Alumni Reunion Weekend Set for July 13-15

Nearly 700 alumni and friends are expected to enjoy class get-togethers, parties and other activities on campus during the 2007 Alumni Reunion Weekend July 13-15.

“We are excited to host the first-ever Alpha Delta Delta sorority reunion during Alumni Reunion Weekend 2007,” said Erin Boylan, alumni affairs. “In addition to celebrating Alpha Delta Delta, we will reunite members of 12 reunion classes.”

Reunion Weekend opens Friday afternoon with an 18-hole golf tournament at Walden Oaks Golf Course. Also on Friday afternoon, the Alumni Association, the Cortland College Foundation and President Erik J. Bitterbaum will host a reception for the Reunion Class Planning Committee and Reunion Gift Committee members in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery. The Class of 1957 dinner will be held in the Alumni House. Friday’s activities culminate with a reunion party in the Corey Union Function Room.


Memorial Library will be open and the College Archives will be available for perusal from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. Guided campus tours will be given by orientation student leaders at 10:30 a.m.

The Alumni Luncheon begins Saturday at noon in the Corey Union Function Room. The event honors reunion classes and this year’s two Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Louis E. LaGrand ’57, an international authority on after-death communication, and Christopher Leadbeater ’67, executive director and head of the technology faculty at Newham College in England. Continued on page 4

$50,000 State Grant Awarded to Study Passenger Rail Service

Imagine taking a ride in a passenger train along the Tug hill and Chenango rivers between Cortland and Binghamton, N.Y.

SUNY Cortland’s Recreation and Leisure Studies Department will launch a $50,000 study in September to explore whether reviving passenger service along a 44-mile stretch of the New York Susquehanna and Western (NYS&W) rail corridor in Central New York would be economically viable.

The passenger rail study was funded by a grant from State Senator Thomas W. Libous, a Republican from Binghamton who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. The funding includes money for conducting the study and marketing occasional train excursions between Binghamton and Cortland.

“It would be good for tourism, good for upstate and good for business,” said Bijoy Datta, a spokesman for Senator Libous’ Binghamton office.

Built in 1854, the railroad was an important carrier of Pennsylvania coal, products manufactured in Syracuse, Cortland and Binghamton as well as regional agricultural goods. By the 1920s, an average of 230,000 passengers and 46,000 carloads of freight were transported on the line annually. Continued on page 6

College Receives Grant to Establish Economic Education Center at Main Street SUNY Cortland

SUNY Cortland will use a $122,000 federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to improve the economic education and workforce skills of residents in Cortland County, the northernmost county in Appalachia.

The grant will create the Cortland Center for Economic Education to help area teachers educating students in economics and financial literacy. The center will open at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., beginning next fall.

“Our goal is to enhance the economic and financial literacy of local students and the local workforce so we can improve the skill base of the current and future labor force,” said Tim Phillips, economics, who is co-directing the project.

A major focus of the grant will be funding programs and workshops to strengthen the skills of the Cortland County workforce. An analysis of the county’s non-profit agencies and for-profit companies conducted in 2006 showed that their greatest needs were workers with skills in communications, management, technology, business planning and grant writing.

The grant will pay for trainers, including members of the College faculty and representatives from the local business community, to conduct eight workshops during the next 18 months at Main Street SUNY Cortland. Topics for the workshops will range from value stream mapping, which analyzes the efficiency of business practices, to the use of software applications.

For more information, contact Phillips at ext. 2437 or Project Co-director Kathleen Burke, economics, at ext. 2434.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

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Summer Session II Classes Begin July 5 on Campus

The first day of classes for Summer Session II is Thursday, July 5. Classes begin at 8 a.m.

Walk-in Registration and Drop/Add

Walk-in registration and drop/add will be held from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. Undergraduate registration will take place in the Registrar’s Office, Miller Building, Room 223. Graduate student registration will be held in the Graduate Studies Office, Brockway Hall, Room 216.

Students must be prepared to pay all fees in the Bursar/Student Accounts Office, Miller Building, Room 336, immediately following registration.

Students who have registered and paid for their courses should not attend registration unless they wish to change their schedules.

