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CAYUGA Briefs STILL NO CCC STAFF CONTRACT

For the past 18 months, members of Cayuga Community College's newly-formed Administration and Professional Employees Group union have negotiated with the college's officials to obtain a raise for its 56 members. The group has been working without a contract for the past six years.

After receiving approval from the college's board of trustees and the union membership, the contract went to the Cayuga County Legislature last week and in a surprise move, the lawmakers rejected the contract.

Robert Frame, the union's president, says there has been no resolution reached over the past weeks.

ROBERT FRAME DESCRIBES THE SITUATION IN A LETTER TO THE COLLEGIAN ON PAGE TWO.

CCC STUDENT/ATHLETE DIES OF ILLNESS

Cayuga Community College officials are saddened to report news of the death of Nick DeSocio, a student at the Auburn campus. Nick was a full-time student and a member of the Spartan golf team, having played for the team only a few short weeks ago.

Nick passed away last Friday morning from illness. No other details were available. He will be greatly missed.

GRAMMY AWARD WINNER JOANNE SHENANDOAH TO PERFORM AT CCC

Grammy Award winner, Joanne Shenandoah will present "A Native Woman's Perspective on Women's Health: An Afternoon of Song and Discussion", Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in CCC's Ida Bisgrove theater on the Auburn Campus. Admission is \$10. Tickets sales will benefit the Cayuga Community Health Network Programs and Services.

Among the topics expected to be discussed: women's role in Iroquois Society, Life Givers, Clan Mother's Responsibility, Music as a Healing Force, Traditional Medicine, Healers/Visionaries and Elders and Youth Relationships. For tickets call 252-4212 or email assistant@cayugahealthnetwork.org.

COLLEGIAN NOW ON FACEBOOK

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COLLEGIAN TO USE COMEDY TO RAISE \$ FOR CANCER

The fund-raiser is planned for Friday, April 30 at CCC's Bisgrove Theater

by Brandi St. John, Editor-in-chief

Come one, come all! The *Cayuga Collegian* is hosting its first annual *Comedy for Cancer* event on Friday, April 30 at 7:00 PM in the Irene Bisgrove Theater on CCC's Auburn Campus. A donation of \$5 is suggested at the door. All the money raised will go to cancer research.

With the *Cayuga Collegian's* faculty advisor, Mary Gelling Merritt, being a survivor of stage 3 colorectal cancer, the event strikes a personal cord. Among the featured comedians is Mat Kratts, a former editor-in-chief of this very paper and a current student at SUNY Brockport studying media while trying to launch his comedy career.

The headlining professional comedian, Nigel Larson describes his act;

"As for me, I'm a 25-year-old college drop-out working at Xerox. I got into comedy soon after my college girlfriend dumped me on her birthday, she kept the gifts. I've been on stage at least once a week every week for the last two and a half years, but recently I've been on stage as much as 25+ times a month.

I was in the local paper twice. The first time for being one of the funniest comics under age 30 in Rochester, the second time for being one of the hardest working and most active comics in Rochester.



Rochester's hardest working comic: Nigel Larson. He'll be on the Auburn Campus to perform and raise money for cancer research as part of a Cayuga Collegian sponsored event April 30th.

I've featured at clubs and performed at colleges. I've even showcased in L.A. I'm currently working on a local TV show which may get submitted to a number of networks, like adult swim. Depending on what I can book for the fall, I might stay in Rochester or move to a larger city for bigger and

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Awards for CCC Production

'Excellence in Ensemble Work to the Cast', 'Outstanding Direction to Robert Frame', and 'Outstanding Production Concept and Execution to the Entire Production staff' are the Merit Awards granted to Harlequin Production of Cayuga Community College spring performance of Jason Manning's *Knuckles* by the

Theatre Association of New York State's Roving Adjudicator Sherman Ward. Merit awards are classified in three categories: "Outstanding"- to a theatrical work of a superlative quality rarely witnessed by the adjudicator; "Excellence"- to a theatrical work of exceptional

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Click Your Heels

CCC Fulton professors Jeff Shea and John Lamphere were the winners (losers?) of a recent fund-raising event on CCC's Fulton Campus. The two teachers were great sports and the event made close to \$500 in a week and a half. All of the profits will be donated to a local food pantry. Students made them walk the "loop" of the building and then they wore the heels for an hour as required by the contest.

Opinions

WE NEED IMMIGRATION REFORM NOW

One of the most famous two lines of the poem, *The New Colossus*, written by Emma Lazarus are "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

I have no doubt that many decades ago, my Irish ancestors saw these very same words when they immigrated to this great country of ours, engraved on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. America has long been considered the "melting pot", where all nations come together as one. I believe that all mankind has a right to live free, however, the United States Government must overhaul the current immigration policies that are in place.

Based on the last U.S. Census conducted in the year 2000, there were roughly 8.7 million people living illegally in this country. With another 500,000 new illegal aliens arriving every year, this number is now almost a staggering 20 million. This is totally unacceptable, in my opinion, for several reasons. First and foremost, our National Debt is now 11.4 trillion dollars and mounting. Also, the National Unemployment Rate is a whopping 10.4%! The last thing that U.S. citizens need at this time is for someone to come here without authorization taking up precious jobs and resources. I believe that we could take a few measures to resolve the most immediate immigration problems.

