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## SUNY Cortland Will Host 12th Annual Scholars' Day on April 9

The 12th annual Scholars' Day, a series of presentations highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and research at SUNY Cortland, will take place in Old Main on Wednesday, April 9.

The event will encompass 110 different presentations and poster sessions offered by hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students and more than 60 faculty and staff members. The subject matter covers a wide array of academic disciplines at SUNY Cortland.

All Scholars' Day presentations take place in Old Main starting at 8:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. President Erik J. Bitterbaum has suspended daytime classes to allow the campus community to fully benefit from the lectures and demonstrations. Area high school juniors and seniors and their instructors were again formally invited to attend this year's event.

"The great thing about Scholars' Day is the way it allows students, faculty and friends of

the College to interact with some of the exciting research that is happening on campus," said Jerome O'Callaghan, arts and sciences, speaking on behalf of the Scholars' Day Committee.

"SUNY Cortland has so many reasons to be proud of the exceptional work being done by faculty, by faculty collaborating with students and by students working with our neighbors in the community. When Scholars' Day rolls around, we appreciate the commitment of talented faculty and students to academic success. There is a tremendous vibrancy in the air when we all see the work being undertaken at Cortland."

Among the many topics this year are: the effects of pre-competition meals on athletic performance; Adirondacks wilderness today; the fashion-beauty discourse as an acculturative force; presentations by SUNY Cortland writing contest winners; the scholarship of service-learning; the Cortland-Binghamton Passenger Train Study's examination of the feasibility of operating tourist excursions on

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## C. Gregory Sharer to Head Student Affairs

C. Gregory Sharer, the dean of student services at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., has been named vice president for student affairs. He will start on June 5.

Reporting directly to President Erik J. Bitterbaum, he will be responsible for providing vision and leadership for the Division of Student Affairs and its offices and programs.

"Sharer is a fine, talented individual and SUNY Cortland is very fortunate to have him," Bitterbaum said.

"What impresses me most about SUNY Cortland is the emphasis faculty and staff place on putting student interests first and the commitment to student learning and engagement," said Sharer, whose appointment follows a national search conducted by an 11-member committee representing faculty, staff and students. "Such a focus is critical to the success of our students and will continue to be the guiding principle for our work in student affairs."

Sharer will replace Raymond D. Franco, who served in the position from 1994 until July 2006, when he became the vice president for institutional advancement. Richard C. Peagler, who directs the Counseling Center, has served as interim vice president for student affairs.

Sharer will oversee 18 offices and a 120-member staff within the division. He will

provide strategic direction and leadership and serve as a primary liaison with community leaders in the greater Cortland area, promoting cooperation and collaboration between the College and the community. In addition, he is charged with forming partnerships with other campus divisions, including academic affairs, and with working closely with the Student Government Association and a number of other campus committees and councils devoted to improving the quality of life on campus and in the community.

In his most current position, he has specialized in policy development and implementation, legal issues and risk management, communication and mediation, crisis management, fiscal management, personnel supervision, strategic planning, information technology and program development.

Sharer has both a Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies Education and a Master of Science in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from University at Albany. He earned his law degree from Indiana University School of Law. Admitted to the Indiana Bar, he is a certified attorney mediator with the Indiana Bar.

*See the complete story online  
at [www.cortland.edu/news](http://www.cortland.edu/news).*

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The logo for SUNY Cortland, featuring the word "Cortland" in a large, stylized serif font, with "SUNY" in a smaller, sans-serif font above it.

## Talk to Focus on Agricultural Practices of Ancient Andes

Anthropologist Michael Malpass, who researches in Peru, where he is currently involved in studies of the early occupants of the south Andes, will speak on Wednesday, March 19.

Malpass, professor and chair of anthropology at Ithaca College, will begin his talk on "Andenes y Camellones: Sustainable Agricultural Practices of Ancient People in the Andes" 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. The final talk is scheduled for Wednesday, April 16.

## College Plans Corey Memorial Celebration for March 22

The College is planning a memorial celebration of the lives of Whitney T. "Pete" and Lillian Birdsall Corey, both Class of 1943 Cortland graduates, on Saturday, March 22, at the Alumni House at 29 Tompkins St.

The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Those planning to participate must R.S.V.P. to the Alumni Affairs Office at 753-2516 no later than March 19.



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The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, March 31. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25.

All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to [bulletin@cortland.edu](mailto:bulletin@cortland.edu).

