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### Public Access Defibrillator Program Now In Operation Around Campus

The Public Access Defibrillator program is now officially in place and defibrillators are available to all trained personnel in the event of a cardiac medical emergency, according to Program Coordinator Steven Meyer, exercise science and sport studies.

Defibrillators are located at the following sites on campus:

- Service Group building by the Customer Service desk
- Stadium Complex in the lobby of the Davis Building
- · Park Center in the lobby by the bus stop
- · Clark Hall in the front lobby
- · Higgins Hall in the south lobby
- Corey Union in the lobby by the Information Desk
- Van Hoesen Hall down the hall from Tomik Fitness Center
- Memorial Library in the lobby by the front desk
- Dowd Fine Arts Center in the lobby by the theater entrance
- Old Main in the front main lobby
- Miller Building by the Admissions Office In addition, the University Police
   Department has a mobile unit and the

Athletic Training Department has two mobile units. Units will be placed strategically around campus in the future.

It is important to note that when the door to one of the wall cabinets containing the defibrillators is opened, a number of events will take place. First, a loud alarm will sound and personnel in the immediate area have been trained to respond immediately. Second, a phone call is automatically placed to the University Police Department. The dispatcher will send a patrol car to the site. The Student Emergency Squad will respond, and the local ambulance squad will be dispatched to the site.

Currently there are more than 400 trained personnel in CPR and defibrillator use on campus. Those interested in training can contact the Student Emergency Squad, the American Red Cross Chapter in Cortland or the American Heart Association Chapter in Groton.

Meyer expresses his gratitude to the dedicated people on campus that contributed to this important safety program.

#### Mending Fences Project Raises \$300

The generosity of Scott Anderson, geography, helped six SUNY Cortland students keep their pledge to reimburse a Cortland couple living adjacent to the campus for their vandalized fence.

The students, who called their fund drive Mending Fences, successfully met their \$300 goal after holding a 50/50 campus-wide raffle on Dec. 2.

They sold 267 tickets between
Thanksgiving Break and Dec. 2. Anderson
won the \$133.50 pot in the raffle drawing.
Instead of keeping his winnings, he
donated it back to Mending Fences. His
outright gift along with the raffle proceeds
and \$33 in donations from other campus
community members brought the fund
drive to its satisfactory conclusion.

"I think it's really important to maintain positive relationships with our friends in the Cortland community and to support our students in their community outreach activities," Anderson said.

On Dec. 9, the project team visited the Stevenson Street home of Gerry and Judy Power and presented them with a

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#### Melony Warwick, Institutional Advancement, Receives President's Award for Excellence in Classified Service

Melony Warwick, a Secretary II in the Institutional Advancement Office and a 16-year employee at SUNY Cortland, is the 2003 recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

College President Erik J. Bitterbaum presented Warwick with the award in Corey Union on Dec. 5 during the 34th Annual Service Recognition Ceremony sponsored by the Human Resources Office. The award was created in 2002 to annually recognize one individual "for extraordinary achievement and to encourage the continuation of excellence."

Nominees must be current SUNY Cortland full-time classified service

employees with at least three years of continuous service. Nominations may be made by a supervisor, co-worker or other college community member.

"Melony is the hub of the Institutional Advancement Office," wrote Peter Koryzno, public relations director, in nominating Warwick. "Whether it's orchestrating the many communications needed to fundraise \$10 million or ensuring that *The Bulletin* gets mailed to everyone across campus on time, Melony is the go-to person. Her work ethic is second to none."

"Her input, planning, customer relations and proofreading skills are outstanding," he continued. "She organizes

many major events, such as the annual College-Community Appreciation Award banquet, and demands that everything be done with the highest level of professionalism. I've never met an employee more committed to SUNY Cortland. She is an excellent ambassador for all classified service employees at the College."