Procedures for Course Cancellations

If a summer course is canceled for any reason, College staff members will make every effort to contact enrolled students in advance of the first class meeting.

In the case of a canceled course, students should complete a drop form to obtain a full refund. To take another course, students should complete a drop/add form immediately. Summer session courses are short, so additional courses must be added immediately so that classes are not missed.

Student Health Service Hours

The Student Health Service, located in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-26, will be open during both summer sessions. Office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Clinicians will see patients from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call ext. 4811.

Summer Session Office Information

The Summer Session Office is located in Brockway Hall, Room 216. Office hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Director of Graduate Studies and Summer/Winter Programs Yvonne Murnane or Mary Cervoni, program assistant, may be reached at ext. 4800.

Questions about undergraduate summer session registration should be addressed to the Registrar’s Office at ext. 4702. Questions about graduate or summer session registration should be addressed to the Graduate Studies Office at ext. 4800.

Fall Opening Meeting Planned for Aug. 23

President Erik J. Bitterbaum has announced that the opening meeting of the Fall 2007 semester will be held on Thursday, Aug. 23. It will begin with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Detailed information including an agenda and response form will be sent via e-mail by July 23.

All classified, United University Professions (UUP) and Management/Confidential members of the campus community are invited to attend. For more information, refer to the e-mail for details or call the President’s Office at ext. 2201.

Ten Physical Education Students Receive Alway/Tesori Awards For Student Teaching

SUNY Cortland recently honored 10 physical education majors with Lenore K. Alway/Anthony P. Tesori Awards for their outstanding work in student teaching in New York State Schools during the spring semester.

The students who received awards were selected by the Physical Education Department from among 100 seniors who completed their student teaching. The honorees received a certificate at graduation last month.

The Alway award, given to women, recognizes Lenore K. Alway, the late pioneering head of women’s physical education at the College from 1941 to 1965. The men’s award honors Anthony P. Tesori, a 1939 graduate who gave the College many years of leadership in athletics and administration.

The Alway/Tesori Award honorees and the schools or school districts where they completed their student teaching for Spring 2007 are:

Alway Awards:

• Rose Graham of Central Islip, N.Y., at Syracuse (N.Y.) City School District
• Tera Currie of Delhi, N.Y., at Sidney (N.Y.) Central School District and Unadilla Valley Central School District in New Berlin, N.Y.

• Lindsay Robinson of Putnam Valley, N.Y., at Peekskill (N.Y.) City School District.

Tesori Awards:

• Nick Washburn of Sodus Point, N.Y., at Cortland City School District and Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District in Manlius, N.Y.
• Eric Laine II of New Paltz, N.Y., at Chenango Valley Central School District in Binghamton, N.Y., and Harpursville (N.Y.) Central School District
• Thomas Chickery of Lagrangeville, N.Y., at Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) City School District and Spackenkill Union Free School District in Poughkeepsie
• Michael Viola of Nesconset, N.Y., at Sachem Central School District in Holtsville, N.Y., and Copiague (N.Y.) Union Free School District
• Sean Florczyk of Rome, N.Y., at Rome City School District

For more information, contact the Physical Education Department at ext. 4955.
ASC Details Plans for Dragon’s Den, Colloquium

In early May, Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) conducted a campus-wide, Web-based survey to gather feedback and comments regarding its proposal to relocate the Colloquium Room’s counter service and deli menu to the Dragon’s Den this fall. ASC received 536 responses: 264 were in favor of the plan, and 272 were opposed to the plan. While the survey responses and comments did not provide a clear indication either way, ASC was able to gain an assessment of campus-wide thoughts and perspectives concerning this issue.

Based upon the mixed survey responses, the current service of the Dragon’s Den, the ASC Executive Committee approved the following action plan on May 30:

1. Place the decision to relocate Colloquium Room service counter in abeyance for one year to study the situation further and make improvements to the Dragon’s Den.
2. Redesign the Dragon’s Den to improve speed of service, queuing and traffic flow.
3. Modify the Colloquium Room’s hours of operation for 2007-08 as follows: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; service counter open. Friday service counter closed, but the space will remain open and available for use.
4. The Operations Committee will re-evaluate this situation in spring 2008.