Malpass, an anthropologically trained archaeologist with major interests in South American prehistory, ethnohistory, prehistoric agricultural systems, complex societies and teaching techniques in anthropology, previously focused his research on Inca and pre-Inca cultures.

He wrote and edited two books on the Incas, *Provincial Inca and Ethnohistorical Assessment of the Impact of the Inca State* and *Daily Life in the Inca Empire*.

"Sustainable agriculture is something that is of growing interest, not only in our own country, but worldwide, as issues of population increase and resource depletion become more prominent," Malpass said. "Yet such issues are not new and have been of concern to ancient societies as well. Andean peoples have been concerned about such issues for a very long time, given the challenges of agriculture on steep terrain and at high altitudes. I will discuss how terracing and raised field agriculture were developed to overcome such challenges, and how understanding these ancient systems may be a way to help feed Andean populations today."

Malpass earned his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the College of William and Mary and his master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined the Ithaca College faculty in 1989 as the first permanent archaeologist in the department. He also has taught at the College of William and Mary, St. Lawrence University and Washington and Lee University.

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

## Avian Expert Will Share Bald Eagle Successes

Mike Allen, a New York State environmental official who has been nicknamed "The Eagleman," will discuss his 30-plus year effort at bald eagle restoration in the state on Thursday, March 27.

Allen's talk, "Return of the Bald Eagle — A 30 Year Flight," will take place at 7 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 204.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is the annual Wilkins Bird Lecture of the Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture (LHCEC). The lecture is co-sponsored by SUNY Cortland's Biology Club.

Following a question-and-answer period, organizers will offer refreshments and conduct a raffle for bald eagle gift shop items.

Allen, a senior wildlife technician with the state's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), has been instrumental in restoring the bald eagle population in Upstate New York. Allen, who has monitored the species for 33 nesting seasons, lives in Stanley, N.Y., in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region. He will discuss the history of the restoration program including challenges and successes and current research, including studies using radial telemetry, aerial surveys, satellite tracking and banding.

"When the effort began in 1975, we had only one known bald eagle nest in all of New York. As recently as 1995, we had only 25 active territories statewide. Presently, we are hovering around 150 territories. Honestly, the past five years have been a little overwhelming as it relates to the change in eagle numbers."

The annual Wilkins Bird Lecture was established by the Cortland County Bird Club, now called the Lime Hollow Bird Club, in 1988 in honor of club founder Connie Wilkins. The program is continued by the LHCEC, a member-funded, non-profit organization situated on the Cortland and Tompkins County border and offering free hiking trails, public nature and educational programs, and adventure day camps for youth.

For more information, contact Patricia Conklin, biological sciences, at ext. 2717 or [conklinp@cortland.edu](mailto:conklinp@cortland.edu), or visit the Lime Hollow Web site at [www.limehollow.org](http://www.limehollow.org).

## Spring 2008 Bulletin Schedule

Issue	Date	Deadline
#14	Monday, March 31	Tuesday, March 25
#15	Monday, April 14	Tuesday, April 8
#16	Monday, April 28	Tuesday, April 22
#17	Monday, May 12	Tuesday, May 6

## College Receives Adapted Physical Education Award

SUNY Cortland's adapted physical education programming will be recognized in April by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAPHERD).

The Program of the Year Award, which is the highest honor for adapted physical education programs as recognized by AAPHERD, will be presented at the Claudine Sherrill Breakfast on Thursday, April 10, at the association's annual convention in Ft. Worth, Texas. The award will be given by the AAPHERD's Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC).

Timothy Davis, physical education, credits the students and parents for the award.

"The true champions here are our students who through the years continue to embrace the idea of disability rather than hide from it," Davis said. "And the parents, for they see the benefits in their children and take the time to come to our evening programs."

The Physical Education Department consists of more than 800 enrolled students and all must take a three-credit-hour course in adapted physical education. Students may then choose a concentration in adapted physical education, which consists of 12 credit hours. Leadership and Education Adapted Physical Education, or "Project LEAPE,"

provides students with additional opportunities for community involvement, including Disability Awareness Movie Night; Project Communication, a sign language workshop for PE teachers; and dance programs, runs and fitness at the J.M. Murray Center.

