

Briefly...

Come On and Dance!!

Currently the 1990 Northeast Champions in Latin College Formation Ballroom Dance are looking for new members for the 1990-91 school year. If you are interested in learning dances such as the Rhumba, Cha-Cha, Jive and others, then the Cortland College Ballroom Dance Team is for you.

They hope to begin working on a Modern Dance Team formation before the end of the semester, so joining now will give you a head start for next year. For next year, performances include competitions and exhibitions all across the United States. No experience is needed, and they will teach all who are interested in learning.

Rehearsals are Tue-Fri. 4:15 - 6:15 p.m. Come by and see what it is all about !!! For more information, contact Bess Koval x 4946.

Fax to be used for interlibrary loan requests

The library's new FAX machine will be used to supply selected interlibrary loan requests. FAX service will be provided following guidelines established by the South Central Research Library Council. Faculty who need materials for a class or presentation prior to the usual two/three week time frame will be eligible for this service. Likewise, students who need articles for a research project more quickly than the two/three week turn around time should inquire at the Reference Desk. In this case, the faculty member supervising the student's project will be asked to sign the request. However, requesting articles for a speech or short paper on a current topic (e.g., abortion, pollution, Glasnost) is not an appropriate interlibrary loan FAX request. In-house, the FAX machine will be used to "rush" articles needed for reserve or to obtain replacement pages for mutilated journals.

As with any new service, the use of the FAX machine to interlibrary loan response time will be reviewed and evaluated periodically.

Meeting For Secondary Students

A meeting for all secondary students will be held on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2, from 4-5 p.m. at Corey Union in rooms 204-208. Secondary student teaching placements will be distributed. In an effort to avoid conflicts with classes, two sessions have been scheduled. Secondary students should attend one of the two.

"We the students..."

By Debi Tracy
Executive Vice President

What your CCSA VP has done for you, the students

"Our citizens may be deceived for a while, and have been deceived; but as long as the presses can be protected, we may trust them for light."— Thomas Jefferson

"The only worthwhile achievements of a person are those which are socially useful."— Alfred Adler

How do I begin my last, hence the last "We the students..." column? My mind pondered this thought many times during a very eventful weekend. Thursday evening's Student Leadership Recognition Banquet kicked off the weekend by honoring 61 student leaders on the campus. In addition, awards were given for Outstanding Faculty, Staff, Organization, Freshman, Senator, Student Leader and Senior. It evolved into quite an emotional gathering as administration, faculty, staff and students shared special memories of dedicated efforts and hard work given by students to co-curricular activities on campus.

Saturday evening's recognition was for students who have excelled academically. The Honors Convocation was a bit more ceremonial and a bit less emotional. For the students who were honored, both evenings were quite outstanding nights. Even Sunday afternoon, while I impatiently awaited the arrival of Ralph Nader at Hancock Airport (he was bumped from his original flight and then delayed), I questioned my ability to sum up a full academic year's event in one article. Alas, they say effort counts, so I will give it my best shot!

I have dedicated articles to in-

forming underage drinkers the ramifications of the three new laws concerning alcohol beverage control in New York State. I also forwarded south-bound spring breakers of stricter regulations and surveyed students' opinion about alcohol consumption at Cortland. Discussion about the proposed alcohol policy, and later the attendance policy, led to changes that reflected more responsibility upon students hence addressing them more as adults. Some changes gave lead way for approved absence for co-curricular activities such as student government. Other changes, the implementation of alternative programming such as CLUB 90, emerged from the change in NYS law and from students' suggestion in the alcohol survey. We had a housing project organized and postponed. We saw the development of a new CCSA committee on an unfortunately old yet familiar topic of acquaintance rape and RSVP was revitalized.

We gladly welcomed back the Homecoming parade after a long overdue ten year absence. This weekend, Siblings Weekend will make a comeback after an eight year disappearance. Our one day Winter Workshop in January, regrouped most of the student leaders who attended the not-to-be-missed Student Leadership Weekend at Raquette Lake held earlier in September. At that time, I do not think anyone could have visualized what the year was to be. We all had hopes and desires along with plans to work hard for the best CCSA yet!

Some rumors and flat out lies circulated but truth always prevailed. We continued to defend student's rights and printed some of them in black and white to remind not only the students but faculty to what they are. Along with the rights come responsibilities and we firmly and repeatedly communicated them also. We worked to insure academic and social freedom for each and every student through the attendance and the alcohol policy. We took firm stances against the nuclear dump site and the parking fee. We convinced the College Council 9 to 0 to stand with us against the parking fee and we continue to help in the fight to keep Cortland County our heartland and not wasteland. Many students took advantage of the various opportunities available to them. Some addressed them seriously, while others unfortunately did not. Many students, including myself, held positions on different committees on campus thus being representative of the student body while being responsive to their needs. We reconfirmed the belief that NYPIRG is students, by the passing of their referendum. A positive 93 percent of the student body favored the continuation of their efforts on consumer protection and environmental issues on campus. Many of these involvements assisted students in enabling them to further their educational and social experience at Cortland.

