Faculty Senate Endorses Extending Drop-Add Period

Following a lengthy discussion, the Faculty Senate voted 12-7 with one abstention to extend the College’s drop-add period from three days to seven calendar days beginning in Fall 2004.

The action, which took place at the Feb. 3 meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room, was prompted by a recommendation from the Senate’s Educational Policy Committee (EPC). The motion, if approved by the President’s Cabinet, would allow students the opportunity to have their classes meet at least once during the drop-add period.

The EPC endorsement went contrary to the results of a survey taken by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell this past year in which 14 departments opposed the drop-add extension, eight favored the plan and four departments were indifferent.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum, who was present for the discussion and vote, said he was “deeply troubled” by the Faculty Senate’s action in disregarding the survey results in what he called, first and foremost, an “academic issue.” He added that he would give the Senate motion his full consideration but that he was leaning toward vetoing the proposal.

All the senators, whether speaking in favor or in opposition of the seven-day period, said their actions were driven by what was best for the students.

EPC Chair Lynn Anderson, recreation and leisure studies, listed pros and cons in presenting the motion. Her positives included more time for students to review course syllabi and those in Monday and Tuesday courses now getting an opportunity to sit in on a class during the drop-add period. Anderson added that the seven-day policy is “more in line” with sister SUNY institutions. Her research showed that Oneonta, Oswego, Potsdam, New Paltz, Plattsburgh and Brockport all have longer drop-add periods than Cortland.

On the negative side, Anderson said that students who switch classes after getting an opportunity to sit in on a class during the drop-add period. Anderson added that the seven-day policy is “more in line” with sister SUNY institutions. Her research showed that Oneonta, Oswego, Potsdam, New Paltz, Plattsburgh and Brockport all have longer drop-add periods than Cortland.

On the negative side, Anderson said that students who switch classes after On Jan. 3 a high-volt breaker smoke out, damaged several heaters in the north substation switchgear bank. The breaker was repaired and temporary heaters were installed to restore power quickly. After evaluating the breaker bank, engineers strongly suggested repairing these heaters as soon as possible.

The lower campus buildings will not be affected. For more information, contact the Customer Service Center at ext. 2100.

Campus Lectures to Focus on Legacy of Ralph Bunche, African American Statesman and Nobel Prize Recipient

The College will host a Ralph Bunche Centennial Celebration Lecture Series on March 2 and April 2 and 29 in honor of the late African American scholar, civil rights leader, dedicated civil servant and recipient of the 1950 Nobel Prize for Peace.

The Centennial Celebration talks will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 214, and are free and open to the public.

Born on Aug. 7, 1903, in Detroit, Bunche was the grandson of a slave. He overcame economic hardship and American society’s barriers against African Americans to fashion several path-breaking careers in academia, as a civil rights leader and as a dedicated civil servant in the U.S. and the U.N. He was the first person of color to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1950. He died in 1971.

George Saddler, chairman of the New York Centenary Committee of the Commemoration of the 100th Birthday of Dr. Ralph Bunche, will begin the series on Tuesday, March 2, with a lecture on “Ralph Bunche: Man of Peace.”

Saddler is also president of the Federation of the Associations of Former International Civil Servants. A senior consultant and advisor on the U.N. HIV/AIDS Programme from 1989-1995, he has served the U.N. and U.S. in various executive capacities since 1965.

Victor Sidel, M.D., the 1985 recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace, will discuss “A Physician’s View on Peace and Justice” on Friday, April 2.

Sidel is a distinguished professor of social medicine at the Montefiore Medical Center of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y. One of the founders of Physicians for Social Responsibility in 1961, Sidel served as the organization’s president from 1987-88. In 1980 he was one of the founders of the International Physicians for the prevention of nuclear war.

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National Eating Disorders Week to Include Discussions, Exhibits, Films

Gary Glass, a national presenter on the subject of eating disorders, will discuss “A Different Kind of Hunger” on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Glass, who recently joined the Georgia State University Counseling Center as assistant professor of clinical services, will begin his lecture at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

The week’s events are free and open to the public. Presented as part of the College’s ongoing Wellness Wednesday Series, the talk takes place during National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on Feb. 23-27.

Also, SUNY Cortland students will display their creative expressions related to eating disorders in an exhibition titled “Get Real” in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. Posters, collages, paintings and other creative interpretations will be displayed from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 8:30-9 p.m. on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the video “Recovering Bodies” will be shown from 10:05-11 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Lounge. This 34-minute video shows seven college students sharing their stories about their eating disorder recovery process. The film includes useful information about successful strategies for recovery. A question-and-answer discussion will follow, facilitated by Billie Jean Goff, senior counselor and eating disorders specialist.