SUNY Cortland's physical education program met a certain criteria to earn this award. The department was required to define how the program is dedicated to providing physical education, physical activity or therapeutic recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities; how it epitomizes developmentally appropriate programming for individuals with disabilities; how it challenges traditional thought and encourages creative thinking in programming activities; how it fosters the achievement of independence through physical education, activity and therapeutic recreation. The department also had to address how the program encourages inclusion of individuals without disabilities and fosters this type of interaction through physical education, physical activity or therapeutic recreation. As a nominee, The College also had to provide evidence that the program has promoted integrity for individuals with disabilities.

For more information, contact Davis at ext. 4969 or [davist@cortland.edu](mailto:davist@cortland.edu).

## Ecologist, Author, Cancer Survivor to Discuss Newest Book

Sandra Steingraber, an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health, will speak about her newest book, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood* (2001), on Tuesday, March 25.

Steingraber, whose 1997 highly acclaimed text, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment*, propelled her to the front ranks of contemporary environmental activists, will begin her talk titled "Contaminated Without Concern: How Chemical Pollutants in Air, Food and Water Violate Human Rights and What We Can Do About It" at 7:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The lecture is part of the yearlong series on the theme of "Earthly Matters," organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The series is free and open to the public.

*Living Downstream* was the first to bring together data on toxic releases with newly released data from U.S. cancer registries. The book won praise from international media, including *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *The Chicago*

*Tribune*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly* and *The London Times*.

Steingraber, a current Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Ithaca College, N.Y., was named a *Ms. Magazine* Woman of the Year in 1997, and in 1998 received the Jennifer Altman Foundation's first annual Altman Award for "the inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer." She was also awarded the Will Solimine Award for "excellence in medical communication" in 1998 from the American Medical Writers Association.

Described by the Sierra Club as the "new Rachel Carson," Steingraber's book, *Having Faith*, describes the environmental hazards affecting mothers during their pregnancy and their infants. This work is both a memoir of her own pregnancy and an investigation of fetal toxicology.

"Earthly Matters" is sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President's Office and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.

See the complete story online at [www.cortland.edu/news](http://www.cortland.edu/news).

## Professional Salary Increases And Promotions Announced

Human resources has announced the latest round of United University Professions (UUP) salary increases and promotions, effective January 2008.

Recipients include:

### Professional Salary Increases

**Michelle Cefalo**, bursar/student accounts

**Douglas DeRancy**, alumni affairs

**Andrew Funk**, biological sciences

**Gerard Hill**, academic computing services

### Professional Promotions

**Cheryl Hines**, advisement and transition, to academic advisor, SL3

**Richard Karpenko**, registrar's office, to senior staff assistant, SL3

**Matt Moran**, athletics, to head coach, SL4

**Teri Vigers**, Academic Support and Achievement Program, to staff associate, SL4

**Jennifer Wilson**, public relations, to associate director of community relations, SL4

For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at ext. 2302.

## Assistant Director Appointed To The Cortland Fund Staff

Jonni M. Campbell of Ithaca, N.Y., joined SUNY Cortland on March 10 as assistant director of The Cortland Fund.

Campbell, who has served since 2002 as production and marketing assistant with Momentum Media in Ithaca, N.Y., reports to Jennifer Janes, director of The Cortland Fund. The office operates under the Division of Institutional Advancement.

Campbell is responsible for assisting Janes in developing and meeting unrestricted and designated annual gift fundraising goals each fiscal year through direct mail, online and electronic solicitations and stewardship activities. She also has the primary responsibility for the operation and daily management of the department's call center activities.

A native of Pennsylvania, Campbell earned a Bachelor of Science in Television Radio and a Master of Science in Communications from Ithaca College. As a graduate assistant at Ithaca College, she helped the department chair with recruitment research from January 2006 to December 2007.

See the complete story online at [www.cortland.edu/news](http://www.cortland.edu/news).

## Rock Musical “Tommy” Opens in Dowd March 28

Classic 1960s rock music is coming to campus when the Performing Arts Department presents The Who’s “Tommy” on March 28 through April 6 in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

Peter Townsend’s renowned “rock opera” was a best-selling album, a series of popular rock concerts, a movie and finally a Broadway musical. The piece will receive its regional premiere in a production directed and choreographed by Kevin Halpin.

Performances for “Tommy” are at 8 p.m. on March 28, 29, April 4 and 5, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 30 and April 6. Tickets are on sale at Jodi’s Hallmark Shop on Main Street, Cortland, and at the door.

