Dikembe Mutombo, Professional Athlete and Humanitarian, to Receive Honorary Degree

Dikembe Mutombo, a National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star and humanitarian, will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the College during Undergraduate Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 15.

It was announced in the April 12 issue of The Bulletin that George Jones ’56, will also receive an honorary degree.

The invitation-only ceremonies will take place at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Park Center Alumni Arena on campus.

Dikembe Mutombo
Professional basketball player and humanitarian Dikembe Mutombo, who graduated with dual majors in linguistics and diplomacy from Georgetown University, has used his intellect, celebrity and wealth to advance worthy causes, including providing much-needed medicine and pharmaceuticals to countries in his native Africa.

He heads the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation, which he created in 1997 and which has as its mission to improve the health, education and quality of life for the people in his homeland, the Congo, and in other developing nations.

Graduate Student Commencement Set for May 14

SUNY Cortland will conduct the Commencement ceremony for students earning master’s degrees and certificates of advanced study on Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in Park Center Alumni Arena.

The College will award 216 master’s degrees and 68 certificates of advanced study. After the ceremony, a reception for the graduates and their guests will take place in Corey Gymnasium.

A major undertaking of the foundation has been to construct a new 300-bed hospital in the capital city of Kinshasa, at a cost of $24 million. Mutombo has contributed $3.5 million of his own funds toward this project.

Born Dikembe Mutombo Mpolondo Mukamba Jean Jacques Wamutombo, a son of the Luba tribe in the city of Kinshasa, Mutombo arrived in the U.S in 1987 on an academic scholarship to attend Georgetown University. A pre-med major, he intended to become a medical doctor and return to the Congo, but at a height of 7’2” he attracted the attention of Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson and joined the basketball team his sophomore year.

After graduating in 1991, Mutombo entered the NBA. The Denver Nuggets selected him as the fourth player taken overall in the 1991 NBA draft. Currently with the New York Knicks, he has played with Denver, Atlanta, Philadelphia and New Jersey during his 13-year career. Impressively, he has been named the NBA Defensive Player of the Year on four different occasions. Despite his all-star career, he is best defined by his actions and contributions off the basketball court.

Undergraduate Commencements Will Be Held Saturday, May 15

SUNY Cortland will hold two undergraduate Commencement ceremonies — one at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m. — on Saturday, May 15, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

An estimated 1,176 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees during Commencement exercises, which will be presided over by SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

George Jones ’56, retired mission director to Kenya for the U.S. Agency for International Development, will address the graduates at both ceremonies. Jones will receive an honorary Doctor of Human Letters. Each ceremony begins with an academic procession. Music will be provided by the Cortland Brass Ensemble.

During the morning Commencement, Tara Clemens, a senior musical theatre major from Middleport, N.Y., will sing the national anthem and Gina Gammage-Sikora, international communications and culture, will sing the Alma Mater.

The national anthem will be sung during the afternoon commencement by Jeffrey Brooks, a senior musical theatre major from Marathon, N.Y. The Alma Mater will be sung by Deena Badr, a senior musical theatre major from North Babylon, N.Y.

This year, both undergraduate Commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live on local cable access Channel 6. The ceremonies can also be viewed on campus in any classroom equipped with a television.

Two new traditions will be introduced to this year’s ceremony by President Bitterbaum. Each undergraduate may honor a special person who has helped them achieve their academic degree. Also, any international student who has earned a degree and takes part in Commencement will present his or her flag of nationality. This year, flags will be displayed from the following countries: China, Cyprus, Japan and Nepal.
State Education Official James Butterworth To Speak at Educators Forum on May 13

James Butterworth, assistant commissioner for regional school improvement and community services with the State Education Department, will present a Spring Forum about the critical issues facing educators in New York State on campus Thursday, May 13.

The forum, from 4-6 p.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room, is geared for teachers, school administrators and the College community. Time will be allocated during the forum for questions and answers. Refreshments will be served.

The event is free and open to the public. Prior registration is encouraged by Monday, May 10. For more information or to register, call the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or e-mail cee@cortland.edu.

Currently, Butterworth directs the State Offices of Regional School Improvement, Student Support Services, Non-public Schools, Research and Evaluation, Technology Policy, Planning and Professional Development, Charter Schools, Native Americans and Child Nutrition. He oversees the implementation of the federal No Child Left Behind requirements in schools outside New York City. Butterworth has led the installation of a regional network strategy to assist low-performing schools. He has managed the State Education Department’s Standards Implementation Study.

He has been involved in the implementation of new state regulations, including academic intervention services, professional development plans, professional performance reviews and attendance. Butterworth worked to develop revised state regulations in the areas of planning and middle level education. He helped to implement legislation in such areas as school safety and charter schools and developed the K-12 technology plan. He has also managed state and federal grants programs and leadership of the state effort to disseminate best curricular and instructional practices.

