Sperry Center Reopening

SUNY Cortland will celebrate the reopening of the Elmer A. Sperry Learning Resource Center on Thursday, Oct. 4, in the building’s first floor atrium.

The ceremony and ribbon-cutting will begin at 3 p.m. with a reception and tours of the renovated facility to follow.

The event is open to the public. All former Sperry Center employees are encouraged to attend. Individuals who wish to attend should R.S.V.P. by Sept. 27 to Darci Bacigalupi, special events coordinator, at ext. 5453 or e-mail contrid@cortland.edu.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum will preside over the ceremony. The other speakers will be Associate Provost for Information Resources Paula Warnken, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Nasrin Parvizi, and Student Government Association President Aaron Marsh.

Sperry Center, the College’s primary large-classroom style lecture facility, reopened in September after undergoing more than a year of alterations. The redesigned lobby in this virtually windowless, three floor, 40-year-old facility features a two-story atrium with a central staircase that beckons visitors up to the upper level and makes it easier to find one’s way around the building.

“It’s gorgeous, magnificent,” said Nasrin Parvizi, facilities management. “The core of the building is open now, inviting and much more user-friendly.”

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Faculty Senate Will Seek Campus Input

The Faculty Senate will host an open forum on Monday, Sept. 24, to discuss ways it might restructure itself to have a greater voice on campus, a senator announced during the College governing body’s semi-monthly meeting on Sept. 18 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Howard Botwinick, economics, chair of the Review of Governance Committee, said the forum will take place from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

All are welcome, he said. The committee wants to hear from all segments of the campus community including faculty, librarians, professionals, classified employees and students.

“We’re announcing our presence on the campus with the forum,” Botwinick said.

The Faculty Senate requires that a review of its governance take place every five years. Botwinick referred senators to Ellen McCabe, library, and Glen Clarke, research and sponsored programs, who are also Review of Governance Committee members, to answer questions or accept input about the Faculty Senate’s governing structure outside the forum itself.

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SUNY Cortland to Hold Fall Open House on Oct. 8

More than 600 prospective college students are expected to spend a day visiting academic departments, touring the campus and talking to faculty and students during the Fall Open House on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 8.

The College will show off its campus to interested individuals on a regular day of classes, said Admissions Director Mark Yacavone. Faculty, staff and students from academic departments and student service offices will be available to meet with visitors throughout the program. Additionally, guests may tour the campus and eat in the dining facilities.

“Our Open House programs are comprehensive events that provide prospective students the opportunity to experience the campus and interact directly with our students, faculty and staff,” added Yacavone.

“They will be able to grasp the momentum of our dynamic campus community, where more than 90 percent of our undergraduate students gain hands-on experience through internships, volunteerism, civic engagement and study abroad.”

The visitors have made prior reservations with the Admissions Office to be on campus that day. The program will formally begin at 10:15 a.m. in the Park Center. An academic fair and student services fair, featuring department faculty and student services, will take place in Park Center Corey Gymnasium from 10 a.m.-noon. At 12:30 p.m., students are encouraged to proceed to their chosen academic department offices for more information and a tour.

Guided tours of the campus and residence halls will run from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will meet in the Corey Union Function Room.

Honors Program Coordinator Arnold Talentinio will offer an overview of the Honors Program at 11:45 a.m. in Corey Union, Room 209. Special sessions on admissions, financial advisement, athletics, dining services and residential services will also be offered that day. For details, visit the Web site at cortland.edu/admissions.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
ASC Dining Services Wins Two National Awards for Special Event Dinners

The SUNY Cortland Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Dining Services received two national awards in July for food served at special events on campus this past spring.

As part of its Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards competition, the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) presented ASC with a gold medal in the catering special-event category and a silver medal in the residence hall dining theme dinner category among medium-sized schools.

ASC received the gold medal for its “Escape to the Cape” gala. The Feb. 10 event was held in the Corey Union Function Room as a student affairs program fundraising coordinated by Sue Vleck, residential services.

Set against a New England beach-themed backdrop with a lighthouse, rocky shore and docks, ASC prepared hors d’oeuvres with mini-crab cakes, soup and salad including seafood bisque, and hot food featuring sautéed seafood pasta and carved turkey, desserts and an ice bar with rock lobster tails. Music, carnival games, a silent auction and raffle were a part of the festivities.

ASC earned its silver award for “It’s Vegas, Baby!” on Feb. 20, when 1,200 guests from the campus community were treated to an evening of delectable food in Neubig Hall in the campus community were treated to an evening of delectable food in Neubig Hall as a part of the festivities.

The winners were judged on menu selection, entertainment in Corey Union.

Neubig was transformed into Las Vegas, replete with famed avenues that led to Neubig Royale, a resort featuring prime rib and grilled wasabi tuna steaks. Other “resorts” with different taste treats were “Frommagio,” “Palm-granita,” “Mandarin Bay,” and the “Classic Caesar.” Desserts at the “Royale Flush” included cherries jubilee, bananas foster and crepes suzette.

A de-jay presided over the entertainment portion highlighted by campus performers, comedians and special guest appearances from Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley. To promote the event, the campus dining locations hosted Vegas trivia contests and handed out petit fours made to look like dice and cupcakes.

ASC has now won three Horton Awards. In 2006, ASC earned a silver medal in the residence hall dining themed category for its “Caribbean Cruise Night.”