The first thing that the government should do is close the borders completely for the next five years. This simply means firmer and

more diligent control over who can come in. Next, whomever is here already, living and working, though illegal-get a pass, as long they meet certain criteria. The criteria should include: they must not be a wanted criminal from their original country. If they have been living and working here, they must pay back-taxes. They should be required to become citizens of this country and pass all necessary tests. Finally, and maybe the most important thing of all, they must absolutely learn the language of this country which is English!

I also believe that if any employers have illegal aliens working for them, they should be penalized severely. The immigration system in this country is definitely broken, however we can fix it, and we must. After a five year period, the Government can review the situation and if things are under control, then people could be allowed to move here once again. It is now 2010 with a new U.S. Census due, it is a perfect opportunity to enforce long over-due, and much-needed, immigration laws for this country.

Everyone living in the United States of America came from somewhere else at one time or another, with the exception of Native Americans. Everyone on this planet of ours deserves to live free without political oppression or religious persecution, however, our immigration system is severely flawed right now and we simply must put a halt on new arrivals for a short period of time in order to continue to be the great "melting pot" that we are, and can be, for generations to come.

-Jim Collins, CCC Student

Frustrated Over 6 Years & No Contract

The Administrative Professional Group of CCC is frustrated by the actions of the County Legislature. We have been without a contract and raise since 2004, yet the members of this Group have continued to work to the best of our capabilities to keep CCC operating and to support the mission of the college. The record enrollment at the College has drastically affected this Group as our work load has increased with no additional staff being added; yet we keep soldiering on as the front line troops getting the students into the classrooms and supporting the faculty.

The CCC Board of Trustees and the APG finally reached an agreement after over a year of negotiations, impasse and going to mediation. The APG is very aware of the hard economic times and we gave up a lot to reach this agreement; which although tight, is fair. However some members of the Board and the County Legislature feel we didn't give up enough. "There's just one more thing that they want to fix" AFTER the contract has been voted on and ratified by both parties directly involved. As has been reported in the Citizen the issue is relatively small, however it greatly affects the paychecks of some members of our Group. We are under a collective bargaining process, yet some members of the Board and Legislature interpret bargaining as dictating! "Give us what we want and in return we will pass your contract"; that is their

demand. We even went back to the negotiating table after signing the tentative agreement to fix this item, but apparently we didn't give enough. They are willing to let a hard working Union of over 50 members continue to suffer and watch the value of their earnings dwindle because these people refuse to see the forest for the trees. It is a fair and equitable contract. It is not perfect for either side, yet they continue to want us to give and now offer nothing in return. The APG is frustrated and angry.

We certainly applaud and appreciate the support we have received from the students, faculty and staff of CCC. We are humbled and grateful for the votes of confidence from the majority of the Board and the many Legislators who supported our agreement. However we are dismayed by the unfeeling actions of these others who continue to show a flagrant disregard for the quality of the College Employees which comprise the Administrative Professional Group.

We are losing confidence that we will be treated with the respect we deserve throughout what promises to be more prolonged negotiations. From their past actions, we can't even trust that when we do come to an agreement that there will not be "just one more little thing"! But we can always hope.

*Robert Frame
President, The Administrative
Professional Group of Cayuga
Community College*

SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

It's 2010 and the world is changing every single day. The only thing is, these changes seem to be heading in a downhill slope rather uphill. There seems to be negativity everywhere, no matter where we turn. This is when people split up into different types of categories.

One of them being people who believe real change can happen. They believe positive things will happen within the years to come.

Then there is the other group which gets manipulated in daily things such as the topics presented in the media. These people also turn to daily activities such as partying or even accepting something without doing actual research in them. This is where I feel the positive group is following the concept of spiritual awakening.

Spiritualawakeningis basically the idea of waking up the consciousness inside an individual. It's the idea to find peace within you and encounter spiritual up- lifting. The concept can be easily considered false and insane to believe. The difficult part about it being considered not believable is the fact that we humans don't have answers to every single thing known in this universe.

So how does one become awakened? To begin, a person would need to get into meditation. This practice can be difficult since it deals with quieting of the mind. In a cross-legged sitting position, one would then breathe deeply and focus on

their breath. Eventually they would reach a state of consciousness where an odd feeling would overcome them. This feeling would be something new and unexplainable. As the practice continues, days in and days out, there would be many results. The quick results would be the feeling of relaxation, where stress would disappear and one would feel energized. The more meditation and focus and intent, the more life will become easier and the more one would wake up.

The argument here is the idea that all this meditation stuff can be just the mind playing tricks. This usually comes from the people who have never really studied what meditation is really about or even the fact of not trying it themselves. People who rule it out and say that it's all nonsense usually walk away living their daily lives which usually consists of materialistic things which brings ego into their everyday life. For those that try it out and realize that there really is something new and unique about the practice, they usually stick around and advance in meditation.

The choice remains: an awakening within each individual can lead to communication within their higher selves. Or if not attempted, it can lead people to be lost in a world we live in now which is all about death, war, collapse, and powerful control of negative energies.

