Scholars’ Day on April 17 to Feature Demonstrations, Lectures, Musical Finale

The 13th annual Scholars’ Day, a series of presentations highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and research at SUNY Cortland, will take place in Old Main on Friday, April 17.

The all-day event encompasses 120 different presentations and poster sessions offered by hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students and more than 80 faculty and staff members. The subject matter covers a wide array of academic disciplines at SUNY Cortland.

All Scholars’ Day presentations take place in Old Main starting at 8:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. President Erik J. Bitterbaum has suspended daytime classes to allow the SUNY Cortland community to fully benefit from the lectures and demonstrations.

Area high school juniors and seniors and their instructors were again formally invited to attend the event.

“Year after year, we continue to see participation in Scholars’ Day from virtually every department on campus,” said Scholars’ Day Committee Chair Bruce Mattingly, arts and sciences. “While the presentations are wide-ranging in their content, many of them involve students and faculty applying classroom knowledge and methods of inquiry to solve real problems. This research and scholarly activity is not separate from our teaching, but in fact is at the very heart of our educational mission.”

Among the many topics this year are: the benefits of geographic information systems in the exploration and exploitation of oil and natural gas resources; the Professional Development School's Math Partnership Project; a rhetorical analysis of the Barbie doll as a beauty icon and lusty consumer; presentations by SUNY Cortland writing contest winners; beavers and trail establishment at the Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture; converting the SUNY Cortland buses to use biodiesel fuel; reporting efficient bike pedaling cadence; obesity trends in Cortland County; the New York State Inclusive Recreation Resource Center at SUNY Cortland; and the future of Venezuela in terms of power, Chavez and the socialist state.

Edward Zambraski ’71, division chief of the Military Performance Division of the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine since 2003, will deliver the keynote address on “A Career in Research: A Rocky Road or a Smooth Pathway?” at 11:30 a.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. For this presentation, he will apply his 27 years of experience as a professor to the issues and questions students

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Teacher Recruitment Days Planned for April 23-24

More than 850 Central New York college students and 100 school district recruiters from New York and other states are expected to attend the 24th annual Central New York Teacher Recruitment Days on April 23-24.

Hosted by SUNY Cortland for the last 24 years, the event is organized through Career Services and co-sponsored by the Central New York Teacher Recruitment Days Consortium, which represents the career services offices of 16 area colleges and universities.

Teacher Recruitment Days in the Park Center Alumni Arena will attract approximately 60 school districts in New York and a number of southeastern states.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus and Vice President for Student Affairs C. Gregory Sharer will offer opening remarks at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 23. Recruitment interviews will take place from 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24.

“For the districts that are attending, the recruiters are very fortunate because they will get to look at a large number of very qualified candidates,” said event coordinator Louis Larson, career services. “This will be a great event for school recruitment as participation of job candidates is still large.”

The consortium’s Teacher Recruitment Days is also an easy way for all of the colleges that have teacher education programs to collaboratively attract the largest number of school district administrators, Larson said.

The event participants will include education students who are graduating this spring or summer or who graduated last December with bachelor’s or master’s degrees and are receiving their teaching certificates by Fall 2009.

Registration for Teacher Recruitment Days is already closed. However, area residents with teaching qualifications may obtain a list of the job openings through one of the career

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SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence Presented

Four SUNY Cortland seniors were honored on April 7 in Albany, N.Y., with 2009 State University of New York Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence.

SUNY Vice Chancellor and Officer In Charge John O’Connor recognized 238 students from the 64 campuses throughout the state during the ceremony at the Empire State Convention Center. The recipients were honored for integrating academic excellence with accomplishments in leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. The honorees have an overall grade point average of 3.77.

The SUNY Cortland recipients are:
- **Ashley Chapple**, a senior physical education major from Albany.
- **Janel Kierecki**, a senior inclusive special education major from Hilton, N.Y.
- **Rodrigo Rodriguez**, a senior political science major from Ithaca, N.Y.
- **Timothy Rodriguez**, a senior outdoor recreation major from Poland, N.Y.

Each year, SUNY campus presidents establish a selection committee to review outstanding graduating seniors. The nominees are forwarded to the Chancellor’s Office for a second round of review and a group of finalists is selected. Each honoree received a framed certificate and a medallion that is traditionally worn at Commencement.

A detailed profile of the honorees follows at www.cortland.edu/news.

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

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Timothy Davis Receives Dedicated Teacher Award

Timothy Davis, physical education, has been named the eighth recipient of the Rozanne Brooks Dedicated Teacher Award. He will be formally recognized on Thursday, May 7, during the annual Professional and Faculty Awards Ceremony.

The Brooks Award honors a faculty member who devotes a significant amount of time both to teaching and working with students outside of class.

The award was endowed through the generosity of the late Rozanne Marie Brooks, sociology/anthropology emerita, a SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, and her former students, friends and colleagues. A SUNY Cortland faculty member for 36 years, Brooks died in 1997. The first award was presented in Spring 1998.

A $5,000 honorarium is included with the award for use in enhancing the recipient’s teaching initiatives.

Davis, of Homer, N.Y., is in the beginning stages of exploring the Brooks Award stipend use with other faculty and students.

“I want to keep it local and community- and student-centered,” said Davis. “Developing a project on which students and the community can work together for mutual benefit is ideal. The emphasis is on creating long-term impact that supports students to participate in service-learning.”

