Recreation and Leisure Expert Thomas Goodale ’61 to Receive Honorary Degree at Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies

Thomas Goodale, a SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumnus and renowned expert in the field of recreation and leisure studies, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the State University of New York at the SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 17.

Goodale will address the graduates at both the 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ceremonies in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

College Continues Black History Month Celebrations

SUNY Cortland will continue to celebrate Black History Month through February with a series of events that are free and open to the public. Events taking place through the end of the month are as follows:

Sandwich Seminar: “Black Man’s Guide to Survival at SUNY Cortland,” will be presented by the Men of Value and Excellence (M.O.V.E.) student group at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Sandwich Seminar: Ben Wodi, health, will discuss “Primary Health Care and the Incidence of HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa” at noon on Thursday, Feb. 21, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Lecture: Charles Maxfield, history, will present “Samuel Ringgold Ward: Cortland’s African American Abolitionist Preacher” at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Performance: The “Gospel Music Celebration” will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, in Old Main Brown Auditorium and will include the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir and guest choirs. (See related article on page 5)

Sandwich Seminar: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell will present “Liberia: Rebuilding Higher Education in the Post-War Era” at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The Annual Unity Dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Corey Union Function Room. Joseph Vallo ’79, who serves on the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors, will deliver the keynote speech. Currently the senior vice president and senior litigation counsel for Wachovia Securities, he serves on numerous diversity committees, including as chair of the Wachovia Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Employee Network for Metro New York. A long-time chapter chair of the New York City Chapter of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association, Vallo has organized many events in the metropolitan area to bring graduates together.

Lecture: “An Afro-Columbian Experience: History and Contemporary Reality,” will be discussed by Marino Cordoba, founder of the Association of Displaced Afro-Colombians and representative of Casa de Maryland, an immigrant advocacy group, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:50 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29, in Old Main, Room G-10.

For more information, contact Seth N. Asumah, political science and Africana studies, at ext. 2064, or in Old Main, Room 208-B.
Native American Writer Will Present “Stories That Sustain Us” on Feb. 19

Joe Bruchac, Native American author and storyteller from the Adirondack mountain foothills, will read from his books and discuss his views on the Native American oral traditional and its importance on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Bruchac will begin his talk, titled “Stories That Sustain Us,” at 4:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. Presented by Native American Studies, the event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.

Bruchac lives in the town of Greenfield Center, N.Y., in the same house where his maternal grandparents raised him.

Much of his writing draws on the land where he lives and his Abenaki ancestry. Bruchac’s American Indian heritage is only one part of an ethnic background that includes Slovak and English ancestry, but he has nourished those native roots.

His younger sister, Margaret, and his two grown sons continue to work extensively with him on projects involving the preservation of the Abenaki culture, language and traditional native skills. Among those projects, they perform traditional and contemporary Abenaki music with the Dawnland Singers.

Bruchac is the author of more than 70 books for adults and children, and his writing has appeared in more than 500 publications including National Geographic and Smithsonian Magazine.

His honors include a Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship for Poetry, the Cherokee Nation Prose Award, the Knickerbocker Award, the Hope S. Dean Fellowship for Poetry, the Greenfield Review Literary Center and the Greenfield Review Press.

His work as an educator includes eight years directing a college program for Skidmore College inside a maximum-security prison. With his wife, Carol, he is the founder and co-founder of the Greenfield Review Literacy Center and the Greenfield Review Press.

The lecture is sponsored by the Campus Artists and Lecture Series, the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies, the Cortland County Teacher Center and the Cortland College Foundation. For more information, contact Dawn Van Hall, Native American Studies, at ext. 4890.

National Speaker to Discuss Eating Disorders on Feb. 20

Jenni Schaefer, author, singer and songwriter and national presenter, will share her struggle with anorexia and bulimia on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Schaefer’s speech is the keynote address for Eating Disorders Awareness Week at the College, which runs from Feb. 25-28.

Titled “Life Without ED: How One Woman Declared Independence From Her Eating Disorder,” the presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Sponsored by the Health Education Office and the Student Development Center as part of the “Wellness Wednesday Series,” this and the other events of the week are free and open to the public.

Schaefer’s presentation will use poetry and humor, from intimate thoughts in her personal journals about her eating disorder to the ultimate freedom she experiences today. A book signing, performance of songs by Schaefer, open mic and coffeehouse will follow her talk.

Living in Nashville, Tenn., Schaefer is a consultant and spokesperson for the Center for Change in Orem, Utah. She received her bachelor’s degree in biochemistry from Texas A&M University. Her 2004 book, Life Without ED: How One Woman Declared Independence From Her Eating Disorder and How You Can Too, garnered national attention.

