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President Bitterbaum's Inaugural Reception Set for Jan. 20 in Corey Union Function Room

President Erik J. Bitterbaum, who has elected to forego an expensive inauguration gala in favor of less formal reception, will be honored in the Corey Union Function Room on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 4-7 p.m.

"The primary reason for a reception is that to hold a gala is very expensive and it only lasts a few hours," explained Bitterbaum. "In this economic environment, we need scholarships, books in the library and equipment. Yes, we will do something that will feature our student and faculty performers, but it will be very inexpensive. I want that money to be used where we need it most."

In July Bitterbaum became the College's 10th president since its founding in 1868. On Jan. 20, he will offer some brief remarks beginning around 4:45 p.m. The remainder of the inauguration program,

which is open to the entire campus community, will showcase the musical talents of the College's students, faculty and staff.

Accomplished singing sensation Oscar Davis, who works as a cleaner in the McDonald Building, will open the festivities. Also performing will be English major Matt Sneed of Rome, N.Y., a singer/songwriter who has played college campuses across New York and who has been an opening act for a number of rock bands. Then, Performing Arts Department students, under director Kevin Halpin, will provide a musical offering. The closing act will be the Gospel Choir, led by director Robert Brown.

Food and refreshments will be served.

Members of the President's Inaugural Reception Committee are Patty Francis, President's Office, chair; Laurie Barton,

President's Office; Tracy Rammacher, publications and electronic media; Peter Koryzno, public relations; Kevin Pristash, Corey Union; Christine Wallace, President's Office; Susan Rayl, exercise science and sports studies; and Kathy Scheffler, Auxiliary Services Corporation.

Students Initiate Fund-raiser to Help 'Mend Fences'

Six SUNY Cortland students want to "mend fences" with a Cortland couple whose property adjacent to the campus has been the target of repeated vandalism.

During the fall, unknown trespassers made several trips to the Stevenson Street homestead to strip white pickets from the fence surrounding the brick home that faces Brockway Hall. The vandals returned to desecrate and ruin a patriotic banner which hung above the front door.

Soon afterward, students in a communication studies class taught by Kathleen Lawrence decided to fulfill their community service requirement by offering to buy materials and fix the denuded decorative barrier.

"We were aware of the (Nov. 7) *Cortland Standard* article 'chronicling the crimes,' said Cherry Randall, a senior communication studies major who is also the principal accountant in Mail Services and Central Warehouses. "Our goal as a class was to make a difference in the community. So, we decided to repair their fence."

The six participating students are: Randall of Homer, N.Y.; Jessica McCune from Holland Patent, N.Y.; Justin Winters of North Syracuse, N.Y.; Joseph Nord of Deer Park, N.Y.; Elizabeth Monthead of Levittown, N.Y., and Jason Bukowski of Central Square, N.Y.

On Nov. 13, the students approached the homeowners to make the offer. To

Faculty Senate OKs Revisions to Guidelines for Academic Programs

Following an hour-long discussion, the Faculty Senate voted 13-8 to approve numerous revisions to the College's Academic Guidelines, including a controversial removal of the 45 credit hour limit that exists for students taking courses within their majors.

At its Nov. 18 meeting in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, the Senate approved the changes proposed by the Task Force on Curricular Review Process and endorsed by the Educational Policy Committee (EPC). The revisions will now be sent to Provost Elizabeth Davis-Russell for further review. If adopted by the President's Cabinet, the new policy would require all academic programs to meet the revised guidelines by Fall 2006.

Robert Darling, geology, who chairs the Task Force and the College Curriculum Review Committee, explained to senators

that the current academic policies were last revised in 1985-86 and needed to be reviewed. The most controversial proposal, he added, was the removal of the ceiling on the number of courses that students could take within their major that would count toward fulfilling degree requirements.

For years, various academic departments have sidestepped the cap and routinely violate the policy in spirit by creating new prefixes for their courses, some senators noted.

An impossible problem for the EPC was attempting to define "what a discipline was" so as to enforce the current academic policy for courses within a major, said Darling.

Some faculty and student senators expressed concerns that abolishing the 45 credit hour maximum would lead to academic departments requiring more

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Geologist Christopher Cirmo Awarded \$95,000 Grant to Study Effects of Wetlands

Christopher P. Cirmo, geology, was awarded a \$95,000 grant to study the scientific theory that wetlands draining into public reservoirs in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed region serve a valuable role of filtering out harmful pollution.