“Escape to the Cape” and “It’s Vegas, Baby!” are among the events that made ASC’s dining services stand out in the competition. The organization’s goal is to assist both individuals and communities in developing shared strategies to resolve local health concerns.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, O’Brien moved to England at an early age. “It’s a tremendous honor to have a dining program that has been nationally recognized two years in a row,” said William McNamara, director of ASC Dining Services. “Our mission is to serve the campus community, and events such as these are just a few ways in which we do that. The success would not be possible without the hard work and support of all my team members who take a great deal of pride in providing exceptional service each and every day.”

The Horton Awards, named for a NACUFS founder and past president, were presented in Seattle, Wash., site of this year’s conference. The winners were judged on menu selection, merchandising and promotion, marketing and overall impression.

British Visiting Professor Vincent O’Brien To Deliver Poskanzer Lecture on Oct. 3

Vincent O’Brien, a visiting professor in the School of Professional Studies, will deliver the second annual Charles N. Poskanzer Lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

O’Brien will discuss “Visible Voices, Changing Lives: Experiences of Working with Migrant Communities in Brazil, Kyrgyzstan and the UK.” His illustrated talk is free and open to the public.

A senior lecturer in public health at the University of Cumbria’s Lancaster Campus in Lancaster, England, O’Brien teaches bachelor’s-level courses in health development and master’s-level courses in international health, public health and social change in the United Kingdom. During his stay at SUNY Cortland this fall semester, he will focus on international health and culture. He is concurrently serving as a visiting scholar at the Institutes of Population Health and Women’s Studies at the University of Ottawa in Canada.

In his talk, O’Brien will describe and illustrate the mission and impact of Visible Voice, an international collaboration between researchers, health workers, community organizations, visual activists and local communities. The organization’s goal is to assist both individuals and communities in developing shared strategies to resolve local health concerns.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, O’Brien moved to England at an early age. “My experiences as a young Irish migrant in England and the emergence of the ‘counter culture’ in the late 1960s were the backdrop to my adolescence and important factors in shaping my world view,” explained O’Brien. “So, no real surprise that today much of my work focuses on exploring relationships between culture, migration, health and well-being.”

O’Brien linked those interests with a discovery of the power of digital photography in 2002, when he was coordinator for a European Union-funded higher education project with partners at the State medical Academy in Kyrgyzstan.

“It occurred to me that making films and taking pictures was a great way to work across language and cultural boundaries,” said O’Brien. “I began to explore the research potential of using visual methods. Over the last few years, I have been developing this approach in a series of Visible Voice projects.”

O’Brien will demonstrate the cross-cultural successes Visible Voice has achieved with indigenous peoples in the remote mountain villages of Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia, as well as with residents in Rio de Janeiro’s Rochina favela in Brazil and with African refugees in Great Britain.

For more information, contact Bonni Hodges, health, at ext. 4225.
Earthly Matters Talk on Sept. 27 Will Address Environmental Impact on Recorded Human Events

Alfred Crosby, who pioneered innovative approaches to the study of European history by recognizing the importance of environmental and ecological factors in shaping the past, will speak on Thursday, Sept. 27.

A distinguished historian and professor emeritus at the University of Texas, Austin, Crosby will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Main Third Floor Mezzanine. The lecture continues the College's 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.

Crosby's most well-read book, *Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900 (Studies in Environment and History)*, (1986), explores from a unique, environmental point of view, how a few determined pioneers from a tiny continent succeeded in sailing the oceans and, later on, taking over the Americas and Australia. He maintains that the European domination was more a matter of biology than military might.

“[In telling this very readable story, Crosby combines a historian’s taste for colorful detail with a scientist’s hunger for unfying and testable generalization,” wrote a reviewer from *The Wall Street Journal*. “He shows that there is more to history than kings and battles, and more to ecology than fruits and nuts.”

“Ecological imperialism could not ask for a more lucid and stylish exponent,” writes a *Times Literary Supplement* reviewer.

Crosby is also the author of many other books, including *Ecological Imperialism*, which will be the subject of a book chat for the History Department faculty members and students. It will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Old Main Third Floor Mezzanine.

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

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

Campus Women’s Group Organizes Sept. 29 Fair To Unite Families with Area Child Care Resources

Both parents and parents-to-be can find out what’s available to help families at the Cortland Area Child Care and Family Resource Fair on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Presented by the campus group Women’s Initiatives, the event runs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge and is free and open to the public.

Child care centers and business and community groups from the Cortland area will be there to share resources and highlight family-friendly programs in the community.

Representatives were invited from the Community Action Program of Cortland County (CAPCO) Head Start, the Cortland Area Child Care Council, the Cortland County Health Education Department, the Cortland County Health Department’s Children With Special Needs Division, the Cortland Family Fun and Resource Center, the Cortland Free Library, the Faculty Student Association Child Care Center at TC3, the New York State 529 College Savings Program, the Performing Arts Institute, the Preble Children’s Center, the SUNY Cortland Child Care Center, the SUNY Cortland Children’s Museum and the YWCA of Cortland Child Care Programs.

“The objective of the fair is to provide practical information and resources to SUNY Cortland employees and Cortland County residents on child care agencies and resources available for children and families,” explained co-organizer Abby Thomas, advisement and transition, and Women’s Initiatives member.

“As members of the Cortland community, we feel it is important to help connect families to available resources,” added co-organizer Gayle Gleason, geology, who is also active in Women’s Initiatives.

Women’s Initiatives has a mission to “provide a forum in which women can come together to address women’s issues and concerns, educate themselves and the campus, build community to support one another, and develop networks that facilitate the success of women.”