That led to an opportunity to be a contributing author to Chicken Soup for the Recovering Soul (2005) and Chicken Soup for the Recovering Soul: Daily Inspirations (2006).

Schaefer has appeared on radio and national television programs, including “Dr. Phil” and “Entertainment Tonight.” Her work has been published in the Chicago Tribune, Cosmopolitan, The Washington Times, The Washington Post, Woman’s World, CosmoGIRL! and Publisher’s Weekly.

Be Comfortable in Your Genes,” the theme for this year’s Eating Disorders Awareness Week, will begin with a candlelight vigil sponsored by Delta Phi Epsilon on Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Speaking at the vigil will be Mary Ellen Clause, founder and executive director of Ophelia’s Place in Liverpool, N.Y.

Ophelia’s Place is a non-profit organization committed to empowering those impacted by eating disorders by providing resources through education, outreach, advocacy and support services.

Delta Phi Epsilon will be selling carnations from Monday, Feb. 25 through Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Corey Union Function Lounge and Old Main. The sale will benefit Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

Throughout the week, exhibits, posters and artwork will be on display in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Donations of gently worn jeans and other clothing will be accepted during these times for the YWCA’s Aid to Victims of Violence.

As part of the “Wellness Wednesday Series,” Billie Jean Goff, counseling center, will discuss “Alphabet Soup: The ABCs of Eating Disorders” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week is sponsored by the Counseling Center, the Student Development Center, Auxiliary Services Corporation, President’s Office, Vice President for Student Affairs Office, residential services, Campus Artists and Lecture Series, health promotion, Delta Phi Epsilon and campus activities and Corey Union.

For more information, contact Cathy Smith of the Health Promotion Office in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B1, or at ext. 2066 or smithc@cortland.edu.
Renee James Will Serve on the SUNY Cortland College Council

Gov. Eliot Spitzer has appointed Renee James, a 1982 graduate of SUNY Cortland, to the SUNY Cortland College Council. James, whose term will expire June 30, 2014, succeeds John Edwards, whose term expired June 30, 2007, but continued on the Council while his replacement was sought.

The 10-member College Council has certain supervisory responsibilities at SUNY Cortland which include: recommending candidates for appointment as president of the College; reviewing major plans for operation of the College properties; reviewing proposed budget requests; fostering the development of advisory citizens’ committees; naming buildings and grounds; and making or approving regulations governing the conduct and behavior of students.

James, who resides in Jamesville, N.Y., has served as counsel to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association since 2005, where she represents the association in all lawsuits, proceedings and hearings and counsels on rule changes and other legal matters. She is also an adjunct professor for Syracuse University’s School of Education, where she teaches the legal basis of education in the Teaching and Leadership Program.

She received her law degree from the Albany School of Law Union University in 1987 and began her professional career as a partner with Hancock & Estabrook, LLP., in Syracuse, N.Y.

Geologist Talk Features China’s Impact on Global Environment

Christopher Cirmo, geology, who has studied the role that wetlands, streams and lakes play as filters purifying the earth’s limited fresh water supply, will address “China: The Key to Global Environmental Sustainability in the 21st Century?” on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Cirmo, who visited China last summer, will begin his talk at 4:30 p.m. in Cornish Hall, Room D-304. A reception in the Brooks Museum, located in Cornish Hall, Room D-312, will precede the talk.

The lecture, which continues the yearlong Brooks Museum Lecture Series on “Culture and the Environment,” is free and open to the public. All lectures in the series take place on Wednesdays. The remaining talks are scheduled for March 19 and April 16.

Cirmo has conducted research on key watersheds including those serving Metropolitan New York City. His work has been supported by grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. During 2006-07, Cirmo took a leave of absence from SUNY Cortland to serve as a grant award reviewer for NSF.

For two weeks this past summer, he had the opportunity to observe firsthand the environmental challenges faced by growing economic powerhouse China. He joined a dozen other faculty members in Beijing as participants in the China Capital Normal University/SUNY Cortland Initiative. During his trip, he met and worked on developing scholarly collaborations with his Chinese counterparts, visited wetlands, research and teaching facilities and discussed the research progress in China on the concept of a constructed and natural wetland.

“The combination of explosive economic growth, the staging of the summer Olympic games and recent episodes of severe weather have combined to make 2008 a special and unique year in the history of the People’s Republic of China,” said Cirmo.

“The Chinese people, particularly youth, are showing a new sense of global perspective, national pride and the beginnings of environmental awareness. Pressure on the country’s natural resources, along with its rural to urban migration, may work to change the face of China as we know it.