Faculty Senate Approves New Professional Affairs Committee

The Faculty Senate voted unanimously to create a Professional Affairs Committee during its April 7 meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Attending the meeting were members of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Professional Affairs, which had proposed the new committee as an additional standing policy committee of the senate.

The change will be subject to a referendum to be conducted among all faculty and professional employees before the end of the Spring 2009 semester. If it passes and is approved by President Erik J. Bitterbaum, descriptions of the new committee will subsequently be written into the Faculty Senate bylaws and the College Handbook. The Faculty Senate plans to implement the new committee in the fall.

The Professional Affairs Committee, whose formation was strongly encouraged last year by the Review of Governance Committee, will provide professionals with the functional equivalent of the Faculty Affairs Committee.

“Professor Davis is a dedicated and outstanding teacher,” said Donna Anderson, performing arts emerita, speaking on behalf of the Selection Committee. “His classes are exciting, challenging and filled with energy. He expects professionalism both in behavior and academic performance from each individual student in his classroom as well as from the community of students in his classroom. Professor Davis’ students respond to his expectations by being active and vigorous contributors to class discussion, always listening, always questioning, always engaged.”

The selection committee noted that Davis’ work outside the classroom is prodigious.

Davis joined SUNY Cortland in 1998 as an assistant professor of adapted physical education and received tenure in 2004. From 1995-97, he was an instructor in the Department of Health and Physical Education at the University of Virginia. Davis coordinated grants and instructed at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., from 1991-94.

For more information about the Brooks Dedicated Teacher Award, contact Raymond Franco, institutional advancement, at (607) 753-2518.

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College Continues to Promote Sustainability Through Lighting Changes

A light has turned on for members of the campus community who recognize that lighting efficiency is one of the easiest ways to reduce energy use.

Steven Lundberg, who joined the College 33 years ago, has witnessed many of the changes the College has made to endorse sustainability throughout its operations.

“Changing the lighting on campus isn’t a new thing,” said Lundberg, physical plant.

“The College began an energy performance program in the 1990s where we conducted a study of equipment that used a lot of energy,” Lundberg said. “Lighting is a ‘low-hanging fruit,’ which means it is an easy and affordable fix as compared to other larger projects. Thus, we started to focus on the lighting and we began to make changes.”

The College began its most recent and ambitious lighting renovation by changing all 350 lampost lights on campus last summer. College electricians replaced the 150-watt high-pressure sodium light bulbs with 70-watt metal halide lamps that use smaller wattage while allowing more light to be cast down.

“The entire project was done in house,” Lundberg said. “This greatly saved on labor costs. It will take about two-and-a-half years for project payback, but it will save the College approximately $18,000 a year in energy expenses.”

While students enjoyed a week off during spring break, College electricians continued to change lighting in the Tomik Fitness Facility and the Park Center rock climbing gym. The old metal halide lights were changed to T5 fluorescent high-output lamps.

“In the rock climbing gym, the College will save approximately $2,000 a year in energy costs and in the Tomik Fitness Facility we will save about $2,800,” Lundberg said. “Again, our return on investment will be less than two years. In addition, all of these lighting projects qualify for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) rebates, which average approximately $2,500 per project.”

The Gymnastics Gymnasium in Park Center will undergo the same transformation during study week, where 33 metal halide lamps and fixtures will be replaced with the T5 fluorescent lamps.

“We are getting 100 percent support from the administration,” Lundberg said. “For a small investment, we can save energy and provide better light.”

For more information, contact Lundberg at (607) 753-2130 or at steve.lundberg@cortland.edu.

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

Benefits of Composting Highlighted on April 15

Rickie McClure, who has composted for more than 20 years, will address the recycling of waste food and its impact on the environment on Wednesday, April 15.

McClure, Academic Support and Achievement Program, will begin her presentation, “One Way to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in One Easy Step,” at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Office and the Student Development Center, the talk is part of the Wellness Wednesday Series that features speakers, exhibits, workshops and other programs intended to help students adjust to college life. Events are free and open to the public.

Composting is the purposeful biodegradation of organic matter, such as yard and food waste, according to McClure. The decomposition is performed by microorganisms, mostly bacteria, but also yeasts and fungi, that make an earthy, dark, crumbly substance that is excellent for adding to houseplants or enriching garden soil.

McClure will discuss the positive impact composting has on public landfills, how easy it is to compost food waste and the multiple uses compost has for providing nutrients for flower, vegetable gardens and house plants.

“Composting has many benefits for both the environment and for the people who do it,” McClure said. “It is a great fertilizer for gardening. It resembles soil, smells good and best of all, it’s free. It also keeps unnecessary food out of landfills and prevents methane from being released in the air like it would if it were in landfills. I have learned that up to 20 to 40 percent of the waste in landfills could be composted.”

Composting involves a layering of brown, high-carbon materials such as dry and dead leaves and weeds, and green, high-nitrogen materials such as fruits, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and tea bags. The addition of water is necessary, as is mixing up the materials every few days.

McClure, who composts outdoors, uses black, plastic bins to hold waste. However, when composting outside you don’t need to use a container, according to McClure.