Butterworth holds an adjunct appointment in educational administration at the College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y.

He earned his bachelor of arts and master of arts in social studies and his master of science and doctorate in educational administration at SUNY Albany.

Geography Professor David L. Miller Joins Ranks of ‘Distinguished’ Faculty

David L. Miller, geography, received a prestigious rank promotion to Distinguished Teaching Professor from the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees at its April 20 meeting in Albany.

Each rank, which can only be conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the campus administration, System Administration and SUNY chancellor, constitutes a promotion above that of full professor. Candidates for Distinguished Teaching Professor must have demonstrated consistently superior mastery of teaching, outstanding service to students and commitment to their ongoing intellectual growth, scholarship and professional growth and adherence to rigorous academic standards and requirements.

Miller was one of 16 individuals across the 64 SUNY campuses to be appointed to Distinguished Teaching Professor this year. He joins 26 other SUNY Cortland faculty members since 1973 who have earned Distinguished Professor status.

“Professor Miller emphasizes the importance of developing the whole person in the teaching process and making students aware of the broader critical values in the liberal arts tradition,” the Nominating Committee wrote. “Yet his classroom priorities do not end with the articulation of abstract principles. Noting ‘the extraordinary challenges that lie ahead for our graduates and the world — problems related to population and resource distribution,’ Dr. Miller places great store in nurturing awareness of these issues and the values behind them.”

Purchasing Department Deadlines Announced

Purchase Requisitions Due June 11

The deadline for submitting purchase requisitions to be paid from the current fiscal year budget, July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004, is Friday, June 11.

Emergency situations occurring after June 18, or other questions, should be addressed to David Horrocks, purchasing, at ext. 2305.

The Purchasing Department will accept requisitions for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005, beginning on Monday, June 21.

Travel Voucher Deadline is Aug. 31

The deadline for submitting travel vouchers for travel prior to July 1, 2004, is Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Because travel before July 1 of this year is an old fiscal year liability, vouchers must be submitted by August 31 for reimbursement before the funds for fiscal year 2003-04 lapse.

In-class observations by members of the Nominating Committee revealed a wide array of teaching techniques, including group discussions, interactive dialogue, use of quizzes administered both online and in class, video and online technologies integrated into the curriculum, and extensive one-on-one interaction in labs and computer-related instruction.

“Professor Miller connects with his students through his engagingly direct and unpretentious personal style, marked by deep subject matter expertise delivered with an often light and humor-studded class style,” the Nominating Committee wrote. “He knows all of his students on a first-name basis, prods them if they do not perform up to par, and extols those who go the extra mile.”

Miller, who was honored in 1998 with a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, directs the College’s Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Lab, which he established with help from many members of the campus community in the early 1990s. The laboratory became an authorized Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Learning Laboratory in 2002, one of the first in New York State and currently one of the best equipped. Miller is an ESRI-authorized instructor.

One student observed of Miller’s classes, “We learned material that is new even for the experts, including state-of-the-art mapping techniques.” Another noted, “I consider this class and professor like the movie ‘Dead Poets Society’ and Robin

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Work to Begin in June on College’s First New Residence Hall in 32 Years

In early June, SUNY Cortland will begin construction work on its first new residence hall since the Smith and Casey Towers were completed in November 1972.

The new $11 million residence hall will be located south of Neubig Hall and between Bishop and Shea Halls. The existing annexes of those structures will be demolished to make room for the new facility.

Construction will continue though summer 2005, impacting the three aforementioned College buildings, as well as, at varying times, traffic on Neubig Road and the Water Street extension along the cemetery.

When completed in fall 2005, the four-story residence hall, with a colored-glass tower housing lounges and facing Corey Union, will provide SUNY Cortland with an additional 195 beds. The junior-style suites offer a shared private bath adjoining two bedrooms.

“The College is replacing what we have lost through the renovation of Clark, Higgins and Hendrick Halls,” said Raymond D. Franco, student affairs. Because of renovations and added amenities, those revamped residence halls now have fewer beds.

SUNY Energy Buying Group Saves Taxpayers $1.47 Million in First 11 Months of Operation

State University of New York Chancellor Robert L. King announced that in its first 11 months of operation, the SUNY Energy Buying Group saved campuses $1.47 million in energy costs.

“This is great news for the taxpayers and families of New York because it shows that SUNY works hard to control costs while still providing a first-rate college education for every student,” said King.

In December 2002, using an energy purchasing strategy pioneered by the University at Buffalo, SUNY System Administration became a direct customer of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO). The Buying Group is purchasing electricity for 14 campuses in the Niagara Mohawk service territory directly through the wholesale markets operated by the NYISO.

SUNY paid the NYISO $12,651,763 for the 11-month period ending Oct. 31, 2003, compared to $14,122,556 that the participating campuses would have had to pay if they purchased electricity individually from Niagara Mohawk.