-Andy Adams, CCC Student

CCC FULTON STUDENTS

The Cayuga Collegian is looking for a correspondent to cover news and events happening on the CCC Fulton Campus. Please email cayugacollegian@gmail.com



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Professor Montgomery to Read from his Unpublished Memoirs

by Fred Bieling, Staff Writer

Cayuga Community College's English department's very own Mark Montgomery will be giving a reading of excerpts from his anticipated memoir. The reading will be entitled, "Breakfast with Calvin," after a chapter by the same name within the as of yet untitled work.

The event will also feature another piece "Wrong Season for Survival," recently published in the literary journal *Ragazine*.

Both pieces are examples of the burgeoning genre of creative non-fiction, a course taught here at CCC by Professor Montgomery. For those unfamiliar with the format, creative non-fiction is an amalgam of personal essays, memoir, immersion

journalism, travel writing, and autobiography. The styles of literary giants such as Tom Wolfe, Norman Mailer, and Hunter S. Thompson serve as a basis for the classification.

When asked about the subject of his work, Montgomery replied, "Breakfast with Calvin" is a piece I wrote recently while on sabbatical. It's a story about my son and one of his personas."

He went on to explain the similarities between his son, who has Tourette's syndrome and the character of Calvin from the familiar Sunday morning comic strip *Calvin and Hobbs*.

"I think the connection with my son Sammy and Calvin from the comic strip is that they both

can immerse themselves in this alternate reality, the realm of a child's imagination, so completely."

In fact the reading's featured theme will be one of the relationships between father and son, and will delve into the author's own recollections of the survivalist expeditions his own father enlisted him in as a youth. Set in 1970's northern Californian and Oregonian wilderness "Wrong Season for Survival" stands to set up a vivid contrast between the concepts of fatherhood today with those of yesterday.

The reading will take place on campus, Wednesday the 21st of April at 11:00 AM, in the lower level of Bourke Memorial Library.



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Two Students Represent Cayuga at Syracuse Event

by Megan McLaughlin, Staff Writer

There are great and new opportunities for two Auburn Cayuga students. Both CCC sophomores, Kelly Schafer from Auburn and Brittany Jorgensen from Port Byron, are headed to Syracuse University for the first annual "Emerging Talk" event.

The invitation to the event, that is taking place April 28th, is all because of the *Prom Dress Project* and the *Gorgeous Gown Second Time Around* community events which Jorgensen and Schafer coordinated.

Their projects, which helped local high school girls during prom season, asked for donations of dresses so that could be re-sold for a more affordable price. Then that money was split between Cayuga County food pantries and the Haiti relief effort.

"Emerging Talk" will have Jorgensen and Schafer working together to promote their events, the *Prom Dress Project* and the *Gorgeous Gown Second Time Around*, to possibly win some grant money.

"Brittany and I are required

to submit a 30-second pitch about the prom dress project in hopes of getting people interested in the project and maybe even winning some grant money," stated Schafer.

"We will be presenting, promoting, and "selling" our student-run businesses to surrounding area business professionals, as well as other student colleagues who have established their own student-run business," added Jorgensen.

Along with CCC, there will be five other colleges, including Syracuse University, Le Moyne College and Morrisville attending to compete for the grant money, or if the grant money is not wanted, according to the website, a new Apple iPad.

"If we win, the grant money will be used to prepare a business plan and turn our community service project into an actual student-run business at Cayuga Community College," Jorgensen stated.

With only a few weeks left to prepare their team, we wish Kelly and Brittany good luck and all the best at the event!

Local Attorneys to Help Lizzie Borden Get Day in Court at Cayuga CC

Notorious ax-murder suspect Lizzie Borden will haunt the final weeks of a public speaking course at Cayuga Community College. And she'll attract high-powered counsel. Cayuga County Assistant District Attorney Brian Bauersfeld will coach student prosecutors preparing to re-try Borden in the classroom. Ryan Muldoon, criminal defense attorney with the firm of Williams, Heinl, Moody and Buschman, will guide the defense team.

For the Small Group Discussion course, instructor James Delaney is assigning his students to legal teams for and against conviction. The students will research the 1892 murder of Borden's father and stepmother, who were slain in the family home with repeated hatchet

blows after the father had given his grown daughters' summer retreat to an uncle.

As guest speakers in the class on April 20, the two attorneys will share their insights on team strategy in criminal trials. The student groups will have the remaining three weeks of the course to prepare their opposing cases and present them to a student jury, who will then deliberate and render a verdict.

To enable the students to apply current state laws, Delaney took a few liberties with the famous incident, moving it from Fall River, Massachusetts, to New York and from the late 19th century to the 21st. The original trial ended with Borden's acquittal; no other suspect was ever arrested.

Cayuga CC to Hold Regional College Fair

It can be daunting to return to the classroom after a few – or more than a few – years away. To help assure success, several area colleges and universities have designed programs and services especially for students who are "nontraditional" – that is, not fresh from high school.

Features tailored to returning students include flexible scheduling, independent and online study, accelerated courses and Sunday-only programs. Degrees that appeal to adult learners often focus on high-employment fields. For laid-off workers, programs may be structured for completion during a government-funded retraining period. Assistance with financial aid applications, training in use of the college library, peer tutoring and study sessions can make the difference for adults weighing the decision to pursue a degree.