“Environmental sustainability within China will be severely tested in the 21st century, and this will in turn put political pressure on China to look globally for the resources necessary to both serve its own population and maintain its standing as a world power. I will look at some of the issues facing Beijing, one of China’s fastest growing cities and the political and cultural center of China.”

Cirmo earned his bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Utica College in Utica, N.Y. He received his master’s degree in environmental science from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and Oak Ridge National Laboratory and his doctoral degree in environmental geology from Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

Cirmo, who chairs the Geology Department, joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 1998.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC). For more information, contact Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, at ext. 2308.

Faculty Senate Asked to Join College’s Sustainability Efforts

The College’s Carbon Neutrality Committee chair shared information and sought the active participation of the Faculty Senate at the first Senate meeting of the spring semester on Feb. 5 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Tim Slack, physical plant, who heads the committee appointed by President Erik J. Bitterbaum and charged with implementing SUNY Cortland’s participation in the Presidents’ Climate Commitment, addressed the Faculty Senate.

“I am bringing this to the Faculty Senate to see how we can get feedback and buy in,” said Slack. “The only way to get buy in is to make you an integral part of this as we move ahead.”

The Presidents’ Climate Commitment charges the College with developing a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible, including conducting a complete campus inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions within a year. By the second year, an institutional plan for achieving climate neutrality must be in place.

Slack shared data showing that SUNY Cortland had reduced its baseline energy costs in 1989-90 by 23 percent as of 2005-06. SUNY has set a target of a 37 percent reduction on each SUNY campus by the year 2010.

Accomplishing this goal at SUNY Cortland will require a grassroots effort by every office and department, as well as by faculty, staff and students alike, noted Slack.

“The Physical Plant isn’t the right body to start deciding which things we should be cutting to reduce energy,” he said. “All of you have a much better idea how to save 10 percent of your energy costs better than I ever could.”

Senators shared some ideas with Slack to engage the campus community on energy-related concerns, while Faculty Senate representation on the Carbon Neutrality Committee was also discussed.

In other action, the Senate will be hosting a Roberts Rules refresher course at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, prior to the next Senate meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. The session is free and open to the campus community.

Faculty Senate Chair Karla Alves, English, announced that Jeff Walkuski, physical education, has been appointed as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee.
Travis Apgar to Discuss Hazing Issues on Feb. 27

Travis Apgar, an associate dean of students at Cornell University, will offer a fresh, new look at hazing from the perspective of a victim on Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The talk, titled “Hazing: The Fallout,” begins at 8 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

Presented by Campus Activities and Greek Affairs, the discussion is free and open to the public.

Apgar draws from his personal and professional experience to help students recognize that human lives and well-being come first and that the actions of hazing are not only illegal and wrong, but they go against everything upon which extracurricular groups were founded.

“Most students have some idea of what hazing may be, but many do not fully understand what constitutes hazing,” said Apgar. “By not knowing, they may agree to be involved in a hazing activity that they may not have if they better understood the definition and policies. I also strongly believe people should be aware of all policies, rules and expectations, so they are free to make educated decisions about their behaviors.”

Whether it is a fraternity, student band, religious organization, rugby club, or intercollegiate sport team, these groups were created out of a desire to enhance an individual’s life, not to hurt or destroy it, Apgar said.

“I believe I have a responsibility to get involved in the fight against hazing, and it is my goal to help provide resources to professionals and students that can help get the job done.”

Apgar holds advanced degrees in psychology and education administration and has worked in higher education for almost 10 years. His positions in higher education have encompassed residence life, student activities, first-year student programs, Greek life and judicial affairs.

The event is supported by campus activities, recreational sports, the President's Office and the Greek life and judicial affairs.

Andrew Mount Appointed Director of Dowd Fine Arts Gallery

Andrew Mount of Syracuse, N.Y., joined the Art and Art History Department on Jan. 7 as director of the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

He replaces Barbara Racker, who left the College on Aug. 4 to pursue other career opportunites. Bryan Thomas, art and art history lecturer, served as interim gallery director.

Mount, who most recently was executive director of ThINC in Syracuse, N.Y., brings to his new appointment an extensive background in all facets of museum work, including fundraising, marketing, public relations, financial oversight, exhibition design and installation.

As the new director, Mount is responsible for implementing all phases of exhibition and programming for six gallery exhibits each year. He also manages the budget, researches funding opportunities, prepares grant applications and maintains a small teaching collection.

“I am really excited that Andrew is joining the staff,” said Mark Prus, arts and sciences, under which the gallery is managed within the Art and Art History Department. “He brings a wealth of experience and creative ideas to ensure the gallery realizes its potential as an educational resource for the College and as a cultural resource for the community.”