Cirmo is working with colleagues at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) and Syracuse University (S.U.) to determine water quality characteristics and the effect of wetlands on drainage systems contributing water to the Catskill/Delaware reservoir system serving New York City.

"Wetlands are known to function in the retention of sediments and the transformation of chemical variations common to rainfall runoff and agricultural pollution," Cirmo said. "This project was established to allow the NYCDEP to determine the role of wetlands in protecting or contributing to chemical changes in the reservoir waters so critical to millions of people in metropolitan New York, downstream of the Catskills."

The two-year project, which began on Oct. 15, is titled the "Catskill/Delaware Watershed Monitoring of the Effects of Wetlands on Water Quality in the New York City Reservoir System."

The study will help the New York City Reservoir System fulfill its Safe Drinking Water Act Filtration Avoidance agreement with federal regulatory agencies, Cirmo explained.

The SUNY Cortland grant is part of an approximately \$400,000 award that is being shared between the three institutions of higher education. The entire allocation was awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the NYCDEP.

Cirmo is a principal investigator on the study, along with Myron Mitchell, an ESF professor of environmental and forest biology, and Don Siegel, an S.U. geology professor.

"Syracuse University and ESF are focusing more on the geochemistry of the wetlands," Cirmo said. "I am studying the hydrogeologic budget — where is the water coming from and what kind of chemistry change is happening as it flows through a wetland."

The research project will involve large scale, regional sampling of as many as 100 wetlands; base flow sampling of a selected set of 22 wetlands; and intensive study of four benchmark wetlands, Cirmo noted. He is specifically responsible for establishing the sites and infrastructure to study the hydrologic and chemical budgets of the intensive set of four wetlands to be used as benchmark sites in the Catskills.

Cirmo has already begun to involve undergraduate geology majors in his study to expose them to research involving fieldwork. Seniors Vincent Pezzullo of Mahopac, N.Y., and Devin Herrick of Balston Spa, N.Y., will participate in building scientific instrumentation to allow

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ASC Exam Support

ASC is offering students free, light refreshments and a quiet place to study before final exams from Dec. 10-18 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:

Wednesday, Dec. 10-	
Thursday, Dec. 11	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 14	11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 15-	
Wednesday, Dec. 17	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18	7 a.m.-11 a.m.

Additional services will be available at:

Dragon's Den

Dec. 13 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

Dec. 13 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Neubig Dining Hall

Dec. 13 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

The Poolside

Dec. 12 and Dec. 15 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Gannon Named December Phi Kappa Phi Scholar

Kerri Gannon of Sparkill, N.Y., a senior speech pathology and audiology major, has been named the College's Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Month for December.

Phi Kappa Phi is a national honor society that recognizes academic excellence in the fields of higher education. Gannon is being honored by the Cortland chapter for her academic achievements, leadership and volunteer involvement.

Gannon, who plans to graduate in December 2004, has maintained a 3.87 overall grade point average and is ranked among the top five percent of her class. She is pursuing a minor in psychology of the exceptional child and was inducted into the psychology honor society Psy Chi.

Gannon is the current president of the Speech Club, which is planning a conference at SUNY Cortland in March and operates a mentoring program for newcomers in the major. A member of the National Society of Speech-Hearing-Language

Association, she is a teaching assistant for Psychology 101 and has attended a conference on multicultural issues in speech pathology.

A member of the varsity track team and current team co-captain, Gannon was honored as a three-time All-American and six-time State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) champion who has made the SUNYAC Commissioner's List. She holds five school records in track and an Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference record in track. Gannon has made the SUNYAC All Academic Team and won the Red Letter Award in track and field.

Upon graduation, she aspires to earn a master's degree in speech pathology.

"I would like to work in the schools in an early intervention program with children who have communication disorders," Gannon said. "One day, I would also like to have a private practice."



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Information for *The Bulletin* should be sent to The Publications and Electronic Media Office, Studio West, Room B-3, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, N.Y. 13045.

The Bulletin will next be published Monday, Dec. 15.

The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9. 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.



Community Roundtable Panel to Discuss Development Near Cortland Aquifer

The ongoing local debate that weighs protecting the public's water supply against allowing major development projects to occur near the Cortland aquifer will continue during a Community Roundtable on Thursday, Dec. 4.