Prices are \$16 for the general public, \$14 for senior citizens and SUNY staff, and \$7 for all students. The musical is recommended for mature audiences only.

“Tommy” tells the story of a youth who is struck deaf, mute and blind when he witnesses a horrific incident in his childhood. Yet he becomes a cult figure when he is discovered to be a genius on the pinball machine, gathering followers and finding a cure through his new identity. The rock musical includes such memorable songs as “See Me, Feel Me,” “Tommy, Can You Hear Me?,” “Captain Walker,” “I Believe in My Own Eyes,” “Pinball Wizard” and “Listening to You.”

The SUNY production features Anthony Festa as the adult Tommy and Cassidy Halpin as the boy Tommy. His parents are played by Audra Rizzo and Joshua Williams. John McAvaney is his wicked Uncle Ernie and Ryan MacDonald portrays his Cousin Kevin. Jennifer Vadella is the Acid Queen. Also featured are Chelsea Gravazzi, Aisling Halpin, Emily Ellis and Nicole Alvarez. The creative staff also includes set designer Howard Lindh, music director Corinne Aquilina, lighting designer Joel Pape and technical director Preston Marye.

For more information, call ext. 2811 or visit the department Web site at [www.cortland.edu/performing\\_arts](http://www.cortland.edu/performing_arts).

## Author and Scholar on High-Stakes Testing to Speak on March 20

David Hursh, author of the recently published book, *High Stakes Testing and the Decline of Teaching and Learning: The Real Crisis in Education*, will discuss the implications of the rise of high-stakes testing in the United States on Thursday, March 20.

Hursh, an associate professor of teaching and curriculum at the University of Rochester’s Warner Graduate School of Education, will begin his lecture, titled “High-Stakes Testing and the Decline of Teaching and Learning,” at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, is supported by Cortland’s Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.) Program, the Foundations and Social Advocacy Department and the Campus Artist and Lecture Series.

Hursh, whose book was released by Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, will draw on autobiographical, historical, political and philosophical perspectives to demonstrate how power over curricula and pedagogical decisions has become increasingly centralized at the state and federal levels with drastic consequences for teachers and students.

In his book, Hursh examines the changing nature of education from several perspectives: autobiographical, historical, political and philosophical. The first chapters describe the author’s efforts to create democratic classrooms that contrast with the century-long emphasis on vocationalism in education. The text then turns to examining the rise and consequences of

high-stakes testing in New York, Texas and in No Child Left Behind. A chapter, co-authored with Pauline Lipman, focuses on how Chicago’s Renaissance 2010 aims to create a dual school system and city, with one system preparing children from the professional and managerial class for leadership positions, and the other group preparing children from the working class for low-wage jobs.

“David Hursh has given us the most compelling reason to challenge today’s high-stakes testing mania to get back to the central responsibilities of teaching and learning,” wrote one reviewer, Gloria Ladson-Billings, professor and Kellner Family Chair in Urban Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. “By moving from his own personal story of exploring the real meaning of schooling in a democracy, Hursh explores the impact of high stakes testing and draconian accountability measures in the widening circles of local, state and international schooling.”

His articles on education policy, curriculum and teaching have appeared in numerous journals, including *American Education Research Journal*, *Educational Researcher*, *British Educational Research Journal*, *Policy Futures in Education* and *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*. He also co-founded The Coalition for Common Sense in Education, a group advocating for alternatives to high-stakes testing.

For more information, contact Brian D. Barrett, foundations and social advocacy, at ext. 2330 or [barrettb@cortland.edu](mailto:barrettb@cortland.edu).

## Historian Diana Muir Will Address New England’s Natural History

Diana Muir, the author of the 2001 Vermont Publishing Professionals Book of the Year, will present “The Historical Quest for an Ecologically Sustainable Economy” on Tuesday, March 18.

Muir, an award-winning author and historian, will begin her talk at 7:30 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 105.

The lecture is part of the yearlong series on the theme of “Earthly Matters,” organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The series is free and open to the public.

Muir’s book, *Reflections in Bullough’s Pond: Economy and Ecosystem in New England*, features an intriguing interpretation of New England’s natural history and the people who have lived there since pre-Columbian times.

In this book, Muir, who lives in New York City, writes from the vantage point of a nearby pond in Newton, Mass. It is described as history on a grand scale, drawing on scholarship in fields ranging from archaeology and zoology. Muir offers a tour of the population crisis faced by New England natives in the pre-Columbian period, the introduction of indoor plumbing and the invention of the shoe-peg.