In 2006, Mount joined ThINC, an organization that develops, implements and supports arts programming that helps redefine the roles of art and artists and creates more awareness of the value of the arts for all.

Cast Announced for Rock Musical The Who’s “Tommy”

The Performing Arts Department will present The Who’s “Tommy” in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre from March 28-April 6.

The renowned musical by Peter Townshend is an expressionistic tale about the youth, Tommy, who is struck deaf, dumb and blind by a traumatic experience yet becomes a cult sensation because of his ability to play pinball.

Music/Theatre Major Anthony Festa will portray Tommy as an adult and St. Mary’s School student Cassidy Halpin will play Tommy as a young boy. Tommy's parents are portrayed by Joshua Williams and Audra Rizzo, his evil Uncle Ernie by John McAvaney, his cousin Kevin by Ryan McDonald, and the Acid Queen by Jennifer Vadella.

Also featured in the cast are Chelsea Gravazzi, Emily Ellis, Nicole Alvarez and Aisling Halpin.

Members of the ensemble include Doug Robbins, Amy Lamberti, Jason Shulof, Jennifer Fritsche, Kara Howard, Ken Reisch, Skylar Winter, Allison Zack, Rebecca Rozzoni, Brian Miceli, Liz Appleton, Jeffrey Van Damme, Matthew Delgaudio, Anita Pena, Kimberly Moore, Colin Havener and Deja Sylvester.

The SUNY Cortland production of “Tommy” is directed and choreographed by Kevin Halpin, performing arts. The play is recommended for mature audiences only. Tickets go on sale at Jodi’s Hallmark Shop on Saturday, March 1.
Dartfish to Host Digital Video Analysis Symposium

SUNY Cortland and Dartfish, an international digital video analysis company, will offer a unique educational technology symposium at the College on Tuesday, March 25.

Titled “Engaging the Video Generation,” the program will be held from 1-6:30 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 105.

The symposium, which is free and open to the public, will also serve to announce the establishment of the College as the Dartfish Northeast Training Center (NTC).

To register for the event or for Dartfish training, contact Susan Stout, sport management, at ext. 4251 or stouts@cortland.edu. Seating will be limited.

Described as a “Technology for Learning Symposium,” the event will feature demonstrations of new software from Dartfish and interactive presentations from classroom and sport digital video experts.

Attendees will have an opportunity to learn from specialists in both academics and athletics about how Dartfish can greatly enhance teaching and coaching. Three interactive sessions will be presented, showing how sport industry professionals, biomechanists, trainers, coaches and classroom teachers are using this ground-breaking software solution.

Dartfish Communicator 08 will be presented at the symposium. The software is designed to enhance instruction by providing easy-to-use feedback of presentations, performances, exercises and experiments in any discipline or sport.

A one-click, color-coded system records and plays the parts chosen to highlight in a video or a series of videos. Teachers and coaches can simply point and click to make their video selections and then play them back for individual or group viewing. A delay timer also can be set so that groups of students can receive immediate video feedback without anyone having to operate the computer or camera.

The establishment of the Dartfish NTC at SUNY Cortland is intended to further meet the training needs of existing and future Dartfish users. To be located in the Sport Media and Technology Learning Center inside Studio West, the center will offer several levels of customized, discipline-specific training and certification programs for all Dartfish software solutions.

The next SUNY Cortland faculty and staff Dartfish training session is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 4-5, in Studio West, Room 128. The training will run from 4-8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about the Dartfish NTC and the symposium, including the agenda, visit www.dartfishtraining.com. For more information about Dartfish, visit www.dartfish.com.

Five international business and IT specialists founded Dartfish, originally known as InMotion Technologies Ltd., in 1998 to commercially develop SimulCam™ and other digital imaging applications based on image and video processing technology that was created and developed at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The small start-up quickly grew and became well known for its innovative digital image enhancements in the sports broadcast world. SimulCam™ technology was followed by StroMotion™, which was launched in January 2001. Dartfish soon branched into interactive Internet content enhancements and cutting-edge sport training applications.

Currently, the technologies and know-how are widely recognized for exclusive televised broadcast footage and breakthrough training applications for sports, education, healthcare and more. Dartfish employs more than 50 people with headquarters in Fribourg, Switzerland, and offices in Atlanta, Ga.; Sophia-Antipolis, France; Sydney, Australia; Tokyo, Japan; and Seoul, South Korea.