The participating SUNY campuses include the University at Albany, Upstate Medical University, the Colleges at Fredonia, Buffalo, Brockport, Cortland, Oswego, Potsdam, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, Cobleskill, SUNYIT in Utica, as well as Canton, Herkimer, and Mohawk Valley Community Colleges.

“The College is committed to providing housing to its undergraduate students and really needs those additional beds in order to accomplish that goal,” added Franco. “If we do not get them, we would have to either triple students in rooms or deny students the opportunity to live on campus. We don’t want to do either of those.”

The building architects and engineers are Ashley McGraw Architects of Syracuse, N.Y., Burt Hill Kosar Rittleman Associates of Philadelphia, Pa., and Ram Tech Engineers of Syracuse, N.Y.

A construction manager will be hired soon.

“This will be the first residence hall built within the State University of New York that is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified,” said Nasrin Parvizi, facilities management.

The U.S. Green Building Council, of which SUNY Cortland is a member, grants LEED certification explained Parvizi.

“We are required by the Governor’s Executive Order 111 that we comply with energy savings measures and that we use environmentally safe materials in the construction,” added Parvizi.

The building is being funded through bonds issued by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

Faculty Senate Trial Period for Revised RPT Evaluation Procedures Approved

The Faculty Senate approved a motion to modify procedures for faculty reappointment, promotion and tenure (RPT) based upon recommendations by the Course Teaching Effectiveness (CTE) Committee.

Senators voted unanimously, with two abstentions, in favor of the proposal during what was to be its final meeting of the 2003-04 academic year on May 4 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. Because the Senate was unable to conclude its business, Senate Chair Jeff Walkuski, physical education, called for a special meeting to be held at 1:10 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge on Tuesday, May 11.

Under the newly approved policy, academic departments in all three schools will use, at a minimum, the following three strategies for evaluation of teaching effectiveness as part of the RPT procedures during the 2004-05 academic year: Course Teacher Evaluations (CTEs); peer evaluation; and course documents, e.g. syllabi, PowerPoints, etc.

Additionally, the CTE committee recommended that each candidate include in his or her materials for RPT a philosophical statement that will give a context to all the materials being presented.

“The goal is to collect information,” noted the CTE Committee in its recommendation, “At the end of the school year 2004-05, results from the trial period will be used to create a clear and effective procedure to direct the process of teaching evaluation campus-wide.”

With regard to CTEs, each candidate for RPT in 2004-05 will summarize CTEs of all courses in the reporting period, with trends and anomalies noted and explained as part of the presentation of materials relating to teacher effectiveness.

Under peer evaluation, each department will determine the number of visits within the review period and the protocol for the observations/evaluation, as well as recommend peer evaluators and determine the format for post-evaluation report.

The CTE Committee also suggested that the peer evaluation review process include the following:

1. The chair observes and gives written feedback to all candidates at least once per reporting period.
2. The chair and one other person, perhaps from the Personnel Committee, observe and give written feedback at least once during the reporting period.

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**UUP Ratifies New Four-year Contract**

Members of United University Professions (UUP) representing academic and professional faculty on 29 State University of New York (SUNY) campuses have overwhelmingly approved a new four-year contract with the state.

UUP President William E. Scheuerman announced that the pact, reached last month, won 96.6 percent approval in the ratification vote conducted by the American Arbitration Association in New York City. It was the highest approval rate in UUP history.

“This strong show of support demonstrates that our members agree that this is a fair contract that addresses their needs,” said Scheuerman. “It is also an endorsement of the open, democratic process to which UUP adheres.”

Representatives from each of UUP’s 33 chapters made up the union’s Negotiations Committee. Members of the Negotiations Team visited all chapters before contract talks began and after they concluded for input and explanations.

Voting for ratification were 10,023 UUP members, as compared to 334 against. Fifteen ballots were declared invalid.

The new agreement runs from July 2, 2003-July 1, 2007. Its highlights include:

- An $800 lump-sum payment, prorated for part-timers, upon contract ratification;
- Across-the-board, on-base salary increases of 2.5 percent, 2.75 percent and 3 percent over the next three years;
- An $800 on-base salary increase, prorated for part-timers, effective July 1, 2007;
- Annual one percent discretionary increases for eligible full- and part-timers in each of the four years of the agreement;
- A $500 achievement award increase, effective April 1, 2007, for employees with continuing or permanent appointments and those reappointed to five-year term appointments; and
- An $850 contribution per eligible employee by the end of the contract to the UUP Benefit Trust Fund, which covers dental and vision benefits, life insurance and a tuition scholarship for qualified UUP dependents.

There will be no increases in employees’ share of the cost of health insurance premiums, with only small increases in their co-pays.

UUP represents 28,000 academic and professional faculty on 29 SUNY campuses. It is affiliated with New York State United Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

**Alumni Weekend Planned for July 16-18**

Nearly 600 alumni and friends are expected to enjoy class get-togethers, parties and other activities on campus during the 2004 Alumni Reunion Weekend July 16-18.