Titled "The Cortland Aquifer: Achieving Balance and Economic Development," 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 Continuing Education, the event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

John Shirley, career services, will moderate the discussion. The panelists are John Helgren, a public health engineer at the Cortland County Health Department, and Christopher Cirno, geology. A question and-answer period will follow the presentation.

The program is the second in a two-part series about the Cortland aquifer. An aquifer is a water bearing layer of permeable rock, sand or gravel that acts as a filter on this natural resource.

In recent times, local developers have proposed or are in the process of constructing new businesses on or near the Cortland aquifer.

Helgren and Cirno will both present their ideas about the way economic development and the aquifer can be sensitive to each other.

Helgren's talk will address environmental concerns of development within aquifers, ideas and tools for water source protection, and economic development when groundwater resources are a concern.

Cirno will describe zoning and aquifer protection models from around the country that have addressed economic development involving a disturbance of the land surface.

"There are two basic schools of thought in development," Cirno said. "One is to develop where you've already got development. The other is to scatter it around. The question is how do you develop economically in places that have sensitive water supplies? When deciding whether and where to develop, the community must consider the economic impact of the construction as well as the demographics and the location of existing infrastructures like roads and utilities."

For more information on the Community Roundtable, contact the Center for Continuing Education at ext. 4214.

President to Convene Task Force To Study Arming of University Police

President Erik J. Bitterbaum informed the College Council at its Nov. 17 meeting in Corey Union that he would convene a task force to look at the issue of arming the University Police.

He reiterated his personal view, expressed when he was interviewed on campus for the presidency, that campus police here not be allowed to carry deadly weapons. In that, he is maintaining the policy of his two predecessors, Presidents James M. Clark and Judson H. Taylor.

However, Bitterbaum added that it would be irresponsible on his part not to gather informed campus opinion on this issue. So he will form a task force next semester to accomplish that goal.

A catalyst for this action, Bitterbaum admitted, was his recent meeting with Cortland Police Chief

James Nicholas and Cortland County Sheriff Lee Price. The two men informed Bitterbaum of the burgeoning threat of gang violence in Syracuse spreading along the I-81 corridor to cities such as Cortland.

Bitterbaum explained that SUNY Cortland has a memorandum of understanding with the local law enforcement agencies that allows for the necessary support when lethal weapons are warranted.

Under SUNY policy, each campus president has the ultimate authority to decide whether or not to arm his or her respective campus police force. Of the four-year SUNY institutions, Cortland and Geneseo are the only campuses that do not allow their police to carry lethal weapons.

SUNY Masquers Present New Historical Drama

The SUNY Masquers and the Performing Arts Department will premiere the production of William Allen's drama "Round O & Crooked S" Dec. 4-7 in the Dowd Fine Arts Center.

The SUNY Cortland production will be the first full mounting of the play by Allen, an English teacher at Homer High School.

Performances are at 8 p.m. nightly except for a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. on Dec. 7. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and SUNY faculty/staff, and \$6 for students. The play is not recommended for children. Tickets will be on sale at the door only.

The historical drama has been a finalist or winner of the following: the Hudson River Classic Showcase, where it received a staged reading in March; the Palm Springs International Playwriting Festival; the Reva Shiner Contest; the Towngate Theatre Playwriting Contest; and the Mildred and Albert Panowski Playwriting Award.

"Round O & Crooked S" tells the story of American scholar Dr. James Murray who, in the 1890s, was compiling the first *Oxford English*

Dictionary. One of his main contributors was Dr. William Minor, a brilliant scholar who mailed Murray thousands of words and definitions. When Murray goes to meet Minor he discovers he is an inmate at the Broadmoor Asylum for the Criminally Insane. What follows is a dark and dramatic series of events that question the relationship between sanity, lust and brilliance.

"Round O & Crooked S" is directed by Kim Hubbard, performing arts, and features the following students, all of whom are musical theatre majors: Eric Wolff as Dr. Murray; Jeff Brooks as William Minor; Connor Gates as the sadistic asylum head; Colleen Johnson as Murray's wife Ada; and Hayley Reynolds as an alcoholic prostitute who befriends and torments Minor. The production is designed by Howard Lindh, performing arts, and costumes are by Cynthia Brookhouse.

"Round O & Crooked S" is partially funded by the mandatory student activity fee.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

Reminder: The last issue of *The Bulletin* this semester will be published Dec. 15. All submissions are due on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Dec. 10 UUP Holiday Party Will Feature Musical Spoof of 'West Side Story'

The annual musical comedy spoof sponsored by the United University Professions (UUP) will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, as part of the Union's holiday party.