"Seldom have I had the pleasure to work with such an outstanding individual as Melony," added Lisa Court, executive director of the Cortland College Foundation. "She is a consummate professional, always looking for ways to improve the operations of our department. When presented with a project,

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#### Memorial Library Hours Posted

#### Intersession

**Entire Library** 

Friday, Dec. 19

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20-

Wednesday, Jan. 4 Closed

#### Winter Session

(Monday, Jan. 5-Friday, Jan. 16)

Monday, Jan. 5-

Thursday, Jan. 8 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 11 Noon-9 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12-

Thursday, Jan. 15 *7:45 a.m.-9 p.m.* Friday, Jan. 16 *7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.* 

Saturday, Jan. 17-

Sunday, Jan. 18 Closed

Monday, Jan. 19-

Tuesday, Jan. 20 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Note: Spring semester library hours begin Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004

#### ASC Exam Support

ASC is offering students free, light refresments and a quiet place to study before final exams from Dec. 15-18 in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

Donuts, cookies, juice and coffee will be available *before* noon and soup, coffee and soda will be available *after* noon as follows:

Dec. 15-17 Dec. 18 7 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Additional services will be available at:

#### The Poolside

Dec. 15 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



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The Bulletin will next be published Monday, Jan. 19. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13. All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted on a diskette in PC or Mac format or by e-mail to: bulletin@cortland.edu.

# ASC Names William McNamara To Oversee Dining Services

William McNamara of Cortland began his duties as Auxiliary Services Corporation's (ASC) director of dining services on Dec. 8.

McNamara oversees and directs all ASC dining operations. ASC is the largest provider of dining services in Cortland County, with 10 locations on the SUNY Cortland campus and \$7.4 million in annual dining-related sales.

McNamara's responsibilities will include longterm planning, development and implementation of policies and procedures, menu planning and development, coordination of marketing efforts and customer service programs, and management of vendor contracts.

"Bill's a proven dining professional," states ASC Executive Director Dana Wavle. "He has prior experience with retail dining at Cornell University, which will be invaluable to ASC and SUNY Cortland. In addition, his management style is consistent with ASC's core values."

McNamara brings a wide range of dining services experience to ASC. Most recently, he served as operations manager for Cornell University Dining. In addition, McNamara has been employed as director of dining services for Hilltop Retirement Facility in Johnson City, N.Y., and Director of Food Service for River Mede Nursing Facility in Binghamton, N.Y.

McNamara received his Bachelor of Science in Hotel Management from Rochester Institute of Technology. He also holds an associate's degree in restaurant management from SUNY Cobleskill.

ASC is known for its innovation in campus dining services and McNamara plans to continue this tradition. "I am really looking forward to the opportunity to work with ASC," he explains,

adding, "They have a great team in place and lots of great programs. I know that together we can move ASC to the next level."

ASC is the first SUNY college dining operation to offer a Dunkin' Donuts franchise on campus and also operates the first and only Chic-fil-A franchise in New York State. Friendly's is a third franchised operation offered on campus. This past spring, ASC opened The Veggie Patch, the only completely vegetarian dining menu in Cortland. ASC dining facilities are open to both the campus community and the general public. ASC dining operations include concessions, fine dining, catering, a commissary and a full-scale commercial bakery on campus.

McNamara hopes to extend ASC's relationship with the Cortland community. "I think there are many opportunities to get the community more involved in the programs and services that ASC offers," he says. "I also plan to ask a lot of questions and to place a real emphasis on communication. It's the students who drive our operations, and to continue to be successful we have to listen to them and respond to their feedback."

Outside of the workplace, McNamara devotes time to several not-for-profit organizations. He is the vice president of the Greater Homer Youth Soccer Association and a member of the board of directors for the Meadowland Recreational Park of Homer.

ASC is a non-profit corporation and is run by a board of directors consisting of students, faculty, staff and management confidential administrators.

For more information, contact ASC at ext. 4627.

## **Mending Fences Project Raises \$300**

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check for the full amount to cover the cost of the repair.

"Our Mending Fences Project shows how our campus community can make a difference," said Cherry Randall of Homer, N.Y., one of the six students. "We couldn't have done it without the total community effort from the campus."

The other students are Jessica McCune from Holland Patent, N.Y.; Justin Winters of North Syracuse, N.Y.; Joseph Nord of Deer Park, N.Y.; Elizabeth Montheard of Levvitown, N.Y.; and Jason Bukowski of Central Square, N.Y.

The students undertook Mending Fences as part of their community service requirement for a communication studies class taught by Associate Professor Kathleen Lawrence.

