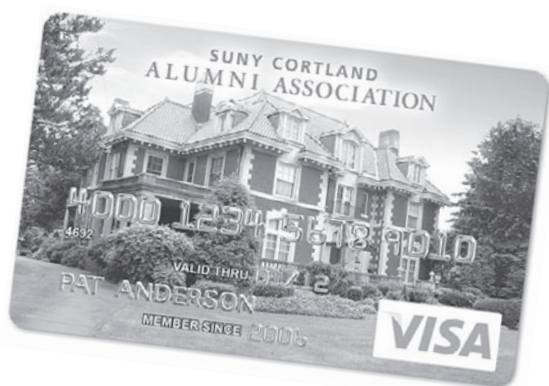
As for his future, Weekes says that you never know what will happen, but he hopes to work as an international consultant.

"I would like to be helping governments in West Africa or maybe the Caribbean create economic growth and good, solid governments," Weekes concluded.

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This year, the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will join the ranks of those organizations around the world actively doing their part to save our planet. In 2009, the association will launch its first online newsletter and will electronically promote even more of its events.

In the process, the Alumni Association will save trees — thousands of them — while reducing its carbon footprint, its postal and production expenses, and the time it takes to interact with its 58,000 alumni, well, ultimately all those graduates. The problem at present is the Alumni Association only has 18,000 up-to-date alumni e-mail addresses.

So we need your help. Please take a few minutes, and that's all it will take, to update your alumni information. Simply go to www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate and fill in the few requested lines.

To encourage participation, the Alumni Association will be entering all the graduates who respond in a drawing for a number of exciting giveaways — Yankees-Red Sox tickets in the new Yankee Stadium, 2009 Cortaca Jug tickets, a week's accommodations at Antlers by Raquette Lake, and a weekend stay at the Lynne Parks '68 Alumni House.

The underlying importance of this transition is further outlined in Alumni Affairs

Executive Director Doug DeRancy's '75 Perspective on page 3. On an institutional level, SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum signed the Presidents' Climate Commitment two years ago, setting into motion a chain of events designed to make the College more ecologically sustainable.

The Alumni Association shares in SUNY Cortland's urgent need to reduce our negative impact on this one earth that we all inhabit. Visible changes are taking place across the campus. For example, the *College Catalog*, *The Bulletin* and the student registration process have all been converted to the Web.

SUNY Cortland graduates also will be a part of the excitement. A new online network, called The Online Community, will allow alumni to reconnect with former classmates, view images and news features about them, and keep up-to-date on the happenings around campus. The Alumni Association is currently designing a system for graduates' access to new alumni programs and services.

We anxiously look forward to better serving our alumni and preserving our precious natural resources. Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping make this become a reality.



SUNY Cortland senior Mark Morrell and other Green Rep students collected plastic bottles that they hung on trees outside Neubig Hall in early December. The students used the display to demonstrate the need to improve campus sustainability.

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