ASC has engaged Porter Consulting Worldwide and HMC, Inc., the team that created Hilltop, to redesign and remodel the Dragon’s Den. The project has been approved and construction should begin soon. Assuming all goes well, a new and improved Dragon’s Den will open in August.

The decision to close the Colloquium Room on Fridays was based upon very light patron traffic.

Caleion Room

ASC has announced changes to the Caleion Room’s hours of operation this fall. During the 2006-07 school year, the Caleion Room was open for lunch Tuesday through Friday and dinner Tuesday through Thursday. The implementation and expansion of dinner service over the last two years has been very successful. ASC typically serves more than 100 patrons during this meal zone. Dinner service will be expanded by one-half hour this fall.

ASC has had difficulty reaching the critical level of patron activity needed to sustain the Caleion lunch operation. Since this unit re-opened in 2003, lunch activity averages between 20 and 30 patrons per day. This level of activity is insufficient for menu-based, made-to-order tableside service.

ASC acknowledges that the Caleion Room’s location and unique environment make an ideal venue for departmental meetings, interviews and other collegial gatherings. Therefore, ASC will still provide tableside lunch service on a reservation basis through its Catering Office this fall. Details of this modified service are being worked out and the campus community will be notified once the service plan and menu are finalized.

For more information, contact ASC Executive Director Dana Wavle at ext. 4325 or by e-mail to waved@cortland.edu.

Faculty Women’s Association Plans Brunch for July 12

The Faculty Women’s Association will hold its 40th annual summer brunch from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. The brunch will be held in Bess Koval’s garden, 11 Levydale Park, which is located off Tompkins Street in Cortland.

All current or retired SUNY Cortland women faculty are invited, as well as spouses of current or retired male faculty and widows of former faculty members. New members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Koval at (607) 753-8413 or at bkoval@twcny.rr.com.

Millenials Initiative Grant Applications Awarded

The President’s Office has announced the following awards for the 2007-08 Millennials Initiative Grants:

- Paul van der Veer, communication studies, for “Mobil Media Content Creation”
- Richard Kendrick, anthropology/sociology, and John Suarez, service-learning, for “Democracy Works if You Do”
- Kathy Lattimore, English, for “Online Tutoring Program”
- Ellen Hill, Mary Kennedy, Noralyn Masselink, Cynthia Sarver, Karen Stearns and Paul Washburn, English, for “Media Smarts for Net Gen Educators”
- Erin Boylan and Doug DeRancy, alumni affairs, and Jennifer Janes and Jessica Moquin, The Cortland Fund, for “Student Leadership/Alumni Philanthropy Cultivation Events – Alum from Day One”
- Martine Barnaby and Kathryn Kramer, art and art history, for “Millennials Interactive Video”
- Alex Reid, English, for “Second Life: Millennial Learning in a Virtual World”
- Jeremy Zhe-Heimerman, student disability services, for “Assistive Technology Loaner Program”
- Brian Rivest, biological sciences, for “Response System Technology for Enhancing Student Participation in the Classroom”
- Adrian Hull, political science, for “Designing New Pedagogies for American Foreign Policy and World Politics Courses”

Millennial Initiative Grants are designed to significantly enhance the teaching and learning or service and support of Millennial Generation students. Grant funding is available beginning July 1.

For more information, contact Virginia Levine, President’s Office, ext. 2201.
Earl Utter, the men’s ice hockey coach at SUNY Morrisville the past 10 years, has been named the women’s ice hockey head coach at SUNY Cortland, according to Joan Sitterly, athletics. Utter replaces Jen Kroleski, who stepped down after two seasons to pursue other career opportunities.

Utter compiled an overall record of 177-60-13 at Morrisville and led the program in its transition from the junior college to NCAA Division III ranks. He led the Mustangs to four National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) national titles, including three straight from 2004-06 and four in five years, and was named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year four times.