"I have been giving an assignment like this for 11 years at Cortland and always find the kindness and generosity of students stimulating for me as the instructor," Lawrence said. "It is a pleasure to see students take the principles and theories of small group communication and apply them to productive works that benefit the community."

If future Mending Fences projects arise, the group has opened an account with the Cortland College Foundation where donors can send a check, Randall said. The team wants to stay directly involved in future efforts but also wants to arrange for an existing student organ-ization to run the project after members graduate.

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#### **Future Educators Assist Migrant Families**

The children of area migrant families will benefit from the generosity of the Education Club, whose membership donated \$500 worth of educational materials to SUNY Cortland's Migrant Education Outreach Program (MEOP).

The program helps prevent children in migrant families, from pre-school to age 22, from slipping through the cracks of the education system. The MEOP staff deals one on one with hundreds of migrant families who move from farm to farm and from state to state in search of seasonal employment.

The College has operated the MEOP program for approximately 24 years, receiving federal funding through New York State. MEOP serves the needs of these often very poor and at-risk transient families in a multi-county territory that stretches from Wayne County in the north to the Pennsylvania border, and from Windsor, N.Y., in the east to Horseheads, N.Y. in the west. Cortland's MEOP is the fourth largest such program in New York State.

This semester, Education Club members have worked directly with MEOP clients in the program's Parent Advisory Council Meeting, to teach the children and to hone their own educational skills.

"One Saturday a month, the club members spend a morning participating in MEOP workshops for children who are two years old to teen-age," said Karen Hempson, childhood and early childhood education, who also advises

the Education Club. "They do crafts, reading and serve lunch to the children.

"Their main goal is to get as much experience working with children as possible," Hempson said. "But because of their involvement with MEOP, they saw a need to raise funds for the clients."

The effort was led by club co-presidents and seniors Jill Spaulding of Roscoe, N.Y., and Christina Dipietrantonio of Yorktown, N.Y. The club set aside \$500 of its Student Government Association-allotted funds to buy the necessary materials to help with these educational sessions. Separately, the club held a toy chest drive among Cortland students and in the past month collected 200 donated mittens, books, games, toys and stuffed animals. Wal-Mart contributed a \$50 gift certificate.

On Dec. 10, Education Club members visited the MEOP offices in Van Hoesen Hall to formally present the gifts to Marley Barduhn and Deborah Miller, the MEOP director and coordinator, respectively.

"The various tutors who work out in the field will collect the toys to bring to the homes and pass along to the parents to give as gifts," explained Mary Anne Diaz, MEOP.

Within the past year, the Education Club has held book fairs on the campus and used the \$1,700 in proceeds to buy educational resources for the Teaching Materials Center located in

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# Faculty Senate Endorses Creation of President's List to Honor Top Students

The Faculty Senate voted unanimously on Dec. 2 to endorse the establishment of a President's List at SUNY Cortland to formally recognize undergraduate students who achieve an overall grade of A- or higher during a given fall or spring semester.

President Erik. J. Bitterbaum proposed the concept, one that he said already exists on many other campuses.

"We are trying to celebrate academic excellence achieved during the semester," he told the Senate at its meeting in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The current Dean's List recognition would continue, said Bitterbaum, but the President's List honor would supersede it for those students attaining an A- or better overall grade point average.

The first President's List recipients will be honored for their academic achievements in the Fall 2003 semester. The Registrar's Office will identify the honorees, who will receive a letter of commendation and a certificate from President Bitterbaum a few weeks after the semester ends.

President's List criteria mandate that students must be enrolled in a full-time 12-credit or higher course load, take at least eight of the 12 credits for a standard letter grade, have no grades lower than satisfactory in non-letter grade courses, and receive no incomplete grades for the semester.

In other action, the Senate unanimously voted for permanent modifications for the Dean of Professional Studies Search Committee. The 15-member committee will now include:

- five academic faculty who are elected by and from each department with the School of Professional Studies;
- three academic faculty who are elected at-large from the School of Professional Studies;
- one at-large academic faculty to be elected by and from the School of Education;
- one Athletics Department member to be elected by and from Athletics;
- · one library faculty elected by and from the library;
- one undergraduate or graduate student from the School of Professional Studies;

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#### Alumni Association Names Two New Board Members

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association Board of Directors accepted two new members for two-year terms starting in September, Deborah DeProspo Gloor '76 of Bay Shore, N.Y. and Lynn Belscher Rogers '00 of McGraw, N.Y.