On Friday, Jean Kilbourne’s most recent video, “Killing Us Softly 3,” will be shown from 12:40-1:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Lounge. The film uses more than 160 ads and commercials to review how the image of women in advertising has changed over the past 20 years. A question-and-answer discussion facilitated by Goff will follow.

From 2-4 p.m. on Friday, the program “Increasing Self Awareness through Body Work” will be offered on a ‘drop-in’ basis in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. Sheila Murray, a local licensed massage therapist, will introduce the art of massage therapy as a tool for self-awareness in an interactive workshop.

Selected books on the subject of eating disorders may be viewed in the Exhibition Lounge and will be sold at the College Bookstore.

“A Different Kind of Hunger” focuses on remembering the ‘real you,’ and developing a life approach to preventing and overcoming disordered eating,” Glass said. “My lecture will examine the way many college students live their lives, leaving them vulnerable to problems such as disordered eating, depression and painful perfectionism.”

Glass uses music, lyrics and visual arts to convey critical information about body image, self esteem and eating issues. His emphasis is on creating empathy for those with eating disorders in the campus culture and highlighting the widespread struggles with these issues.

In addition to carrying a clinical caseload at Georgia State, Glass provides instruction and supervision to psychologist trainees, including a seminar on “Understanding Eating Disorders.” Glass continues to develop a product line of college outreach materials including computer-based training materials for mental health trainees.

Previously, he served as a staff psychologist and outreach specialist at Boston University’s Counseling Center. He provided group counseling to students struggling with eating and body image issues and delivered outreach services to the university community, including training of residence life staff.

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Graduate Commencement Students Must File Intent by March 1

Graduate students who completed their degree requirements in December 2003, or expect to complete their degree requirements in May, August or December 2004 are reminded that they must file their application for master’s degree and certificate of advancement study form with the Graduate Studies Office by Monday, March 1.

The completion of this form is necessary for the following reasons:
• to start the graduate studies degree verification process;
• to ensure the student’s name appears in the Graduate Commencement program; and
• to enable students to participate in the Graduate Commencement preparation event — the Grad Finale — hosted by the College Store in the Corey Union Function Room April 7-8.

Ceremony Set for May 14 in Alumni Arena

The SUNY Cortland Commencement Committee recently announced that the 2004 Graduate Commencement ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Graduate students who have completed their degree requirements in December 2003 or who expect to complete requirements in May, August, or December of 2004, are eligible to participate in the ceremony. Early in the Spring 2004 Semester the President’s Office will send detailed information on the Commencement ceremony to all eligible participants. Information will also be available on the SUNY Cortland Web site at www.cortland.edu/commencement/gradcom.html.

In preparing for Commencement, the College Store will hold its Second Annual Grad Finale from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 7-8 in the Corey Union Function Room. Students attending the Grad Finale will be able to take advantage of a variety of services related to graduation, including picking up their cap and gown, checking their transcripts, and ordering invitations. After April 8, students may go to the College Store for their caps and gowns as well as other Commencement-related items.

Students should refer to future issues of The Bulletin, Dragon Chronicle, “NonTrad E-Newsletter” and Graduate Studies Newsletter for updates on Commencement. Additional questions should be directed to Special Events Coordinator Christine Wallace at ext. 5453 or by e-mail at graduate.commencement@cortland.edu.

The Bulletin is published by the Institutional Advancement Office at State University of New York College at Cortland and distributed to faculty, staff and students. The Bulletin contains official College announcements, news reports and notices of campus events.

The Bulletin may be viewed online at http://www.cortland.edu/images/Bulletin.pdf.

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, March 1.

The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24. 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.
Undergraduate Commencement Order Cards due to Registrar by March 31

Undergraduate students who expect to complete their degree requirements in May, August or December 2004 must file their Degree/Diploma Order Cards with the Registrar's Office by Wednesday, March 31, if they want their name to appear in the printed Undergraduate Commencement Program. The Registrar's Office, located in Miller Building, Room 223, is open weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 pm.

For more information, contact Special Events Coordinator Christine Wallace at ext. 5453 or by e-mail at undergraduate.commencement@cortland.edu

Commencement Dates Announced

The SUNY Cortland Undergraduate Commencement Committee recently announced that the 2004 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively on Saturday, May 15. Each ceremony will take place in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

President Bitterbaum is pleased to announce a new tradition to the College's Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony. Graduates will have the option of honoring a "special person" who has helped the student achieve his or her SUNY Cortland degree. Immediately following the reading of the graduate's name, there will be an announcement of the "special person" the graduate designates; for example, "my parents." The College Store will record the "special person" name when a cap and gown are purchased.