For more information, contact Thomas at ext. 4726 or thomasa@cortland.edu or Gleason at ext. 2816 or gleasong@cortland.edu.

Alumni Speaker Series to Focus on Sport Management

The 2007-08 Alumni Speaker Series kicks off at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, where a panel of six SUNY Cortland sport management graduates will share their insights into various aspects of the profession.

The panelists include:
• Joe Cooper ’07, a consultant with the SUNY Cortland Youth Sports Institute, who will discuss “Information Technology in Sports;”
• Bryan Hoffman ’00, director of the Binghamton Veterans Memorial Arena, who will address “Event and Facility Management;”
• Mike Koperda ’07, a former minor league baseball general manager and now the CEO of both the Family Soccer Center in Norwich, N.Y., and the Soccer Saves Kids Foundation, who will discuss “How to Market Yourself;”
• Kyle McGowan ’06, an athletic sales account executive for PSP Unlimited in Ithaca, N.Y., who will focus on ‘Athletic Merchandizing’;
• Christa Reese ’05, director of game day operations for the Binghamton Senators, who will talk about “Operations in Professional Sports;” and
• Erin Rurey ’03, external affairs assistant for Binghamton University athletics, who will address “College Athletics.”

“More than anything else, people who are interested in a career in sports will be able to get an idea of how to build their resume and to prepare for an entry-level position,” explained James Reese, sport management.

“How do you go from liking sports to actually getting a job in sports when you’re competing with thousands of people for an entry-level job? The idea behind the panel presentation is to give people the impression that there are many different facets to sports. There are more jobs than just being a sports agent or a general manager.”

Free and open to the public, the event is sponsored by the Career Services Office, the Alumni Affairs Office and the Division of Institutional Advancement.

For more information, contact Career Services at ext. 4715.
Community Roundtable Oct. 4 Will Highlight Clues to Ancient Human Life in Turkish Dig

During a community roundtable on Thursday, Oct. 4, Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, will theorize about what ancient life might have been like based on artifacts found at a 5,000-year-old dig in Turkey.

Titled "Archaeology in Turkey: Searching for Clues to Ancient Life," the roundtable takes place between 8-9 a.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. Sponsored by the President’s Office and the Center for Educational Exchange, the event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

"Turkey has often been described as an ‘open air museum’ because of the many extraordinary archaeological remains so clearly visible across the landscape," Steadman said. “Çadir Höyük is the ‘other’ type of archaeological site, the kind at which evidence of the past is buried under layers of dirt and other material. This talk profiles some of the highlights of 10 years of research at this site and how we are slowly revealing some startling facets of the ancient world in this region.”

A faculty member in the Sociology and Anthropology Department since 1998, Steadman is a specialist in the Chalcolithic Period, a culture that dates back to 5200 B.C. She is a research anthropologist and an authority on architecture and landscape archaeology, archeology of religion, and prehistoric economic systems and interaction analysis. Steadman has served as field director of the Çadir Höyük excavations in Central Turkey each summer since 1998, and as co-director of the Shamkir Valley and Castle Survey Excavations in Azerbaijan.

She has played a key role in other excavation sites, including Horom, Armenia; Akrotiri-Aetokremnos, Cyprus; Gordion, Turkey; and Tell el-Hammah, Israel.

For more information on the Community Roundtable series, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/cee.

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

Visiting Professors From Belarus, Great Britain To Discuss International Topics at SUNY Cortland

SUNY Cortland’s James M. Clark Center for International Education will host a series of lectures during the fall semester aimed at enlarging the campus community’s understanding of the wider world. All the lectures are free and open to the public.

Larissa Titarenko of Belarus State University in Minsk will address gender gaps in Eastern and Central Europe in a presentation, titled “No sex? No Drugs? No Rock ‘n Roll?” at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Alger Residence Hall Atrium. The lecture features a reception and is co-sponsored by the Project on Eastern and Central Europe (PECE), the Sociology/Anthropology, History, and Political Science Departments and the Auxiliary Services Corporation.

According to Titarenko, although basic values are somewhat similar all over the world, gender differences still matter everywhere.

Vincent O’Brien, a visiting professor from the University of Cumbria, Lancaster, United Kingdom, who specializes in international health, will discuss “Values Exchange Cortland: Online Collaborative Decision Making Environment in ‘E-Democracy’ and ‘E-Health’” on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The sandwich seminar begins at 12:30 p.m. in The Bookmark. The event is also sponsored by the Health Department.

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, academic affairs, will address “Reconstruction of Higher Education in Liberia: Challenges and Opportunities – ASCCULS’s Fact-finding Team’s Observations, Findings and Recommendations” on Thursday, Sept. 27, in The Bookmark. Her sandwich seminar begins at noon. The talk also is supported by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, Africana Studies Department and TransAfrica.

For more information, contact Henry Steck, interim director of the Clark Center, at ext. 4807. For more information about the Davis-Russell presentation, contact Seth Asumah, Africana studies, at ext. 2064.

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

Educational Leadership Intern Conference Planned

Approximately 30 administrative interns are expected to participate in the Fall 2007 Educational Leadership Conference on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at Corey Union. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Held biannually since Fall 2002, the event is part of the College’s Educational Leadership Program for Certificate of Advanced Study (C.A.S.) students.

The program provides these future school administrators with valuable information and an opportunity to meet and network with other students who will be helpful resources throughout their careers.