A Regional College Open House on Sunday, May 2, at Cayuga Community College in Auburn will showcase 10 institutions offering just such features for adults who

need to weave higher education around work and family. Among the participating colleges, several will highlight the 26 bachelor's and master's degrees they offer to local learners through evening and weekend study at Cayuga's Auburn campus.

From noon to 2:00 p.m. in the main building lobby, representatives will be on hand from:

- Cayuga Community College
- Cazenovia College
- Ithaca College – Gerontology Institute
- Keuka College – Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP)
- Le Moyne College
- Morrisville State College
- SUNY College at Cobleskill
- SUNY College at Oswego
- University College at Syracuse University
- Wells College

The event is free and open to the public, with free parking available in the main lot at the Franklin Street entrance.

A Look at B.A.S.I.C.

by Crystal Wolfe, Staff Writer

B.A.S.I.C., no, not basic training which is most people's first thought, but Brothers And Sisters In Christ, is arguably the Cayuga Community College's best kept secret. A club geared to an outreach of young people and serving the church (of no particular association) in order to make the world a better place.

The club is composed of diverse students like Marie Gravius (President of the Early Development Club) and Kirk Bennett (New President of SGO) and Bryan Henry, the B.A.S.I.C. Club's President and a featured actor in the school's Theater, as well as English and Business Majors members who have all come together for one very specific reason: their love of God.

Their activities as a club include Christian Concerts, church events, and most recently a weekend long seminar over break where over 46 people, including Marie Gravius were baptized by the actual advisor of the club.

Bryan Henry raved about the event. "There were so many people being baptized it was like a party!"

As Gravius talked about her experience getting baptized her sincerity moved some to tears as she spoke of what the experience had meant for her. One of the main hosts of the event even stopped to pray with her which was part of what led her to get baptized.

"It was one of the most amazing things I have ever been through," said Gravius.

The group watched a video from the event that depicted images of the baptism, singing, different concerts and seminars as well as people laughing in the audience about something outrageous the main speaker, who was a comedian as well as a Christian was saying.

The event seemed to bond the group together. One of the advisors read passages from the Bible and the group shared their thoughts, experiences and interpretations of the words. The group meets on Tuesdays in the school cafeteria from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm and encourages anyone to come and share in fellowship as well as the free drinks and pizza!

DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS APPROACHING

The Cayuga County Community College Foundation receives and administers all private gifts intended for the College, its programs, and its students. These gifts often provide the financial assistance Cayuga students need to realize their educational goals.

The following scholarships have an approaching application deadline. To be considered for the 2010-2011 academic year, students can obtain applications from the Financial Aid office in Auburn and Fulton, the Cayuga County Community College Foundation office in Auburn, or online at www.cayuga-cc.edu.

AUBURN PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to an incoming freshman or to a currently enrolled freshman who intends to return to Cayuga for his/her sophomore year. Given to a student studying theatre arts and who meets the eligibility criteria including being a resident of Cayuga County or one of the five adjacent counties. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

AUBURN STEEL/NUCOR STEEL AUBURN, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants must attend CCC on a full-time basis, be graduating high school seniors with an average of 75 or better, and show evidence of participation in extra-curricular activities, community service or part-time work. Preference given to the sons and daughters of Nucor (formerly Auburn Steel Company) employees, however all Cayuga County high school graduates who demonstrate financial need above and beyond that met by traditional sources of aid are eligible. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

DONALD P. BLAISDELL EAP SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a sophomore who meets the criteria for eligibility and is a child or grandchild of a current employee or retiree of Auburn Correctional Facility; or the child or grandchild of an employee who lost their life during employment at this same facility. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

CAYUGA BANK EMPLOYEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a child or grandchild of a current employee of First Niagara Bank who meets the criteria for eligibility. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

JOSEPH S. FLESZAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a returning full-time sophomore who has demonstrated significant academic achievement during their freshman year in the fields of electric or electronic technology or engineering. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

LEO AND ELIZABETH CURTIN FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded first to an employee of any Fox dealership, second to their children or grandchildren, and third to a student with financial need residing in Cayuga or Oswego Counties. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

FULTON SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a nontraditional student attending classes at Cayuga's Fulton Campus. Application deadline for each academic year is July 15.

MR. & MRS. JOSEPH P. GANEY BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a full or part-time student majoring in Business Administration who has completed at least six credit hours in this major, has a minimum GPA of 2.5 and shows evidence of participation in community service and/or work. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

VIRGINIA E. (DENT) GREENFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to students enrolled in their second year of the nursing program and based on a 150+ word essay describing what or who influenced their choice of nursing as their field of endeavor. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

RYAN L. HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a full-time student enrolled at the Fulton Campus who demonstrates financial need. First preference given to a resident of Oswego and preferably a graduate of Oswego Academy. Second preference given to a resident of Fulton, then other Oswego County residents. If possible, award should assist a student who has had to overcome academic challenges to attend college. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a returning student who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need, with preference given to a relative of a Holy Family High School alumna. Otherwise recipient must be a Cayuga County resident. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

HONORS SCHOLARSHIPS - SOPHOMORE

Awarded to sophomore Honors students on the basis of need and academic merit. Application deadline for each academic year is May 10.