The College Store will hold its second annual Grad Finale event from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on April 7 and 8 in the Corey Union Function Room. Grad Finale allows each graduate to complete at one time and in one building all the necessary tasks to participate in the Commencement Ceremony. This event is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Each graduate will receive five guest tickets and one graduate line-up ticket. Tickets will be available at the College Store.

Additional details and updates about commencement ceremonies will follow in The Bulletin and on the SUNY Cortland Web page. For more information, contact Christine Wallace at ext. 5453 or send an e-mail inquiry to undergraduate.commencement@cortland.edu

Field Hockey Forward Featured in Sports Illustrated’s ‘Faces in the Crowd’

SUNY Cortland freshman field hockey forward Kelli Johnson of Elma, N.Y., was featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the Feb. 9 edition of Sports Illustrated.

Johnson tied an NCAA Division III tournament record in November by scoring seven goals in three games. She also established a new school record for single-season goals by a freshman with 22.

A first team all-region selection, Johnson helped the Red Dragons finish 16-3 and advance to the national semifinals for the ninth time in school history.

Faculty Workshops Will Focus on Community Service-Related Courses

The College will offer two workshops this semester to help faculty members connect their courses and students with community service. The workshops are set for Wednesday, Feb. 25, and Monday, April 5, and will take place from 9-11 a.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Interested individuals should contact Betsy Zaharis of the Institute for Civic Engagement at ext. 2474 or e-mail her at zaharisb@cortland.edu

The workshops are designed to provide the nuts and bolts information that faculty members need to create community-based learning courses, said Institute for Civic Engagement Director Richard Kendrick, sociology/anthropology. The institute is sponsoring the workshops, along with the Campus Outreach Partnership Center (COPC), the Seven Valleys Health Coalition and the Intellectual Climate Committee.

"Did Paul Loeb's visit to our campus inspire you to get your students more involved in the community?" Kendrick said. "Are you wondering how to do that? Would you like some specific strategies for making community service relevant to course work?"

A community-based learning course is any course in which students do work for a community organization and use that experience to enhance their learning in a course they are taking for college credit, he explained. Examples of community-based learning include students working with social service agencies, are the YWCA Bridges for Kids program or Family Counseling Services' Youth Assist program. Another would be conducting research, as research methods classes have done for the Cortland Area Child Care Council and the Cortland Counts needs assessment.

"The possibilities are endless and limited only by our imaginations," Kendrick said.

The Feb. 25 workshop will focus on the participants to the techniques for using community-based learning in college courses. Workshop leaders will include community and Cortland faculty members who have worked together on community-based learning courses. Participants will also hear from community organizations that can use SUNY Cortland student assistance to meet community needs in a variety of areas including research, social service and the environment.

The April 5 workshop will focus on identifying a specific community partner with which the individual faculty member can develop a community-based learning course. The Provost's Office provides funds for up to 10 summer stipends of $500 each for faculty members who would like to develop community-based learning courses for delivery in academic year 2004-2005.

For more information, contact Kendrick at ext. 2481 or kendrickr@cortland.edu

Changes to Salary Increases Approved

SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum has approved salary increases for the following professionals because of increased responsibilities and duties:

- Robert Babcock, instructional support technician, classroom media services
- Michael Holland, director of residence life, residential services
- Darshini Roopnarine, senior staff assistant, residential services

In addition to these salary increases, the President has approved a change to salary increase amounts. They have been changed from the current range of $500 to $1,000 to a three percent increase. The President further approved changing the rank-to-rank promotion amounts from the current amounts to three percent or the minimum of the salary level, whichever is higher. The current amounts are as follows: $1,000 for promotion to SL3, $1,200 to SL4, $1,400 to SL5 and $1,700 to SL6.
Extended Drop-Add Period Endorsed

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seven days may have difficulty “catching up” in their lab and activity courses. She added that bills and loan disbursements could be delayed. Students might also infer from the longer period that the first classes are less important, said Anderson.

Andrea LaChance, childhood/early childhood education, who initially proposed the seven-day period, said she was prompted by the frustration of the transfer student population with the current drop-add time frame. She called this “an equity issue” and was concerned about how SUNY Cortland cares for its students.

“We owe the students the freedom to make decisions but with those decisions comes responsibility,” said LaChance.

Student senators echoed her sentiments stating that the onus would and should be on the students to successfully make any adjustments. But even the students were divided on the issue. Student Government President (SGA) Matt Barone, who eventually voted against the motion, explained that the Student Senate endorsed an extension without offering a definite time period.