Gerald Porter, education, will deliver the keynote address at 9:40 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Interns will attend breakout sessions titled “The First Year as a School Administrator.” Presenters are Gary Bissaillon, elementary principal in the Marcellus Central School District; Jeannette Clark, assistant middle school principal in the Westhill Central School District; and Karen Lang, associate high school principal in the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District.

Louis Larson, career services, will present “Knowing the Marketplace for School Administrators.” Mary Kinsella, educational leadership, will provide closing remarks.

The conference fee of $14 includes refreshments and materials. For more information, contact the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) at ext. 4704.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
New York State Geologists To Assemble Sept. 28-30

More than 150 geologists and geology students will visit campus Sept. 28-30, for the 79th annual meeting of the New York State Geological Association (NYSGA).

Hosted by the Geology Department, the conference will begin with a welcoming reception on Friday evening in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Saturday’s schedule will include five field trips followed by a banquet and keynote speaker in the Corey Union Function Room on Saturday night. Jim Bell of Cornell University will discuss “Roving on Mars, Geology and Geochemistry of the Red Planet.” His lecture is sponsored by NYSGA and the Cortland College Foundation.

The meeting will conclude following five field trips on Sunday. Field trip topics include glacial processes, sedimentology, paleontology, landslides and igneous petrology of the Central New York region.

A complete list of meeting details can be viewed at http://paleo.cortland.edu/nysga07/. SUNY Cortland hosted the 42nd annual NYSGA meeting in May 1970.

Education Building Groundbreaking Planned for Sept. 25

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new School of Education Building and Child Care Center will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, on the grassy area between Van Hoesen Hall and Prospect Terrace.

Among the dignitaries speaking at the event will be State Sen. James Seward, Board of Trustee member and Cortland alumnus Stephen Hunt ’72, and Mark Ginsberg ’75, a Cortland alumnus and executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which oversees the accreditation of most of the nation’s child care centers.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum headlines the College’s list of speakers, which also includes Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell, Dean of Education Gerald Porter, SUNY Cortland Child Care Center Executive Director Johanna Hartnett and Associate Vice President of Facilities Management Nasrin Parvizi.

Power of Women Conference Set for Oct. 5-6

Pushpa Naidu Parekh, an English professor who directs the Honors Program at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., will speak on post-colonial feminist disability perspectives on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Parekh, a prolific scholar on women in the context of post-colonialism and the diaspora, will deliver the keynote speech from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

Her talk is part of the second Power of Women Conference set for Oct. 5-6 and hosted by Planet of Women for Equality and Respect (POWER), the campus feminist organization. The lecture and other conference events are free and open to the public.

Parekh edited “Intersecting Gender and Disability Perspectives in Rethinking Post-colonial Identities” for Wagadu, an online publication on scholarship dealing with transnational gender issues that is based at SUNY Cortland.

“In many ways post-colonial societies, despite the claim of resisting the colonizing and imperialist West’s dominance, have succumbed to its most pernicious practices in silencing diverse voices, identities and ways of life and existence,” Parekh said.

On Friday, Oct. 5, “A Night of Creative Expression” opens the conference from 6-9 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. Participants will have an opportunity to share their talents with an Open Mic Night, listen to a poetry slam and musical performances.

On Saturday, conference registration begins at 10 a.m. with refreshments in the Old Main lobby. The day will feature concurrent workshops, presentations, discussions and speakers in Brown Auditorium and classrooms in Old Main. Tentative topics include a presentation by the men’s student organization Men of Value and Excellence (M.O.V.E.) on “Male Body Image,” a discussion of “Fat Politics,” and a “POWER Alumna” presentation on post-graduation realities.

“Our organization is the only feminist group on campus,” said POWER President Emily Cittadino. “We work with many topics from reproductive rights to breast cancer awareness.”

The group hosts POWER Hour, a discussion-based series about various women’s issues, every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. POWER meets at 8 p.m. each Tuesday in Corey Union, Room 101. POWER offers a weekly call-in radio show titled, “Ask a Feminist,” airing on 90.5 WSUC-FM The Dragon on Sundays from 8-10 p.m.

Conference organizers include Cittadino, vice president Brittany Hays, secretary Sally Bien, treasurer Cat Casseday, promotions directors Lisa Baumgarnder and Lisa Portelli, radio show coordinators Sally Bien and Portelli, advisor Caroline Kaltefleiter, communication studies, and Jackie Fisher, Stephen Jean-Louise and Colleen Cahill.

POWER is funded by the mandatory student activity fee. For more information, contact the group at cortlandpower@yahoo.com.

Environmentalist, Author Bill McKibben to Speak

Bill McKibben, a leading environmentalist whose first book, *The End of Nature* (1989), raised the alarm about global climate change, will speak on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

McKibben, who frequently writes about global warming, alternative energy and the risks associated with human genetic engineering, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. The lecture, titled “Building the Climate Movement: The Moral, Economic and Political Battle for the Future,” opens the College’s 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.

McKibben is currently a scholar in residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. His most recent book, *Deep Economy: The

Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future* (2007), addresses the shortcomings of the growth economy and envisions a transition to more local-scale enterprise.

In late summer 2006, McKibben helped lead a five-day walk across Vermont to demand action on global warming that some newspaper accounts called the largest demonstration to date in America about climate change. Beginning in January this year, he founded stepitup07.org to demand that Congress enact curbs on carbon emissions that would cut global warming pollution 80 percent by 2050.

“Fight Global Warming Now,” a guide to help people initiate environmental activism in their community, will be published in October.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.
Wingate Memorial Open Will Be Held Sept. 29

The Sport Management Department will hold its 12th annual Suzanne Wingate Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Willowbrook Golf Course, 3267 Route 215, Cortland.