The party will begin at 4 p.m. and will include entertainment by the 4 Profs. Refreshments will be served. The show is scheduled for 6 p.m. Faculty, staff and their families are invited to this free event, which will be held in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

This year's lampoon is titled "Hill Side Story" and will poke fun at the Broadway musical "West Side Story" and higher education.

The musical comedy reading, written by Thomas Hischak, performing arts, deals with rival divisions on a college campus. Donna Anderson, professor emerita of performing arts, is the musical director and pianist.

Faculty and staff members scheduled to perform include: Cindy Benton, childhood and early childhood education; Girish Bhat, history; Colleen Buchanan, physical education; Mark Cero-saletti, international communications and culture; Tom Fuchs, physical education; Cynthia and Kevin Halpin, performing arts; Mary Kennedy, English; Yolanda Kime, physics; Craig Little, sociology/anthropology; Donna Margine, Registrar's Office; Jo Schaffer, professor emerita of art and art history; William Sharp, history; Robert Spitzer, political science; Mary Ware, foundations and social advocacy; and Karen Zimmerman, performing arts.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 4206.

Gala Holiday Concert Planned for Dec. 2 in Dowd Fine Arts Center

The Performing Arts Department will present the annual Gala Holiday Concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the Dowd Fine Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

A pre-concert recital of holiday music beginning at 7:30 p.m. will be performed by Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts. This recital will be on the College's carillon and can be heard outside the entrance to Dowd Fine Arts Center.

Featured groups will be the College Singers and Women's Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Wilson and the Gospel Choir, under the direction of Robert Brown, African American studies/communication studies. Several student soloists will sing secular and sacred music for Hanukkah and Christmas.

The concert will end with the ever-popular "Audience Sing-along," with lyric sheets available for the program.

For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615. This performance is supported in part by the mandatory student activity fee.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Women's Basketball at Brockport, 6 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Oswego, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Brockport, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Wrestling at Brockport, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Nazareth, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 5

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING and DIVING vs. Brockport, 6 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Fredonia, 6 p.m.
MEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Potsdam, 7 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Fredonia, 8 p.m.
Women's Volleyball – NCAA Div. III Semifinals, tba.

Saturday, Dec. 6

Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at Cornell Relays, 9:30 a.m.
Wrestling at RIT Invitational, 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. New England College (N.H.), 2 p.m.
MEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Alfred, 7 p.m.
Women's Volleyball – NCAA Div. III Finals, tba.

Sunday, Dec. 7

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Wesleyan (Conn.), 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

WRESTLING vs. RIT, 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Ithaca, 6 p.m.
Women's Ice Hockey at RIT, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Ithaca, 8 p.m.

Students Initiate Fund-raiser to Help 'Mend Fences'

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their surprise, the missing pickets had already been replaced.

"We still wanted to do something for community relations and to show that not all students are bad," Randall said. Rallying, they knocked on the door and were welcomed inside by the owners, Gerry and Judy Power. The students then offered to raise the money to cover the \$300 in expenses incurred by the couple to repair the fence.

"They were overwhelmed that students would consider approaching them," Randall said. "They agreed to allow us to raise money for this."

The students plan to organize fund-raising events among the campus community starting in early December, she said. President Erik J. Bitterbaum has made the first contribution.

"Our goal is to show that we really care," Randall said. "We definitely have a community effort here."

For more information or to contribute to the Mending Fences Project, contact Randall at ext. 5750.

Choral Union Holiday Concert Set for Dec. 9

The Choral Union, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, will present a concert of Sacred Music for the Holiday Season at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

The concert will be held in Dowd Fine Arts Center and is free and open to the public.

The program will consist of Pergolesi's Magnificat, Gounod's Mass in C, "Processional" and "This little Babe," from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Berlioz' "Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling" from L'Enfance du Christ, and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah.

Featured soloists will be Gina Sikora, soprano; Vivan Garvey, alto; Paul Yaman, tenor; and Manuel Medeiros, bass.

Violin students of Lois Pfister, performing arts, will provide string accompaniment for the Handel selection. Marina Gorelaya will serve as pianist for the entire event.

For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.



Nominations Being Accepted Until Feb. 13 for SUNY Cortland Excellence Awards for Professionals

Nominations are now being accepted for the College's Excellence in Professional Service Award.