Senator Karla Alves, English, said her department opposed the proposal and suggested a four-day period as a compromise. English courses demand writing and reading assignments from the first day and students who potentially could miss three classes would be at a disadvantage, she argued.

“The seven-day period is not in the best interests of the students or the learning process," she said. “We have a duty to show students that learning begins on the first day.”

“It would also affect the other students in the class,” added Phillip Walsh, sociology/anthropology. “The first week is important to establishing classroom community.”

Students are allowed three excused absences, said Alves, noting that the added potential of three missed classes in week one with a seven-day drop/add period poses a serious concern.

A seven-day period would allow students in Monday and Tuesday classes to have a chance to sit in at least one class, but Bruce Mattingly, mathematics, questioned how much a student can actually surmise about a course by attending one class.

Students have weeks before the start of the semester or quarter to inquire with the respective faculty members about a particular course, said Bruce Mattingly, psychology.

Mariangela Chandler, ASAP, speaking in favor of the seven-day period, said that the change would apparently affect only a small number of students and classes.

At present, the overwhelming number of drop/add transactions take place on the first day, said Donna Margine, registrar, citing figures from the past two years. By day three almost 90 percent of all drops and adds are completed.

Sherry Snell, physical education, said her department has been able to regularly accommodate nearly all of its 900 students in three days. The few exceptions, some two or three students a day in the week following drop/add, have almost always been the result of student error.

Student Accounts Director Colleen DeGouff stated that while the College can change its drop/add time period, it cannot change the SUNY Board of Trustees refund policy. With a seven-day drop/add, some students would have to wait weeks to receive a refund check, which could impact their ability to pay rent and purchase necessary items.

Spring 2004 Bulletin Schedule

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Library Hours

Spring Break March 5-14

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Friday, March 5  7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Monday, March 8  8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday, March 12  Closed
Saturday, March 13  Closed
Sunday, March 14  4-10 p.m.

Sports Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 17
Women's Basketball at SUNYIT, 6 p.m.
MEN'S ICE HOKEY vs. Oswego, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at SUNYIT, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18
WOMEN'S ICE HOKEY vs. Elmira, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 20
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Geneseo, 6 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Geneseo, 8 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey — SUNYAC First Round, tba.

Saturday, Feb. 21
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field — SUNYAC Championships, 9 a.m. (at Hobart/William Smith Colleges, Geneva)
Wrestling — Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference National Qualifiers, 11 a.m. (at NYU Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Gymnastics at Harriet Marranca Invitational (Ithaca), 1 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Buffalo St., 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Buffalo St., 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Rowan (N.J.), 3 p.m. (at Christopher Newport Univ. (Va.)
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Buffalo St., 4 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey — SUNYAC First Round, tba.

Sunday, Feb. 22
Baseball at Virginia Wesleyan, 11 a.m.
Women's Ice Hockey at Buffalo St., 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Men's Basketball — SUNYAC Quarterfinals, tba. (at campus sites)
Women's Basketball — SUNYAC Quarterfinals, tba. (at campus sites)

Wednesday, Feb. 25
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. Ithaca, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field at NYU Invitational, 3:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball — SUNYAC Semifinals, tba. (at Utica Memorial Auditorium)
Women's Basketball — SUNYAC Semifinals, tba. (at Utica Memorial Auditorium)
Men's Ice Hockey — SUNYAC Semifinals, tba.

Saturday, Feb. 28
Men's Basketball — SUNYAC Finals, tba. (at Utica Memorial Auditorium)
Women's Basketball — SUNYAC Finals, tba. (at Utica Memorial Auditorium)
Women's Ice Hockey — ECAC West Playoffs, tba.
Men's Ice Hockey — SUNYAC Semifinals, tba.

Sunday, Feb. 29
Women's Ice Hockey — ECAC West Playoffs, tba.
Directors, Coordinators of Teacher Education Field Experiences to Attend Feb. 23 Conference

The Field Placement Office (FPO) will host a one-day conference titled “Sharing Successful Strategies for SUNY Teacher Education Field Experiences” on Monday, Feb. 23.

An invitation to this event has been extended to all 16 SUNY campuses with a school of education. The response to date has been positive, with the confirmation of 25 people representing 13 schools.

The conference will begin at 9 a.m. with breakfast and registration in Corey Union and end with a wrap up session at 3 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss successful strategies, challenges and external demands as related to the field placement process, and to network with colleagues.