KNIGHT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded annually to students who demonstrate financial need not met by other sources of financial aid. Applicants must have completed 15 credits at Cayuga with a minimum 2.5 GPA and intend to enroll for at least nine credit hours per semester of the academic year. Application deadline for each academic year is June 1.

HELEN C. MAHON/ZONTA CLUB OF AUBURN SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a woman 25 years of age or older entering as a beginning student, is a Cayuga County resident and demonstrates financial need. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a returning sophomore who demonstrates academic achievement with a GPA of 2.5 or better and proves evidence of financial need. Preference will be given to relatives of alumni of St. Alphonsus School or its successor schools; otherwise recipient must be a resident of Cayuga County. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

RALPH W. STANDBROOK SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a full or part-time student majoring in the Geographic Information Systems /AS program who has completed at least six credits of GIS courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.



42% of homeless children are under six-years-old. This picture shows two of the Forsaken Generation's volunteers holding a homeless baby in a shelter.

Homelessness is a Problem

by Crystal Wolfe, Staff Writer

There are over one million homeless students in schools nationwide. Less than 25% of them will actually graduate high school. Children make up 27% (the fastest growing segment) of the U.S. homeless population, and there's no end in sight. The count has increased doubled in the last two years.

"When I was volunteering for the Salvation Army I was shocked to see so many homeless children there. I looked into it and discovered that there were up to 1.5 million homeless children in America, about one in fifty. Current statistics are that the count has increased to up to 2.8 million. When I saw how little help there was for these kids, I decided to create an organization specifically geared toward raising awareness for these children," said founder of the Forsaken Generation Sean Wrench.

The Forsaken Generation is an organization whose goal is to get as many of these kids off the streets as possible and into safe housing. He is planning many events to get the word out. He will also be speaking in colleges across America, hosting concerts, and many varied activities in the community, such as a fundraiser at the Reva Rollerdrome on May 4th from 6-8pm to encourage volunteering as well as donations in order to help these kids.

"I'm very happy to be doing what I'm doing because I love helping people but every day I hear stories about these kids dying in the streets,

and we can't help every one of them. I would like to see more people in this country helping those in their own backyard. Many here seem quick to help those in need from other countries, but not the people suffering right here in America. We need help to save these starving kids, we need volunteers," said Wrench.

On average, 13 youths die every day from assault, suicide, or sickness. These statistics will only continue to worsen, if no one chooses to make a stand.

The best way to find out how to volunteer is to go to their blog: www.forsakengeneration.typepad.com where you will find a tab "Ways to Help." Click on that and you will see many different ways to choose from on how to help.

San Wrench has a birthday coming up on April 20th and his personal "birthday wish" is for his friends, family, and anyone who cares about this cause to add him as a friend on facebook where they can donate money to this organization.

If you don't have extra money in these difficult economic times, it's free and would only take a moment to go their website www.forsakengeneration.com to sign their petition. When they have over 1 million electronic signatures they will be able to illicit the government's help. Go their website www.forsakengeneration.com to add your name and one more number for the petition.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS...

SYLVANIA-GTE-PHILIPS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to a former employee or child of same of what was either Sylvania, GTE, or Philips Display Components (Seneca Falls plant) or to a returning sophomore with financial need and a GPA of 2.0 or better.

WARD FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded annually to a full-time returning sophomore who has demonstrated significant academic achievement as a full-time freshman at the college with a minimum 3.0 GPA and who has intentions of completing a four-year degree. The successful candidate must also give evidence of participation in extracurricular activities, community service, or work. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.

JACQUELINE KELLOGG WISE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded annually to three children or grandchildren of an employee or retiree of Welch Allyn and affiliated companies who will attend CCC on a full-time basis and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Application deadline for each academic year is May 1.



Knights to Help Damsel in Distress

The Knights of Columbus in Auburn are hosting a benefit for a woman with an incurable form of cancer on April 24th.

by James Collins, Contributing Writer

Local 207 of the Loyal Order of the Knights of Columbus is located in a somewhat small, unassuming building at 47 Market Street in downtown Auburn. Inside these four walls however, big things happen. The Knights are a non-profit charitable organization that has been helping families and individuals in Cayuga County for more than three generations.

In 2009, this fraternal organization donated more than \$50,000 to area charities and held many additional fundraisers as well. The current budget for 2010 donations is approximately \$1,500 to \$2,500 per month. The Knights are without question one of the most successful, recognizable and charitable organizations in the area.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. It was formed in 1882 by Michael J. McGivney, an Irish-Catholic priest in New Haven, Connecticut. The primary motivation for the Order was to be a mutual benefit society. Father McGivney saw what happened to families when the primary 'bread-winner' died and wanted to help the widows and orphans left behind. From its small and humble beginnings the Order spread throughout the United States and today there are more than 1.8 million members across the globe.

How does a person become a Knight? According to John Oliver, the Grand Knight of Local 207 in Auburn, you must meet certain criteria. First, it is a men's only fraternity (a

women's auxiliary has been added to help with fundraisers) and prospective member must be Catholic. The member must live by certain standards and the basic motto is Charity, Unity,

Fraternity and Patriotism. There are four "degrees" to be obtained. Initial members start out as first degree members and through private initiations and ceremonies, proceed to fourth degree.