“Alumni Reunion Weekend is a wonderful opportunity for alumni from different generations to come together to celebrate their time at Cortland,” said Douglas DeRancy ’75, alumni affairs. “For many, attending their class reunion is the first time they have returned to SUNY Cortland. For the alumni affairs staff, the reunion is a culmination of a year’s worth of work.”

Reunion Weekend opens that Friday afternoon with an 18-hole golf tournament at Walden Oaks Golf Course.

That afternoon, the Alumni Association will host a special reception for the Reunion Class Committee members in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. The Class of 1954 dinner will be held at the Alumni House at 29 Tompkins St.

Friday’s activities culminate with a reunion party in the Fireplace and Exhibition Lounges in Corey Union.

Saturday’s events include class gatherings and photographs. Participants include the Half Century Club and the Classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989 and 1994. In addition, a special reunion will be held for the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha. The sorority's events include a Friday night welcome party in front of Moffett Center and a sorority dinner at the Alumni House on Saturday night.

**UUP Recognition Luncheon Set for May 21**

The Professional Development Committee of United University Professions (UUP) will hold its Recognition Luncheon for Professionals on Friday, May 21, in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

UUP sponsors this annual event to recognize the service that professionals provided to the campus during the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

The luncheon is free to all UUP members who respond by Friday, May 14. Reservations can be made by calling the UUP Office at ext. 5991, by sending an e-mail to UUP@cortland.edu, or by returning the bottom half of their mailed invitation. There will be a $10 charge for reservations received after the deadline date.

Non-UUP members who would like to attend may do so by sending $10 to the UUP Office, Brockway Hall, Room 130. Guests will include

Guided van tours of the campus and the Stadium Complex will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Memorial Library will be open and the College Archives will be available for perusal from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Moffett Center, Bowers Hall and Old Main will be open for viewing between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Class gatherings offer an opportunity to socialize with former classmates from 10:30 a.m. until noon in Corey Union.

The Alumni Luncheon begins Saturday at noon in the Corey Union Function Room. This event honors reunion classes and this year’s Distinguished Alumni Award recipients: Mary Lynn Collins ’57, a professor of education at Nova Southwestern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Douglas Galke ’72, director of the North Carolina Division of Public Health Developmental Evaluation Center in Boone, N.Y.; and Lucy Gettman ’78, of Columbus, Ohio, director of advocacy for the Reading Recovery Council of North America.

Immediately following the luncheon, members of Alpha Kappa Phi/Agonian, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and Sigma Rho Sigma will meet in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. Members of Nu Sigma Chi sorority will sponsor an alumnae tea from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at their house on 52 Prospect Terrace.

An all-class banquet features food, music and fun between 5-11 p.m. in Moffett Center. On Sunday, a farewell breakfast is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

For more information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at ext. 2516.
Undergraduate Commencement
Department Receptions Listed

The following departments will host receptions for graduates on Saturday, May 15.

**Art and Art History and Performing Arts**
Dowd Fine Arts Gallery
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics**
Bowers Hall Lobby
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Childhood/Early Childhood Education**
Park Center, Room E-216
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Communication Studies and Cinema Study**
Studio West, Room 133
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Economics and English**
Studio West, Room 134
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Exercise Science and Sport Studies**
Park Center, Physiology Lab C-244
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Geography, International Communications and Culture, Multicultural and Gender Studies**
Studio West, Room 104
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Human Service Studies, International Studies, Sociology/Anthropology and Philosophy**
Studio West, Room 132
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Physical Education**
Park Center Hall of Fame Room
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Political Science**
Old Main Colloquium
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Psychology**
Old Main, Room 130
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Recreation and Leisure Studies**
Park Center, Room E-326
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Speech Pathology and Audiology**
McDonald Building
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Studio West, Room 134**

Rehearsal Schedule

**Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsal Schedule**

The following Undergraduate Commencement rehearsals will be held on Friday, May 14, in the Park Center:

**Student Line Marshals**
Park Center Corey Gymnasium, 9:30 a.m.
Speakers: Donna Margine, Tim Baroni, Christine Wallace

**Faculty Line Marshals**
Park Center, Room D-305, 9:30 a.m.
Speakers: Patricia Francis, Yolanda Kime, Tim Baroni

**Floor Marshals**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Speakers: Patricia Francis, Yolanda Kime, Donna Margine, Tim Baroni, Christine Wallace

**Readers**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Speakers: Donna Margine, Patty Francis

**Gonfaloniers**
Park Center, Room D-305, 10:15-10:30 a.m.
Speakers: Tim Baroni, Patricia Francis, Yolanda Kime, Donna Margine, Christine Wallace

**Platform Party and Mace Bearers**
Park Center, Room A-307, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Speakers: Patricia Francis, Yolanda Kime