Rita Rosenberg, interim director of the FPO, is coordinating the event. Dean of Education Ed Caffarella will welcome the attendees. Bongsoon Zubay, director of the SUNY Urban Teacher Center in New York City, will be in attendance.

“This is the first time this professional development opportunity has been offered, with the hope that this will develop into a semi-annual event, rotating to other campuses and hosted by different directors,” said Rosenberg.

OSP Grant Award Recipients Announced

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

Craig Little, sociology/anthropology, was awarded $150,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for his project, “SUNY Cortland: Community Outreach Partnership Center New Directions” for the period of Sept. 1, 2003-Aug. 31, 2005.


Michelle Kelly, foundations and social advocacy, has been awarded $35,082 from the New York State Education Department for her project titled “Teaching Opportunities Corps” for the period of July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004.

Andrea LaChance, Cynthia Benton and Elizabeth Klein, childhood/early childhood education, have been awarded $75,079 from the New York State Education Department for their project, “Teacher/Leadership Partnerships Program” for the period of Sept. 1, 2003-Aug. 31, 2004.

Lectures to Focus on Ralph Bunche Legacy

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He has spoken and been widely published on the economic, social, environmental and health consequences of the arms race and on the risks posed by the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. He has also addressed the diversion of resources and the curtailment of human rights in war and the preparation for war. He is co-editor with Barry Levy of War and Public Health (Oxford University Press, 1997).

Benjamin Rivlin, director emeritus of the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, will lecture on “The Civil Rights: Decolonization Continuum in Ralph Bunche’s Thought and Action” on Thursday, April 29.

A professor emeritus of political science at the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center, Rivlin is co-chair of the Ralph Bunche Centennial Commemoration Committee. Rivlin, on assignment from the U.S. Army, first worked with Bunche in the Africa Section of the Research and Analysis Branch of the Trusteeship Division of the United Nations Secretariat. In 1986, he organized and directed a three-day retrospective conference on Ralph Bunche at the CUNY Graduate Center. This led Rivlin to later edit the book Ralph Bunche: The Man and His Times (N.Y.: Homes & Meier).

The PBS Ralph Bunche Teaching Module video series will also be available in March and April at the Memorial Library circulation desk for faculty to use in their classrooms. Narrated by Sidney Poitier, the 14 teaching modules were written and directed by William Greaves and are based on the biography by Brian Urquhart.

The lecture series is supported by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series Committee, Auxiliary Services Corporation, Black Student Union, Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Office of the Provost, and Office of the President.

The program was organized by the Ralph Bunche Centennial Celebration Committee, which includes: Seth N. Asumah, political science and coordinator of African American Studies; James E. Bugh, professor emeritus of geology; Ram P. Chaturvedi, physics; Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president of academic affairs; and Bernard Jackson, philosophy.

For more information, contact Chaturvedi at ext. 2914.

Honorary Degree Candidates Sought

The College’s Honorary Degree Committee is seeking assistance in developing a pool of candidates to be considered for the honorary degree to be awarded at Commencement 2005.

The committee is seeking faculty nominations for individuals whose activities and accomplishments relate directly and strongly to the College’s academic mission.

Suggestions, accompanied by brief background information and a rationale for consideration, should be submitted no later than Friday, March 5, to committee chairperson Brian Rivest, biological sciences, Bowers Hall, or by e-mail at rivestb@cortland.edu

Changes to College Style Manual Posted

The Publications and Electronic Media Office has updated two pages in the SUNY Cortland Style Manual to reflect changes in College style and usage:

1. Web addresses should no longer be written with http:// at the beginning.
2. The areas administered by the four vice presidents of the College are called divisions and should be written as follows: Division of Academic Affairs, Division of Finance and Management, Division of Institutional Advancement and Division of Student Affairs.

These changes are reflected on pages 4 and 7 of the SUNY Cortland Style Manual. Replacement pages are being sent to the campus community by e-mail to be printed out and included in personal copies of the manual.

A current copy of the Style Manual, which details the College’s graphic identity and writing style, can also be found at www.cortland.edu/resources/stylemanual.pdf on the SUNY Cortland Web site. The Style Manual details the College’s graphic identity and writing style. A unified graphic and written image aims to solidify the public’s perception of the quality of the College’s programs, faculty, staff and students.

For more information, contact the Publications and Electronic Media Office at ext. 2519 or by e-mail at jordaki@cortland.edu
News Briefs

Mexican Coffee Growers to Present Homelands Efforts and Challenges

Angel Alvarez and Miguel Gonzalez Hernandez, members of the Northern Chiapas Coffee Network, will discuss the impact of the Zapatista movement, the global coffee crisis, and low-intensity warfare on their efforts to organize and educate regional small coffee producers, on Monday, Feb. 23.