#### Deborah DeProspo Gloor '76

Gloor, who studied early secondary social studies at SUNY Cortland, has a Master of Arts in Reading from the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University.

She has taught reading at Lindenhurst (N.Y.) Middle School for 26 years and, in 2003, was nominated for a Disney Teacher of the Year Award.

Gloor is active in community organizations, including the Parent-Teachers Association, Athletic Sponsors and Avid Book Readers. She has served as advisor to the National Junior Honor Society and the school store. Gloor organized and facilitated a school-parent community organization called "Breakfast for Champions."

Her interests include reading, snow shoeing, baseball and soccer.

She and her husband, Jim, have two children, Kelly, 20, and Chris, 16.

#### Lynn Belscher Rogers '00

Rogers earned her bachelor's degree in sociology with concentrations in criminology and social gerontology from SUNY Cortland. In June, she received a Master of Science in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse University.

Since January 2001, she has been employed as SUNY Cortland's career resource librarian. In that capacity, she coordinates a full service career library, including selection and organization of library resources. She helps students, faculty, staff and community members use the library and its resources and assists students in identifying and initiating career goals. Rogers helps coordinate major career events, including Teacher Recruitment Days, Graduate School Days and Goofs and Goblets. She has presented at professional conferences.

Since Fall 2002, Rogers has also served the Judicial Affairs Office as a staff justice. She has been an instructor in the COR 101 Program and an orientation assistant in the Office of Advisement and First Year Programming.

In Spring 2003, Rogers served as a student intern in the Center for Career and Educational Planning at Tompkins Cortland Community College. She was a graduate assistant in the Student Life and Career Development Office at Hilbert College during 2000-01.

She is married to Robert Rogers.

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## **News Briefs**

#### Scholars' Day 2004 Participation Forms Due Friday, Dec. 19

Scholars' Day 2004 Call for Participation and Call for Abstracts forms are now available at the Scholars' Day Web page at www.cortland. edu/scholars/

Those interested in participating should submit completed forms by Friday, Dec. 19, to Mark Prus, arts and sciences, by e-mail at prus.

Scholars' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2004. It is a daylong event highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and

For more information, contact Prus at ext. 4312.

# **Migrant Families**

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Memorial Library, Hempson said. The club also donated reading materials worth \$800 to Seymour School, an urban elementary school in Syracuse, N.Y., and reading materials worth \$350 to the Homer (N.Y.) Elementary School.

"Our Education Club members have volunteered their time at the College's open houses, setting up their own tables and answering the questions about programs and requirements from potential students and their parents." Hempson said. "They also hosted a Halloween party to give about 150-200 children a safe way to enjoy this holiday. They offered treats and face painting and convinced the Student Government Association and Wal-Mart to support the party with donations."

"Our experience with the toy chest was really rewarding," Spaulding said. "We were able to work with some of the children who will be receiving the gifts and that made the experience much more meaningful."

"The tov chest was started by Eric Gerace last year and we were extremely excited to take it over," added Dipietrantonio, referring to a senior childhood education major from East Syracuse, N.Y. "This is our last semester as co-presidents for the Education Club and we hope that this will continue as an Education Club tradition. We are also extremely grateful to everyone who donated toys. Overall we learned that even a small group of people can make such a big difference in someone else's life."

"The students have done such a marvelous iob at community service." said Sheila Cohen. literacy, an Education Club advisor for several years. "They try to really focus in on what will help the less fortunate, providing materials to the College to assist where they see the need. They are always looking for opportunities to be civically engaged. This is reflective of their intent in teaching — helping others to improve their lives."



# Sports Schedule

#### Capital Letters Denote Home Games

#### Friday, Dec. 19

Women's Basketball at RIT, 4 p.m. Men's Basketball at RIT. 6 p.m.