**Ushers**
Park Center, Room E-201, 10:30 a.m.-Noon
Speakers: Laurie Barton, Lisa Scherer, Christine Wallace

**Senior Class Members**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 2-3 p.m.
Speakers: Matt Barone, Tim Baroni, Raymond D. Franco, Donna Margine

**Singers**
Park Center Alumni Arena, 3-4 p.m.
Speakers: Ralph Dudgeon, George Verdow

**Graduate Commencement Rehearsal Program**

Rehearsal for Graduate Commencement will be held in the Park Center Alumni Arena on Friday, May 14, at the following times:

**Hooders, Readers, Marshals**, 12:30 p.m.
**Platform Party**, 1:30 p.m.

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Undergraduate Commencement
Honors Richard Brooks of Marathon District

Representatives from the Field Placement Office visited Marathon Junior Senior High School on April 19 to present social studies teacher Richard Brooks with the inaugural Kenneth Barlow '86 Memorial Teacher Candidate Mentoring Award.

The award memorializes the late Kenneth Barlow, a Marathon District health educator who hosted many of the College's teacher candidates during his professional career, said interim Field Placement Office coordinator Rita Rosenberg. Rosenberg attended the ceremony with Kathleen Hunt, senior staff assistant in field placement, and Roger Sipher, history emeritus, who coordinates adolescence education in social studies.

"To recognize Kenneth Barlow’s commitment to our teacher preparation program, the memorial award was given to a teacher who demonstrates many of the same outstanding qualities that are important for effective mentoring to occur," Rosenberg said. “Brooks is an outstanding educator who has had a tremendous impact on many student teachers, who will then have a positive affect on the lives of numerous others."

Marathon Principal Dave Rossetti recommended Brooks as this year’s recipient. A social studies teacher, Brooks has taught at Marathon for the past 33 years and has provided a rich learning environment for many teacher candidates for both student teaching and course-related field experience.

The late Kenneth Barlow was a SUNY Cortland alumnus from the class of 1986, as are Rossetti, who graduated in 1979 and Brooks, who graduated in 1972. Over the years many alumni have made that commitment to the future of education by hosting a SUNY Cortland student in their classrooms, Rosenberg noted.

She hopes to add more volunteer teacher candidate mentors for pre-student teaching experience, student teaching or an administrative intern.

“The time that our students spend in schools through experiential learning has a tremendous impact on their professional development,” Rosenberg said. “It is our goal to provide experiences that are diverse, positive and meaningful.”

For more information, contact Rosenberg at ext. 2824.
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3. A Personnel Committee member or other department member observes once or twice and gives written feedback.

4. Another variable could be the addition to any of the above, of verbal feedback following observation.

5. A colleague from outside the department might be one of the observers.

The CTE Committee is chaired by Meg Richardson, childhood/early childhood education, and includes Rena Janke, biological sciences; James Hokanson, exercise science and sport studies; Philip Walsh, sociology/anthropology; Kevin Halpin, performing arts; and Judith Van Buskirk, history.

New Tau Sigma Honor Society Chapter For Transfer Students Announces Inductees

Forty-seven students were inducted as the founding members for the SUNY Cortland chapter of Tau Sigma, a national academic honor society designed specifically to recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students.

According to Tau Sigma Chapter Advisor Meg Nowak, advisement and first-year programs, “We are very excited to have a chapter of Tau Sigma on our campus. It is wonderful to be able to recognize our transfer students who have successfully acclimated to a new college culture while maintaining academic excellence. The founding members of the SUNY Cortland chapter of Tau Sigma will lay a foundation for recognizing and enhancing the transfer experience for future students at SUNY Cortland.”

An induction and installation ceremony to honor the new members was held on April 22. Carol Van Der Karr, advisement and first-year programs, offered welcoming remarks. Nowak facilitated the ceremony and the guest speaker was Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell.

The founding members of the SUNY Cortland Chapter of Tau Sigma are:

- Chris Alvaro
- Jacqueline Atwood
- Brianne Bartlett
- Ashley Bauer
- Nathaniel Brockner
- Robin Burke
- Tonya Chapman
- Jeffrey Coleman
- Claire Costanza
- Rebecca Danaher
- Nicole DeBonza
- Paul Desantis
- Ashley Dunnigan
- Maryam Ek
- Michael Ferraro
- Colleen Franzese
- Karl Frei
- Rachel Gled
- Laura Gratz
- Lisa Halpin
- Jessica Heal
- Nicole Husband
- Kimberly Huson
- Ivano Iaia
- Margaret Lasiccki
- Anne Marie Leas
- Courtney Levin
- Lois Loiselle
- Christine Lyles
- Jennifer Marshall
- Toni Ann McNamara
- Judd Olshan
- Regina Palermo
- Doretta Parker
- Michael Paul
- Joshua Payne
- Ann Pero
- Tracy Sault
- Jodi Simmons
- Amanda Tombari
- Adam Valkenburgh
- Erin Varland
- Jeremy Weber
- Vanessa Weinert
- Tracy Wixson
- Maya Yonekura
- Alesha Zindle

Student Work Exhibited at Dowd Gallery

Fifty-eight works by 35 students are on display in the exhibition “Select 2004” at the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery through May 15. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free.