Their talk, titled “Los Cafetistas Speak! Development Alternatives and Autonomy in Mexico,” will begin at 4 p.m. in Corey Union Fireplace Lounge.

The presentation will use personal testimony to focus on the contemporary socioeconomic situation of indigenous groups struggling to create alternative economies that promote fair trade, land recuperation and crop diversification.

“Fairly traded coffee” will be served. The presentation is sponsored by a “Get Cortland Talking” grant. Latin American Studies, the International Communications and Culture Department and the New York Public Interest Research Group.

For more information, send an e-mail to International Communications and Culture faculty members Colleen Kattau at kattauc@cortland.edu or Norma Helsper at helsperm@cortland.edu

Applications for ASC Program Grants Due Feb. 27 at ASC Office

Applications for Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Program Grants for the 2004-05 academic year are due in the ASC office by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27.

Application packages are available online at www.ascweb.cortland.edu/pdf/grantapp.pdf, in the ASC Office in Neubig Hall. Applications may also be requested by contacting Annette O’Hara at ext. 4325.

For more information about the application process, contact O’Hara at ext. 4325.

Residential Services Asks for Input On Furniture at Feb. 26 Vendor Fair

Residential Services will hold a furniture vendor fair from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26 in Corey Union Function Room.

Faculty, staff and students are asked to provide input in the selection of furniture for future campus renovation projects. Furniture includes desks, wardrobes, dressers and chairs, which will be on display throughout the day.

For more information, contact Craig Dillaman, residential services, at ext. 4153 or by e-mail to dillamanc@cortland.edu

Anxiety Disorder to Be Discussed At Feb. 17 Sandwich Seminar

Clinical Psychologist John Lombardo, psychology, will discuss “What You Should Know About Anxiety Disorder” on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The sandwich seminar will be held at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. One-half hour of release time has been approved for classified staff for this program.

It is reported that panic attacks strike about 2.4 million American adults each year. This can bring feelings of intense fear and physical symptoms sometimes confused with a heart attack.

Attendees are asked to forward any specific questions about anxiety or anxiety disorder by Feb. 13 to Lombardo in care of the Psychology Department, Old Main, Room 132. This can be done anonymously, and questions will be answered at this information session.

This sandwich seminar is sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program Committee.

Judicial Affairs Seeks Faculty, Staff And Student Justices for 2004-05

The Judicial Affairs Office is in the process of recruiting faculty, staff and student justices for the 2004-05 academic year.

The campus judicial system depends upon the dedication and volunteer service of its justices to advance its mission to “maintain a community which promotes and values the academic experience, institutional and personal integrity, justice, equality, and diversity.”

The Office is seeking those interested in serving as Judicial Review Board or College Hearing Panel members in judicial cases pertaining to violations of the College’s Code of Student Conduct.

A typical commitment includes initial training each fall and serving on up to two hearings per month. Students are required to attend monthly training sessions and they may earn one credit per semester. Faculty and staff members who wish to nominate colleagues or students are encouraged to do so.

The nomination and application forms are available on the Judicial Affairs Web site at www.cortland.edu/judafairs/leader.html or in the Judicial Affairs Office, Corey Union, Room 409-B.

Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Interviews will be scheduled following Spring Break.

For more information, contact Nan Pasquarello or Jean Wright at ext. 4725.

March 31 Deadline for Filing Federal Aid Eligibility Application

March 31 is the deadline for filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2004-05 academic year. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, Miller Building, Room 205, or students may submit their application electronically by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The FAFSA is the key to determining a student’s eligibility for Federal aid and Stafford loans. After a student has filed his FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office receives the information electronically. The electronic information comes in from the Federal Processor and is either selected for verification or sent through SUNY Cortland’s award letter processing system.

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ANXIETY DISORDER TO BE DISCUSSED AT FEB. 17 SANDWICH SEMINAR

Clinical Psychologist John Lombardo, psychology, will discuss “What You Should Know About Anxiety Disorder” on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The sandwich seminar will be held at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. One-half hour of release time has been approved for classified staff for this program.

It is reported that panic attacks strike about 2.4 million American adults each year. This can bring feelings of intense fear and physical symptoms sometimes confused with a heart attack.

Attendees are asked to forward any specific questions about anxiety or anxiety disorder by Feb. 13 to Lombardo in care of the Psychology Department, Old Main, Room 132. This can be done anonymously, and questions will be answered at this information session.

This sandwich seminar is sponsored by the Employee Assistance Program Committee.