#### Monday, Dec. 22

Wrestling at Las Vegas (Nev.) Duals, 11 a.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 3

Wrestling at NY/PA Duals (at Oswego), Noon.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 6

Wrestling at Springfield (Mass.) with Bridgewater State (Mass.) and Wesleyan (Conn.), Noon. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Hartwick, 6 p.m. Men's Ice Hockey at Lebanon Valley (Pa.), 7 p.m. MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Hartwick, 8 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 9

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Hobart, 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 10

Men's Swimming and Diving at RPI Invitational,

Men's Ice Hockey at Hobart, 4 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 13

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY at RIT, 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 14

WRESTLING vs. Oneonta, 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Jan. 15

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving at Oneonta, 4 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 16

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at NYU. 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball at Plattsburgh, 6 p.m. MEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Neumann (Pa.), 7 p.m. Women's Ice Hockey at Plattsburgh, 7 p.m. Men's Basketball at Plattsburgh, 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 17

Wrestling at NWCA National Duals (Cleveland, Ohio), 9 a.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving at RPI Invitational, Noon.

#### Melony Warwick Receives President's Award

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Melony will creatively refine and freshen the process making sure that an annual event is never the same. The Cortland College Foundation Board members know that she is the engine that drives the operation. Each seeks her out for assistance and she responds graciously."

"Cortland's Institutional Advancement program is, in many ways, a model of success in SUNY," noted Doug DeRancy, alumni affairs, "Over the last 11 years, Melony has played a key role. She is a special person, one of those employees who really cares about her work. Her caring attitude, quick wit and great sense of humor have contributed significantly to our overall relationshipbuilding activities."

"I can't imagine there's another classified staff member who works as hard or who shows as much dedication," added Jennifer Wilson, public relations. "She essentially does the work of several people."

"Melony is the last person to seek any individual fame or recognition, but she's the first on my list as the most worthy to receive the President's Award for Excellence in Classified Service," Koryzno said.

A native of Willet, N.Y., Warwick graduated from Cincinnatus High School. She worked at the Cortland County Probation Department before joining SUNY Cortland in 1985 as a temporary typist. She acquired a permanent position here as keyboard specialist in 1988 in the library. In 1992. Warwick was promoted to secretary I in the Office of College Relations, later renamed the Office of Institutional Advancement. She was promoted to secretary II in 2002.

For the past four years, Warwick has been a member of the CSEA Picnic Committee and has been a SEFA Campaign volunteer. The College Bowling League secretary since 1999, Warwick has been an Auxiliary Service Corporation Membership Committee member the last three years. Each year, she oversees the management of the College Council's College-Community Appreciation Award mailings, banquet preparations and other details. She worked directly on the 2002 Davis Building dedication event and the Old Main reopening in 1997. She coordinates the committees for the Brooks Dedicated Teacher Award and the Marilou Wright Scholarship. Warwick has served on many search committees, including those for the vice president for institutional advancement and the director of annual giving.

She and her husband, John, reside in Cortland.

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# Faculty-Staff Activities

T. D. Fitzgerald, biological sciences, is a coauthor of an article titled "Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome and the Eastern Tent Caterpillar: A Toxicological/Statistical Analysis with Clinical, Epidemiological, and Mechanistic Implications," appearing in the current issue of *Veterinary Therapeutics*. The article reports the results of studies which indicate that exposure of pregnant mares to a component of the integument of the tent caterpillar triggers a series of events that leads to abortion of the foal.

Emmanuel S. Nelson, English, was invited to give a lecture titled "Because of India: V.S. Naipaul and the Diasporic Imaginary," at the National University of Singapore in January. Also in January, he will present "Saffron Fantasies: Hindu Nationalism and the Rhetoric of Nuclear India" at the American College in Madurai, India.

Robert Ponterio and Jean LeLoup, international communications and culture, presented a session titled "FLTEACH: FL Instructional Materials Database Online" at the annual meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) held Nov. 21-23 in Philadelphia, Pa. The presentation detailed an NEH-funded initiative for FLTEACH, the foreign language teaching forum, that provides for creation and development of an online database of foreign language lesson plans as well as the continuation of the FLTEACH project.

Arden Zipp, chemistry, recently presented a three-day workshop for 24 international baccalaureate (IB) chemistry teachers in St. Pete Beach, Fla. The participants came from more than a dozen states and two foreign countries. Zipp's co-presenter was an experienced IB chemistry teacher from Canada.

