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College Names Alumni House for First Million-Dollar Donor

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association has named its alumni house, an historic 15,000-square-foot mansion in Cortland, in honor of the College's first-ever individual \$1 million donor — Lynne Parks Hoffman, a 1968 alumna who resides in Portland, Ore. The official name of the facility is the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House.

Hoffman, who grew up in Amsterdam, N.Y., and majored in physical education at SUNY Cortland, had already been the catalyst behind \$100,000 in donations from her Nu Sigma Chi sorority sister classmates at SUNY Cortland to support the Alumni House and its functions.

When Hoffman donated \$1 million to the College this spring, the College and the Alumni Association wanted to recognize her generosity

by naming the Alumni House in her honor. The Alumni Association Board of Directors formally approved the naming in early April, and the milestone in the College's history was celebrated on campus in July.

"I am what I am today because of Cortland and Nu Sigma Chi," said Hoffman, who returned to campus in July for the 80th reunion of Nu Sigma Chi, the oldest sorority on the campus. "It's because of the values I learned at the College and the opportunity to get a good job after college."

"What an extraordinary gift," noted President Erik J. Bitterbaum. "This is the first time in the 140-year history of SUNY Cortland that we have received a \$1 million donation from a graduate of the College. Lynne's gift will

protect and enhance the use of the Alumni House for current and future generations of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College. We are most grateful for Lynne's friendship and commitment to help keep SUNY Cortland a vital, innovative and stimulating place to learn."

Hoffman has played a pivotal role in the early years of the Alumni House.

"Since the beginning of our Alumni House 'Opportunities to Give Program,' Lynne has contributed her time, leadership and wealth," said Doug DeRancy, alumni affairs. "In doing so, she has been instrumental in helping us move closer to our goal of raising a substantial endowment dedicated to preserving and maintaining the Alumni House."

"The College and the Alumni Association are very fortunate to have one of the most outstanding alumni houses in America," added Raymond Franco, institutional advancement. "Lynne's generosity will enable us to maintain its beauty while benefitting and supporting the College and our alumni in perpetuity. It is most fitting for her name to be placed on this important community and campus icon."

Students Return to Campus; Classes Begin Aug. 25

Students began returning to SUNY Cortland on Aug. 21, when the campus opened its 16 residence halls. In all, College officials expect 7,100 students to be enrolled for the fall semester. Classes begin on Monday, Aug. 25.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum presented his annual opening address to faculty and staff on Aug. 21. New faculty were introduced by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus, who gave a report from his area. Division updates were also presented by Vice President for Finance and Management William Shaut, Vice President for Student Affairs Gregory Sharer and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Raymond Franco. A faculty panel with representatives from each school discussed undergraduate research, the meeting's theme, and discussion groups followed.

Marking the start of another academic year, the Fall 2008 Academic Convocation took place on Aug. 24 in the Park Center Alumni Arena. The hour-long ceremony is designed for all first-year and new transfer students along with the SUNY Cortland faculty and professional staff.

SUNY Cortland Welcome Week

Welcome Week will offer a number of events through Wednesday, Sept. 3. The activities help new students connect with the campus community and assist them in their transition and adjustment to college life.

Welcome Week is sponsored annually by the Student Activities Board, the Auxiliary Services Corporation, Campus Activities and Corey Union, Recreational Sports, Residential Services, the student Residence Hall Association and the Advisement and Transition Office.

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The logo for SUNY Cortland, featuring the word "Cortland" in a large, stylized serif font with "SUNY" in a smaller, sans-serif font above it.

Glass Tower Hall Earns ‘Green’ Certification

A cutting-edge residential facility at SUNY Cortland was recently awarded a prestigious designation by the nation’s leading evaluator of environmentally sustainable and energy efficient buildings.

Constructed in 2005, the Glass Tower Hall is one of approximately 40 newly constructed buildings in New York state to win Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED is an internationally recognized proprietary designation of the USGBC.

Officials at the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) and SUNY Cortland announced on July 17 that the USGBC recently completed its project review and granted LEED certification based on its stringent energy conservation measures and the environmentally safe materials used in its construction.

“Students at SUNY Cortland strive for excellence every day so it only stands to reason that they should live in a state-of-the-art residential facility that matches and inspires their goals and aspirations,” said Paul T. Williams, Jr., executive director of the Dormitory Authority.

“As a scientist — specifically a biologist — I was aware of this kind of certification,” added President Erik J. Bitterbaum. “We’re very proud here at SUNY Cortland that we made a decision early on that all of our buildings were going to be LEED-certified, both new construction and renovations. By doing so we are as close to a zero-carbon footprint as possible and are improving our energy efficiency and letting our students, faculty and staff know the importance of the environment. It’s an ambitious goal, but we think an important one. We hope to set an example for future generations regarding energy use.”

Glass Tower Hall, a four-story residential facility with 194 beds, is the first new dormitory on campus in 32 years, DASNY officials noted. The \$12.6 million project was completed on time and some \$400,000 under budget. Glass Tower Hall opened in August 2005 and the intensive review process for LEED certification began in Spring 2006.