According to Oliver, who has been a Knight for more than nine years and is a fourth degree who holds the highest local office of Grand Knight, the Knights are on pace to surpass last year's donations. The major recipients are local assisted-living centers and most of the area's food banks.

The next important date for the Knights of Columbus is April 24th, 2010. On that date there will be a benefit for Patty Orofino, a local woman who is suffering from Glioblastoma Multiforme, a very aggressive Stage IV cancer from which there is no known cure. The fund-raiser will be held at The New York State Training Facility on Franklin Street just outside of Auburn. Tickets are only \$10. There will be music, food and refreshments throughout the day. The event is open to the public. Everyone is invited to attend to show their support for a fellow community member and to support a great cause!

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To The Rescue in Southern Cayuga

by Tyndale Parseghian, Contributing Writer

Southern Cayuga Instant Aid, (S.C.I.A.), is a registered non-for-profit and member-operated ambulance service. They currently provide basic and advanced emergency services to the greater southern half of Cayuga County in Central New York. Located in Poplar Ridge, they are basically in the center of their district, which allows for the best possible response time to emergency calls anywhere in their 152 square foot area between Cayuga Lake and Owasco Lake.

It's important to note their district is abnormally large and one of the biggest in the state. This is because it's a predominately rural area with an overall lower population. Being a lower populated area naturally means there are less emergency calls. With less calls there is less need for an ambulance company, so unfortunately what generally happens in areas like Southern Cayuga County is emergency response services like ambulance companies and fire departments are under-developed and less effective in emergencies.

S.C.I.A director Patrick Sullivan says his organization strives to prevent mediocre are from happening in their coverage area. "I and my family live in this area too, so of course I want this ambulance to be the best it can be," Sullivan said.

Sullivan says although S.C.I.A. is a relatively smaller ambulance service responding to around 350 emergencies per year, he says it's still quite a difficult company to operate. He says they are constantly training and keep up-to-date with technology so they can provide

the highest quality of care. They have to be ready because they may be called upon to save someone's life. "Whether we're responding to one call a day or ten a day, the service provided needs to be the same," says Sullivan.

Being member-operated means it's up to the 15-20 volunteers and paid staff to elect officers and coordinate both management duties and operating expenses. Sullivan says an ambulance company is incredibly expensive to operate, with unbelievable insurance and equipment costs, so it takes a lot of funding and community support to survive. For S.C.I.A., their operating costs are balanced by revenues from patient transportation fees. However, Sullivan says, because S.C.I.A. is a non-for-profit company and is ultimately a community service, the fees for their patients are some of the lowest in the state.

Sullivan says the emergency response system in Cayuga County isn't the best it can be yet. It's still a relatively new concept for rural areas like Southern Cayuga, which at times has relied on ambulances twenty minutes away for aid. Sullivan says for the last 10 years S.C.I.A. has provided eaffective 24/7 emergency service to its citizens. He's sure as their community grows, it'll be S.C.I.A.'s goal to expand and develop to continue serving its community as best as possible.

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Collegian Staff Travels to NYC New York! New York!

by Brandi St. John, Editor-in-chief

New York! New York! As you may or may not know, some Collegian staff members, (Jayde Nord, Megan McLaughlin and I), recently went to New York City for five days to attend a National College Media Convention.

The trip started off... terribly. My alarm clock didn't go off, so I was almost late for our seven o'clock departure from the train station in Syracuse. For the whole of the five hour rickety horror show that is Amtrak; the girl sitting in front of me was too blond and too peppy. Oh, and the kid behind me kept kicking my seat. Not fun.

But wait, it gets better. Upon arrival at Penn Station, my relief that the excruciating train ride was over was literally washed away by our ten block walk to the Marriott Marquis in Times Square (our home for the next four nights). Why? Because we got to walk in a torrential downpour while toting 50-plus pounds of luggage each. If you've ever been to NYC you know what it's like to even walk through the bustling New Yorkers sans luggage, just imagine it with. Poor Jayde did it in flip flops!

But anyway, enough of my complaining. After check in, we dared to venture out for dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe, the service was slow and the music was loud. I loved it. After a comedy show at the Laugh Factory, we went back to the Marriott to get adequate sleep for our conferences that commenced at eight in the morning on Sunday.

Most of the conferences were slow and none were too spectacular. I've come to the realization that a career in media is not for me. But someone who is interested in this world, this is a divine learning experience. I encourage you to partake in the Collegian next year and go on this trip! I did highly enjoy the seminar on ghost writing, it was nice to learn that there is still money out there for writers, something I worry about often.

Sunday was dinner at Bubba Gump's (the best food I ate and the friendliest people I met the whole time in NYC) and chill out in the hotel room and watch bad basic cable.

Monday, after some early conferences, Jayde, Megan and I set off to the Museum of Sex. It was

extremely comical to stand around with a bunch of high class New Yorkers and look at a display on the history of the condom! Then it was dinner at Macy's Basement Grill with the Collegian's adviser.

Tuesday was the first day without rain we had, so we ventured to SoHo, got lost and wound up in Central Park, so glad it happened that way since the park is so gorgeous! Jayde and I did go to SoHo that night for some shopping, but everything was closed.