“Composting is pretty easy,” McClure said. “Some people follow specific proportions but I don’t find that necessary. Most food and yard waste can be used, minus plastics and shiny paper. Also, if you use worms in your indoor composting try to avoid adding too many citrus peels, which are toxic to worms.”

McClure has discussed with College officials having a worm composting display on campus in the near future. Using worms requires a temperature of between 50 and 75 degrees and limited direct sunlight, according to McClure.

For more information, contact McClure at (607) 753-4309 or rickie.mcclure@cortland.edu.

Professor Urges Students To Clean Up on April 20

Syed Pasha, communication studies, will be holding his annual campus-community cleanup on Monday, April 20.

Pasha will begin the cleanup with a rally on the steps of Corey Union at 4 p.m. The event lasts until 6 p.m.

“We begin with a rally to attract more people,” said Pasha, who has worked for the College for more than 10 years. “It also teaches my students how to address large crowds which is important in the communications field.”

The annual event attracts 20 to 60 students.

“It’s amazing how students get involved,” said Pasha, who does not give participants extra credit for taking part in the cleanup. “Everybody should and can participate. We need to take responsibility for our community.”

A clean community has been important to Pasha since his undergraduate studies.

“It’s a passion of mine,” Pasha said. “Some neighborhoods are so messy. It is no way to live. I started the cleanup in Cortland because of two reasons. First, I noticed all the trash around the community and second, I wanted students to be conscious of their actions on the environment around them. I want our students, after they graduate, to continue with the attitude of keeping our one planet clean. To make the world a better place.”

For more information, contact Pasha at (607) 753-5790 or at syed.pasha@cortland.edu.
Physicians in Residence to Advise Students on Career Paths

Physicians Harris Silver and William Baerthlein will offer advice to individuals majoring in pre-medical studies who are considering careers in medicine on Thursday, April 16.

The doctors will speak and answer questions in an open forum from 3-5 p.m. in Corey Union, Room 209. Presented as part of the President’s Executive-in-Residence Program, the event is free and open to SUNY Cortland students majoring in pre-medical disciplines as well as the public.

Silver and Baerthlein will discuss how to get into medical school, how students need to prepare for admissions, what the industry is like today and any other questions the students may have. Baerthlein will be available to answer specific questions about medical careers in the military.

During the visit, the two SUNY Cortland graduates will also meet with President Erik J. Bitterbaum and speak with students in classes and over lunch.

Silver, an orthopedic surgeon living in Rochester, N.Y., is a 1981 SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumnus who, since 2007, has practiced with Lakeside Orthopedics at Lakeside Memorial Hospital in Brockport, N.Y.

A native of Long Island, Silver graduated from Cortland with a degree in physical education in 1967. He completed medical school at the University of Iowa and undertook an internship at the University of Rochester’s Genesee Hospital before finishing his residency at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio. His post-residency work was accomplished at Case’s Department of Orthopaedics.

Baerthlein is a physician with Gouverneur Obstetrics and Gynecology at E.J. Noble Hospital in Gouverneur, N.Y.

Currently serving on the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors, the Pawling, N.Y., native graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Cortland with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1976.

Baerthlein earned his medical degree, with honors, from Baylor College of Medicine in 1981. He completed his residency in obstetrics-gynecology at the University of Rochester and spent an additional year there completing a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

He has completed 25 years of active and reserve naval service, including with the U.S. Navy stationed at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., from 1986-89. As head of the Gynecology Division, he was also the department’s quality assurance officer and was in a mobilization billet as executive officer of the Rapidly Deployable Medical Force in support of Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic.

From 1989-1993, he was stationed at Naval Hospital Bremerton (Wash.), where he was obstetrical coordinator for the newly reestablished Family Medicine Residency Training Program.

Currently a captain in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy Reserve, his billet is as department head obstetrics-gynecology, Headquarters Unit, Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital, Great Lakes. He is a life member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

For more information on the visit, contact Tina A. Aversano ’96, institutional advancement, at (607) 753-2446 or tina.aversano@cortland.edu.

Celebration of Teaching Registration Due by April 28

Area teachers, teaching assistants, school administrators and College faculty will entertain their colleagues and celebrate teaching with a variety show featuring music, humor and reflections on Wednesday, May 6.

Educators may attend the celebration for free but must register by Tuesday, April 28. Interested persons should contact the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) at (607) 753-4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

The 20th annual “Celebration of Teaching: A Cabaret Evening of Entertainment” will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert buffet and social gathering in Corey Union Function Room.

The variety show follows at 7 p.m. and features area educators as entertainers celebrating the joys of teaching and learning.

The event, coinciding with National Teacher Appreciation Week, is hosted by the CEE with support from the President’s Office.

Approximately 150 past, present and future educators throughout the Central New York region are expected to attend, as well as SUNY Cortland faculty and students, according to Virginia Marty, the CEE director.

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

Concert to Empower Campaign for Women and Girls in the Congo

Popular recording artist Matt Nathanson will perform during the Student Activities Board’s fifth annual “Rock for a Cause” on Tuesday, April 28.

The performance, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room, benefits the V-Day UNICEF joint campaign, called “Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource: Power to Women and Girls of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. The 37 Project, a SUNY Cortland student band, and David Smullen will open for Nathanson.

Concert tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public. Tickets may be purchased at the Corey Union Information Desk Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. They also are available in Corey Union, Room 405, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery.