LEED certification goes well beyond installing energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, weather-tight windows and well-insulated walls, noted Rob Davenport, facilities planning, design and construction, and the site representative for the Glass Tower Hall project.

The Dormitory Authority works closely with the State University of New York to finance, design and build high quality, energy efficient and environmentally sustainable residential facilities. SUNY and the Dormitory Authority are currently adding more than 2,700 beds in new residence halls either under construction or being planned at a number of campuses, including Binghamton, Stony Brook, Oswego, Geneseo and Potsdam.

Founded in 1944, the Dormitory Authority is the largest higher education, health care and public-purpose bonding and construction authority in the nation, currently managing 700 projects statewide valued at \$7 billion.

For more information, contact DASNY spokesman Marc Violette at (518) 257-3382 or Jennifer Wilson, public relations, at (607) 753-2232.

‘Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature’ Series Planned

Memorial Library will host a five-part reading and discussion series called “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination” starting on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

The monthly series will explore Jewish literature and culture through scholarly discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme of Jewish adventures in the graphic novel, explained the series organizer, Ellen McCabe, library. The series is free and open to the public.

The first program on Aug. 27 will explore *A Contract With God: And Other Testament Stories*, by Will Eisner. The series will continue as follows: *The Complete Maus: A Survivor’s Tale*, by Art Spiegelman, on Sept. 24; *Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer: Stories*, by Ben Katchor, on Oct. 15; *The Quitter*, by Harvey Pekar, on Nov. 12; and *The Rabbi’s Cat*, by Joann Sfar, on Dec. 3.

All programs will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the first-floor Teaching Materials Center of Memorial Library. Books and other materials will be provided for participants. For details or to register, contact McCabe at (607) 753-4051 or ellen.mccabe@cortland.edu.

Nicola Morris, English, and an associate faculty member at Goddard College, will lead a discussion of each book. Morris earned a Ph.D. in English and American literature and is the author of a book, *The Golem In Jewish American Literature*. She has taught courses in Global Jewish Literature, Yiddish Literature, Jewish American Literature, Yiddish, Hebrew and Jewish American Short Fiction. Morris has participated in the Ithaca Reader’s Series.

“We are delighted to have been chosen once again to host this unique series that will allow patrons a chance to discuss themes in Jewish literature with fellow community members and with the help of a well-qualified scholar,” said McCabe, who serves in the library as bibliographer for the humanities, including Jewish Studies.

Memorial Library is one of more than 250 libraries nationwide receiving grants to host the series developed by Nextbook and the American Library Association (ALA), she noted. Nextbook and the ALA also funded the series and local support is provided by the Friends of Memorial Library.



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The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, Sept. 8. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

Plays, Musicals and Concerts Scheduled for Fall 2008 Semester

The following events have been scheduled on campus through September:

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Magic and Mystery: Mentalist Alain Nu will offer participants a guided tour through the mind and its mysteries at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Nu comes to campus during Welcome Week courtesy of the Student Activities Board, and the performance is free. Part magician and part dynamic speaker, Nu makes his audience see things that aren't there and feel things that aren't real, opening up a world of possibilities limited only by the individual's imagination.

For more information, call the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office (607) 753-2321.

Tuesday, Sept. 9-Thursday, Nov. 6

Art Exhibition: A pair of exhibitions with a political theme will be offered at Dowd Fine Arts Center Gallery. An installation piece that concerns what the artists call "identitarianism" in politics, named "The Purple States – CarianaCarianne," will be shown in the lower level pit of Dowd Gallery. The works explore ideas of identity, politics, socialization and aesthetics. The second exhibition, "Paper Politics," a collection of politically motivated

prints using traditional, handmade methods, is curated by Josh McPhee. The two exhibitions will culminate with an election evening closing party in which the gallery will broadcast televised and webcast election coverage.

The exhibitions are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call the gallery at (607) 753-4216.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Lecture: Jonathan Kozol, an activist and author of *Death at an Early Age: The Destruction of the Hearts and Minds of Negro Children in the Boston Public Schools* (1967), will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Corey Union Function Room. In 1988, Kozol examined the lives of people deprived of the raw necessities in *Rachel and her Children: Homeless Families in America*. His most recent book, *Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation* (1995), is a study about school children in the South Bronx.

The free lecture, part of a yearlong series on the theme of "Inequality," was organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at (607) 753-2060.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Lecture: Thomas Hischak, performing arts, will give an address titled "Lyceum or Lunatic Asylum? Higher Education in Greece Today." Hischak, whose scholarship focuses on modern theatre history, taught and directed at the University of Patras in Greece last May on a Fulbright grant. He will describe and discuss how the Greek universities do and do not work today.