I found the Chelsea Hotel, which is iconic if you know anything about rock 'n roll in the 70's. I'm a huge classic punk fan, so it was pretty spiritual for me, ha-ha. I even got cold chills (really)! It was probably the high light of the trip for me.

Oh! How could I forget the Tim Burton exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art! There were too many people and I got yelled at for having my cell phone out (the security guard thought I was taking photographs) but it was so incredible to be in the same room as the original Jack Skellington models and the suit from Edward Scissorhands.

Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day was our last in NYC. I was ready to go home after walking through the mobs of drunk people at ten in the morning. So we got a cab to Penn Station and boarded the train-- first class this time!-- home. The ride was long and I couldn't sleep, but oh well. I still had New York on the brain.

One big regret though-- we all wish you had been able to go, Yovii! Poo on stomach bugs.



Astrology's Love Languages

Aries: (March 21-April 20)

In love an Aries tends to be dynamic, passionate, and cluelessly selfish. Aries need life to be full of physical stimulations and lively pleasures. They hate to be bored and they are easily bored. They are fun and exciting, the kind that relish a good dare, and enjoy going out on the town. They are as strong as steel but they are also very vulnerable, especially in love. They require a lot of attention and need to be first priority but they always make their partner top priority too. One thing to remember that is imperative to any Aries is their idealism. If and Aries cannot look up to the person they love, they will lose interest and move on without guilt or regret. They must be in love to love.

Taurus: (April 21-May21)

A Taurus falls in love with sensuous pleasures and a warm, stable home environment. A delicious (but not too exotic or strange) meal at home with candlelight and perhaps a massage, is their idea of the perfect night. They tend to be homebodies, ill-suited to those who like to go out and party or go to events constantly. Instead they enjoy cuddling on the couch with a good movie and some home-made treats. They are traditionalists, typically loving chocolates and flowers and gifts from the heart. If they buy you something expensive you know they care. But they are just as likely to buy you a necklace from Tiffany's as make you a homemade card and they need just as much appreciation for either gift.

Gemini: (May 22-June 21)

In love, Gemini can be fickle. They need constant stimulation, intellectual debates (not too heated or in-depth) and lots of activity. They tend to have a high-strung personality and could probably use someone who can center them as well as keep them on their toes. They need a partner who is multi-dimensional. They value intelligence but not intensity. They tend to be the jack-of-all-trades and master of none. They want someone with a sense of adventure but they need someone a little more grounded than they are with a good sense of direction who can help steer them in the right direction too.

Cancer: (June 22-July 22)

In love, Cancers like to give as much as they like to get. Very nurturing, they secretly desire most to be appreciated for all they do, and for their partner to not criticize them too much; instead to see the best in them. They can be funny in odd moments, they have a lovely sense of humor most of the time, but they can also be moody and cantankerous. They are very sensitive so tread lightly. If they bake you something, you know they really like you. They tend to be mother hens to a lot of people, most especially their significant other. If you want to impress them be a lady if you are a girl and a gentleman if you are a man for these people are old-fashioned and appreciate a gallant spirit.

Leo: (July 23-August 2)

In love, they need to be admired and adored, loved above all else. They love expensive gifts and it is important to them that their partner be good-looking and that they have bragging rights. They need a lot of attention and TLC, but in return you will receive passionate loyalty and if anyone crosses you they will defend and protect to the death! They are glamorous and love to be popular and well-liked. They are the original party people and they love to shop and go to nice dinners where they can be seen. If you want them to like you, compliment them, don't criticize and let them have their way as much as possible, and they will shower you gifts and affection and true devotion.

Virgo: (August 23-September 22)

In love, Virgos need organization, a stable home life, a clean, efficient, practical love is their idea of what life is all about. They expect their boyfriend or girlfriend to be well-groomed and as even-tempered as they are. Virgos can nag and criticize if things aren't to their standards but they are service-oriented people so they will also do a lot for you. They care about things like health and nutrition and often are interested in living life organically. But they usually don't like too much physical activity. If you want to do something with them, cooking or gardening or taking some kind of educational class is their idea of a good time. They like to go to dinner as well as they like to go out, but cleaning their house for them and making them a nice dinner is what will bring tears to their eyes, and that's what makes them feel loved.

Libra: (September 23-October 22)

Libras "rule" love so they are the ones who really know what love is. They love unconditionally and can give more love in more ways than any other sign. In fact, that ability can sometimes be their curse. Their people pleasing ways can often cost them more than they have to give and if they are giving to too many people, the one who loves them might begin to feel like less of a priority or become suspicious of how much they do for others. Libras are career-oriented as well as relationship-oriented (and that includes friendships) so they are constantly trying to find the balance between work and love. They are traditional in love (roses with a string of pearls) as well as innovative, they always find those they love the perfect gift unique unto them. Libras can give, give, give and their dearest wish in return is simply to be loved for themselves.

Scorpio: (October 23-November 22)

Scorpios love deeply and intensely. They care more deeply than anyone but if you cross them or offend them (and they are easily offended) they can often take back all they've given just as quickly. They demand loyalty in a partner, and do not overcome easily any betrayal no matter how slight. They can be soft and sweet if they feel secure, they are not always so intense. They attracted to the deeper mysteries of life and would love to be able to share their thoughts and intellectual pursuits with someone their intellectual equal. Intelligence is a definite turn-on for them.