JUDICIAL AFFAIRS SEEKS FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENT JUSTICES FOR 2004-05

The Judicial Affairs Office is in the process of recruiting faculty, staff and student justices for the 2004-05 academic year.

The campus judicial system depends upon the dedication and volunteer service of its justices to advance its mission to “maintain a community which promotes and values the academic experience, institutional and personal integrity, justice, equality, and diversity.”

The Office is seeking those interested in serving as Judicial Review Board or College Hearing Panel members in judicial cases pertaining to violations of the College’s Code of Student Conduct.

A typical commitment includes initial training each fall and serving on up to two hearings per month. Students are required to attend monthly training sessions and they may earn one credit per semester. Faculty and staff members who wish to nominate colleagues or students are encouraged to do so.

The nomination and application forms are available on the Judicial Affairs Web site at www.cortland.edu/judafairs/leader.html or in the Judicial Affairs Office, Corey Union, Room 409-B.

Applications are due no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, March 5. Interviews will be scheduled following Spring Break.

For more information, contact Nan Pasquarello or Jean Wright at ext. 4725.

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**Faculty-Staff Activities**

**Colleen Buchanan,** physical education, presented at the New York State Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AHPERD) Conference in Buffalo, N.Y., for a sixth year. One presentation was on the pedagogy of dance, using country line dancing as the tool, and another focused on swing dance. She has been asked to present at the New Jersey AHPERD conference in February and at the Central North Zone Conference in Camden, N.Y. in March.

**Ram P. Chaturvedi,** physics, presented a paper titled “Brief History of the Electron Neutrino and Its Family” at the 128th American Association of Physics Teachers meeting held in January in Miami, Fla.

**Beth Shiner Klein,** early childhood/childhood education, presented “Models of Integrating Environmental Education into Elementary and Middle School Preservice Programs” at the Association for the Education of Teachers of Science International Conference held in January in Nashville, Tenn.


**Virginia B. Levine,** arts and sciences, has been named second vice president of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers (NYSAFLT). In addition to serving on the NYSAFLT Executive Board, she is charged with planning and organizing the 87th NYSAFLT annual meeting to be held in Rochester, N.Y., Oct. 29-31.

**Grants Available for Fellowship Program**

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office is offering the 2005 Summer Research Fellowship Program (SRF) to provide non-tenured, tenured-track full-time faculty with an opportunity to participate in scholarly activities and establish an ongoing research program. The SRF is a premiere fellowship program that provides an opportunity to secure external funds to support a faculty member's research area and career interests. It is expected that this fellowship work will form the basis for a publication and a larger, substantial project for which external funds will be sought.

The SRF is a highly competitive program. Full-time faculty up to a year prior to the tenure decision who are returning for the following academic year are eligible to apply. Awards are $5,000 and can be used as a stipend and/or for research support. Awardees are expected not to teach during the period of the award. International faculty may be ineligible for a stipend based on the individual faculty member’s visa status. Awards to those with 12-month appointments will be used to support a replacement while the investigator conducts his or her project.

Applications will be sent to eligible faculty. Completed applications are due in their appropriate dean’s office by Monday, March 15, and in the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) by 4 p.m. Monday, March 22. The College Research Committee will review submitted proposals and make recommendations of awards to the Provost.

For more information, contact Glen Clarke, OSP, at ext. 2511 or by e-mail at glenc@em.cortland.edu

**Eating Disorders Week**

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Glass has a doctorate in counseling psychology from West Virginia University. He earned a master’s degree in agency counseling from Appalachian State University and a bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in communications from University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The program is sponsored by the Health Education Office, the Counseling and Student Development Center, Auxiliary Services Corporation, Dining Services, Residential Services Office, the Campus Artist and Lecture Series, the College Store, the Division of Student Affairs and Campus Activities and Corey Union.

For more information about Eating Disorders Awareness Week, contact Senior Counselor Billie Jean Goff at ext. 4728. For more information about the Wellness Wednesday Series, contact Health Educator Cathy Smith at ext. 2066.

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**Faculty Research Program Application Deadline Extended**

Monday, Feb. 16, is designated a legal holiday in which offices are closed. As such, the application deadline for the Faculty Research Program originally stated for this date has been extended to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

For more information, contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at ext. 2511.

**Joseph Onello,** physics, has been informed that his proposal “A survey of high-mass star forming regions in the 8 GHz rotationally excited OH lines” has been accepted by the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico. In the proposal, co-authored with colleagues from the Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory in Firenze, Italy, Onello proposes to perform the first pilot survey of the 2P3/2, J = 3/2 and J = 5/2 main and satellite lines of the hydroxyl radical toward a small sample of high-mass star forming regions visible from Arecibo using the 305m (1000′) radio telescope.