Organized by the President's Office, the free Sandwich Seminar will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. For more information, contact Hischak at (607) 753-4206.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Lecture: Ann Ferguson, a professor of philosophy and women's studies at the University of Massachusetts, will speak on "Global Gender Solidarity and Feminist Paradigms of Justice." Her talk will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Presented by the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies Advisory Board, the talk is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Mechthild Nagel, philosophy, at (607) 753-2013, or Caroline Kaltefleiter, Women's Studies Program, at (607) 753-4203 or caroline.kaltefleiter@cortland.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Panel Discussion: SUNY Cortland's Institute for Civic Engagement will conduct a Constitution Day Panel at 12:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. The discussion, titled "Guns, Constitutional Rights and You," will feature two political science faculty members, Robert Spitzer and Christopher Latimer. The panelists will address recent developments on the constitutionality of gun control legislation, focusing on the following question: "To what extent can states and the federal government limit the right to bear arms?" Richard Kendrick, Institute for Civic Engagement, will moderate the Sandwich Seminar.

Sponsored by the President's Office, the presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the institute at (607) 753-2481.

Events scheduled for October will be detailed in the Sept. 22 issue of The Bulletin.

Employees Asked to Update Campus Directory Information

To ensure accuracy in the printed 2008-2009 *Faculty and Staff Directory*, employees are required to review and update their information in the electronic campus directory. This directory lists name, title, department, phone number, office location and e-mail address for each College employee. E-mail addresses should appear in the new format: `firstname.lastname@cortland.edu`.

State employees can access the electronic directory by entering `www.cortland.edu/directory` in their browser, or by selecting Faculty/Staff Resources on the SUNY Cortland home page at `www.cortland.edu`, and then choosing "Directory Maintenance" under "Faculty/Staff Directory."

Once a Cortland ID or Social Security number and birth date are entered, access to personal information is granted. Instructions on how to update information online also appear on page two of the current *Faculty and Staff Directory*.

ASC employees should submit directory changes to ASC Assistant Executive Director Michelle Brackin via e-mail to `michelle.brackin@cortland.edu` or by phone at (607) 753-2431. Research Foundation employees should submit changes to Brent Danega in the Human Resources Office by sending an e-mail to `brent.danega@cortland.edu` or by phone at (607) 753-2414.

Employees may elect to include home addresses and/or telephone numbers in the printed directory.

Changes should be made by Monday, Sept. 8, to be reflected in the next printed directory, which will be available on campus in mid-October.

For more information, contact the Information Resources Office at (607) 753-5942 or the Publications and Electronic Media Office at (607) 753-2519.

Residential Services Reorganizes Staff

Residential Services will reorganize its structure for the 2008-09 year to better serve students by emphasizing staff strengths and more evenly distributing supervision responsibilities.

"The balance and complementary skills of the entire staff have us poised for a ground-breaking year," explained Residential Services Director Ralph Carrasquillo, who joined the College on June 2. "I couldn't be more optimistic about the experiences we will provide to facilitate growth and learning for SUNY Cortland students."

Cindy Lake, residential services, has been named associate director for programming and staff development. She supervises the professional residence hall directors (RHDs) of Cheney, Sean Sherwood; Clark, Amanda Anderson; DeGroat, Jesse Kimmerle; Hendrick, Evan Bigam; Higgins, Cheri Skipworth; and Randall Halls, Janelle McAllister.

Jean Brown, formerly coordinator of housing and operations, was promoted to associate director for housing and operations. She supervises Sarah Gingrich, who has become assistant director for facilities after previously holding the title of assistant to the director.

Brown will also supervise the assistant director for housing operations, a renamed position that is currently vacant, and the RHDs of Bishop, Charee Grover; Fitzgerald, Sarah Unruh; and Glass Tower halls, Kevin Brenzel.

James Hendrick, who has served as assistant director of residential services, will perform his duties under the new title of associate director for staff recruitment, external programs. He will supervise the RHDs of Alger, Heidi Morton; Hayes, Owen Conklin; Shea, Steven Canals; Casey-Smith Towers, Calvin Ruthven; West Campus Apartments, Ryan Johnson; and Whitaker halls.

Each of the office's support staff members — Kathy Gauthier, Michele Lella, Debbie Lewis and Susan Vleck — will be directly supervised by an individual central staff member and will team up with the entire staff throughout the year.

"I am very pleased to have Ralph join our staff," said Vice President for Student Affairs C. Gregory Sharer. "He brings a lot of energy, a positive attitude and tremendous leadership experience in residence life."

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

NIH Grant Allows Professor to Research Infant Learning

A SUNY Cortland associate professor of psychology is making house calls to help parents and scientists better understand babies.

Kimberly Kraebel is halfway through a two-year infant learning and memory project to comprehend how infants process sensory information during learning.

The study is funded by a \$156,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and seeks infant participants ages three and five months old. Kraebel is only the second faculty member from SUNY Cortland whose research has been funded by NIH.

"I've always been interested in the underlying processes of learning," said Kraebel, who has more than nine years of experience working with infants in a research setting. "This project is about understanding the basic learning processes in infants and how those processes might differ from the way older children and adults take in new information. Specifically, I am trying to determine what factors might facilitate or inhibit these procedures in infants."

The heart of the research is finding out if babies would show facilitated learning in the presence of amodal cues, meaning cues that can be processed by more than one of the senses, Kraebel explained.

"Research has shown that infants are very good at detecting amodal cues such as shape, intensity and affect," Kraebel said. "I want to determine if there is a functional significance to this detection for learning operations. The long-

term goal of the research is not only to understand babies better and how they learn, but also to eventually help babies at risk for developmental and learning disabilities by providing them with experiences that will enhance understanding."