The current campaign is exposing the devastating impact of rape on Congolese women’s health, their families and their communities. V-Day is calling for measures to end exemption for perpetrators and empower women and girls to lead in preventing sexual violence and rebuilding a country devastated by conflict.

V-Day’s efforts will aid in the opening of the City of Joy in correlation with PANZI Hospital, a center where survivors will be provided with support to heal, train and develop their leadership and life skills.

A San Francisco-based singer and songwriter, Nathanson has released six albums including his latest, “Some Mad Hope” (2007). He has headed and opened for artists such as Tori Amos, John Mayer, Pink, Guster and O.A.R. (Of a Revolution), who will headline the SUNY Cortland Spring Fling concert on Saturday, April 25.

For more information, contact Student Activities Board Music Coordinator Lauren Zuber at (607) 753-2826 or lauren.zuber@cortland.edu.
Filmmaker Will Speak on Holocaust Remembrance Day

Polish-born cinematographer Slawomir Grunberg will give an illustrated lecture on the power of documentary film in shaping a more humane world, on Tuesday, April 21.

Grunberg, who was named a 1997 John Simon Guggenheim Fellow in Documentary Film Making, will speak of his personal experience and philosophy and use examples from his decades of film making as illustration during the presentation, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The program, which commemorates “Yom Ha Shoah” or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is free and open to the public. A brief candle-lighting ceremony and reception will follow.

“I believe that most conflicts result from lack of communication between people,” said Grunberg, who has previously visited SUNY Cortland to show and discuss his work “Shtetl” and “Jedvabne.”

“I would like my camera to show and listen to both sides of the issues,” he said. “After all, we need more knowledge and understanding of each other in order to make the world a better place to live.”

He first realized the power of the documentary as a student in the Polish Film School.

“My professor and advisor for my short documentary, ‘A Sunday,’ threatened me with removing his name from the film credits if I wouldn’t make changes and re-edit my film,” Grunberg said. “This was Communist Poland, and seeing my film as political, he felt it did not sufficiently follow a party line.”

The Communist government banned another documentary he made in Poland, “Anna Proletarian,” for more than 10 years.

“This film told the story of a woman, a free trade union organizer, whose firing from Gdansk’s shipyard not only started a strike but also gave a birth to the Solidarity movement in Poland and later sparked changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.”

He plans to discuss several of his more recent documentaries. Descriptions of these are continued online at www.cortland.edu/news.

The program is sponsored by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series, the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies and its Jewish Studies Committee. For more information, contact Linda Lavine, psychology, at (607) 753-2040 or at linda.lavine@cortland.edu.

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

Colombia to Be Highlighted at April Brooks Lecture Series

The 2008-09 Rozanne M. Brooks Lecture Series will conclude with a talk by Brett Troyan, history, on Wednesday, April 22. The series focused on the theme “The Culture of Violence.”

Three Students to Be Awarded For Academic Achievements

The Honors Committees for Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology will recognize the following students for their accomplishments at the 2009 Honors Convocation:

Sarah Voorhees, Anthropology Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Stephanie Poray, Rozanne M. Brooks Sociology Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Lauren Miller, Award for Outstanding Achievement in Criminology.

They will receive accolades at the 2009 Honors Convocation set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Troyan will present “Colombia: A Land of Paradoxes” at 4:30 p.m. in the Sociology/Anthropology Department’s new location, Moffett Center, Room 2125. The talk is free and open to the public. A reception will precede at 4 p.m. in the Rozanne M. Brooks Museum’s new location, Moffett Center, Room 2126.

Troyan, who joined the College in 2002 shortly after completing her doctoral studies in Latin American history at Cornell University, has focused her research on 20th century Colombia. She has written various articles published in peer-reviewed journals about Colombian state formation and the indigenous movement. Troyan has received several grants for her work, such as the Woodrow Wilson Junior Democracy Scholar Fellowship.

The 2008-09 Brooks Lecture Series is sponsored by a grant from Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC). For more information, contact Brooks Museum Director Sharon R. Steadman, sociology/anthropology, at (607) 753-2308.

Five Panelists to Discuss Diaspora Art Exhibition

A panel discussion by five artists from the “Erasing Borders” exhibition will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at the Dowd Gallery. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Panelists include Antonio Puri, Neil Chowdhury, Pritika Chowdry, Asha Ganpat and Amina Ahmed. “Erasing Borders,” which opened March 1 and runs through Saturday, April 25, is an exhibition of contemporary Indian art of the Diaspora, implying concepts of change and adaptation.

The 28 artists in the exhibition meld Indian and Western colors and forms in many media, including paint, sculpture and photography. They also grapple with diverse subject matter, including AIDS, poverty, identity as a South Asian living in the post-9/11 world in addition to religious, sexual and ethnic identities.

The show, in its sixth year, explores the contributions of artists whose origins can be traced to the Indian subcontinent. In the 20th and 21st centuries, 20 million people of Indian origin shifted countries, which is reflected in the artists’ work. Their subject matter draws from the country of origin, while many of the aesthetic values and political concerns come from the artists’ newfound situations.

Sponsors for the “Erasing Borders” exhibition include the Consulate General of India, New York State Council on the Arts, the Department of Cultural Affairs, India Abroad, Queens Museum of Art, Aicon Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Technology and Rediff.com.