Utter was also chosen as the Eastern Junior College Hockey League (EJCHL) Coach of the Year on two occasions. His players earned 11 All-America honors along with numerous all-league and all-region awards. Off the ice, his players earned 10 NJCAA Academic All-America and Academic All-Region honors.

Prior to Morrisville, Utter spent two seasons as a volunteer assistant coach at Division I Cornell University. He also has served as an assistant coach with the Kalamazoo Junior K-Wings in the North American Hockey League and has coached at the high school and midget levels. In the summer, Utter has worked for USA Hockey as an instructor at National Player Development camps and as a lecturer in the USA Hockey Coaching Development programs.

Utter earned a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Brockport and a master’s degree from Western Michigan University.

Steve Patrick to Head Men’s and Women’s Track and Field

SUNY Cortland has named Steve Patrick as its new men’s and women’s track and field head coach, according to Joan Sitterly, athletics. Patrick replaces Matthew Moran, who served as the program’s interim head coach during the 2006-07 season. Moran will remain as Cortland’s men’s and women’s cross country head coach, a position he has held since the fall of 2005.

Patrick served as an assistant track and field coach for the Red Dragons each of the past three seasons and has been a lecturer in the Physical Education Department. Among his responsibilities was coaching Cortland’s hurdlers, including 2007 NCAA Division III women’s 100-meter hurdles and heptathlon champion Christina Acquaviva.

Previously, Patrick was an assistant track and field coach at Ithaca College from 2001-04 and an assistant cross country coach at Cortland in the fall of 2003. Prior to those duties, he was the track and field head coach and an assistant coach for the cross country programs at SUNY Cobleskill from 2000-02.

He coached Cobleskill’s men’s soccer team in 2001. While at Cobleskill, Patrick coached eight National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III national champions and 17 NJCAA Division III All-Americans. Patrick was a track and field and cross country assistant coach at Cortland in the 1999-2000 school year.

Patrick competed in cross country and track and field for four seasons at Cortland and received his bachelor’s degree from the College in 1997. He was a member of Cortland’s State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) indoor distance medley relay championship team in 1993. Patrick earned a master’s degree from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in 2000.

A native of Batavia, N.Y., Patrick lives in Cortland with his wife, Marissa, and their son, Danny.
College Finishes Third Nationally in Directors’ Cup Standings; Ranked in Top 20 for 12th Straight Year

The SUNY Cortland men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic program finished third in the 2006-07 United States Sports Academy Directors’ Cup competition among the approximately 430 eligible NCAA Division III programs competing nationally for the prestigious honor. The award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), the U.S. Sports Academy and USA Today recognizing overall excellence among collegiate athletic programs.

Cortland is one of only six schools nationwide and the only New York institution to place in the top 20 each of the 12 years the standings have been compiled on a Division III level. The Red Dragons’ finish this season is the second-best in school history.

Cortland had 14 teams participate in NCAA postseason competition this season, with 10 placing in the top 10 nationally. The men’s lacrosse and men’s outdoor track and field teams each finished as national runner-up. The baseball and men’s cross country teams were each fourth, the men’s indoor track and field team placed fifth and the field hockey team tied for fifth. The women’s outdoor track and field team placed fifth and the field hockey team tied for ninth.

Other top-25 finishers included the women’s volleyball and women’s basketball teams, each tied for 17th, and the women’s indoor track and field team, which tied for 22nd.

The standings are compiled based on schools’ national finishes in different sports. Teams earn points by qualifying for the NCAA postseason and additional points for advancing in the playoffs. The national champion receives 100 points.

Cortland finished with a total of 892.75 points. Williams College of Massachusetts won its ninth straight Cup with 1,137.5 points, followed by Middlebury College of Vermont with 1,064.5 points. Cortland, Amherst (Mass.) College (887.25) and Washington University (Mo.) (845) rounded out the top five.

2006-07 U.S. Sports Academy Directors’ Cup Final Division III Standings

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Standings are online at: www.nacda.com

DSI Review Teams Posted

The President’s Office has announced the Professional Discretionary Salary Increase (DSI) Review Teams for the 2006-07 round. Staff self-nominations are due to immediate supervisors by Friday, July 6. Deliberations will take place in August and team recommendations will be made at that time.