The excitation scheme of the OH radical for sources associated with young star forming regions in our galaxy is still uncertain. During the past years a number of surveys of excited OH have concentrated on the 4 GHz and 6 GHz states, but no surveys toward star-forming regions exist of the 7.8 and 8.1 GHz lines. The proposed observations will be used to set tighter constraints on OH statistical equilibrium models, which so far can be compared only with the observations toward the source W3(OH). A better understanding of the pumping mechanism and excitation of OH, as well as possible local and non-local line overlap effects, would then be used to discriminate between different environments with different physical conditions.

**Michael Toglia,** psychology, has completed a chapter titled “False Memory Research: History, Theory, and Applied Implications” that is in press in the Handbook of Eyewitness Psychology, Volume 1, to be published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Mahwah, N.J. His co-authors are Jeffrey S. Neuschatz ’94, University of Alabama-Huntsville; James M. Lampinen, University of Arkansas; David Payne, ETS, Princeton, N.J.; and Elizabeth L. Preston, Vanderbilt University.

**Barbara Wisch,** art and art history, has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Council. Among the 12 members, she is the sole representative of art history.

**Arden Zipp,** chemistry, was the organizer and a judge for the Chemistry Lab event at the Central New York Science Olympiad that was held at LeMoyne College recently. **Marcia Bonneau,** chemistry, served as one of the proctors for the event and **Irene Maffetore,** chemistry, assisted with the preparation of solutions and supplies. Twenty-six teams from schools across the region participated in this and several other events. The teams with the highest total scores will take part in a statewide competition later in the year.
Coming Events

Monday, Feb. 16
Presidents Day: Classes in session; Offices closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Wednesday, Feb. 18
Sandwich Seminar: “Ethnic, Gender, Latino and Africana Studies at SUNY Cortland: Cultural Competence or Ideational Cul-de-Sac?” panel discussion to include Seth Asumah, political science; Sheila Cohen, literacy; Sam Kelley, communication studies; Mechthild Nagel, philosophy; Keith Smith, Educational Opportunity Program; and Stephanie Spina, foundations and social advocacy; Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: “It Ain’t Funny, It’s a Crime: Bias and Hate in Higher Education,” presented by Joseph Sanders, multicultural affairs, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Meeting: CSEA general membership, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, noon.

Monday, Feb. 23
National Eating Disorders Awareness Week Feb. 23-27
Exhibition: “Get Real” creative expressions relating to eating disorders, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 8:30-9 p.m. on Wednesday.

Presentation: “Los Cafetistas Speak! Development Alternatives and Autonomy in Mexico,” presented by Angel Alvarez and Miguel Gonzalez Hernandez, members of the Northern Chiapas Coffee Network, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24
Video: “Recovering Bodies,” about eating disorders with discussion to follow, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 10:05-11 a.m.

Meeting: New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) Student Action Meeting, Corey Union, Rooms 204-208, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Workshop: Techniques for using community-based learning in college courses for faculty members, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 9-11 a.m.

Sandwich Seminar: “Music of African American Composers,” presented by Performing Arts Department faculty Edward Moore on piano, Ralph Dudgeon on trumpet and Joel Pape on saxophone, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: “A Different Kind of Hunger,” Gary Glass, Ph.D., Counseling Center, Georgia State University, Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.

Performance: “Slam Poetry and Songs,” presented by poet Jackie Warren Moore, musician Colleen Kattau and the Community Choir, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26
Presentation: Disney job opportunities and interview sign-ups, sponsored by Career Services, Corey Union, Room 209, 6 p.m.

Furniture Vendor Fair: Sponsored by the Residential Services Office to seek opinions of the campus community regarding furnishings for future campus renovation projects, Corey Union Function Room, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sandwich Seminar: “Black Women in the Academy: Imperatives for Academic Institutions,” presented by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Meeting: Teachers Education Council, Corey Union, Rooms 305-306, 3 p.m.

Comedian: Troy Thirdgill, sponsored by Student Activities Board, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27
Interviews: Disney job opportunities, sponsored by Career Services, Corey Union, Rooms 204-205, 8 a.m.-noon.

Video: “Killing Us Softly 3,” by Jean Kilbourne, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 12:40-1:30 p.m. A question-and-answer discussion will follow.

Program: “Increasing Self Awareness through Body Work,” Sheila Murray, local licensed massage therapist, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, drop in from 2-4 p.m.