‘Gospel Music Celebration’ Planned for Feb. 24

The Africana Studies Department will present a “Gospel Music Celebration,” featuring the Seven Valley Chorus Sweet Adelines performing as guest choir with the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The program, which will begin at 4 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium, will be followed by a dessert reception on the Old Main mezzanine.

The admission price is $2 for students; $4 for faculty, staff and senior citizens; and $5 for general admission. Families with children are welcome. Children under 12 are admitted free and complimentary tickets are available based on need. Proceeds will support the Gospel Choir Scholarship Fund.

Seth Asumah, Africana studies, will offer a welcome to open the 90-minute program.

The SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, under the direction of Robert Brown, Africana studies, will perform the opening and closing music for the celebration. The choir will perform its most popular selections, including “He Will Supply,” “Faithful Is Our God,” “Spirit and Truth,” “Call My Name,” “I Need You to Survive” and “Perfect Praise.”

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Cortland High School staff member Dorothy Thomas ’77 will present two piano selections, “It is Well With My Soul,” by Horatio G. Spafford and Phillip P. Bliss, and “Come Thou Fount,” by John Wyeth.

The Gospel Choir musicians will offer a jazz set. The musicians are saxophonist Jamie Yaman of Cortland; and keyboardist Andy Rudy, bass guitarist Reggie Siegler, percussionist Benjamin Terry and trombone player Robert Brown, all from Syracuse, N.Y.

Support for the event comes from the Gospel Choir, the Black Student Union and the Student Activity Fee.

For more information, contact Samuel L. Kelley at kelleyes@cortland.edu or ext. 4104 or Asumah at asumahs@cortland.edu or ext. 2064.
**Staff, Students Receive Regional Residence Hall Awards**

For the first time ever, one SUNY Cortland staff member, two students and one club are recipients of regional “Of the Month” (OTM) awards for October 2007 from the Northeast College and University Residence Halls (NEACURH). These awards are given monthly in several categories to students and staff connected to residence life. Each of the winners received a certificate acknowledging their contribution to residence life at the College.

SUNY Cortland students who make up the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), a nationally recognized organization, vote each month on which nominees are submitted to be judged at the regional NEACURH level.

“OTMs are an opportunity to recognize individuals or groups that have gone above and beyond to make their residence hall a better place,” said Sarah Gingrich, residential services. “It’s very exciting that SUNY Cortland was finally recognized with not one, but four regional awards.”

Cheri Skipworth, Cheney Hall residence director, received the “Advisor of the Month” award. She was nominated by Amanda Anderson, Clark Hall residence director.

“Cheri’s dedication to Cheney Hall is unparalleled,” Anderson said. “She is the hardest working woman I know and is devoted and dedicated to making all events a success.”

Mark Morrell, a junior adolescence education: biology major from Farmington, N.Y., was awarded “Student of the Month.” He was nominated by Ashley Hudson, a junior childhood education major from Victor, N.Y.

Morrell recently started an environmental club on campus. He is a peer tutor, a member of the NRHH and Biology Club and puts in 14 office hours per week as a staff member working as an administrative assistant.

“Mark does all of that and is still dedicated to his academics, receiving the highest test grades in his physics and organic chemistry classes,” writes Hudson. “Mark’s positive attitude never falters. He is seen as a high-energy, optimistic person whose energy and attitude is contagious. He is an excellent role model on our SUNY Cortland campus.”

Ashley Ordonez, a freshman adolescence education: Spanish major from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., was awarded “First Year Student of the Month.”

“Ashley has proven to be an outstanding first year student this semester at SUNY Cortland,” writes Hudson, who nominated this candidate as well as Morrell. “Many go through a transition period where they learn about how much they have to study in college and the importance of getting involved. Ashley picked up on all of this as soon as she got to campus. You wouldn’t even know that she is a first-year student.”

The Cortland Running Club was given the “Organization of the Month” award. The club was nominated by Timothy Rodriguez, a junior outdoor recreation major from Poland, N.Y.

“During the month of October, the Cortland Running Club raised money for children in Mozambique, whose parents died of AIDS, to go to school,” Rodriguez said. “The nine club members decided to run from Cortland to Utica, N.Y., and back in one continuous relay. They completed the run in 25 hours, raising more than $500 and getting their message out on Utica’s News Channel 2 as they made the 150-mile trek. There aren’t any clubs that I can think of who are willing, motivated or confident enough to put themselves through such a difficult task to help others.”

For more information, contact the Residence Life Office at ext. 4724.

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Samuel Kelley Participates in Cultural Exchange in Havana, Cuba

Professor Samuel Kelley, an awarded playwright, learned what his counterparts in Cuba are doing during a cultural exchange in January.