In 2001, the book won the Massachusetts Book Award and was the Boston Author’s Club Honor Book.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.



## Student and Professor of Geology Dig Up History in Italy

Last summer, senior Jonathon Zabron of Eden, N.Y., and Christopher A. McRoberts, geology, traveled to Northern Italy to research the end-Triassic period mass extinction of clams and mollusks.

During their research, Zabron, a geology major, and McRoberts, whose research specialties are in paleobiology and sedimentology, worked with colleagues and students from the University of Perugia. They also visited geological sites in the mountainous villages of Menaggio and Bellagio along Lake Como, Cofino in the Apennines Mountains, and Portovenere in the region of Liguria. Each of these villages were rich with clam and mollusk fossils that were needed to research the extinction.

While Zabron learned how to improve his skills for the future, he enjoyed the experience.

"Two of the most important skills that I learned during the trip were learning the correct way of collecting and labeling specimens," said Zabron. "I loved the culture and the learning experience related to my major, getting the chance to see what a professor in my major does in the field."

McRoberts hopes that this trip will advance Zabron in the geology field.

"Although he is fairly young, he learned a lot and enjoyed his experience in Italy," McRoberts stated. "Jon gained valuable first-hand experience in conducting field-based paleontological research overseas. He gained skills in field techniques and observation, he experienced the thrill of discovery of fossils and he was able to interact with international collaborating scientists."

According to McRoberts, the most important discovery of the trip was learning that the extinction of the clams and mollusks was very abrupt instead of a gradual dying out.

The trip was funded through a grant given to McRoberts by the National Science Foundation.

Zabron will graduate during the spring of 2009 and plans on attending graduate school in the future.

"I'm not sure about furthering my studies in paleontology, but I am positive that I will continue my career path in the geology field," said Zabron.

For more information, contact Zabron at [zabron05@cortland.edu](mailto:zabron05@cortland.edu) or McRoberts at ext. 2925 or at [mcroberts@cortland.edu](mailto:mcroberts@cortland.edu).

## 'The Big Read' Program Includes Human Rights Discussion

Jill Schaeffer, a Presbyterian pastor in Cincinnati, N.Y., will discuss human dignity during a Sandwich Seminar on Wednesday, March 19.

Schaeffer, who currently teaches part time for the New York Theological Seminary in the Masters of Professional Studies program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, N.Y., will present "Rites and/or Rights: Cultural Practice and Human Dignity" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is part of "The Big Read" at SUNY Cortland. "The Big Read" is a national effort to encourage children and adults to become literate and more informed citizens. Supported by a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), "The Big Read" is sponsoring 32 separate events during March and April, both on campus and in other locations around Cortland County.

For more information about Schaeffer or "The Big Read," contact Sheila G. Cohen, literacy, at ext. 2464.

## Namibia Creates New AIDS Prevention Videos Produced by Cortland Professor

The open discussion of AIDS prevention in the southwestern African country of Namibia is being helped by four videos produced by Paul van der Veur, communication studies.

During his six months spent in the Sub-Saharan African nation in Spring 2007, van der Veur collaborated with Namibian filmmakers to produce the videos.

Each is a real-life documentary, with its own Namibian subjects and film crew. The videos began airing recently on television channels across the country, said van der Veur, who joined the College in 2002 and has chaired the Communication Studies Department since January 2005. He has a doctorate in international media studies from Ohio University's School of Telecommunications.

The 23-minute documentaries, each formatted to fit the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation's specifications, were first aired on national television in September and then screened as part of the events marking World AIDS Day, Dec. 1.

Between 20 to 30 percent of the adult population in Namibia – a republic about the size of Texas with a population of 1.8 million

people – is infected with AIDS, one of the highest rates in the world.

"Many people in the country know the basics about AIDS prevention but it hasn't resulted in behavioral change," van der Veur asserted, noting that the public is silent about the epidemic and many assume the illness is inevitable.

"That is why I wanted to show people living with HIV as opposed to dying from AIDS," he said. "Each video focuses on a different person and a different set of social issues. If enough people see a video, they might talk about it in social situations."

Produced in five different Namibian languages with subtitles in English, the videos are being shown in individual movie theaters and at film festivals in this desert country situated along the Atlantic Coast and sandwiched between South Africa and Angola. The two most artistically promising productions were shown at "Wild Cinema," Namibia's national film festival in the Capital city of Windhoek.