The tournament is named after former SUNY Cortland professor Suzanne Wingate. An avid golfer, Wingate is credited with founding the College’s sport management program and worked there from 1985 until her death from cancer in 1995.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Suzanne Wingate Memorial Scholarship Fund for sport management majors. The scholarship became endowed in 2001.

The event at the 18-hole, par-70 course starts at 9 a.m. A barbecue chicken dinner and an auction will be held at 3:30 p.m. The cost is $50 per person or $200 per team.

For more information, contact Aaron Zipp, sport management, at ext. 2133 or zippa@cortland.edu. The participation form is available at www.cortland.edu/spmg.

Cast Announced for Musical ‘Thoroughly Modern Millie’

The Performing Arts Department has announced the cast for its fall production of the Broadway and Hollywood musical comedy “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” to be presented Oct. 26-Nov. 4 in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

Senior Audra Rizzo will play the flapper Millie Dillmount and sophomore Anthony Festa will be her love interest Jimmy Smith. The secondary couple of Dorothy Brown and Festa will be portrayed by Elizabeth Williams and Skylar Winter.

Robbins, Becca Rozzoni, Jason Schulof, Josh Kim Moore, Aileen Morris, Ken Reisch, Doug Goldstein, Chelsea Gravazzi, Colin Havener, Brian Miceli and Allison Zack. Completing featured roles are Anita Pena, Jeff van Damme, Kara Howard, Dan Mages, Ryan McDonald, Kim Moore, Aileen Morris, Ken Reisch, Doug Robbins, Becca Rozzoni, Jason Schulof, Josh Williams and Skylar Winter.

The production is directed and choreographed by Kevin Halpin, performing arts, with musical direction by Corinne Equilina.

Tickets go on sale at Jodi’s Hallmark Shop on Main Street on Monday, Oct. 1.

Sperry Center Reopening Ceremony Set for Oct. 4

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Designed by JMZ Architects and Planners of Glens Falls, N.Y., and constructed by Sarkisian Brothers Inc., of Binghamton, N.Y., the new entranceway hints at the modernized classroom space contained within.

The $12.6 million project underwritten by the SUNY Construction Fund is the first significant renovation of Sperry since its doors opened to students in 1967, according to Joe Woodin, the capital projects manager on the project. He worked closely with the Construction Fund and on project design and bidding. Robert Davenport, assistant facilities program coordinator, oversaw the contractors at the work site.

The building was named after famed inventor Elmer Sperry who has local roots. The facility reopened with five of the largest lecture spaces on campus. The building’s largest tiered seated lecture room holds 292 people, said Brad Snyder, classroom media services, who planned and oversaw these installations.

Sperry’s five lecture halls will include dual and widescreen projection capabilities.

Additionally, the Sperry Center has two distance learning spaces on the third floor, including a 36-seat classroom and a conference room designed for flexible use. These rooms will allow live, synchronous connections to people anywhere in the world with similar connections. Faculty also will be able to stream their lectures live to individuals by Web.

Sperry Center also features a new roof, an emergency generator, and a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, Parvizi noted.

Project managers added “green” components, although the Sperry renovation is not a certified Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) building, Woodin said. Contractors installed more sustainable materials in its construction, such as linoleum, an organic material, and wood trims so it would meet the minimum of LEED requirements.

Sports Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 26
WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL vs. RIT, 7 p.m.
Field Hockey at Morrisville, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 28
WOMEN’S SOCCER vs. Plattsburgh, 4 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball at Nazareth Invitational, 3 p.m.
Women’s Tennis at Fredonia, 4 p.m.
Men’s Soccer at Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men’s/Women’s Cross Country at Lehigh (Pa.)
Paul Short Invitational, TBA
Women’s Golf at Elmira Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Sept. 29
WOMEN’S TENNIS vs. Brockport, 1 p.m.
WOMEN’S SOCCER vs. Potsdam, 1 p.m.
Football at William Paterson (N.J.), 1 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball at Nazareth Invitational, 2:40 p.m.
Men’s Soccer at Potsdam, 3 p.m.
Men’s/Women’s Cross Country at Utica College Invitational, TBA

Sunday, Sept. 30
Field Hockey at Springfield (Mass.), 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 1
WOMEN’S GOLF, Larry Martin Memorial, TBA

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Women’s Tennis at LeMoyne, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Women’s Tennis at Geneseo, 3:30 p.m.
Field Hockey at Oneonta, 4 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball at Geneseo, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5
Men’s Soccer at Buffalo State, 4 p.m.
WOMEN’S SOCCER vs. Buffalo State, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6
Football at Kean (N.J.), 1 p.m.
Field Hockey at Geneseo, 1 p.m.
WOMEN’S SOCCER vs. Fredonia, 1 p.m.
Men’s Soccer at Fredonia, 7 p.m.
Wellness Series Continues with Speakers, Programs

The Wellness Wednesday Series will feature the following speakers, exhibits, self-help workshops and other programs intended to help students adjust to college life.

Sponsored by the Health Education Office and the Student Development Center, the series will take place at 7 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, unless otherwise noted. The events are free and open to the public.

Mike “Greeny” Green, president of Colleague Consultants on Drugs and Alcohol and a national presenter, will discuss “The Four Stages of Drinking” at 8 p.m. on Sept. 26 in the Corey Union Function Room.