Letters of nomination will be accepted from SUNY Cortland students, colleagues or supervisors and must be received by the Professional Service Awards Committee no later than Feb. 13, 2004. Any professional who has completed at least two years of service at SUNY Cortland is eligible for an award.

Awards will be given for excellence in three categories:

Institutional Service Award

Nominees should be individuals who serve as role models within their area of responsibility, their profession or department. Characteristics such as leadership, organization, problem-solving or decision-making skills should serve as examples of professionalism of the highest caliber. These characteristics may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- outstanding performance within the job description

- participation in committees or activities that support the College's Long Range Planning Goals
- participation in professional development and training

Innovation Within Profession Award

Nominees should be individuals who have demonstrated creativity in the development or application of ideas or concepts within a professional operation. Characteristics of innovation may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- application of technology within one's field
- redesign of a process or program to improve effectiveness
- maximization of campus resources in operations (e.g. fiscal efficiency)

Service to Students Award

Nominees should be those who have demonstrated leadership in the development or enhancement of programs and services that respond to student needs. Characteristics of excellence in service may include, but will not be limited to:

- demonstration of "going the extra mile" in order to serve students
- development of creative student programming or services
- implementation of programs or processes designed to improve service to students

Typed letters of nomination must be submitted in the following format:

1. Name, title, department of nominee.
2. Name of nominator; relationship to nominee (e.g. colleague, supervisor, student, etc.).
3. Award category that captures the achievements of the nominee.
4. Specific information that pertains to the award category.
5. Up to two letters of support (optional). The Awards Committee reserves the right to request additional supporting information as necessary.

Nomination materials must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Feb. 13, 2004, to Chair, Professional Service Awards Committee, Admissions Office, Miller Building, First Floor. Nominees will be notified by the Awards Committee of their candidacy after Feb. 13.

Recipients will have announcements of the honor sent to *The Bulletin, Cortland Standard, WKRT-AM, WXHC-FM*, the alumni publication of the recipient's alma mater, and the hometown newspaper. They will also receive a plaque, be honored at a luncheon, and featured in a brochure highlighting excellence at SUNY Cortland.

For more information, contact Gradin Avery, admissions, at ext. 4608.

Scholarship Applications for 2004-05 Academic Year Made Available Online

Applications for scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year are available online through the Financial Aid Office Web site at www.cortland.edu/finaid/continuingsscholar.html. Recent updating of the site will make downloading of the applications easier, according to staff members.

The deadline for many of the SUNY Cortland scholarships is March 1, 2004. Winter Break is a popular time to review and complete applications, according to Beth Langhans, financial aid. Many of the following scholarship applications are available on the Web site:

Professor Louise Margaret Abernethy Scholarship in Education
Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian Scholarship
Alpha Sigma Alpha Scholarship
Arethusa Scholarship
Athletic Coaches Scholarship
Harriet Bentley Memorial Award
James M. Casey '50 Scholarship
Class of '85 Award
Community Scholarship for Student Volunteers and Interns

Cortland County Home Bureau Award
Faculty Senate Memorial Scholarship
Betty Blase Goodstein '48 Scholarship in Education and Physical Education
Lorraine M. Khouri Scholarship
New York State Home Bureau Award
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
Fr. Edward J. O'Heron Scholarship
Angela Pace Scholarship in Education
Maxwell and Myrtle Park Education Award
Past President's Scholarships
H. Kendall Reynolds Memorial Scholarship in Physics
John L. Sciera Scholarship
Sigma Delta Phi Scholarship
Student Government Association Leadership Scholarship
Marilou B. Wright '68 Scholarship for Non-Traditional Women
For more information, contact Langhans or an individual financial aid advisor at ext. 4717, or by e-mail to finaid@em. The Financial Aid Office is located in Miller Building, Room 205.

OSP Grant Award Recipients Announced

The Office of Sponsored Programs recently announced the following grant awards:

Elizabeth Klein and **Gail Tooker**, childhood and early childhood education, received funding of \$19,841 from the National Science Foundation and in collaboration with Cornell University for their project titled, "Research Experience for Teachers: A Program to Provide Research Experience for Secondary School Teachers." The award period is May 1, 2003-April 30, 2004.