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# Spring 2004 Bulletin Schedule

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| #10        | Monday, Jan. 19  | Tuesday, Jan. 13  |
| #11        | Monday, Feb. 2   | Tuesday, Jan. 27  |
| #12        | Monday, Feb. 16  | Tuesday, Feb. 10  |
| #13        | Monday, March 1  | Tuesday, Feb. 24  |
| #14        | Monday, March 15 | Tuesday, March 9  |
| #15        | Monday, March 29 | Tuesday, March 23 |
| #16        | Monday, April 12 | Tuesday, April 6  |
| #17        | Monday, April 26 | Tuesday, April 20 |
| #18        | Monday, May 10   | Tuesday, May 4    |

#### Geology Professor, Research Assistant Find Rare Ichthyosaur Fossil During Alaskan Trip

Paleontologist Christopher McRoberts, geology, and his undergraduate research assistant, Emily Hopkin, went looking for fossil remains of clams on the islands of southeast Alaska last summer. What they and their team of American and Canadian scientists discovered was much more exciting. They spied the 15-20-foot skeleton of an extinct, 220-million year old fish-like reptile called an ichthyosaur.

The discovery on an island near Kake, Alaska, combined with another specimen found by others on nearby Gravina Island, will help paleontologists study biodiversity and extinction patterns of marine invertebrates of the Triassic era. McRoberts noted.

"We had taken a routine boat trip with a native guide to several sites of geological interest and were sampling and measuring rocks," said McRoberts, the team leader.

The latest fossil skeleton, in very broken up condition, was first spotted by Peter Ward, a geochemist from the University of Washington in Seattle, and Michael Orchard, a member of the geological survey of Canada in Vancouver.

"Peter and Michael thought they had found some fossil wood. There were some pretty big pieces of the specimen. Emily and I took a look at them and I decided it was bone, not wood."

Based on the approximately two-inch diameter rib bone, McRoberts estimates the creature measured 15-20 feet in length.

The identification was easy for McRoberts and Hopkin, a senior adolescent education and earth science major from Rochester, N.Y.

"We thought it was the first ichthyosaur discovered in that region," he said. "But there have been several others that were found. However, nothing was ever published about them."

A group of swimming marine animals that lived in the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous Periods of the Mesozoic Era, ichthyosaurs were not dinosaurs, explained McRoberts. Rather, they were reptiles that had returned to the sea, perhaps somewhat resembling the dolphin, a mammal that also returned to the sea.

Ichthyosaur specimens feature a long, narrow snout and peg-like teeth. The reptile probably preyed on squid-type creatures. Some grew to lengths of more than 65 feet. Scientists believe that most of the group suddenly died off, along with almost 70 percent of other life on earth, during a cataclysmic meteorite impact during the Cretaceous Period.

McRoberts and Hopkin specialize in marine mollusks. Orchard focuses on extinct, fish-like organisms called conodonts. Ward studies the chemistry of the earth in search of clues to longago events. Eric Katvala, a field geologist and graduate student at the University of Montana, is skilled at finding likely fossil locations.

"Because none of us work with that group of creatures, we did not bring the ichthyosaur remains back with us," McRoberts explained. Before leaving the area, the research team showed the community of indigenous residents in Kake where the fossil was located, passed along a few pieces of the fossil and gave a public presentation in the tribe's community center about its significance. They disclosed their find to the U.S. Forest Service, on whose land the fossil was discovered, and the Alaska State Museum.

In Bowers Hall, the boxes filled with extinct clam specimens collected in Alaska and Nevada have kept McRoberts and Hopkin busy. Their work in the past couple years has been supported by a three-year, \$46,000 grant from the Petroleum Research Foundation of the American Chemical Society and a five-year, \$50,000 award from the International Geological Correlation Program. The latter program encourages collaboration by scientists around the world.

"Emily has taken a chunk of my work and really run with it," said McRoberts. Last May, Hopkin presented her own research paper describing Enteropleura ienksi, a new fossil species of clam. before the Geological Association of Canada annual meeting in Vancouver. Her talk was part of a special session titled "Extinction Events, Faunal Turnovers and Natural Boundaries Within and Around the Late Triassic," sponsored by the International Geological Correlation Program, funded by the United Nations Educational Scientific Organization (UNESCO). Unlike the prevalent flat-shelled clams of the era, Hopkin's discovery features fluted ribbing and an unusually shaped groove. The new species will become official when Hopkin's article is submitted and accepted for publication in the scientific periodical of record, *The Journal of Paleontology*.