Green shares his take on the four stages of drinking and how even the “one night problem” can have serious consequences for any student. Green’s background as an athlete, coach, educator and recovering alcoholic provide him with the know-how to help students create a low-risk relationship with alcohol.

His talk is sponsored by judicial affairs, student affairs, residential services, counseling center, campus activities, recreational sports, athletics and university police.

The Southern Tier AIDS Project will offer a presentation titled “Living With HIV” on Oct. 3. An individual living with HIV will outline the opportunities an individual can have by learning to live with HIV.

On Oct. 10, Kristen Semrau, a career services representative with Bryant & Stratton College, will present “How to Make Your Dreams Come True.” This interactive session will help participants develop goal-setting skills that will put them on their way to success.

On Oct. 17, Mary Dykeman, a public health educator with Cortland County’s Jacobus Center for Reproductive Health, will present “Paradise By The Dashboard Light,” which will focus on the huge decision whether to have sex or to wait. This program offers a chance to discuss the many issues involved in this complicated topic, including relationships, birth control, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and values. The program will use music and dance to encourage participation in the discussion.

Jeffrey Wynnyk, a representative of the Southern Tier AIDS Project, will give a talk on “Really…Who Are You? Unraveling Homophobia” on Oct. 24. He will discuss topics including the definitions and invention of homophobia, basic levels of homophobia in our culture and society, components of sexual orientation and myths and realities of individuals with alternative lives. Wynnyk will offer his ideas on overcoming prejudice and discrimination.

On Oct. 31, participants are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. for “Trick or Eat?,” which combines the chance to dress up for Halloween with helping the local community. To sign up, send an e-mail to cortland@nypirg.org, call ext. 4815 or stop by the NYPIRG office in Corey Union Room 215.

For more information, contact Cathy Dowd Fine Arts Gallery

Nominations Sought for Brooks Teaching Award

Nominations for the Rozanne Brooks Dedicated Teacher’s Award for the academic year 2007-08 are due Wednesday, Oct. 10. They should be submitted to the Division of Institutional Advancement, Brockway Hall, Room 312. For more information, contact Melony Warwick at ext. 2518.

The criteria, process, deadlines and call for nominations are available online at www.cortland.edu/fdc/awards_grants.asp and click on nomination form.

The Brooks Award recognizes a faculty member who devotes a major portion of his/her time to teaching as well as a significant amount of time with students outside the classroom. Involvement in campus life enhances the candidates’ application. Publication and research are not an emphasis of the award. The award recipient will receive $5,000 to enhance his or her teaching.

The Brooks Award is open to teaching faculty who possess continuing appointment and have been employed at SUNY Cortland for a minimum of five years. Candidates must be teaching a full-time course load as defined by their department for the fall and spring semesters. Nominators should pay particular attention to this requirement.

The Brooks Teaching Award Committee will consider the names of individuals suggested by faculty or professional staff. Faculty and staff may nominate only one person. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Faculty may win the award one time only. Those nominated but not winning the award must wait three years before being nominated again.

Dowd Fine Arts Gallery Lists Fall Semester Events

A collection of etchings, lithographs and serigraphs by modern American and European master printmakers is on exhibit through Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery.

Nancy Green, curator of prints and drawings at the Herbert F. Johnson Museum at Cornell University, will offer a gallery talk on the exhibition at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Artist Harvey Breverman, a SUNY Distinguished Professor at the University at Buffalo, will conduct a second gallery talk on “The Artist As Reluctant Collector” on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The lecture begins at 7 p.m.

“From Albers to Picasso’ reflects the excitement of divergent but cohesive movements over an approximately 100-year period in the diverse world of printmaking within a single collection,” observed Green, referring to the Modern Art period between 1890-1980.

“By their very nature, privately owned art collections frequently remain hidden from public view,” Green continued. “As an exhibition at SUNY Cortland, this collection makes us fully cognizant of the generosity of those who share these gems with us.

“There are so many treasures in this exhibition, but iconic among the images is the work of Jasper Johns, ‘Figure 8,’ from his series ’Numerals,’ and another by Robert Rauschenberg, ’Test Stone No. 6,’ from the ’Booster Series with Blue Cloud.’

The exhibit includes works by other artists, such as Joseph Albers, Leonard Baskin, George Bellows, Georges Braque, Marc Chagall, Richard Diebenkorn, James Ensov, Sam Francis, Alberto Giacometti, R.B. Kitaj, Kathe Kollwitz, Mauricio Lasansky, John Marin, Michael Mazur, Robert Motherwell, Ben Nicholson, Pablo Picasso, James Rosenquist, John Sloan, Frank Stella, Evan Summer, Graham Sutherland, Mark Tobey and Victor Vasarely.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The gallery is closed Sundays and Mondays.

The exhibition is underwritten by a grant from the Myrl Crocker Howe Trust, administered by her son, Robert Crocker Howe. Additional support comes from the J. M. McDonald Foundation and the Campus Artist and Lecture Series. For more information, contact Interim Gallery Director Bryan Thomas at ext. 4216.
**News Briefs**

**Banned Books Week Spurs Reading Program, Display**

In recognition of the freedom to read, Memorial Library will participate in the American Library Association’s Banned Books Week with displays in The College Store, Corey Union, Old Main and Memorial Library.

The displays will run from Wednesday, Sept. 26-Monday, Oct. 8, and will portray how familiar literature has been and continues to be censored on a regular basis.