Shawn Van Etten, institutional research and assessment, and **Edward Caffarella**, education, received a U.S. Department of Education/FIPSE award of \$15,120 for their project, "An Assess-

ment System for Teacher Preparation Candidates," for the period of Oct. 1, 2003-Sept. 30, 2004.

Christopher Cirimo, geology, received a New York City Department of Environmental Protections award, in collaboration with SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry in the amount of \$95,395 for his project titled, "West of Hudson Wetland Monitoring Program" for the period of Oct. 15, 2003-Oct. 14, 2004. (See story on page 2.)

Emilie Kudela, childhood and early childhood education, received \$9,481 from The Research Foundation of SUNY for her project "SUNY Early Childhood Career Ladder Support Program." The award period is June 1-Dec. 31, 2003.



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 research.

For more information, contact Prus at ext. 4312.

Poster Symposium on Dec. 4 to Feature Work of Student Mentors

A COR 101 Student Assistant Symposium highlighting the work of the 58 student assistants will be held Dec. 4 from 3:30-5 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The COR Symposium will spotlight the work of the COR 101 student assistants. The assistants will present posters that reflect their work with first-year students and the impact the experience has had on their learning.

The student assistants, primarily junior and senior students, assist first-year Cortland students in transitioning to college life. This is an opportunity for attendees to recognize the student assistants' contributions.

During the Symposium, the Advisement and First Year Programs Office will also hold an open house with refreshments at that time.

For more information, contact Carol Van Der Karr, advisement and first year programs, at ext. 4726.

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measurement of rainfall amount and chemistry, surface and groundwater chemistry, and storm responses of each wetland in the benchmark set. They and other students will install the equipment in the wetlands, periodically collect the data and analyze and report the results. Personnel from the NYCDEP will participate in the fieldwork.

During Summer 2004, Cirno and his assistants will install wells and instruments as well as make rudimentary measurements of water quality parameters. Samples following storms will be taken from each wetland to determine the role of wetlands in influencing water quality in the reservoirs during snowmelt periods in both the spring and in large storms.

Cirno noted the study represents an opportunity for his students to engage in pure scientific

Sandwich Seminars Will Address Arts and Sciences Search for Dean

Two Sandwich Seminars titled "An Open Meeting with the Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee" will be held in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. The first will be from noon-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, and the second is set for 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Panelists for the discussion will include Mariangela Chandler, Academic Support and Achievement Program; Kathleen Lawrence, communications studies; Ellen McCabe, library; Tom Pasquarello, political science; and other members of the committee.

Members of the campus community are invited to share ideas about qualifications for the dean of arts and sciences with members of the search committee. No discussion of individual candidates will be entertained.

For more information, contact Pasquarello at ext. 5772.

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courses within their majors at the expense of either electives or liberal arts courses.

"These guidelines are an attempt at reasonable academic policy," said Lynn Anderson, recreation and leisure studies, the EPC co-chair. "You've got to trust that the departments and their faculty are developing sound curriculums."

"I don't think there's going to be a rush by departments to add more required courses," added Tim Phillips, economics. He said students are still in the marketplace when they are looking

research. However, the scientific team will ultimately offer policy recommendations for water quality based on their research findings.

Cirno continues to serve as principle investigator on two other active awards. One study, titled "Assessment of an HGM-Based Wetland Classification Scheme Along a 1000 Km Gradient of the Appalachian Mountains," is being conducted in collaboration with Pennsylvania State University through the EPA. The second, "Collaborative Research at Undergraduate Institutions: Forever Wild, the Adirondack Uplands and Watershed Integrity," is a shared project with SUNY Plattsburgh and Paul Smith's College that is funded by the National Science Foundation.



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#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

at majors and won't select a program that requires an inordinate amount of required courses.

Meanwhile, a few senators noted that liberal arts course requisites — a minimum of 90 credits in B.A. programs and a minimum of 60 credits in B.S. and B.S.Ed. programs — would guarantee protection of the spirit of a liberal arts education.

Provost Davis-Russell observed that her office is deluged with requests for exemptions to the current academic policy mandates. The sheer number has her believing that past policy is no longer applicable to present-day realities.