The tools she uses to measure how the babies learn are all handmade and one-of-a-kind. They include a kick-detecting device, a mobile made up of cylindrical shapes and a small motor that makes the mobile move.

Kraebel, often accompanied by one of her senior students, visits the homes of the babies whose parents have elected to participate in the study. A ribbon connected to the mobile is looped around the baby's foot. When the baby kicks, the mobile moves and "Sesame Street" music is played for reinforcement.

The number of kicks that make the mobile move is recorded on a computer, Kraebel said. The baseline kicking is measured and the baby is given a chance to learn that kicking makes the mobile move. The infants are then given a mini-test to see if they learned that they are the ones controlling the mobile. The more a baby kicks during the mini-test, the more it indicates that they understand that their kick caused the mobile to move.

For more information about the Infant Learning and Memory Project, visit Kraebel's Web site at web.cortland.edu/kraebelk or contact Kraebel at (607) 753-2045.

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

Steve Patrick Named Cross Country Head Coach

Steve Patrick has been appointed SUNY Cortland's new men's and women's cross country head coach, according to Joan Sitterly, athletics.

Patrick served as an assistant coach for the teams last season. Patrick also will retain his position as Cortland's men's and women's track and field head coach, which he attained last summer. He replaces Matthew Moran, who accepted a teaching position at Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. Moran led the Red Dragons to third-place and fourth-place national finishes in two of his three seasons as head coach.

Last season, Patrick was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Men's Outdoor Track and Field Division III Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. He guided Cortland to a second-place national finish along with a State University of New York

Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) title and an Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III runner-up finish. Patrick also earned SUNYAC Men's Outdoor Track and Field and Women's Indoor Track and Field Coach of the Year awards during the 2007-08 season.

Patrick served as an assistant track and field coach for the Red Dragons from 2004-07 and was a lecturer in the Physical Education Department.

He is a 1997 graduate of Cortland, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. In 2000, Patrick earned a master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

A native of Batavia, N.Y., Patrick lives in Cortland with his wife, Marissa, and their sons, Daniel and Kylan.

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

Information Systems Staff Member Wins E-Learning Award

Blackboard Inc. presented its 2008 Blackboard Community Collaboration Award to Bryant Withers, academic computing services.

A global leader in enterprise technology and solutions, Blackboard Inc. strives to improve the experience of students and learners around the world. Founded in 1997, Blackboard is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with offices in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Withers, of Cortland, was honored for his collaborative work with other professionals in his field during Blackboard World 2008, the annual users' conference, July 15-17 in Las Vegas, Nev.

"The efforts made by Bryant really do make a difference in enhancing the learning experience at SUNY Cortland and for many other institutions across the globe," writes Russ Carlson, Blackboard Inc.'s president for North America Higher Education. "We certainly feel as though such achievements are deserving of special recognition. I want to congratulate SUNY Cortland for its leadership and excellence in the support of online teaching and learning."

Since early 2007, Blackboard has encouraged client collaboration through a new program called The Upgrade Team. Using techniques such as virtual office hours, a central wiki site, listservs and other resources, the community has helped hundreds of Blackboard clients. Through the program, the company is able to highlight members of the community who exemplify the best of e-Learning through the sharing of best practices, tips and techniques.

"By attending so many weekly Web conferencing sessions surrounding Blackboard's software, I was able to share ideas that helped others trying to do the same things or solve similar problems that we were working with here at SUNY Cortland," Withers explained. "In addition, some of my suggestions were sent to the company as development requests and a few have already been implemented. The combination of solutions at this level wouldn't have been possible without this community."

SUNY Cortland's e-Learning program began in 2001 when the College received a \$750,000 U.S. Department of Education Title III grant. The five-year award funded the initial software purchase and provided money for faculty to attend summer workshops to learn to use the software and incorporate e-Learning into their classes.

The e-Learning system allows faculty to increase their face-to-face courses by offering programs like class notes, e-mail communications, online class discussion and access to an online grade book. Faculty also can use the program for online course offerings.

This past academic year, 683 courses with more than 5,000 students enrolled were taught at the College by 309 faculty members using the Blackboard Course Management Platform. Also in 2007-08, using this software 174 online courses were delivered, including 150 during summer and winter sessions.

College Changes Transcript Fee

SUNY Cortland students — past, present and future — will no longer pay a fee each time they request their official college transcripts from the Registrar's Office. Beginning in Fall 2008, the transcript service will now fulfill individual requests for free, explained Registrar Donna Margine.

"Historically, the fee has been a flat \$5 fee 'per-transcript request' for as many years as I can recall," Margine said. "SUNY policy allows campuses to have the latitude to enact either a per-transcript fee or a per-semester fee."

Margine, who is the current SUNY Registrars' Association (SUNYRA) president, was encouraged by other registrar colleagues from sister SUNY institutions who recently had moved from the per-transcript fee to the per-semester fee to consider the same.

"They encouraged me to research this move as they found it to be a 'win-win' for students on their respective campuses," she said.