Kelley, communication studies, received the opportunity to travel to Havana, Cuba, from Jan. 20-27 through a colleague whom he had met at Blue Mountain Lake Artist Colony in Upstate New York. Enrique Sacerio-Gari, professor of Spanish at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, coordinated the trip with Kelley, who was then initially invited to attend by Carlos Padron Montoya, president of the Association of Scenic Artists in Cuba.

U.S. citizens are not permitted to travel to Cuba without a research license from the United States Treasury Department and a visa, which Kelley acquired to make the trip.

“I developed a research proposal, the goal of which was to gain a better understanding of how recent social and cultural developments in the last decade are informing and transforming Cuban theatre,” Kelley said. “As a playwright who develops plays about social issues, I am particularly interested in the implications for African American theatre. The primary approach was to engage in interviews with Cuban playwrights and directors, observe theatre troupes and directors in action, and to take in some performances. Needless to say, my week exceeded my project plans.”

During the exchange, Kelley was hosted by Omar Valino, Cuba’s leading theatre critic. He was given the opportunity to meet and interview many Afro-Cuban playwrights and critics, including Cuban Director Gerardo Fulleda Leon.

Kelley also attended multiple performances throughout his stay, including a one-man performance by Afro-Cuban playwright Javier Casas and a show by Cuba’s most famous choir, Exaudi.

“I was pleased to be welcomed in by the artist group,” Kelley says. “I felt like I was being given the grand tour. I am certainly indebted to Enrique, Omar and the many others who supported my efforts.”

While in Havana, he visited a housing project used as a model to improve living conditions. He saw two famous museums in Havana, the Museo de la Ciudad de La Habana and Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes. In Havana, he resided at Hotel Victoria.

Funds from SUNY Cortland partly supported his trip, but most of the cost was paid for from Kelley’s own pocket.

At the conclusion of the exchange, Kelley discussed with Cuban playwrights the possibilities of exchanging scripts, translating his plays into Spanish for performance in Cuba and producing a Cuban play in the United States.

Kelley characterized the culture in Cuba as “caught in a time warp, but with current events and issues occurring.”

“The embargo has ravished the country. Contrary to what we think, Cuba and the U.S. are paying a high price for the lack of cultural exchange.”

As a playwright, Kelley has received the prestigious Joseph Jefferson Award for Best Ensemble Performance in 1994; the Kieffer Award for Best Production in 1993-94; and the Cornerstone Competition for Best Play in 1990, for his most popular play, “Pill Hill.”

Kelley, who joined the College in 1979, earned his bachelor’s degree in speech and drama from University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and his master’s degree in speech from the University of Arkansas. He received a Ph.D in speech, with a concentration in radio, television and film from the University of Michigan. Kelly also holds an M.F.A. in playwrighting from the Yale University School of Drama.

For more information on Kelley’s trip, contact him at ext. 4104 or kelleys@cortland.edu.
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Open House Set for April 5

SUNY Cortland’s 26th Annual Open House for accepted students and their families is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Prospective applicants also will be invited to attend the event, which begins at 9 a.m. in Park Center.

“Faculty, professional staff and students will be contacted for assistance with the Open House program, which last year brought 2,000 visitors to campus,” said Betsy Cheetham, admissions, who chairs the Open House.

An honors reception at the Alumni House will be held for the most academically gifted students as part of the day’s events.

Antlers at Raquette Lake Open To Faculty and Staff June 23-28

The Antlers facility at the Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake will be available for use by faculty, staff and their guests including spouses, children and significant others, from Monday, June 23 through Saturday, June 28.

Reservation information is available on the Web site located at www.cortland.edu/outdoor or at the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education Office, Miller Building, Room 230. A $50 deposit is required with registration.

Room and board for six days and five nights is $189 per person for adults and $155 per person for children age 12 and under. There is no charge for children under one year of age.

Visitors arrive between 2-4 p.m. on Monday, June 23. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. that evening. Visitors will depart Saturday, June 28, following breakfast.

Participants will be acknowledged on a first-come, first-served basis following receipt of both the reservation and deposit.

For more information, call the center at ext. 5488.

ASC Program Grant Applications Deadline Set for Feb. 22

Applications are now being accepted for Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Program Grants for the 2008-09 academic year.

Application packets are available at the ASC Office in Winchell Hall, online at www.cortlandasc.com/downloads/grant%20app.rtf or via e-mail by calling Annette O’Hara at ext. 4325.

Completed applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, in the ASC Office, Winchell Hall. Each year the ASC Board of Directors allocates funds to support grants for a wide range of purposes and projects that enhance the life of the SUNY Cortland community.