For more information, contact Dowd Gallery Director Andrew Mount at (607) 753-4216 or andrew.mount@cortland.edu.

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Student Arranges Cover Art For Book by Spanish Author

Beth Halem never expected that a painting she created more than two years ago, during her sophomore year at SUNY Cortland, would be the cover art for a Spanish academic book.

Halem, of Roslyn, N.Y., a senior art major with a concentration in studio art, was approached by Wesley Weaver, international communications and culture, to find a few samples of her work that he could send to the author, Maria Isabel López Martinez, a colleague and friend of Weaver’s.

“Beth was a student of mine for a couple of semesters and I thought it would be a great opportunity,” said Weaver. “I am familiar with her work because I attended some of her exhibitions and she also made an oral presentation with one of her paintings in my class.”

Martinez, a professor of literary theory and comparative literature at the University of Extremadura in Caceres, Spain, wrote La Mujer Ante el Espejo: Un Motivo Literario y Artístico o The Woman Before the Mirror: A Literary and Artistic Motif. The book, which was published in mid-December, explains the recurring motif of the woman before the mirror, what she sees and how it’s used as a literary device to develop character. Martinez discusses the origins and development of the theme over time.

“Come Back to Bed,” the mixed media painting that Martinez chose, was completed in a class taught by Lori Ellis, art and art history, during the 2006-07 school year. The piece, acrylic and wire on canvas, portrays a figure of a woman’s back with wire wrapped around her body.

“The woman is sitting on her bed in the dark, next to the implied guy she is with,” explained Halem. “She cannot appreciate the present because her mind is trapped in the past. The theme of being trapped in a situation is an illusion that your mind creates and controls. The man is saying ‘come back to bed’ because she is in a different place emotionally than he is.

“The painting is very fitting of the book because it shows the illusion of being trapped, women’s motifs and symbolism.”

“Beth’s empathetic figures are a natural fit for this compelling book,” said Ellis. “The international exposure will undoubtedly benefit her promising career as an artist and teacher.”

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

Artist’s Talk Planned for Exhibit at Beard Building Gallery

“A Child’s Mind,” an art exhibition that comprises seven series of works in different mediums by Rebecca Jennison of Marathon, N.Y., is on exhibit in the Beard Building Gallery at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St.

The display, which represents the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) thesis work of this local artist and SUNY Cortland student, runs through Saturday, May 9. The first floor gallery space is open weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Jennison will present an artist’s talk at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 24, at the gallery. The exhibition and gallery talk are free and open to the public. The artist encourages visitors to bring their children.

Featuring works in fiber, photography and screen printing, the show has as its unifying theme the world of children, both public and private.

“Children are a huge part of my life, and I am interested in their natures, their care and their place in society,” Jennison said. “Their creativity and free spirit are my major inspirations and this passion has been the focus of my thesis work over the past two years.”

“The current body of work continues her typically hybrid art combining weaving and photography that has become familiar to her growing audience at the Beard,” commented gallery curator Kathryn Kramer, art and art history.

“Its theme is the social world of childhood.”

Jennison’s award-winning work has shown at the gallery since Spring 2007, when she was part of the inaugural group exhibition, “Best of Select,” which is now an annual event that presents a selection of the Dow Gallery’s juried exhibition of student art held in May.

During that same season, she was featured in the “Shooting the Shuttle” exhibition, which was devoted to the work of student artists in the Art and Art History Department’s Fiber Arts Program. In 2008, her work again appeared at the Beard Building Gallery in the “Best of Select” exhibition as well as in “Earthly Matters,” an exhibition devoted to environmental themes in conjunction with the Committee on the Intellectual and Cultural Climate’s year-long lecture series on the same theme.

Jennison is scheduled to graduate on May 16. This summer she will continue her studies at the Sage Graduate School in Albany, N.Y.

The Beard Building Gallery is a collaboration of the Cortland Downtown Partnership, the Cultural Council of Cortland County and SUNY Cortland. For more information on the gallery, contact Kramer at (607) 753-4290 or kathryn.kramer@cortland.edu.

SUNY Cortland Anthropologist Continues Turkish Excavations

Almost every summer for the past 16 years anthropologist Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, and a core team of excavators, start their long days at 4:15 a.m. in Peyniryemez, Central Turkey, where they search for puzzle pieces of a culture that dates back to 5200 B.C.

Steadman and a dozen students and local villagers dig at the nearby archaeological site in an area called Çadir Höyük, which means “tent mound.”

The workers use hand picks, pointed trowels, shovels, wheel barrows, brushes, scalpels and digital cameras, among other tools, to uncover and document this ancient culture. Last year, they added a magnetometer, a device that detects sub-surface architecture, without actually uncovering it.

“The magnetometer was helpful,” Steadman explained. “We found a couple of strangely shaped structures that we think might be a corral, cistern or well. We hope to begin uncovering that area this summer to learn more.”

The explorers, who take a second breakfast at 9 a.m., finish their day in the field at 1:30 p.m., when the temperature can reach a scorching 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The crew spends the late afternoon processing their day’s finds in the laboratory.

“We will work Saturday through Wednesday, and take Thursdays off for a market day in the village,” said Steadman. “Fridays end at noon in observance of the Muslim holy day.”

Although the work schedule can be exhausting, Çadir Höyük holds a special attraction for Steadman, who has served as the project’s field director since 1998.