“Select” is an annual juried student art exhibition featuring works of SUNY Cortland students currently enrolled in an art course.

This year works were selected by Harvey Breverman, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Art at University at Buffalo and recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Teaching of Art Award from the College Art Association. The exhibition includes paintings, drawings, digital images, photographs, sculpture and ceramics, which Breverman selected from 154 entries.

Breverman writes, “This exhibition is more inclusive than it is exclusive. No idiomatic direction was ignored in favor of another. Artworks were selected for their intrinsic power, their ability to resonate and for their sense of cohesiveness. Close scrutiny again and again revealed for me if a work had special emotional-visceral “grab” and sustainability. Aware the artworks were in class projects, I searched, nonetheless, for personal vision enhanced by appropriate craftsmanship. Current fashion did not dictate my selection methods, nor did the occasional referencing of other artist’s work.”

Works by the following students are included in Select 2004: Harry Bassett, Justin Brasco, Krysta Button, Heather Cheetham, Alisha DeChellis, Nicki DeLany, Mike Dropp, Stephen Emery, Ben Ferber, Jeffrey Fuller, Christa Gerde, Jennifer Gilmartin, Benjamin Gleizen, Christian Helwig III, Kathleen Herrera, Suzanne Hickok, Mike Hellige, Hannah Horigan, Don Hull, Emil Kennish, Frank LaVacca, Jen Leibson, Katy McCarrick, Greg Montano, Nick Mrozowski, Ashley Pearson, Lisa Petracca, Elise Robinson, Karin Sauer, Sandra Lauren Scholz, Jennifer Smith, Kim Sternberg, Beáta Szoboszlai, Vanessa Weinart and James Williams II.

A graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University, Breverman has exhibited in New York, Toronto, London, Amsterdam, Oslo, Paris, Bologna, Moscow, Basel, Barcelona, Tokyo, Rome and Rio de Janeiro, among other cities. He has been awarded 84 solo exhibitions, and his works can be found in collections of major museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Albright Knox Art Gallery and the British Museum in London. Breverman has been a member of the National Academy of Design since 1993 and a Professor of Art at the University at Buffalo since 1961.

This exhibition was made possible by the Mandatory Activity Fee and Auxiliary Services Corporation.

For more information, contact the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery Director Barbara Racker at ext. 4216 or rackerb@cortland.edu.
Phi Kappa Phi Scholar for May Announced

Emily Klingbail of West Leyden, N.Y., a senior early childhood and childhood education dual major, was named the College’s Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Month for May.

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

Klingbail, who plans to graduate in May, has maintained a 3.87 grade point average and was honored among the top five percent of her freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

She was inducted into the multi-disciplinary honor society Phi Kappa Phi, the freshman honor society Phi Eta Sigma, and the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi.

A Residence Hall Council vice president of Higgins Hall, she received a SUNY Cortland Residential Service Award and a SUNY Cortland Residence Hall Council Award for Most Dedicated Officer. Klingbail also was awarded a Northern New York Community Foundation Scholarship.

Klingbail gave a presentation at the 2003 Scholars’ Day. She is active in the Education Club, planning a Halloween party for underprivileged children, and as a Groton Elementary School volunteer. She participated in the Ski and Snowboard Club. She has held part-time jobs as an America Reads-America Counts tutor, a care attendant at St. Luke’s Memorial Hospital in Utica, N.Y., and in the English Department.

“I plan to pursue a graduate degree in literacy education at SUNY Cortland’s Mohawk Valley Graduate Center while teaching in an early elementary classroom in rural northern New York,” Klingbail said. “Ultimately, I hope to open and direct a much-needed day care and preschool in the Tug Hill region of upstate New York. I find great solace in the comfort of the outdoors. As a teacher, I will take this love of nature into my classroom.”
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Williams. From this class, I’ve taken so much valuable information that I will carry on in my life and pass on to friends and family.”

“He has shown me the path to succeed as well as shown me how to enjoy the journey.”

Most graduate students, primarily public school teachers, who took Miller’s Teaching and Technology Summer Institute in 2000 rated his effectiveness ‘high’ in teaching four different learning technologies, the Nominating Committee observed.

A native of Rapid City, S.D., Miller earned a bachelor’s degree in social sciences in 1970 and a master’s degree in personnel and counseling in 1973 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He also received master’s and doctoral degrees in geography, in 1979 and 1982, respectively, from University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee (UWM).

While a student, Miller served as a teaching assistant with UWM’s Geography Department and as a graduate assistant with its Center for Latin America. He was also a research assistant with the National Science Foundation and served as an instructor in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies at Miami University from 1976-78.