A stellar geology student who enrolled at SUNY Cortland on a prestigious, four-year full-tuition Presidential Scholarship, Hopkin can soon choose from among some of the most outstanding graduate schools, McRoberts noted. She is interested in the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Upon graduation in May, Hopkin plans to pursue a master's degree in paleontology specializing in ammonoids, a different type of primitive, extinct marine animal, which thrived during the Mesozoic Era including the Triassic Period.

"This is a really fun period in the earth's history in which to be working," said Hopkin. "There are not that many people involved in this area of study, but they are a great bunch to work with.

"It's really interesting to be able to go outside and see land forms and understand why they're there, and to understand the environment and how to help protect it," Hopkin said. 6 The Bulletin Issue Number 9

#### **ASC December Hours Posted**

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closes at 2 p.m.

Closes at 3 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Close at 2 p.m.

8:30 am.-5 p.m.

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#### The Creamery

Dec. 18 Closes at 2 p.m.

#### **Crossroads Cafe**

Closed

#### **Dragon's Court**

Dec. 18 Closes at 3 p.m.

#### Dragon's Den

Dec. 19 Closes at 1:30 p.m.

#### **Dunkin' Donuts**

Dec. 18 Closes at 1 p.m.

#### **Neubig Dining Hall**

Dec. 17 Closes at 7:30 p.m.

#### The Poolside

Dec. 15 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

#### Raquette Pizza

Dec. 17 Closes at 11:30 p.m.

Please note: Residential dining service will not be available from Dec. 20, 2003-Jan. 4, 2004. All hours subject to change.

# ASC Winter Session Hours Announced

(Monday, Jan. 5-Friday, Jan. 16)

#### **ASC Office**

Dec. 20-Jan. 4

**ASC Office** 

**Campus Corner** 

**College Store** 

The Colloquium

**Corey Union Catering** 

**Convenience Store** 

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Jan. 2 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Jan. 3-4 Closed
Jan. 5-16 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
(Monday-Friday)

#### **College Store**

| Jan. 2   | 8:30 a.m4 p.m.   |
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| Jan. 3-4 | Closed           |
| Jan. 5   | 8:30 a.m6 p.m.   |
| Jan. 6-8 | 8:30 a.m5:30 p.m |

 Jan. 9
 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

 Jan. 10-11
 Closed

 Jan. 12-15
 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

 Jan. 16
 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

 Jan. 17
 Closed

#### Dragon's Den

Jan. 5-16 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

#### **Dunkin' Donuts**

Jan. 5-Jan. 16 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Monday-Friday)



#### **Faculty Senate**

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- one at-large academic faculty to be elected by and from the School of Arts and Sciences;
- one person elected by and from the professional staff; and
- one member elected by and from the classified employees.

The Senate also voted unanimously to accept the Department of Performing Arts policies and procedures.

Faculty Senate Chair Jeff Walkuski, physical education, announced that the Special Committee on Senate Restructuring will meet on Dec.12 to finalize its proposed model. That model will then be presented to the Faculty Senate at its Feb. 3 meeting and voted upon at its Feb. 17 meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. If approved, Walkuski will put the proposal to a campus-wide faculty referendum.

Also on Feb. 3, the Senate will consider a proposal by the Educational Policy Committee that the drop/ add period be extended from three days to seven calendar days, thereby allowing each class to meet at least once.

Meanwhile, in the administration's report to the Senate, President Bitterbaum said that he expects the SUNY Capital Plan funds to be released sometime during the Spring 2004 semester. When that occurs, the College has decided to begin renovation work on Brockway Hall before starting on the Sperry Center refurbishing project.

Bitterbaum was asked about funds to rehab Old Main's windows, the phase of the Old Main renovation at the turn of the century that was never completed. He replied that this Capital Plan included monies for the Old Main windows.

Reconstruction work will begin on Hayes Hall during intersession following this semester, Bitterbaum also reported. All residents will be reassigned to other halls. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid-August 2004.

This month, a Chinese businessman, who is interested in establishing an English-speaking high school in China and using Cortland students to teach there, will visit the Cortland campus, Bitterbaum noted.