The transcript fee proposal was approved last fall by the Student Government Association and the President's Cabinet for implementation in Fall 2008, Margine explained. All enrolled SUNY Cortland students, including both undergraduates and graduates, will be charged a \$5 per semester/term transcript fee as part of their college tuition bill, and may then request unlimited transcripts.

"Any Cortland student enrolled prior to Fall 2008 is automatically grandfathered into this new, free transcript service," Margine explained. "What is really terrific about this is that it provides unlimited transcripts as a lifetime service."

"When I was doing my research, I found that the alumni at other colleges thought this was such a wonderful service."

For both current students and alumni, this change in the transcript fee makes it easier for students and graduates to share official transcripts with graduate schools, prospective employers, and other agencies requiring official transcripts, Margine noted.

In looking to the future, the Registrar's Office is hoping to adopt an online system of processing transcript requests with new, secure technologies that are anticipated in the next two years.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Friday, Aug. 29

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL vs. Old Westbury, 4 p.m.
Men's Soccer at St. John Fisher, 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer at Ithaca, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL vs. Rochester, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL vs. TBA, 10 a.m.
Field Hockey at Houghton (N.Y.), 1 p.m.
Women's Soccer at Skidmore, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Men's Soccer at Rochester, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Field Hockey at Rochester, 4 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER vs. Wells, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

Women's Volleyball vs. TBA, Gettysburg, Pa., 3 p.m.
Women's Tennis at New Paltz, 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER vs. Houghton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Women's Volleyball vs. TBA, Gettysburg, Pa., 10 a.m.
Women's Tennis at Oneonta, 11 a.m.
Football at Morrisville, 1 p.m.
Women's Golf at St. Lawrence Invitational, TBA
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. TBA

Sunday, Sept. 7

Women's Golf at St. Lawrence Invitational, TBA
WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. TBA

Department Chairs Announced

Charles Heasley *Art and Art History*

Charles Heasley of Cortland has been appointed chair of the Art and Art History Department.

A professor of art and art history who has served the College for 27 years, Heasley began his three-year appointment on Aug. 1. He previously chaired the department from 1997-2000.

Heasley, who joined the department as an assistant professor in 1981, was promoted to associate professor in 1988 and to professor in 1993.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M., and two master's degrees; one in arts in printmaking and the other in fine arts in printmaking, from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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

Peter Ducey *Biological Sciences*

SUNY Cortland has appointed Peter Ducey of Cortland as chair of the Biological Sciences Department.

Ducey, professor of biological sciences, who has served the College for 18 years, began his three-year appointment on Aug. 1.

Ducey, who joined the department in 1990, was promoted to associate professor in 1994 and to professor in 1998. In addition to teaching, he directs the Bowers Science Museum located in Bowers Hall.

A native of Brooklyn who grew up in Levittown, N.Y., Ducey earned his bachelor's degree from Adelphi University in Garden City, N.J., and his master of science and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

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

Andrea Lachance *Childhood and Early Childhood Education*

Andrea Lachance of Ithaca, N.Y., was named chair of the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department.

Lachance, an associate professor of childhood and early childhood education who has served the College for 10 years, began her three-year appointment on July 1. She served as the assistant chair of the department from 2001-02.

Lachance, who joined the department in 1998, was promoted to associate professor in 2003. In addition to teaching, she is the project director for the SUNY Cortland Teacher/Leader Quality Partnership Grant Program. Lachance also has served as an undergraduate advisement coordinator and interim chair for advisement and curriculum issues.

A native of Arlington, Mass., Lachance has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston College. She earned a Master of Science and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Cornell University, where she specialized in mathematics education.

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

Michelle Kelly *Foundations and Social Advocacy*

Michelle Kelly of Cortland was named chair of the Foundations and Social Advocacy Department.

Kelly, an associate professor of foundations and social advocacy who has served the College for 10 years, will begin her three-year appointment on Aug. 1. She has served as interim chair of the department since January 2008.

Kelly, who joined the department in 1998, was promoted to associate professor in 2003. In addition to teaching, she is a co-founder of the Teacher Educators for Social Justice group, and has served on the College Curriculum Review Committee, Education Policy Committee and is a Faculty Justice for Judicial Affairs.

A native of Philipsburg, Pa., Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University. She earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh and received her doctorate in educational studies from the University of Utah, where she specialized in multicultural education and foundations of education.

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

Philip J. Buckenmeyer *Kinesiology*

Philip J. Buckenmeyer of Liverpool, N.Y., has been named chair of the Kinesiology Department.

Buckenmeyer, an associate professor of kinesiology who has served the College for six years, began his duties on June 30. He replaces John Cottone, who recently was named interim dean of the School of Professional Studies.

In 2002, Buckenmeyer joined the Exercise Science and Sport Studies Department, which was renamed the Kinesiology Department in 2007. He was promoted to associate professor in 2005. In addition to teaching, he has directed the College's Center for Obesity Research and Education (CORE) since 2005.

Born in Batavia, N.Y., Buckenmeyer has a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Elementary and Secondary Education and his teaching certificate from St. Bonaventure University. He earned a Master of Science in Athletic Training from Indiana State University, where he also served as a graduate teaching assistant. He received his doctorate in exercise physiology from the University of Maryland at College Park.