Faculty-Staff Activities

Timothy J. Baroni, biological sciences, spent two weeks during November in the Dominican Republic with colleagues from the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic collecting specimens for their four-year National Science Foundation research project documenting the biodiversity of macrofungi of the Dominican Republic. The team made more than 400 documented collections from under *Pinus occidentalis* in the central mountainous areas of Jarabacoa and San Jose de las Matas. They also taught a one-day workshop for more than 35 participants at the Plan Sierra Convention Center in Los Montones. Forest rangers, horticulturists, nursery owners and other interested students attended the workshop to learn more about the fungi of their forests and how to use these fungi for healthy and vigorous re-growth of their heavily used pine plantations. A session on mycophagy, using wild mushrooms for gourmet culinary dishes, was also part of the presentation.

Philip J. Buckenmeyer, exercise science and sport studies, was inducted into the Alexander (N.Y.) Central High School Hall of Fame in September. He received this recognition for his accomplishments in cross-country and track from 1969-1973.

Thomas Fuchs, physical education, was recently named director of Summer Discovery Down Under at the University of Sydney, Australia. Summer Discovery is a pre-college academic enrichment program for high school students and has programs on many college campuses, including Georgetown University, University of Michigan, Vermont, University of California at Los Angeles, University of California at San Diego, University of California at Santa Barbara and Cambridge University. For the past three years, Fuchs has been the director of the Junior Discovery Program@UCLA, a program for middle school students 12-14 years of age.

Jean LeLoup and **Robert Ponterio**, international communications and culture, wrote a chapter titled "FLTEACH: On-line Professional Development for Preservice and Inservice Foreign Language Teachers," which was published in L. Lomicka and J. Cooke-Plagwitz, Eds., *Teaching with Technology* (pp. 26-44); Boston, Mass: Heinle.

Emmanuel Nelson, English, recently signed a contract with Greenwood Press to edit the multi-volume *Encyclopedia of Ethnic American Literature*. Approximately one million words in length, it will be published simultaneously in five

volumes. Each volume will be about 500 pages long. There will be a total of almost 2,000 entries ranging in length from 500 to 5,000 words. All ethnic literatures – including various European-American literary traditions – will be covered. The encyclopedia is scheduled for publication in 2005. Greenwood Press has awarded Nelson a \$25,000 advance to work on this project.

Joseph Onello, physics, was recently appointed courtesy research professor in the Department of Astronomy at Cornell University for the academic year. Onello has also been invited to spend his Fall 2004 sabbatical in Italy at the Institute of Radio Astronomy of the University of Florence to pursue research involving millimeter spectral line studies of ultra-compact HII and high-mass star forming regions in our galaxy.

Stephen J. Smith, counseling, presented "The Use of Parables and Metaphors in Counseling College Students" at the combined New York State and New England College Health Association annual conference held in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in October. His PowerPoint presentation provided numerous examples of concerns expressed by students and how parables and metaphors can be effectively applied to facilitate stress reduction commonly associated with these concerns.

Robert Spitzer, political science, was interviewed on the Arnie Arnesen radio program for a half hour on Nov. 13 on the subject of gun control and hunting practices. The program was broadcast on five New England radio stations, including WKXL, based in New Hampshire.

Henry Steck, political science, and **Craig Little**, sociology/anthropology, attended the annual meeting of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy in Vilnius, Lithuania, from Oct. 25-29. Little was co-author of a paper delivered with Larissa Titarenko of Belarus State University, titled "International Distance Learning: The Keys to Classroom Success." The paper dealt with the distance education course that Little and Titarenko taught last year with students from Cortland and Belarus. They will repeat this course in Spring 2004, adding students from Russia to those from Belarus and Cortland. Titarenko taught at Cortland as a visiting professor in 2000 and will return in Fall 2004. Steck, a member of the Board of the Alliance, presided over the annual "Town Hall Meeting" of all conferees. Also attending the conference were SUNY Chancellor Robert King and John Ryder, director of the SUNY Office of International Programs.

Michael Togli, psychology, was recently officially appointed as the outside member of the dissertation committee of Yvonne Wakeford, a Ph.D. candidate at Tufts University. This marks the 10th doctoral committee that Togli has served on over the last 15 years. In addition to other students at Tufts, he has worked with doctoral candidates at SUNY Albany, SUNY Binghamton, the University of Arkansas, Syracuse University and Cornell University.