“Although ASC is willing to consider a wide range of ideas, it seeks to avoid duplicating other funding sources or finding projects more properly supported by state funds,” said O’Hara. “Therefore, applicants should first seek funding from primary funding sources. Other grant guidelines are described in the application package.”

For more information, contact O’Hara at ext. 4325 or Jeffrey Johnson, ASC, at ext. 5668.

UUP Lunch Discussion Planned

The United University Professions (UUP) Cortland Chapter will sponsor a series of monthly lunch and discussion meetings beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26. The deadline to sign up for the first meeting is 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18. To sign up, call the UUP Office at ext. S991 or send an e-mail to uup@cortland.edu.

The Feb. 26 meeting will explain details of the new four-year tentative agreement with New York State. It will be held from noon-2 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. A soup and sandwich lunch buffet will be provided starting at 11:45 a.m. Members of the UUP negotiating team and will answer questions about the agreement.

Future programs include “Your Benefits and Optional Retirement Program” on Wednesday, March 26, and “Family Leave: Four Steps Forward and More To Go,” planned for April.

For more information, call ext. S991.

Award to Recognize an Exceptional Faculty Member

Nominations are currently being accepted for the newly created Student Affairs Faculty Connection Award, designed to recognize a faculty member for establishing and maintaining significant connections with students outside of the classroom.

Individuals serving in full-time teaching positions during the 2007-08 academic year are eligible.

Nominees should be individuals who have repeatedly demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

• Providing a positive impact on students outside of the classroom;

• Establishing and/or maintaining opportunities for student involvement outside of the classroom; and

• Demonstrating that they have “gone the extra mile” in order to serve students.

Applications may be obtained from Ann Cutler in the Vice President for Student Affairs Office or from the Connectivities blog, located at http://web.cortland.edu/connections.

Nominations must be received by Friday, Feb. 29. They should be sent to Sandra Wohlleber, assistant director of campus activities and Greek affairs, Corey Union, Room 412.

Nominations may be submitted by a supervisor, co-worker, other college community member, student or by self-nomination.

The award will be presented at the Faculty and Professional Staff Awards Luncheon on May 7. Persons who receive a Student Affairs Faculty Connection Award will be given recognition in The Bulletin and on the Connectivities blog and will receive a certificate and a small memento acknowledging their achievement. Awardees will have their names printed on a plaque to be displayed in a location chosen by the vice president for student affairs.

For more information, contact Wohlleber at ext. S769 or by e-mail to wohllebers@cortland.edu.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Timothy J. Baroni, biological sciences, was a co-author of five different publications on the systematics and phylogeny (evolution) of fungi in 2007. The articles were published in a variety of scientific peer-reviewed journals. Baroni, with colleagues from the New York Botanical Garden and Clark University, had an article “A New Genus of Boletaceae from Eastern North America,” published in Mycologia 99:310-316. He was also one of 26 co-authors from countries around the world who had their article, “Contributions of the rpb2 and tef1 to the phylogeny of mushrooms and allies (Basidiomycota, fungi)” published in Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution 43:430-451. Clark Ovrebo, University of Oklahoma, and Baroni had their article “New taxa of Tricholomataceae and Entolomataceae (Agaricales) from Central American and Panama” published in Fungal Diversity 27:157-170. Ron Petersen, Distinguished Professor Emeritus from the University of Tennessee, and Baroni had their article “Xerula hispida and Xerula setulosa (comb. nov.), two similar subtropical New World agars,” published in Mycotaxon 101:113-136. Finally, Baroni was co-author of a work that describes in detail the biodiversity of boletes (mushrooms with tubes instead of lamellae for reproductive structures, e.g., the porcini of the culinary world) from the Caribbean and Central America regions that took 10 years of biodiversity research to produce and was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to SUNY Cortland through the NSF Program of Biotic Surveys and Inventories. This work documents 52 species in 14 different genera with 17 of these species as new to science. The article is titled “Boletes from Belize and the Dominican Republic,” and was published in Fungal Diversity 27:247-416.

Jean LeLoup, international communications and culture, along with co-author Barbara Schmidt-Kinehart, Ashland University, has published “Connecting Teachers/Connecting Cultures: Professional Development at its Best” in the January 2008 issue of The Language Educator, 4(1), 22-26.

Noralyn Masselink, English, had her short article “On CDs That Skip and Papers with Editing Mistakes” accepted for publication in the March 2008 edition of The Teaching Professor.

James Reese, sport management, is lead author of a peer-reviewed article published in the current issue of The SMART Journal. Titled “An Exploratory Study of the College Transplant Fan,” the article investigates the sport attendance patterns of college students.