Copies of the DSI announcement letters and the professional recommendation form are online at www.cortland.edu/hr/policies.html under the header UUP DSI Information for 2007 Distributions.

DSI Review Teams - Professional Staff 2006-07 are as follows:

- Director’s Review Team
  - Ginny Marty,* Laura Gathagan, Mike Whitlock
- Academic Affairs
  - Glen Clarke,* Howard Lindh, Hailey Ruoff, Tom Spanbauer, Dana Van Hall
- Computing Services
  - Dianne Galutz,* Vickie Hess, Laurie Klotz, Chris Poole, Scott Thomas
- Enrollment Management
  - Jose Feliciano,* Cheryl Hines, Beth Langhans
- Finance and Management/Institutional Advancement
  - John Beecher,* Brenda Chaffee, Lori Schlicht, Chris Tucker
- Student Affairs
  - Louise Mahar,* Jim Hendrick, Kevin Pristash, Maryann Wood

* indicates team chair

Faculty-Staff Activities


Thomas O. Mwanika, communications studies, presented “Interpersonal Criticism: Who’s More Prone to be the Source or Target and Why?” at the sixth Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences. In addition, he was session chair of communication. Before the conference, Mwanika was one of the reviewers of paper proposals for presentation. The conference convened from May 30-June 2 at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa in Honolulu.

Thirty-five members of the SUNY Cortland community ran in the 3.5-mile JPMorgan Corporate Challenge in Syracuse on June 26. The proceeds supported Junior Achievement and the Make-a-Wish Foundation, both of Central New York.

The participants were Katie Beard, John Beecher, Harland Bigelow, Michele Cefalo, Brenda Chaffee, Samuel Colombo, Brent Danega, Colleen DeGouff, Erwei Dong, Ingrid Griswold, Kate Hudson, Ronald Hulslander, Peter Jeffers, Jamie Jett, Carol Kanellis, Richard Kendrick, Kristen Lamphere, Barb Leo, Adam Levine, Ricki McClure, Lorraine Melita, Mary K. Murphy, Hannah Olshan, Edith Pennell, Laurie Penney-McGee, Lois Pfister, Jillian Rejman, Melissa Roeder, Lori Schlicht, Lou Anne Simons, Nadia Snell, Christopher Tucker, Meghan VanDeuson, Jennifer Walls and Jeremy Zhe-Heimerman.
$50,000 State Grant to Study Rail Service

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After the expansion of the interstate highway system, ridership declined and scheduled passenger service was discontinued in 1958. Now owned in part by the Cortland County IDA and leased to the NYS&W, the line is used on a daily basis for freight transportation and for special events, such as the annual Marathon Maple Festival.

“It’s a great venue for families and it’s tied into the heritage tourism market, which is the fastest growing part of the tourism industry,” said Linda Hartsock, president and chief executive officer of the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

The study will explore whether passenger service could be expanded to three other special events each year: the Cortland Pumpkin Festival, the Spiedie Fest in Binghamton and a Binghamton Mets Baseball game. Another possible use for the train would be connecting it to recreational uses of the Tioughnioga River, such as fishing or boating.

“A lot of people canoe and kayak in the Tioughnioga River,” said Sharon L. Todd, recreation and leisure studies, who will work on the study. “That might be a possibility to explore other ways that the train could tie into recreation and tourism.”

In the Old Forge area, for example, visitors can ride along an historic train line and kayak along the Moose River and then take a shuttle back to their car, Todd said.

A group of 25 SUNY Cortland graduate students taking the year-long course, Recreation Research and Evaluation, will conduct the study by reviewing similar train projects, developing focus groups, conducting a telephone survey and compiling the data next spring. A coordinator for the research project will be hired this summer.

The rail service study is one of many research projects the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department has undertaken for community agencies in the past eight years.

“It’s a win-win,” said Lynn S. Anderson, recreation and leisure studies. “The students get very valuable experiential learning and the state gets some needed research and it doesn’t cost them what it would cost to hire a big consulting firm.”

For more information, contact Anderson at ext. 4941.