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always in character. Any gesture out of character is immediately exposed. Joe Summa replied that "The audience is on stage with you," which places greater responsibility in the audience to be more responsive than an ordinary audience. From the director's stand point, Palmer replied, "It all comes out in the round." Chris Griffith finds that acting "in the round" is like "a ride on a carousel."

In the "theatre-in-the-round", with no walls, it is possible to put more time, energy and money into better acting, props and costumes. Lovely Victorian settings, which consist of decorative period furniture as well as an English garden, were designed by Daniel Veaner and elaborate costumes were specially made by Malabar Costumers of Toronto; a company which mainly supplies for Opera companies. Joe McFate, costume designer at SUNY Cortland, chose to order such elaborate costumes based on the small cast and the play's demand for them. Floral arrangement were specially designed by Jeff Lowe of Harts and Flowers. While working diligently, Lowe remarked, "Everything's got to be perfect cause the audience can see more detail (in such a small setting)."

All performances of "The Importance of Being Earnest" are at 8pm. The "theatre-in-the-round" arrangement provides for an intimate performance space but seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. Call X5719 weekdays for reservations and information. Ticket prices are \$5 for general public, \$4 for senior citizens and SUCC faculty/staff, and \$1 for students. Don't miss this "trivial comedy for serious people."

Options!

Physical Education - Recreation

CAREER FAIR

Monday April 3rd
2:00 to 4:30 p.m.

*Faculty/Student
Lounge - PER Center*

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

April 7-8, 13-15 in the
Dowd Fine Arts Center

Presented by the SUNY
Masquer's of Cortland

ATTENTION SENIORS!

We are trying to plan a **DINNER CRUISE** for graduating seniors for Saturday, May 13th!

Are you interested? If so please leave this coupon in the box at the Corey Union Information desk. We are trying to get an approximate number before we secure our reservation!

NAME _____
PHONE _____

*Thank You!
The Senior Class Committee*

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

March and Candlelight Vigil



Wednesday, April 5th
at 7:00 PM
Corey Union Steps

Sponsored by: AWARE, NYPIRG, SASU,
GALA, CCSA Prejudice & Discrimination
Committee.

A discourse in Genetics

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Diana K. Lavett is the first, and currently the only, female faculty member of State University College at Cortland's Biological Sciences Department. Her field is one of the most interesting of all the sciences- Genetics.

Genetics is the field of study responsible for selected breeding techniques of champion horses and dogs; and for breeding quality livestock. Genetics determine the parentage of a child when it is not known. It also explains why children look like their parents, and so much more.

Lavett received both her Bachelor's Degree and her Doctorate from Atlantic Emory University. A desire to counsel people took her back to school where she earned a Master's Degree in Family Therapy from Southern Connecticut State University. Her professional interests include teaching, genetics counseling, and

writing. Her personal interests include cross-country skiing, writing short stories, and practicing her religion.

Genetics counseling is an important and informative form of therapy for couples that have or are at risk of having an abnormal child. Couples are at risk if their family histories include such inherited traits as Down's Syndrome, hemophilia and color blindness. These couples need to know the probability of transmitting such traits. Couples that have abnormal children should know the chance of healthy children; and often they need to cope with and learn to love the affected child. The genetics counselor monitors the family for such parental indiscretions as abuse and neglect.

Lavett has written articles in various scientific and legal journals. She has also authored and co-authored genetics text books; and has published articles on Physical Therapy, an interest she developed after experiencing several back injuries herself.

Lavett has served as an

expert witness on genetics and scientific procedures in criminal cases across the country. As a direct result of her involvement in this, the FBI has been forced to upgrade its standards of record-keeping and examination of evidence. Being an expert witness is both physically and mentally demanding for Lavett; and it requires her to travel out of state about six times a semester. Despite the demands, she perseveres; she feels it is her obligation as a scientist to prevent and misuse of genetics. She feel, "By doing this, I am protecting my family, friends, and self."

Lavett is an ambitious, accomplished individual who is engaged in many activities. When asked how she fits everything into her schedule, she replied, "I am very efficient; that's how I find the time." We gave her a chance to speak a few words of advise for students. "Quit playing so much," she said. "Many students will be affected later on in life by what they do now. They should think of the future."