In 1982, Miller joined the Cortland faculty and was promoted to professor in 2000. He has chaired the Geography Department since 1995. In addition to teaching introductory and upper-level courses, Miller has advised geography majors, served on department and College-wide committees, and played an important role in the broader Cortland community.

His current research focuses on environmental and historical applications for GIS-based mapping. In cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey Columbia Environmental Research Center, he recently completed a major project involving the conversion of 100-year old Missouri River Commission maps to projected vector versions allowing each of the 83 maps in the series to be accurately positioned on current-day satellite imagery. When used in combination with GIS software, the coordinates of “lost” forts, settlements, burial grounds and steamboat wrecks can be determined.

In connection with this project, Miller has recently completed a 1,600-mile solo kayak expedition on the Upper Missouri River. Articles on his expedition and the technology that he carried have appeared in Pocket PC Magazine, The Professional Surveyor and The Small Craft Advisory.

Miller has done extensive fieldwork in Quintana Roo, Mexico. His doctoral dissertation, titled “Mexico’s Caribbean Fishery: Recent Change and Current Issues,” is essentially a historical landscape reconstruction based on contemporary accounts, fieldwork, computer analysis of production data, and analysis of environmental impacts. He has written numerous articles focusing on management of lobster stocks in the Mexican Caribbean. In addition, he was one of the first investigators to raise the issue of potential hydrological constraints on development of near-shore areas of the Yucatan Peninsula. As part of a long-term study of development on coastal and wetland areas, he has walked Mexico’s Caribbean shore at 10-year intervals since 1978.

The author of numerous publications and presentations, Miller has received more than $100,000 in external funding for his research.

He and his wife, Elina Haukens, have two children, Michael, 21, and Daniel, 19.

Diekembe Mutombo to Receive Honorary Degree

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Mutombo, who speaks four languages and five African dialects, regularly travels throughout Africa on behalf of the NBA during the off-season performing at free basketball clinics for as many as 2,000 children and youth. In 1999 he led a medical fact-finding mission to the Congo. Along the way, he distributed $250,000 worth of medical and pharmaceutical supplies to needy hospitals and clinics and provided oral polio vaccine for newborns at a pediatric hospital.

In 1996 he provided uniforms and expenses for the Congo women's basketball team to compete in the Olympic Games at Atlanta. Mutombo has served as a spokesman for CARE, an international relief-effort organization, and was actively involved in Strong STARTS (Schools Taking Action to Reach Troubled Students), an Atlanta-based program that targets adolescents suffering from untreated emotional disorders.

He has become increasingly engaged in the critical issue of HIV/AIDS. He participated in the 2000 International AIDS Conference in South Africa, where he spoke about the impact of AIDS on African youth.

Mutombo’s good works have not gone unnoticed. In 2000, he was one of 20 recipients of the President’s Service Award, our nation's highest civilian award for volunteer service. In 2001 Mutombo was named winner of the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award, presented annually by the Professional Basketball Writers Association to an NBA player who engages in exemplary community service. In addition, he routinely is named as a top “Good Guy in Sports” by The Sporting News, having won this honor in 1999, 2000, and 2001. He was also honored with USA Weekend Magazine’s Most Caring Athlete Award.

“A young man like him could do anything he wants with his millions, but he decided to do something for the Congolese people,” said Faida M. Mitifu, Congo’s ambassador to the U.S. “It shows the size of his heart and how human and caring he is.”

Mutombo and his wife, Rose, who is also from the Congo, reside during the off-season in Atlanta with their seven children, four of whom are Mutombo’s adopted nieces and nephews.
Faculty-Staff Activities


Maureen Boyd, literacy, will present her paper “Context in Classroom Discourse Analysis” at the national Ethnography and Qualitative Research in Education Conference June 4-6 at the University of Albany. The theme for the conference is The Potential of Qualitative Inquiry for (Re)Imagining Education in New Times: Theories, Methods and Practices.

Laura Gathagan, library, recently wrote an article, “The Trappings of Power; the Coronation of Mathilda of Flanders” which appeared in the Haskins Society Journal 13, published in 2004 by Boydell and Brewer, Ltd. The article analyzes the coronation of Mathilda, the first Norman queen of England, and compares it to the ceremony of her husband, William the Conqueror.

Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, geography, was a panelist at sessions titled “The Role of Geographic Methods, Approaches and Perspectives in Addressing African Development Challenges” and “Mentors and Mentorees: Immigrant/International Geographers in North American Academia” at the recently held Centennial Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Philadelphia, Pa.

Michael Friga, foundations and social advocacy, presented two papers: “The Influence of Classroom-Based Assessment on Teacher Thinking and Practices” and “Discriminant Analysis of Teacher Interviews: A Quantitative and Qualitative Approach to Examining Teacher Thinking” at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association April 12-16 in San Diego, Calif. The papers focused on the positive outcomes for children when teachers engage in systematic, formative assessment in their classrooms.