To reach even more viewers, they are now being used in different local public health

campaigns. DVDs cut from the videos are being shared with governmental and non-governmental development agencies through the U.S. Agency for International Development. The videos make the rounds through a network of 50 partner organizations and 200 producers and regional distributors.

One Namibian featured in the videos, Herlyn Uiras, is taking the project on an educational tour of communities around Namibia.

Van der Veur's work was supported by a \$50,000 Fulbright grant he received to promote broadcast education and produce the documentaries about the AIDS crisis in Namibia.

He also collaborated with a U.S. government public affairs officer in Windhoek to obtain a \$25,000 grant from the President's Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief. The grant involved his work with young filmmakers and covered some equipment and production costs. Aspiring filmmakers, including two individuals from the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation, directed all the television productions.

*See the complete story online at [www.cortland.edu/news](http://www.cortland.edu/news).*

## News Briefs

### Faculty Advising Workshops Set

Advisement and Transition will host two faculty advising workshops designed to answer specific advising questions as well as provide an overview regarding advising resources. They will be held in at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 24, and at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, in Corey Union, Room 209.

Topics covered will include General Education, foreign language, degree requirements, transfer credit questions and using Banner and Curriculum, Advising and Program Planning (CAPP) in advising sessions.

Those interested in attending are asked to R.S.V.P. to advisement and transition by calling ext. 4726.

### Women's Lunches Planned

The Women's Initiatives Committee will host two Women's Brown Bag Lunches on Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, April 30.

The lunches will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Corey Union, Room 209. They offer women the chance to meet, share ideas and develop campus networks.

For additional information, contact Lori Schlicht at ext. 4726.

### 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.

### Summer Job and Internship Fair Planned for March 25

Students are encouraged to attend the annual Summer Job and Internship Fair to be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, in Corey Union's main lobby and Exhibition Lounge.

The fair offers an opportunity for students to find summer jobs and internships. Recruiters from New York, Connecticut and Maine will be on hand. All students are encouraged to attend and faculty and staff are asked to promote the event to students through classroom and office announcements, extra credit assignments connected with attendance at the event, or visits by a student employment services representative to speak briefly at the beginning or ending of classes.

For more information, contact Student Employment Services at ext. 2223.

### College-Community Appreciation Award Nominees Sought

The College Council is seeking nominations for its 2008 College-Community Appreciation Award, which will be presented in Fall 2008.

The College-Community Appreciation Award formally recognizes local residents who have significantly assisted SUNY Cortland. Previous winners have included educators, merchants, elected officials, public servants, longtime volunteers, clergy and media representatives who were chosen for making a positive difference in the life of the College.

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 28. To nominate a worthy candidate, submit a letter of recommendation to Kim Ireland, College-Community Appreciation Award Committee, in care of the President's Office, Miller Building, Room 408.

## Sports Schedule

*Capital Letters Denote Home Games*

### Tuesday, March 18

Women's Lacrosse vs. Rochester, 4 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 19

Men's Lacrosse vs. RIT, 3:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 20

WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. Ithaca, 4 p.m.

Men's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships, Miami University (Ohio), TBA  
Baseball vs. Old Westbury, N.Y., 4 p.m.

### Friday, March 21

Baseball vs. Montclair State (N.J.), 2 p.m.

Men's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships, Miami University (Ohio), TBA  
Softball vs. Muhlenberg (Pa.), 3 p.m.

### Saturday, March 22

Men's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships, Miami University (Ohio), TBA  
Baseball vs. Montclair St. (N.J.), 1 p.m.  
WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. College of New Jersey, 1 p.m.  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Ithaca, 1 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 26

WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. Hamilton, 4 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Rochester, 3:30 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Ithaca, 3 p.m.

### Friday, March 28

SOFTBALL vs. Plattsburgh, 3 p.m.  
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. NCGA Div. III Championships, TBA

### Saturday, March 29

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. NCGA Div. III Championships, TBA  
MEN'S LACROSSE vs. Cabrini, 1 p.m.  
BASEBALL vs. Brockport, noon  
Men's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational, TBA  
Women's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational, TBA  
SOFTBALL vs. Potsdam, 1 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Colgate, TBA

### Sunday, March 30

Baseball vs. Fredonia, noon

## Faculty-Staff Activities

**Judy K. C. Bentley**, foundations and social advocacy, is the author of an article titled "Lessons from the 1%: Children with Labels of Severe Disabilities and their Peers as Architects of Inclusive Education," which has been accepted for publication in a special Disability Studies issue of the *International Journal of Inclusive Education*.