“There are two main reasons why I keep coming back,” she said. “I love the village, it’s like my second home. The people who live there and the group that I work and live with are some of my closest friends and are like family.

“It is also the excitement of discovery and what’s lying there under the surface,” she added. “I like what it tells us about the past and what the local villagers are teaching us about modern Turkish life.”

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Chapter's International Education Efforts Impress Phi Beta Delta Honor Society

SUNY Cortland's chapter of Phi Beta Delta (PBD), the international honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education, recently was named the outstanding chapter in the northeast region.

The three-year-old chapter was presented with a plaque at an award ceremony during the PBD's national conference from April 2-3 in Miami, Fla.

Susi Rachouh, the honor society's regional vice-president for the Northeast and director of the Study Abroad Office at Bridgewater (Mass.) State College, noted that SUNY Cortland's relatively new chapter had earned attention for its level of activity on campus, including developing a scholarship, lectures and special projects with students.

"SUNY Cortland is not just 'talking the talk' but also 'walking the walk,'" Rachouh said. "This is what Phi Beta Delta strives to encourage with our interdisciplinary and intergenerational and multi-identity focus — on faculty, staff and students."

PBD Cortland chapter officers were pleasantly surprised by the recognition. The College took no action to be considered for the award.

"This is an important way to recognize excellence in academics and service to the advancement of SUNY Cortland's international mission and to contribute to our efforts to internationalize the campus," said Henry J. Steck, political science, and president of the Cortland chapter of PBD. Steck also coordinates the Project on Eastern and Central Europe.

"As coordinator of the International Studies major at SUNY Cortland, I am thrilled that the chapter has been selected for this honor," said chapter vice president Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology. "Many international studies majors have been inducted into PBD, deservedly so, and it is wonderful that their hard work, and that of the Cortland PBD chapter, has been nationally recognized."

The SUNY Cortland chapter, one of 168 nationwide, was chartered and held its first induction ceremony in Spring 2006. Its membership of both American and international students and faculty and staff reflects the inclusionary aspect so cherished by the national organization.

For more information about the chapter, contact Steck at (607) 753-4807 or Steadman at (607) 753-2308.

For more information about the national organization, visit the Web site at www.phibetadelta.org.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games


day  | event
Monday, April 13 | WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. Union, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14 | Women's Lacrosse at New Paltz, 3 p.m.
 | SOFTBALL vs. Oneonta, 3 p.m.
 | Baseball at St. John Fisher, 3:30 p.m.
 | WOMEN'S TENNIS vs. Wells, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15 | Softball at Morrisville, 3 p.m.
 | Baseball at Ithaca, 4 p.m.
 | MEN'S LACROSSE vs. Oswego, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 17 | Softball at Geneseo, 3 p.m.
 | MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD vs. Cortland Classic, 3 p.m.
 | WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD vs. Cortland Classic, 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 18 | MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD vs. Cortland Classic, 9 a.m.
 | WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD vs. Cortland Classic, 9 a.m.
 | BASEBALL vs. Oneonta, noon.
 | WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. Morrisville, 1 p.m.
 | Softball at Brockport, 1 p.m.
 | Men's Lacrosse at Oneonta, 2 p.m.
 | Women's Golf at Jack Leaman Memorial (Amherst, Mass.), TBA
Sunday, April 19 | Women's Golf at Jack Leaman Memorial (Amherst, Mass.), TBA
 | BASEBALL vs. New Paltz, noon.
Monday, April 20 | Women's Tennis at William Smith, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21 | Men's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational, 3 p.m.
 | Women's Track and Field at Ithaca Invitational, 3 p.m.
 | Softball at St. John Fisher, 3 p.m.
 | MEN'S LACROSSE vs. Brockport, 4 p.m.
 | Women's Lacrosse at Oneonta, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22 | Baseball at Keystone (La Plume, Pa.), 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 23 | MEN'S LACROSSE vs. St. Lawrence, 4 p.m.
 | Men's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
 | Women's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
Friday, April 24 | Softball at Plattsburgh, 3 p.m.
 | Men's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
 | Women's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
Saturday, April 25 | Men's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
 | Women's Track and Field at Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.), TBA
 | Baseball at Plattsburgh, noon.
 | Women's Lacrosse at Buffalo State, 1 p.m.
 | Softball at Potsdam, 1 p.m.
 | Women's Tennis at New Paltz Tournament, TBA
Sunday, April 26 | Women's Track and Field at Cornell Big Red Invitational, 11 a.m.
 | Men's Track and Field at Cornell Big Red Invitational, 11 a.m.
 | Men's Lacrosse at Morrisville, 1 p.m.
 | Baseball at Mount St. Vincent (Riverdale, N.Y.), 2 p.m.
 | WOMEN'S GOLF vs. Sally Wallace Invitational, TBA
News Briefs

O.A.R. Concert Set for April 25

The rock band O.A.R. (Of a Revolution) will headline the SUNY Cortland Spring Fling concert on Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Tickets are $15 for SUNY Cortland students with ID — only one ticket can be purchased per ID — and $25 for the general public with a maximum of four tickets being purchased per person.

While supplies last, tickets may be purchased online through the College Store or at the Corey Union Information Desk from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays. They’re also available in Corey Union, Room 406, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Hailed as one of the best live bands on the planet, O.A.R. has built a loyal following and a well-deserved reputation as a must-see band when they come to town.