David Snyder, sport management, is lead author on a peer-reviewed presentation accepted by the College Research Institute Scholarly Conference on College Sport. Titled “Legal and Ethical Issues Associated with the Administration of the National Letter of Intent (NLI) Program,” the presentation will take place in April in Memphis, Tenn.

Barbara Wisch, art and art history, will present a paper titled “Painting Within the Lines of St. Luke: Miraculous Images, Confraternities, and Antonio Romano” in the session “Painting, Painters, and Patrons in Quattrocento Rome,” at the Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, the premier international event for Renaissance studies, to be held in April in Chicago. Wisch also was invited by the Society of Confraternity Studies to chair the session “Image and Reality of Charity in Venetian Confraternities.”

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, was the organizer and one of three judges for the chemistry lab event in the Central New York Science Olympiad that was held at LeMoyne College recently. As organizer, Zipp designed and prepared hands-on activities involving solubility, metal activity and heat of solution. A fourth calculation activity was also included. Thirty-two regional high school teams took part in the event, which was scored by the judges. The top two teams earned the opportunity to take part in the statewide Olympiad to be held at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Goodale to Receive Honorary Degree at Commencement

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Goodale earned a bachelor’s degree in recreation education from SUNY Cortland in 1961.

As a student, Goodale was mentored by Harlan “Gold” Metcalf, the late founder of the College’s Recreation and Leisure Studies Department. Under Metcalf’s guidance, Goodale sought out the professor’s longtime colleague at the University of Illinois, Charles K. Brightbill, considered by many at the time to be the philosophical leader of the recreation field.

There Goodale earned his master’s degree and doctorate in park and recreation administration.

After earning his doctorate, he taught at SUNY Cortland, University of Wisconsin at Green Bay and University of Ottawa in Canada before joining George Mason University in 1988. He retired from George Mason in 1999. He lives with his wife, Sonja, near Richmond, Va.

In 2006, he was awarded an honorary degree from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. In 1986, Goodale was presented with the SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumnus Award, the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association’s highest honor. In 1980, he delivered the keynote address at the 30th Annual Recreation Conference at SUNY Cortland. He also received the Charles K. Brightbill Memorial Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Illinois in 1983.

“When Dr. Goodale retired from George Mason University, a national effort resulted in a scholarship being endowed by faculty all across the nation and given to Dr. Goodale’s alma mater, SUNY Cortland,” said Lynn Anderson, recreation, parks and leisure studies. “We now give the Goodale Community Service Scholarship to excelling students in our major. Dr. Goodale has been a huge supporter of this institution, serving on numerous committees and advisory boards. Most importantly, he has devoted his entire career to recreation and leisure studies research.”

Goodale himself was a major contributor to the scholarship. In 2006, he made another generous donation to the Cortland College Foundation in support of the SUNY Cortland Alumni House, which allowed him to name its library the Goodale Library, honoring the 10 family members including himself who earned degrees from SUNY Cortland, and who all became teachers. Goodale also was a member of the Metcalf Endowment board of directors, a group that last year reached its goal to raise $100,000 to support future scholarly activities within the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department.
Coming Events

Monday, Feb. 18
Legal Holiday: Classes are in session; offices are closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Faculty Senate Meeting: Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 1:10 p.m.
Presentation: “Stories That Sustain Us,” by Joe Bruchac, Native American author, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4:30 p.m.
Leadership Series – Taking the Modern Road to Leadership Success:
“Leadership for the 21st Century – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” by guest speaker President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20
Sandwich Seminar: “Black Man’s Guide to Survival at SUNY Cortland,” presented by the Men of Value and Excellence (M.O.V.E.) student group, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.
Wellness Wednesday Series: “Life Without ED: How One Woman Declared Independence From Her Eating Disorder,” Jenni Schaefer, national speaker, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21
Red Cross Bloodmobile: Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11 a.m.

Lecture: “Samuel Ringgold Ward: Cortland’s African American Abolitionist Preacher,” Charles Maxfield, history, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 24
Music: The “Gospel Music Celebration” featuring the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir and guest choirs, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 25
Candlelight Vigil: Recognizing Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.
Lecture: “Law and Lawyering — A View from the Bench,” Supreme Court Judge Robert C. Mulvey, Old Main mezzanine, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
Lunch Presentation: United University Professions (UUP) Cortland Chapter, 11:45 a.m., Corey Union Function Room; registration required by Feb. 18.
Lecture: “Law and Lawyering — A View from the Bench,” Supreme Court Judge Robert C. Mulvey, Old Main mezzanine, 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 1
Children’s Museum Series: Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration, Children’s Museum, O’Heron Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.