**Susana Davidenko**, childhood/early childhood education, was one of the two keynote speakers at the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Conference on Instructional Practices in Working with English Language Learners (ELL) for Middle- and High-School ESL, Bilingual and Content-area teachers. She also presented a workshop focusing on Teaching Mathematics to ELL. Her research work is conducted at Fowler High School in the Syracuse City School District.

**Cheryl Hines**, advisement and transition, attended the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education's (ANTSHE) National Conference in Murfreesboro, Tenn., held Feb. 29-March 2. The conference theme was "Choosing to Thrive – No Matter What!" Hines received the "Atom Ant" award from the ANTSHE Board of Directors. The "Atom Ant" award was established by ANTSHE to honor a faculty or staff member who exemplifies the spirit of ANTSHE by assisting non-traditional students on their campus and making their educational experience as pleasant as possible. Hines also received, on behalf of SUNY Cortland, a recognition award for Non-Traditional Students Week. The award is for raising awareness, commitment and dedication to serving non-traditional students within the campus and community.

Joining Hines at the conference was senior **Jennifer Miller**, a communication studies major from Lansing, N.Y. ANTSHE presented Miller with the "Ant" award, established to recognize outstanding student members who have made significant contributions to their local organization and serve as an inspiration to other ANTSHE members. The board of directors selected Miller from those who were nominated. Miller is the president of the Non-Traditional Students' Organization on campus.

**Thomas Hischak**, performing arts, was informed that his dramatization of Charles Dickens' "David Copperfield" won the citation of best nonprofessional theatre production in the province of Ontario in 2007 by the *Ontario Arts Review*. The production was presented by the Theatre Erindale of the University of Toronto Mississauga in September of 2007 and was selected from more than 200 entries in the Toronto-Niagara Falls-Hamilton-Stratford section of Ontario.

**Gary Mouldsdale**, performing arts, gave a recital of Schubert lieder and melodramas with research fellow Francesca Brittan in the president's private residences at Queens' College, Cambridge, England. The March 6 recital was for the guests of Queens' College President Lord John Eatwell. The program included Schubert's rarely performed melodrama, "Abschied von der Erde," and the original melodrama "The Nightingale," prepared by Brittan, featuring Samuel Taylor Coleridge's conversation poem, "The Nightingale," and selected nocturnes by the late eighteenth-century British composer John Field.

**Susan J. Rayl**, kinesiology, recently appeared as a topic expert on an MSG Channel original documentary, which aired on Feb. 20. It was produced as part of Black History Month and titled "Lapchick and Sweetwater: Breaking Barriers." The one-hour documentary delineates the integration of the NBA's New York Knicks professional basketball team in 1950. Future broadcasts will air at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26.

Also, on Feb. 29, Rayl was one of five recipients of the first Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation's Living Legacy Award presented at their black history celebration in Falls Church, Va. Honorees were recognized for their contributions to the history of African-American basketball. Earlier in the evening, Rayl participated in a panel discussion on early professional black basketball. The other award recipients and panelists included: James Henderson, author and professor emeritus from Tuskegee University; John Isaacs, a 92-year-old surviving member of the New York Renaissance basketball team; Claude Johnson, founder and president of Black Fives; and author Bijan Bayne.

**Arden Zipp**, chemistry emeritus, recently presented an advanced placement (AP) chemistry workshop for several teachers in Baltimore, Md. He outlined the new format for the AP chemistry exam and provided instructional material in several curricular areas for the participants.

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the New York Susquehanna and Western Rail Line; teacher and administrator ranking of the importance of the national learning standards; in search of an American foreign policy ideology; implementing the new Person First! state law at SUNY Cortland; 17th century Spanish drama, which looks a little like Broadway, flamenco and Chinese opera; and the possible contribution of the man-made chemical polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to attention deficit disorders in males and alcoholism in females.

Anne Knupp Crossway '78, business and biosciences consultant, will deliver the keynote address on "Nature Versus Nurture" at 11:30 a.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

The Scholars' Day events will conclude with the dramatic presentation, "Harlotry Players: Students and Faculty Perform Scenes from Classic and Contemporary Plays," at 4:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The event will feature Janet Wolf and Jaclyn Pittsley, English, and drama students.