The year will be remembered as one of the most challenging and stimulating times of my life. While I continued to explore the academic

possibilities for my corner of the sky, Cortland's character provided the mends for me to fulfill all my scholastic, social and cultural horizons. I attempted to take full advantage of all the various resources available here. Administration, faculty and staff were very accessible and receptive to my educational needs and my co-curricular ideas. Many of them became good friends of mine and displayed their dedication to students by assisting me in polishing the skills and attitudes needed to pursue my own personal excellence. Their knowledge and insight was priceless.

As I wrote in an editorial back in September, learning far surpasses the textbook. Remember Mark Twain's quote, "don't let education get in the way of your learning." We now have over 80 academic, athletic, political, cultural and social clubs in the college community. Experience which comes from participation in these activities can not be adequately learned in the classroom. By participating in these groups, students learn more about their fields of interest and most importantly, they discover their ability to lead, communicate and interact with others.

For myself, participation as past president of AWARE, as last year's NYPIRG stateboard representative and as this past year's CCSA Executive Vice President, my communication and public speaking skills, professional attitude and my ambition has projected me into a sought after spotlight of being an involved student. Being involved with my

present life situation as a student leader resulted in being recognized and awarded Outstanding Senior by President Clark and his cabinet. My involvement transcended into employment opportunities after graduation. I am not much different than the majority of students attending Cortland. The door of opportunity was knocking, I opened it and got involved with my life! I have been a firm advocate of opening yourself to as many diverse people and ideas as feasible. As students at Cortland, you have so many valuable opportunities open to you. The time is now! Scope out all possibilities and thrive on life!

So after six years of working while attending college to put myself through higher education and earn a bachelor degree— I am going to thoroughly enjoy 15 days in the California sun and fun! Writing "We the students..." has given me much satisfaction but when a faculty member or a student mentioned they read my column and derived some value from it—that meant the world to me! Best wishes to all administration, faculty and staff personnel but especially to all the students! If you enjoy your time at Cortland as half as much as I have—you will be living life to the fullest! The best of luck to all!

"Be glad of life because it gives you the chance to give and to work and to play and to look at the stars."— Henry Van Dyke

"Every day should be passed as if it were to be our last."— Publilius Syrus

Career Corner

Caught in the clutches of senior panic???

Has it dawned on some of you Seniors that there are only three more weeks before the real world appears? Are you scared to death about finding a job, paying loans or knowing where you will live? Are your parents constantly asking you "How many resumes have you sent out?" or "When will you interview?" ...and you know all too well that you haven't even written the resume? Are you avoiding your friends who seem to have it all together?

Forget the excuses, but remember this:

First, make sure you have your courses, papers, and exams in hand. You need to graduate!

Second, use your study breaks: snack and sketch out a resume; relax and think about what you'd like to do; talk with friends and find out what and why they are doing what they are doing; you may be further along than you think!

Third, use Career Services: we are here now and after graduation, during the summer, and all those other times, still doing resume critiques and guiding folds to find whatever it is that interests them.

Fourth, take a deep breath: you will get a job—you can't afford not to; most first jobs aren't perfect; average length in a first job is between 1 and 3 years; what you learn in that job often is that you don't want to do x or you love doing y.

Fifth, don't forget that most of your finishing your first career as a student, you have four to seven more careers to go!

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors:

Avoid the disease of Senior Panic; prevent that look of utter dismay; get a grip:

Prepare for and take the NTE, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT in a timely fashion;

Search out graduate schools that meet your needs this summer;

Volunteer or take on at least part time work this summer in a field relevant to your future career;

Sign up to work on The Press to demonstrate your writing skills or CSTV to prove your communication skills or CCSA to indicate your interpersonal skills now, not next fall;

Talk to friends, relatives, neighbors, professors, and any other folks about what they do, where they do it, and what is required in that career field;

Read! Gain computer skills! Do some of those things which will make a difference and ensure your success in your field of interest;

Remember timelines: Just as you can't take an exam after it is over, you can't register for TRD after the deadline; you can't get hired if your NTE scores have not returned; you can't get money from a grad school if you haven't written the essays; you know the cycle: Grad School Day; Career Fair; Testing (NTE, GRE); Recruiting Days; Teacher Recruitment Days...and all require you to attend the workshops and write the resumes. See YOU soon.

Career Workshops

Resume Writing	April 30	4pm
Cover Letters	May 1	4pm
Interviewing	May 2	4pm
Job Search Tactics	May 3	4pm

Resume Contest Winners

Jody E. Chambers won first prize in the Career Services Resume Contest. Christine Szalach was second and Ann Marie Geheb was third. All three were awarded a year's Credential File service, a \$35 value for each winner.

Congratulations to all the participants in the contest: each of you presented strong resumes for this competition. For those who see prizes as an inducement, start now to prepare your award-winning resume for the Fall '90 contest or the Spring '91.

Judges for the contest were John Shirley, Coordinator for Co-op Education, Lisa Salo, Counseling and Merri Morgan, Skills Center.