The band recently recorded its sixth studio CD, “All Sides.”

Performing Arts Faculty Featured in Two Recitals

The Performing Arts Department will present two recitals featuring department faculty members on two successive nights in the Dowd Fine Arts Center Theatre. Both recitals will begin at 8 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Pianist Edward Moore and vocalist Anne Shelly, a faculty member from Onondaga Community College, will present a program on Tuesday, April 14, featuring composers from the 20th century. Composers include Joseph Canteloube, Claude Debussy, William Grant Still, Thomas “Blind Tom” Wiggins and Undine Smith Moore.

On Wednesday, April 15, a recital of music and theatre will feature the following faculty members: Donna Anderson, Matthew Edwards, Marion Giambattista, Marina Gurelawa, Kevin Halpin, Thomas Hischak, Kim Hubbard, Richard Montgomery, David Neal and Karen Zimmerman.

For more information, contact Department Chair David Neal at david.neal@cortland.edu.

College Singers Will Present Concert Version of ‘Seussical’

The Performing Arts Department will present the College Singers in their spring concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, in the Dowd Theatre.

This semester’s program is a concert version of the Broadway musical “Seussical,” based on the stories and characters of children’s author Dr. Seuss.

Stephen Wilson, performing arts, will conduct the singers in this lively musical adventure featuring music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, authors of “Ragtime,” “Once on This Island” and other Broadway musicals. Familiar favorites including Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat and the tiny Whos are among the many characters that will come to life in this musical fantasy for the entire family.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

For more information, contact Wilson at stephen.wilson@cortland.edu.

Student Employment Week To Be Celebrated April 13-17

In recognition of Student Employment Week, a reception will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 13, in the Corey Union Caleion Room.

Students who have been nominated as being outstanding workers by their supervisors will be recognized for the unique and vital contributions they make to the campus and community through part-time and seasonal work.

Many of the supervisors will be in attendance. President Erik J. Bitterbaum and student worker Melissa Bithorn will share remarks about the value of student employment.

For more information, contact Lisa Allen, career services, at (607)753-5729 or by e-mail to lisa.allen@cortland.edu.

Women’s Lunches Planned

The Women’s Initiatives Committee will hold a Brown Bag lunch from noon-1 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, in Corey Union, Room 209. The topic for this session is “Sharing Information about Elder Care.”

The Brown Bag offers all women faculty, staff and graduate students the chance to meet, share ideas and develop campus networks.

For more information, visit the Women’s Initiatives Committee Web site at www.cortland.edu/women or contact Lori Schlicht at (607) 753-4726.

Library Hours Posted

Regular Hours

Through April 19

Monday- Thursday 7:45 a.m.-1 a.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-1 a.m.

Exception: Easter, Sunday, April 12

6 p.m.-1 a.m.

Extended Late Night Hours

April 20-May 7

Monday- Thursday 7:45 a.m.-3 a.m.
Friday 7:45 a.m.-midnight
Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight
Sunday 10 a.m.-3 a.m.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Cheri Skipworth, Higgins Hall residence hall director, was nominated for the American College Personnel Association’s (ACPA) Housing and Residence Life Commission’s Outstanding New Professional Award. ACPA held its national convention March 27-April 1 in Washington, D.C.

Brice Smith, physics, presented a talk titled "Sustainable Energy for a Changing World" at the Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) National Student Conference held April 3-5 at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. Smith spoke as part of a plenary session titled “Energy Options and Public Health: A New Energy Economy for America.” He spoke with Alan Lockwood, a professor of neurology and nuclear medicine at the University of Buffalo and member of the PSR National Board of Directors, and Michele Boyd, director of the PSR Safe Energy Program in Washington, D.C. The three-day conference brought together medical students and physicians from across the country to discuss how public health professionals can play an active role in responding to environmental health concerns ranging from chemical toxins to fossil fuels and global warming to nuclear weapons.

Robert Spitzer, political science, spoke on “The Failures of the Pro-Gun Control Movement” at SUNY Oneonta on March 19.

Faculty Senate Approves New Professional Affairs Committee

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College’s professional employees in all matters pertaining to their roles and responsibilities as part of the College’s voting faculty. The committee will consider business given to it by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and the College president. The committee will review requests for consideration from members of the committee, professional employees or other matters that come to its attention.

The Professional Affairs Committee will also conduct a periodic review of procedures and policies related to the employment of professionals including mechanisms for advancement, rank and permanent appointment. The committee will propose any changes in language or policy through the appropriate liaison or committee.

Although the Review of Governance Committee had suggested that the Professional Affairs Committee chair be a professional with permanent appointment, the ad-hoc committee at the April 7 meeting recommended that no such restriction be made.

Senator Ellen McCabe, library, inquired why the committee chair did not need to have professional tenure. Ad-Hoc Committee for Professional Affairs Chair Mike Holland noted that fewer than one-third of professionals represented have permanent appointment and the seat would be difficult to fill if restricted to such individuals.

The friendly amendments that were approved included changes to the SUNY Cortland Faculty Bylaws to add a fifth Policy Committee chair so that professional affairs would be represented on the standing policy committee and Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

In other business, senators approved by a 13 to 3 margin proposed changes to the College Handbook relating to the College Curriculum Review Committee, setting a minor unfinished matter dating back to November 2006. The handbook revisions will reflect the removal of student representatives and College staff members from serving on the committee that makes curriculum policy decisions.