The Scholars' Day Committee, chaired by Mark Prus, arts and sciences, includes: Phil Buckenmeyer, kinesiology; Chris Cirimo, geology; Daniel Harms, library; David Miller, geography; Gigi Peterson, history; Kevin Pristash, Corey Union and conferences; and Hailey Ruoff, classroom media services.

Scholars' Day is supported by the President's Office, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office, The Cortland Fund, the Cortland College Foundation and the Auxiliary Services Corporation.

For more information, including the complete schedule of events, visit the Scholars' Day Web page at [www.cortland.edu/scholarsday](http://www.cortland.edu/scholarsday) or contact Prus at ext. 4312.

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## Coming Events

### Tuesday, March 18

#### Women's Initiatives Committee

**Brown Bag Lunch:** Corey Union, Room 209, noon.

**Earthly Matters Series Lecture:** "The Historical Quest for an Ecologically Sustainable Economy," Diana Muir, award-winning author and historian, Sperry Center, Room 105, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 19

**Sandwich Seminar:** "Rites and/or Rights: Cultural Practice and Human Dignity," Jill Schaeffer, a Presbyterian pastor in Cincinnati, N.Y., Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

#### Brooks Museum Lecture Series:

"Andenes y Camellones: Sustainable Agricultural Practices of Ancient People in the Andes," Anthropologist Michael Malpass, Ithaca College, Cornish Hall, Room D-304, 4:30 p.m.

**Workshop:** "Bullying," Vanessa Johnson, an African-American storyteller, actress and fiber artist, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 20

**Sandwich Seminar:** "Troubling Ruby Payne's *Framework for Understanding Poverty*, Exploring Conceptions of Poverty in Education," Michelle Kelley and Anne Burns Thomas, foundations and social advocacy, Brockway Hall Jacobs Lounge, noon.

**Lecture:** "High Stakes Testing and the Decline of Teaching and Learning," David Hursh, University of Rochester, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

### Friday, March 21

**Lecture:** "Burning Ideas: Freedom to Read, Freedom to Think, Freedom to Speak," Gail Wood, library, Memorial Library Teaching Materials Center, 2 p.m.

### Thursday, March 20

**Panel Discussion:** Civics Education, sponsored by service-learning, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4:05 p.m.

### Saturday, March 22

**Memorial Celebration:** Celebrating the lives of Whitney T. "Pete" and Lillian Birdsall Corey, Alumni House, 29 Tompkins St., 1-4 p.m. Reservations required.

### Monday, March 24

**Faculty Advising Workshop:** Hosted by advisement and transition, Corey Union, Room 209, 11:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, March 25

**Summer Job and Internship Fair:** Corey Union's main lobby and Exhibition Lounge, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Symposium:** "Engaging the Video Generation," educational technology symposium Sperry Center, Room 105, 1-6:30 p.m.

**Faculty Advising Workshop:** Hosted by advisement and transition, Corey Union, Room 209, 1 p.m.

**Faculty Senate Meeting:** Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 1:10 p.m.

#### Earthly Matters Lecture Series:

"Contaminated Without Concern: How Chemical Pollutants in Air, Food and Water Violate Human Rights and What We Can Do About It," by Sandra Steingraber, author, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 26

**Red Cross Bloodmobile:** Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11 a.m.

**Sandwich Seminar:** "Grace Hopper: Curiosity Killed the Clocks, Created Compilers and COBOL," Ronald Conklin, library, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

#### Wellness Wednesday Series:

"NETworking," Sarah Gingrich, residential services, on how the Internet can affect social and emotional wellness, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 27

**Sandwich Seminar:** "The Future of the Book," Alex Reid, English, and Dan Harms, library, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Wilkins Bird Lecture:** "Return of the Bald Eagle — A 30 Year Flight," Mike Allen, a New York State environmental official, Sperry Center, Room 204, 7 p.m.

### Friday, March 28

**\$ Musical:** The Who's "Tommy," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, March 29

**Children's Museum Series:** "Behind the Window," Children's Museum, O'Heron Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., 10 a.m.

**\$ Musical:** The Who's "Tommy," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, March 30

**\$ Musical:** The Who's "Tommy," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 2 p.m.

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