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

Sheila Cohen *Literacy*

Sheila Cohen of Cortland has been appointed chair of the Literacy Department.

Cohen, an associate professor of literacy who has served the College for 21 years, began her three-year appointment on Aug. 1.

She joined the department in 1987 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1991. In addition to teaching, she is active on many campus committees. This past academic year, Cohen organized The Big Read, which was part of a national effort to encourage children, youth and adults to become more literate and informed citizens. She also is involved with the Center for the Arts in Homer, N.Y.

Cohen earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the City College of New York, a master's degree in human development from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N.J., and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

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

Department Chairs Announced

David Neal Performing Arts

David Neal of Groton, N.Y., has been appointed chair of the Performing Arts Department.

Neal, an associate professor of performing arts, music, who has served the College for seven years, began his three-year appointment on Aug. 1.

He joined the department in 2001 and was promoted to associate professor in 2004. In addition to teaching, he is the artistic director of the Arts at Grace concert series in Cortland, which raises funds from businesses, individual donations and grants, and presents a wide variety of music to the community free of charge.

From 2001 to 2007, Neal was the musical director of SUNY Cortland's mainstage musical theater productions, conducting such shows as "Gypsy," "She Loves Me," "Carousel," "Chicago" and "A Little Night Music."

A native of Ithaca, N.Y., Neal has a bachelor's degree from Cornell University. He earned a Doctorate in Musical Arts from Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, Md.

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

Brice Smith Physics

Brice Smith of Ithaca, N.Y., was named chair of the Physics Department.

Smith, an assistant professor of physics who has served the College for two years, will begin his three-year term on Aug. 1.

He joined the department in 2006 and serves on the College's Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Carbon Neutrality Committee. He is co-faculty advisor for the SUNY Cortland Physics and Engineering Club and faculty advisor for Cortland Students Advocating for a Valuable Environment (C-SAVE).

Currently, Smith is a senior consultant for the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research in Takoma Park, Md., where he worked as a project scientist and then a senior scientist from 2003-06.

A native of Denver, Colo., Smith has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and a doctoral degree in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass.

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

Robert Spitzer Political Science

Robert Spitzer of Cortland will serve as chair of the Political Science Department.

Spitzer, a Distinguished Service Professor and professor of political science, who has served the College for 29 years, began his three-year appointment on Aug. 1. He previously chaired the department from 1983-1989.

He joined the department in 1979 as an assistant professor and was promoted to professor in 1989. In addition to teaching, he is the author of many articles, papers and books, including his most recent, *Saving the Constitution from Lawyers: How Legal Training and Law Reviews Distort Constitutional Meaning*, published in 2008.

Spitzer, who has appeared on many national television news programs, is a regular panelist on the weekly public affairs program, "The Ivory Tower Half Hour," broadcast on WCNY-TV in Syracuse, N.Y.

A native of New Hartford, N.Y., Spitzer graduated summa cum laude from SUNY Fredonia with a bachelor's degree in political science. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Cornell University.

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

Retirements

Michael P. Toglia

Michael P. Toglia, who has served on the SUNY Cortland faculty for 30 years and is considered to be at the forefront on research in the fields of human cognition and information processing, will retire on Aug. 31.

Toglia, who was honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1986 and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2007, will earn the designation of professor emeritus of psychology.

He plans to move to Jacksonville, Fla., where he will chair the Psychology Department at the University of North Florida.

A native of Tucson, Ariz., Toglia earned his bachelor's degree in psychology, with a minor in mathematics, from the University of Arizona in Tucson. He received his master's in experimental psychology and his doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Toglia served as an instructor at University of Colorado and as a visiting assistant professor at Purdue University. He joined SUNY Cortland in 1978 as an assistant professor and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1991. Toglia chaired the department from 1997-2000. He has chaired the College's Undergraduate Research Council, a campus organization that he launched and whose purpose is to broaden and strengthen undergraduate research opportunities throughout campus disciplines.

At SUNY Cortland, he taught courses in cognitive psychology and statistics at the undergraduate and graduate levels as well as undergraduate courses in learning and memory, experimental psychology, psycholinguistics and introductory psychology.

Since 2003, he has served as executive director of the international organization, the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC). Toglia also is currently on SARMAC's governing board and the editorial board of the society's official journal, *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. Since 2003, he has been a councilor in the Psychology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research and served on its Nominating Committee.

A resident of Homer, N.Y., he is married to Cathy and has two grown children, Brian and Jessica.

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

Fall 2008 Bulletin Schedule

Issue	Date	Deadline
#2	Monday, Sept. 8	Tuesday, Sept. 2
#3	Monday, Sept. 22	Tuesday, Sept. 16
#4	Monday, Oct. 6	Tuesday, Sept. 30
#5	Monday, Oct. 20	Tuesday, Oct. 14
#6	Monday, Nov. 3	Tuesday, Oct. 28
#7	Monday, Nov. 17	Tuesday, Nov. 11
#8	Monday, Dec. 1	Monday, Nov. 24

News Briefs

Student Employment Fair Provides Job Opportunities

SUNY Cortland students are invited to participate in the Student Employment Fair set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3, in the Corey Union lobby and Exhibition Lounge.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with hiring managers to discuss part-time positions and complete applications.