Shawn VanEtten, institutional research and assessment, and **Mark Prus**, arts and sciences, served as roundtable moderators and presented a paper titled "Creating a Comprehensive General Education Assessment Model: A Call for Executive Support, Collaboration of Key Stakeholders, and Triangulation of Measures," at the recent SUNY General Education Assessment Review (GEAR) Conference. The presentation provided a five-year evolutionary history of Cortland's General Education Assessment, accentuated strengths associated with campus efforts and also highlighted strategies for overcoming obstacles to success. In general, three specific aspects of Cortland's assessment program were addressed: (a) the role of executive support as a necessary but insufficient component for the development of a comprehensive and successful assessment program; (b) the need for collaboration of all key stakeholders at every phase of the development, implementation, evaluation and regulation of a comprehensive and successful assessment program; and (c) the need for triangulation to promote a credible and creditable assessment program which provides fruitful feedback aimed at curricular, faculty and student advancement.

German A. Zarate-Hoyos, economics, recently had his article "The In of Rural Areas into Global Markets: A Comparison of Garment Production in Yucatan and Laguna, Mexico," published in the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. The article examines the experience of export processing zones in two rural areas of Mexico and the results of this development strategy for the rural populations in Yucatan and La Laguna.

In addition, Zarate-Hoyos was invited by the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C., to be a panelist at the "Remittances as a Development Tool: The Case of Mexico" conference held in Mexico City on Oct. 28. The panel discussed the role of Mexican migrant hometown associations in the U.S. on the economic development of their communities of origin.

Coming Events

Monday, Dec. 1

Meeting: Multicultural and Gender Studies Council, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2

Sale: Pottery Sale featuring work of local professional potters and SUNY Cortland students to benefit the Art Exhibition Association and Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Old Main lobby, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Meeting: Faculty Senate, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 1:10 p.m.

Speaker: "An Evening with Mayor Dan Steward of Plattsburgh," Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 7 p.m.

Holiday Concert: Featuring various choral and instrumental groups, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Sale: Pottery Sale featuring work of local professional potters and students to benefit the Art Exhibition Association and Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Old Main lobby, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sandwich Seminar: "Alvaro Pombo: An Introduction," presented by Wesley Weaver, international communications and culture, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Community Roundtable: "The Cortland Aquifer: Achieving Balance and Economic Development," presented by John Helgren, Public Health Engineer, Cortland County Health Dept. and Christopher Cirimo, geology, Park Center Hall of Fame Room, coffee served at 7:45 a.m.; 8 a.m. discussion.

Sale: Pottery Sale featuring work of local professional potters and students to benefit the Art Exhibition Association and Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Old Main lobby, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Information table: ING retirement planning representative, Old Main lobby, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sandwich Seminar: "Preservice Teaching/Interning at Onondaga Nation School: A Model for Applying Critical Literacy and Cultural Awareness-Building Strategies to Interdisciplinary Concepts," presented by Ellen Hill, English, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Meeting: Teacher Education Council, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 3-4:30 p.m.

Open House and Symposium: Advise-ment and First Year Programs and COR 101, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 3:30-5 p.m.

Artist Talk: "Child's Play: Billie Grace Lynn and Marion Wilson," artist Marion Wilson, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 6 p.m.

\$ Theatre: "Round O & Crooked S," SUNY Masquers and the Performing Arts Department, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m. *Mature audiences only.*

Friday, Dec. 5

Sale: Pottery Sale featuring work of local professional potters and students to benefit the Art Exhibition Association and Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, Old Main lobby, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Luncheon: Service Awards, honoring classified staff, Corey Union Function Room, 11:30 a.m.

\$ Theatre: "Round O & Crooked S," SUNY Masquers and the Performing Arts Department, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m. *Mature audiences only.*

Saturday, Dec. 6

Conference: "Teachers in Training: A Conference for Future Foreign Language Teachers, Old Main, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$ Theatre: "Round O & Crooked S," SUNY Masquers and the Performing Arts Department, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m. *Mature audiences only.*

Sunday, Dec. 7

\$ Theatre: "Round O & Crooked S" presented by the SUNY Masquers and the Performing Arts Department, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

Sandwich Seminar: "An Open Meeting with the Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee," Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Concert: Cortland College Choral Union, "Sacred Music for the Holiday Season," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

Final Exams begin

Bloodmobile: Corey Union Exhibition and Fireplace Lounges, 11 a.m.

Sandwich Seminar: "An Open Meeting with the Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee," Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 11:30 a.m.

UUP Holiday Party: Corey Union, Exhibition Lounge, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Distinguished Faculty Lunch: Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Sunday, Dec. 14

\$ Theatre: Nutcracker Ballet, Dowd Fine Arts Center, 3 p.m.



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