Contest entry forms at each display will test participants’ knowledge of the books on display. Participants who complete the contest forms are eligible to win one of two $25 Auxiliary Services Corporation gift cards, a Cortaca Jug sweatshirt or T-shirt, or a Banned Book tote bag filled with items.

The contest is open to students, staff and faculty, limit one entry per person per display. The drawing for the prizes will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Memorial Library Teaching Materials Center. One winner per display will be drawn for all correct entries received. The winner does not need to be present.

For more information, contact Lorraine Melita at ext. 4009 or Gretchen Douglas at ext. 4029. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Award Recipients Announced**

The Research and Sponsored Programs Office has announced the following award recipients:

- **Marley Barduhn**, education, and **Deborah Miller**, Migrant Education Outreach Program, received $2,000 from the East Bloomfield School District for their project titled “Esperanza Project” in conjunction with the services provided by the Migrant Education Outreach Program, for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008.

- **Andrea Lachance**, **Cynthia Benton and Elizabeth Klein**, childhood/early childhood education, received $73,577 from the New York State Education Department for their project titled “Teacher/Leader Quality Partnerships Program 2007-2008” for the period Sept. 1, 2007-Aug. 31, 2008.

**Mexican Band to Perform Folk Music on Oct. 2**

Tlen-Huicani, a band that offers the traditional music of the original peoples of Mexico, will perform on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Presented by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALS), the group will begin at 8 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. Tickets are $2 for SUNY Cortland students with I.D. and $5 for the general public. They are available at the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office in Corey Union, Room 406, or at the door.

Tlen-Huicani means “the singers” in the indigenous Indian language of Nahuatl. The group remains one of the most faithful interpreters of the traditional folk music of Veracruz, Mexico and most of Latin America. Since 1973, their music and international achievements have earned the honor of ‘Best Folk Group in Mexico’ by the Union of Music and Theater Critics.

For more information, contact Campus Activities and Corey Union at ext. 2321.

**Information Session to Feature Internal Grants**

A faculty information session titled “Funding Your Scholarly Work: Internal Grant Opportunities” will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The information session is sponsored by the Research and Sponsored Programs Office, the College Research Committee and the Faculty Development Center.

The internal funding programs to be highlighted include: Faculty Research Program, Research Enrichment and Development Initiative (REDI) Fellowship Program, College Foundation Research Travel Grants Program and the Faculty Development Center grants programs.

The session will include an overview of each application, discussion of the peer review selection criteria, and networking possibilities with previous award recipients and members of the committees. A dinner buffet will be served.

Those who plan to attend should call the Research and Sponsored Programs Office by Friday, Oct. 5, at ext. 2511 or e-mail Pam Schroeder at pams@em.cortland.edu.

**New Fellowship Program Invites Applications**

The Research and Sponsored Programs Office (RSPO) invites applications from full-time, tenure-track or tenured, teaching faculty and professionals with a fundable research idea to the Jan. 1, 2008-Dec. 31, 2009, REDI Fellowship Program.

RSPO intends to select up to 10 Research Enrichment and Development Initiative (REDI) Fellows to participate in a pilot program designed to increase the number of awards from agencies of the U.S. government at SUNY Cortland.

The pilot program replaces the Summer Fellowship Program and requires Fellows to commit to two years of consultations and proposal development activities with a national consultant, David Bauer, to secure funding for their research.

Awards will begin Jan. 1, 2008, and will provide each Fellow with a maximum of $7,000 over two years to support their participation in the program. Applicants with a demonstrated history of applying for or securing internal or external funds in support of their research will be considered.

The REDI Fellowship Program supports Fellows to bolster their skills in securing external funds to support their research. The goal of the program is to increase the number of federal awards at SUNY Cortland.

Fellowship funding may be used for pilot studies, student wages and fringe benefits, equipment and supplies and necessary travel related to the program. Funds may not be used to support faculty/staff salary, including course release. Rather, awards are intended to strengthen project designs and assure that research proposals match agency priorities.

The College Research Committee (CRC) will serve as the peer review body for selection and recommendation of award recipients. Interested faculty are strongly urged to review the guidelines, available at www.cortland.edu/rspo/internal_grants.asp, and apply.

Questions about the REDI Program can be addressed to RSPO staff or to any member of the CRC.
Faculty-Staff Activities


Bonni C. Hodges and Donna M. Videto, health, will have their paper, “Service Learning: Creating Visibility and Advocacy for Health Education,” published early next year in the American Journal of Health Education. The paper reviews how the SUNY Cortland Health Department uses service learning to increase the visibility of and advocacy for school health education in Central New York and to meet the needs of students in its master’s level school health professional preparation programs.

Charles A. Maxfield, history, recently edited a collection of writings of the Cortland Writers Group. This anthology included two poems by Maxfield, “Thoughts on the Approach of My Sixtieth Birthday,” and “Chicago Bog.”

Mark J. Prus, arts and sciences, and two co-authors, Kevin C. Duncan and Peter W. Philips, have been informed their article, “Do Prevailing Wage Laws Increase the Cost of Constructing Public Schools?” will be published in Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society. The article is an empirical examination of the experience with prevailing wages in British Columbia in the contemporary period.

James Reese, sport management, has agreed to serve on the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics.


Ben Wodi, health, was appointed visiting professor of Public Health at the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, effective Sept. 1. As a visiting professor, Wodi will assist the university in exploring areas of partnership with SUNY Cortland as well as the development of a Master of Public Health degree program for the institution.

Faculty Senate to Seek Campus Input at Open Forum on Sept. 24

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Tentatively, the open forum will begin with an overview of the faculty governance organization’s current structure and then open the floor to discussion to hear viewpoints on problems within faculty governance at Cortland, Borwinick said.