Anticipated openings are available in child care, retail, clerical support, recreation, hospitality, human services and education. Participating employers include Kelly Services, Unity House of Cayuga County, Northwoods at Cortland, FedEx Ground, Labrador Mountain, City of Cortland Youth Bureau, Franziska Racker Centers, Avon, Kaplan Test Preparation and Admissions, Greek Peak, SUNY Cortland Academic Computing Services, Auxiliary Services Corporation, SUNY Cortland Sports Facilities/Alumni Arena and the Cortland Fund/Dragon Dialers.

For more information and an updated list of organizations represented at the Student Employment Fair, contact Student Employment Services at (607) 753-2223.

UUP Welcome Picnic Planned

The annual United University Professions (UUP) Welcome and Welcome Back Picnic will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5, at Yaman Park pavilions I and II. UUP academic and professional staff, their families, partners and guests are welcome.

The event will be catered by Bob's BBQ of Homer. A vegetarian entrée is available upon request; all side dishes are meatless.

The ticket price will be waived for all new academic and professional staff. UUP members who bring a new staff member to the picnic will have the ticket price waived. The ticket price of \$5 will be charged for all others, including children 13 years and older. There is a children's play area adjacent to the picnic pavilion.

Advance reservations are required by Friday, Aug. 29. For more information, call the UUP office at (607) 753-5991. The office is located in Old Main, Room B-18A.

Fall 2008 Civic Engagement/Volunteer Fair Set for Aug. 27

Students, faculty, staff and community members interested in volunteer work, service learning and internships are invited to meet with representatives from a variety of local organizations from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge.

Opportunities in youth development, environmental programming, disabilities services, recreation, child care, political advocacy, health care and human services will be available for the Fall 2008 and spring 2009 semesters.

A partial list of confirmed organizations include: Access to Independence of Cortland County, Pumpkinfest Committee, Girls Scout Council of Central New York, SUNY Cortland Children's Museum, Lime Hollow Center for Environment and Culture, Cortland County Community Action Program/Family Development, Cortland County SPCA, SUNY Cortland Community Bike Project, United Presbyterian of Cortland Youth Group, Family Counseling Services/Youth Assist Program, Institute for Civic Engagement/Office of Service Learning, YWCA Bridges for Kids Program, J.M. Murray Center Options Program, and the MICAH Program/O'Heron Newman Center.

For more information, contact career services at (607) 753-4715.

Portfolio Development Workshop Set for Sept. 19

The Faculty Development Center will sponsor a brown bag portfolio development workshop from 11:30-1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

All faculty are welcome, though there will be a special emphasis on information relevant to new tenure-track faculty colleagues. The provost and the deans of all three schools attend.

For more information, contact the Faculty Development Center at (607) 753-2088 or by e-mail at fdc@cortland.edu.

UUP Launches Lunch Series

The United University Professions (UUP) will open its 2008-09 Union Matters Luncheon Series with a talk titled "Getting Past the Nonsense – the State Budget, Public Higher Ed and UUP's Response," on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Steve Allinger of the New York State United Teachers Legislative Department and UUP President Phil Smith will deliver the presentation from noon-1:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

The pair will provide their insights into what seen and unseen forces drive the battle over balancing the New York state budget this election year.

A question and answer period will follow.

The session is free and will include lunch items for guests to make a salad or sandwich. Reservations are requested by Wednesday, Sept. 17, by calling the UUP Office at (607) 753-5991 or by e-mail to uup@cortland.edu.

CALS Lecture Grant Applications Available for 2008-09 Year

Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALS) Lecture Grant Applications are now available for the 2008-09 academic year. Applications are eligible for a maximum award of \$500.

The fall semester deadline is Thursday, Sept. 4, to receive funding for lecture programs taking place in September, October, November and December 2008. Applications received after Sept. 4 may be eligible for any remaining fall semester funds.

The Spring 2009 semester deadline is Thursday, Jan. 29, in order to be considered for lecture programs taking place in January, February, March, April or May 2009. Applications received after Jan. 29 may be eligible for any remaining spring semester funds.

For more information or to request a copy of the CALS Lecture Grant Application, contact Sandra Wohlleber at (607) 753-5574 or via e-mail at sandra.wohlleber@cortland.edu.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Van A. Burd, English emeritus, was informed that his article, "An Overlooked Source on Oscar Wilde and the Pre-Raphaelites," is published in the current issue of *The Journal of Pre-Raphaelite Studies*.

C. Ashley Ellefson, history emeritus, made a presentation titled "Governor John Seymour and the Charters of Annapolis – 1708" at a symposium on June 6. The event was part of the year-long tricentennial celebration of the chartering of that city. The article on which Ellefson based his presentation can be found on the Web site of the Maryland State Archives at www.aomol.net and type "Ellefson" in the search window.