The proposal was introduced by Faculty Senate Chair William Buxton, literacy, during the March 24 meeting, who noted that two years ago the same changes had been endorsed by the Educational Policy Committee, passed by the Faculty Senate and subsequently forwarded to the Review of Governance Committee where it remained unnoticed until recently.

The new language about the committee increases non-voting members to six and reduces the necessary quorum by voting faculty.

must address when considering a career as a research scientist, whether in the area of the humanities, basic sciences or the medical field.

The Scholars’ Day events will conclude with a musical presentation, “The Blue Roots of American Popular Music,” at 4:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The event will feature students and faculty from the SUNY Cortland Rock and Blues Ensemble and Beginning Blues Guitar classes as well as Africana Studies Hip Hop Emcees with the SUNY Cortland Hip Hop Dance Team.

In addition to Mattingly, the Scholars’ Day Committee includes: Cynthia Benton, childhood/early childhood education; Phil Buckenmeyer, kinesiology; Chris Cirmo, geology; Daniel Harms, library; David Miller, geography; Lisa Mostert, classroom media services; Gigi Peterson, history; and Kevin Pristash, college union and conferences.

Scholars’ Day is supported by the President’s Office, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, The Cortland Fund, the Cortland College Foundation and the Auxiliary Services Corporation.

For more information, including the complete schedule of events, visit the Scholars’ Day Web page at www.cortland.edu/scholarsday or contact Mattingly at (607) 753-4312.

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

Teacher Recruitment Days

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services offices in the consortium. The consortium members are: SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Cortland, Colgate University, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, Elmira College, Ithaca College, Keuka College, LeMoyne College, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego, SUNY Potsdam, St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University, Utica College, Wells College and Cazenovia College.

For more information, visit the Teacher Recruitment Days Web site at www.cortland.edu/career.
Coming Events

Tuesday, April 14
Faculty Recital: “Composers from the 20th Century.” Pianist Edward Moore, performing arts, and vocalist Anne Shelly, Onondaga Community College, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15
Workshop: Resume/Cover Letter Writing/Interviewing. Career Services, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-5, 6:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series:
“Composting — One Way to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle in One Easy Step.” Rickie McClure, Academic Support and Achievement Program, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Recital: Performing Arts Department faculty, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 16
UUP Union Matters Lunchtime Series:
“Planning for Long-Term Care; Long-Term Care Insurance and Other Options,” Corey Union Caleon Room, noon-1:30 p.m.; buffet opens at 11:45 a.m. R.S.V.P. requested to uup@cortland.edu.

Reception: Announcement of funding for Building Community Leaders: A Model Demonstration Project secured by Congressman Michael A. Arcuri, Main Street SUNY Cortland, 11 a.m. Light refreshments to follow.


Open Forum: “Advice on Careers in Medicine.” physicians Harris Silver and William Baerthlein, as part of the President’s Executive-in-Residence Program, Corey Union, Room 209, 3-5 p.m.

Friday, April 17
Scholars’ Day 2009: Programs held in Old Main beginning at 8:30 a.m.
Keynote address in Brown Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.; Poster sessions at 12:30 p.m.; Closing session in Brown Auditorium, 4:30 p.m. View the complete schedule at www.cortland.edu/scholarsday.

Scholars’ Day 2009 Keynote Address:
“A Career in Research: A Rocky Road or a Smooth Pathway?” Edward Zambraski ’71, U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18
Fundraiser: “65 Roses,” Benefit dinner for Cystic Fibrosis at the Cortland Country Club, hosted by Delta Phi Epsilon, 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 19
College Singers Concert: “Seussical,” Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 2 p.m.

Monday, April 20
Campus-Community Cleanup: Meet at Corey Union steps, 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21
Holocaust Remembrance Day Lecture:
Cinematographer Slawomir Grunberg will discuss the power of documentary film, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m. A brief candle-lighting ceremony and reception will follow.

Wednesday, April 22
Earth Day

Wellness Wednesday Series: “Red Dragons Go Green!” Earth Day celebration, Student Affairs Sustainability Committee and the Health Promotion interns, Corey Union, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rozanne M. Brooks Lecture Series:
“Colombia: A Land of Paradoxes,” Brett Troyan, history, Cornish Hall, Room D-304, 4:30 p.m.; Reception to be held beginning at 4 p.m. in the Rozanne M. Brooks Museum.

Information Session: “Peace Corps at Cortland,” Corey Union, Rooms 301-303, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, April 23
Teacher Recruitment Days: Park Center Alumni Arena, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Sandwich Seminar: “English Department Faculty Reading,” panel presentation, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Women’s Initiatives Committee Brown Bag Lunch: “Sharing Information about Elder Care,” Corey Union, Room 209, noon-1 p.m.

Artists Talk: “Erasing Borders” exhibition artists panel discussion, Dowd Gallery, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24
Teacher Recruitment Days: Park Center Alumni Arena, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Artists’ Talk: “A Child’s Mind,” by B.F.A. Candidate Rebecca Jennison, Beard Building Gallery at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 25
$ Spring Fling: Concert by O.A.R. (Of a Revolution), Park Center Alumni Arena, 8 p.m.