Friga also presented an invited address sponsored by Syracuse University’s Early Childhood Direction Center on “Early Intervention and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).” The presentation focused on the wide range of ABA strategies available to educators including discrete trials, functional analysis/positive behavior support, pivotal response training, the natural language paradigm and the picture exchange communication system. About 40 service coordinators, principals, private educational agency representatives and program directors in and around Onondaga County attended the address on April 26th.

Mary P. Kinsella, educational leadership, participated in a panel presentation titled “Preparing, Recruiting and Retaining Female Athletic Directors,” in March at the New York State Athletic Administrators Association in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Other panelists included Susan Silvernail ’80, Certificate in Advanced Study, ’95, athletic director, Greene Central Schools.

Jean LeLoup and Robert Ponterio, international communications and culture, gave a three-hour pre-conference workshop titled “Focusing on Culture: What Is It Really Saying?” at the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in New York City in April. The workshop, held at Columbia University’s Language Resource Center, concentrated on the integration of target language culture in the foreign language curriculum — in particular, the notions of products, practices, and perspectives as defined in the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning. The workshop was a component of a lesson plan database project supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Marie Ponterio, international communications and culture, had her French Web site, Civilisation francoise, selected to receive the Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Resources (MERLOT) Award for Exemplary Online Learning Resources. Her contribution was selected as an exemplary learning resource for World Languages and has been selected as a MERLOT Classics for 2004. Additionally, it will enter the Editor’s Choice level of competition and will be judged in conjunction with all the other discipline entries. Three modules will be chosen as Best of MERLOT for 2004.

Robert Spitzer, political science, chaired a panel on “Cultural Perspectives on the Second Amendment” for a conference on “The Second Amendment and the Future of Gun Regulation” hosted by the Fordham University School of Law held in New York City on April 13, and co-sponsored by the Second Amendment Research Center of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy at Ohio State University. His written comments will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Fordham Law Review.

Michael Toglia, psychology, completed his work on three dissertation committees during the spring semester. This work culminated in his participation in the thesis defense meetings for Anne Hunt, student disabilities services, who received her doctorate from SUNY Albany, and for Timothy Odegard, whose doctoral work was conducted at the University of Arkansas, and Terri Krangel, who completed her studies at Tufts University.

Arden Zipp, chemistry, led a six-member team in grading the National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) exam at the American Chemical Society’s Examinations Institute in Milwaukee. This exam consists of a 60-question multiple-choice paper, an eight-question free-response test and a laboratory practical with two tasks. The exam is used to select 20 high school students, from 11,000 who began the competition, to attend a 10-day chemistry study camp at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs during June. Four from the 20 will be chosen to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Kiel, Germany in July. Zipp chairs the task force that prepares the written portions of the exam.

Library Hours

Pre-Summer Session
May 14-18

Friday, May 14 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, May 15 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, May 16 Closed
Monday, May 17 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer Session I
May 19-June 2

Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday Closed
Memorial Day Weekend Closed
Saturday, May 29-Monday, May 31
**Coming Events**

**Monday, May 10**  
**Textbook Buy Back:** College Store, Park Center Hallway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 11**  
**Textbook Buy Back:** College Store, Park Center Hallway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Meeting:** Faculty Senate, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 1:10 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 12**  
**Textbook Buy Back:** College Store, Park Center Hallway, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Thursday, May 13**  
**Spring Forum:** James Butterworth, assistant commissioner for Regional School and Community Services, New York State Education Department, will present critical issues facing New York State educators, Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 4-6 p.m., RSVP to Center for Educational Exchange, ext. 4214.

**Friday, May 14**  
**Graduate Commencement Rehearsal:** Park Center Alumni Arena; Hooders, Readers, Marshals, 12:30 p.m.; Platform Party, 1:30 p.m.  
**Graduate Commencement:** Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.  
**Undergraduate Commencement Rehearsals:** See page 5 for complete list.  
**Kente Cloth Ceremony:** Corey Union Function Room, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 15**  
**Undergraduate Commencement:** Park Center Alumni Arena, Ceremony A, 10 a.m.; Ceremony B, 2 p.m.  
**Commencement Receptions:** See page 5 for complete list.

**Wednesday, May 19**  
**Summer Session classes begin**, 8 a.m.

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**ASC Schedule Changes for May**

**The Creamery**  
May 13 Closes at 3 p.m.

**Dragon’s Court**  
May 13 Closes at 6 p.m.

**Dragon’s Den**  
Will remain open during Summer Sessions I and II  
Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Dunkin’ Donuts**  
May 13 Closes at 3 p.m.

**Neubig Dining Hall**  
May 11 Closes at 7:30 p.m.

**The Poolside**  
Closed

**Raquette Pizza**  
May 12 Closes at 11:30 p.m.