Peter Koryzno, public relations, was inducted into the State University of New York Council for University Advancement (SUNYCUAD) Hall of Fame during the group's annual educational conference in New York City in June. SUNYCUAD, one of the oldest professional organizations within SUNY, was founded in 1953 and includes more than 850 professionals on all 64 campuses working in the areas of public relations, publications, development, alumni relations, marketing, governmental relations and Web development. Currently the SUNYCUAD

past president, Koryzno was selected for his outstanding contributions to the organization and to his institution.

Catherine Porter Lewis, international communications and culture emerita, was invited as first vice president of the Modern Language Association to give the keynote address at the summer seminar of the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages held at Stanford in early June. Her talk, "The MLA Recommendations: Can We Get There from Here?" focused on a recent report calling for significant changes in the structure of foreign language study at the post-secondary level in the United States.

Mechthild Nagel, philosophy, has been informed that her co-edited collection with Ann Ferguson, "Dancing with Iris: The Political Philosophy and Phenomenology of Iris Marion Young," will be published by Oxford University Press in the Feminist Philosophies series in Fall 2009. It contains an article by **Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo**, geography, titled "Women's Work Trips and Multifaceted Oppression."

Robert Spitzer, political science, has completed work on a new book to be published in 2009. Titled *Gun Control: A Documentary and Reference Guide*, the book combines analysis, commentary and more than 50 original documents, from the colonial period to the present, all pertaining to the issue of gun control. The book is being published in Greenwood Press's Documentary and Reference Series, and is Spitzer's third book on the gun issue. The book will also feature original photographs of firearms by **Dawn Van Hall**, library.

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, spent 10 days at the Advanced Placement Chemistry Reading that was held in June at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Zipp was one of 10 question leaders who helped refine grading standards for 18 table leaders and 247 readers. The reading team scored a total of 100,000 exams during the seven-day reading period.

Salary Increases and Promotions Announced

The Human Resources Office has announced recipients of professional salary increases and promotions effective in July.

Professional Salary Increases

Michelle Baran, career services
Holly Doty, admissions
Paul Leonardi, academic computing services
Steve Patrick, athletics

Professional Promotions

Lara Atkins, Clark Center for International Education, to staff associate, SL4

For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at (607) 753-2302.

FDC Small Grants Program Applications Due Sept. 15

The Faculty Development Center announced that applications for the Small Grants Program, funded by the Cortland College Foundation, are due Sept. 15. The program is open to applications from faculty, staff and students and provides funding for up to \$500.

Projects most deserving of small grant support are those that tend to advance the mission of the College by enriching the intellectual or cultural life of the campus; promoting professional development of faculty and staff; providing special educational opportunities for students; improving internal and/or external communication at the College; or enhancing the image of the College. Also considered will be those projects that accommodate unique or unusual contingencies which fit nowhere else.

Application forms are available from the Faculty Development Center in Memorial Library

or online at www.cortland.edu/fdc/awards_grants.asp. Applications must be reviewed by a supervisor or department chair and the appropriate dean or vice president before being submitted for a final decision by the Faculty Development Committee and the president.

Applications for funding are accepted once each semester. The deadline for applications for the fall semester is Sept. 15 and must encompass activity from Aug. 21-Dec. 31. Faculty, students and staff are eligible to apply for small grants only once per year.

Completed applications should be submitted to the Director of the Faculty Development Center, Memorial Library, Room B-303 or via e-mail to fdc@cortland.edu.

Questions about the Small Grants Program can be directed to Leslie Eaton at leslie.eaton@cortland.edu.

Coming Events

Monday, Aug. 25

Fall Semester 2008 classes begin.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Welcome Week Magic and Mystery:

Mentalist Alain Nu, Corey Union
Function Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Red Cross Bloodmobile: Corey Union
Exhibition Lounge, noon-5 p.m.

Volunteer Fair: Corey Union Fireplace
Lounge, 4-5 p.m.

Jewish Literature Series: Discussion of
*A Contract With God: And Other Testa-
ment Stories*, by Will Eisner, Memorial
Library, Teaching Materials Center, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1

Labor Day: Offices closed; no classes.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Student Employment Fair: Corey Union
lobby and Exhibition Lounge, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 5

\$ UUP Picnic: Yaman Park, 4-7 p.m.,
reservations required by Aug. 29.

ASC Opening Hours Posted

Following are hours for the fall semester. All dining facilities begin normal business hours on Monday, Aug. 25.

Bookmark

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday 5-10 p.m.

Caleion Room - Opens Sept. 2

Tuesday-Thursday 5-7:30 p.m.

Campus Corner and Subway

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Colloquium

Monday-Thursday 11:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Dragon's Court

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dragon's Den

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dunkin' Donuts

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friendly's

Monday-Sunday 6-11 p.m.

Hilltop

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Neubig

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
4-8 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
5-8 p.m.

Poolside

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Raquette Pizza

Monday-Sunday 5-11 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 3 a.m.-11 p.m.

College Store

Extended opening hours:

Monday, Aug. 25-
Thursday, Aug. 28 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 31 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1 Closed

Resume regular hours:

Tuesday, Sept. 2 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



The Bulletin contains official College announcements, news reports and notices of campus events. Information for the Bulletin should be sent to the Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045, or by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

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