Sagittarius: (November 23-December 21)

Sagittarius tend to be friends with everyone. The number one thing they need in any relationship, especially a love relationship is freedom. They cannot be tied down. Instead, their ideal partner is someone who is spontaneous, who doesn't mind going to an event at a drop of a hat, learning Italian in one week to fly off Rome for a festival over the weekend (Sagittarius rules long-distance travel) and then turn around and volunteer with them at a soup kitchen. Sagittarius cannot abide immorality, they have high standards of integrity, and what they want most is just someone to accompany them on their daily adventures!

Capricorn: (December 22-January 20)

Capricorn's love language is status. They love to be admired by the community and obeyed by their love. Despite this, they do look for true love and their families are most important to them. They like knowing where they come from, their heritage is often a sense of pride for them. They need a partner who help them further in their ambitions either by being supportive or by being a real financial partner in their lives. Any love they are shown touches them deep in their hearts even if they do not always show their feelings on the surface. They can be hard, so someone a little more sensitive can often give them the softened edge they need in order to have a fulfilled love life.

Aquarius: (January 21-February 19)

Aquarius are often considered aloof and unemotional but they do have strong emotions they are just expressed in a way unique unto themselves, for after all uniqueness is probably the Aquarians defining characteristic. They are independent and care more about the global community than they do about local problems. Humanity to them is a universal concept not an intimate one. For them, friendship relationships mean the most, so if you want them to love you, be the best friend they ever had. Friendship is by far their strongest love language.

Pisces: (February 20-March 20)

Both in love and in life they are poets and dreamers, artistic and romantic but hard to pin down. They love to give and never expect anything in return. They enjoying serving the people in their lives in anyway needed. They can change their opinions to suit whomever they are with and are often called deceptive as a result but the root of it is simply to get along and protect themselves, not purely malicious. But they often tell little white lies to their loved ones, a somewhat harmless compulsion...usually. Like Aries, if you are someone they can admire then they will love you forever. If you fall off the pedestal, however, often anything goes.

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someone laughing then you can get on his or her good side and probably get them to do stuff for you. Humor doesn't do much in the way of getting them to look up to you or developing moral integrity but it loosens them up and makes them like you more. That's a huge part of how and why I got funny. To significantly dilute the anger of a brother who has just gotten into a fight is an interesting thing, and the feeling I get from causing such a transition is what I live for. When I can make my sisters smile through tears and eventually giggle uncontrollably with dry faces then I'm happy(er).

It's like...don't worry be happy. Like the hokey pokey...that's what it's all about.

I'm pretty...pretty hilarious (and I'm pretty too). I enjoy making others laugh. It's what I do it's a gift and a curse."

So if you're down for a fun filled night of laughs and supporting a great cause, come on out!



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Awards for CCC Production

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merit surpassing the norm; and "Meritorious" - to a theatrical work worthy of special recognition.

As well as being a TANYS Roving Adjudicator Mr. Ward has been involved as an adjudicator on a National and International level. He commented about "Knuckles: "The whole theatrical production was really outstanding. I could recommend many meritorious awards but I have decided to move up to the Excellence award level for the entire cast because of their individual developed characters and the well rounded ensemble work that

resulted. The colorful fairy tale set was a wonderful background for the action. The lighting was precise and well executed. The stage crew was very efficient. The costuming was creative in design and execution on the 34 characters acted by the cast of 13 actors. In regard to the costuming you might say the invisible mending mattered. The entire production staff is to be lauded. The result was seamless."

Harlequin is thrilled to be honored with these recognitions. The awards will be presented at TANYS Annual Festival in November of 2010.



Stomach grumbling? Want craving something new? I'll give you new ideas for meals to get you through the day. They're cheap and easy recipes that will always leave you full and satisfied, college student or not.

PUFF PANCAKE

Ingredients
4 eggs
2/3 c. all purpose flour
2/3 c. milk
Butter
Cinnamon
Sugar

Directions
Grease a 10 inch pan with butter. Place in the oven. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees (about 10 minutes). Meanwhile, in a medium mixing bowl beat together the eggs, all purpose flour, and milk till smooth. Pour into the hot pan. Mix together the sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle on top, serve and enjoy!

PRETZEL TURTLES

Ingredients
20 small mini pretzels
20 chocolate covered caramel candies
20 pecan halves

Directions
Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
Arrange the pretzels in a single layer on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Place one chocolate covered caramel candy on each pretzel. Bake for 4 minutes. While the candy is warm, press a pecan half onto each candy covered pretzel. Cool completely before storing in an airtight container.

Tracy Silverman Improvisation Workshop with the CCC Jazz Combo
April 21, Wednesday 4pm, M-157 (limited seating)

CCC Jazz Combo/SAVAR Take Back the Night
April 28, Wednesday 5:15pm, Auburn City Hall

CCC College Chorus
May 13, Thursday 7pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Auburn

CCC Jazz Combo Concert with guest artist Vinnie Ludovico
May 13, Thursday 7pm, Bisgrove Theater

CCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Solo Recital
May 14, Friday 7pm, M-157

CCC Jazz Combo, Commencement
Sunday, May 23 12pm, Spartan Hall

All events are free and open to the public!