In new business before the Faculty Senate, Douglas DeRancy, alumni affairs, reported on the Alumni Association’s former relationship with the loan consolidation company, NelNet.

“NelNet was not a preferred lender, but a loan consolidation company,” DeRancy said.

The Alumni Association signed a contract with NelNet in response to a concern expressed by the Financial Advisement Office that students who chose their own loan consolidation company and who were entitled to at least partial loan forgiveness for teaching in urban school districts after graduation were losing out. DeRancy said that some loan consolidation companies were unreliable in telling students about that loan forgiveness opportunity.

“Under the Perkins Loan, the inner city teaching loan forgiveness has to happen before the loan is consolidated,” DeRancy said. “After a loan has been consolidated, it’s too late.”

So in 2005, the Alumni Association signed the first of two one-year contracts with NelNet to market its services to SUNY Cortland alumni in exchange for a fee, he said.

This year, when New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo was investigating the relationships between alumni associations and loan consolidation companies statewide and nationwide, many of the colleges severed their relationships with the companies.

“We did not terminate our relationship with NelNet,” DeRancy said. “We thought what we were doing was ethical, legal and responsible. We sent our contract to the New York State Attorney General’s Office in March at the request of SUNY Legal Counsel in May. SUNY Legal Counsel requested that we terminate the contract, which we refused to do. Instead, in July the NelNet people ended their contract with us because they were tired of getting hammered over this.”

He clarified a point with the senators.

“There is no money for us to return to former students because the money NelNet gave us came directly through the company and not from the students who let NelNet consolidate their loans,” DeRancy said.

DeRancy was asked why, in the newspaper accounts, it appeared that NelNet’s fee to the Alumni Association was very large compared to other area colleges.

“It’s a result of very tough negotiations,” DeRancy said. “They gave us a very great deal. I’ve not had a single complaint from our alumni about our dealing with NelNet.”

Senator David Berger, psychology, expressed concern that many people consider the Alumni Association to be a part of the College.

“We need to correct that perception,” Berger said.

Senator David Ritchie, library, asked how alumni will be informed about how to take advantage of any loan forgiveness program for which they may be eligible.

“I don’t know,” DeRancy said. “I’m out of the loop. There are a lot of loan consolidators out there, but you can’t guarantee they will give students the information they need to consider debt forgiveness before they consolidate their loan.”
### Coming Events

**Monday, Sept. 24**
- **Open Forum:** Faculty Governance at Cortland, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 11:30 a.m.
- **Alumni Speaker Series:** Panel of six sport management graduates, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 25**
- **Groundbreaking:** School of Education Building; Van Hoosen Hall lawn, rain location Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11 a.m.
- **Working Parents Brown Bag Lunch:** Sponsored by the Women’s Initiative Committee, Corey Union, Room 209, noon.
- **Earthly Matters Speaker:** “Building the Climate Movement: The Moral, Economic and Political Battle for the Future,” Bill McKibben, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- **Alger Hall Presentation Series:** “No Sex? No Drugs? No Rock ‘n Roll?: Student Life in Today’s Eastern Europe,” Alger Hall atrium, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 26**
- **Wellness Wednesday Series:** “The Four Stages of Drinking,” Corey Union Function Room, 8 p.m.
- **Sandwich Seminar:** “Values Exchange Cortland: Online Collaborative Decision Making Environment in ‘E-Democracy’ and ‘E-Health,’” Vincent O’Brien, visiting professor, Memorial Library Bookmark, 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 27**
- **Red Cross Bloodmobile:** Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11 a.m.
- **Sandwich Seminar:** “Reconstruction of Higher Education in Liberia: Challenges and Opportunities. AASCU’s Fact-finding Team’s Observations, Findings and Recommendations,” Elizabeth Davis-Russell, academic affairs, Memorial Library Bookmark, noon.

**Friday, Sept. 28**
- **Workshop:** Portfolio development for faculty; Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 11:30 a.m.
- **Conference:** New York State Geological Association annual meeting, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Continues through Sunday, Sept. 30.

**Saturday, Sept. 29**
- **Suzanne Wingate Memorial Golf Tournament:** Willowbrook Golf Course, 9 a.m.
- **Information Fair:** Cortland Area Child Care and Family Resource Fair, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Children’s Museum Workshop:** “Making Impressions,” Children’s Museum, O’Heron Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., Cortland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2**
- **$ Educational Leadership Conference:** Corey Union, 9 a.m.
- **Workshop:** “Learn How to Navigate the Online Academic Catalogs,” Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 3:30 p.m.
- **Opening Ceremony:** AIDS Quilt memorial display, Corey Union Function Room, 6 p.m. Exhibit continues through Friday, Oct. 5.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3**
- **$ Performance:** Tlen-Huicani, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3**
- **Poskanzer Lecture Series:** “Visible Voices, Changing Lives: Experiences of Working with Migrant Communities in Brazil, Kyrgyzstan and the UK,” Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 4**
- **Community Roundtable:** “Archaeology in Turkey: Searching for Clues to Ancient Life,” Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m.
- **Re-Opening Ceremony:** Elmer A. Sperry Learning Resource Center, first floor atrium, 3 p.m. R.S.V.P. by Sept. 27 at ext. 5453 or e-mail contrid@cortland.edu.

**Friday, Oct. 5**
- **Power of Women Conference:** Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 6-9 p.m. Events continue on Oct. 6.