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CAYUGA Briefs

Cayuga CC Invites Public to Discuss M. L. King Legacy on February 11

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, while celebrated this year on January 17, will have a return engagement at Cayuga Community College during February.

To attract greater participation, the college library will host a special Community Conversation about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on February 11, during Black History Month. Campus traffic is low in January, with most Intercession classes held online or overseas.

The event, sponsored by the New York Council for the Humanities, is one of many Community Conversations taking place statewide. Each brings together members of the community for a short reading followed by group discussion. Together, participants explore the impact of the selected subject on today's lives and communities.

This year's reading will be an excerpt from the 1968 speech, "The Drum Major Instinct," in which King asks to be remembered as one who "tried to give his life serving others." Follow-up questions will invite participants to reflect on King's legacy of service and its effect on American lives and democracy. Norman Lee, director of student activities at the college, will moderate the discussion.

The event is free and open to the public, and starts at 11:00 a.m. in the Norman F. Bourke Memorial Library on the Auburn campus of Cayuga Community College.

COLLEGIAN STAFF MEETING: 1 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 COLLEGIAN OFFICE M312 ALL ARE WELCOME!

COLLEGIAN OFFICE HOURS

KAT TAYLOR

Mondays: 11:00 AM-11:55 PM

Wednesdays: 11:00-11:55 PM

Thursdays: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

JAMIE BLUMRICK

Mondays: 11 AM - 12 PM

Tuesdays: 12 PM - 2 PM

Wednesdays: : 3 - 6 PM

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Mondays: 11-12

Tuesdays: 10-11

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CCC BB Team Breaks Bad Streak

Men Post Big Win over Corning-CC at Home 78-55; Women also Win



Front row (L to R): Rahammod Trotter, Anthony Hodges, Leron Agee, Earl Jackson, Maurice Mobley, Timon Woods, Dontay Wilson **Standing (L to R):** Assistant Coach Joe Brechue, Alex Clack, Taj Francis, Dashawn Williamson, Head Coach Tony Borges, Riley Stroman, Martino Barletta, Da'keem Herndon, Ervin Archibald, Chris Bynoe, Assistant Coach Tony Piscitelli

CCC BB Women Beat Corning



Front row (L to R): Jamie Nwajei, Rashea Bullock, Caitlyn Anderson, Alison Short, Briana Seda, Kristi Garrigan **Standing (L to R):** Head Coach Jim Alberici, Shanika McMullen, Shanikwa Coleman, Corey Ryan, Gwendolyn Fincher, Assistant Coach Paul Pinckney, Jasmine Parker, Arezaya Barnes, Kaitlyn Knapp, Assistant Coach Jack Cunliffe

Why Was School Canceled Last Wednesday?

By Kat Taylor, Editor-in-chief

The students rejoiced at the news of Cayuga Community College's closing for all Wednesday classes on Tuesday evening last week. But when the storm that was forecast to hit overnight didn't come, many were left pondering, why the early closing?

Jeff Rosenthal, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Dean of Faculty was contacted about the closing policy of the college. "The College has a rotating schedule of administrators who work with pertinent college staff

and local agencies involved with travel and weather conditions to make determinations about closing the College," Rosenthal said.

"My understanding is that the forecasters were expecting significant snow to accumulate in the central New York region commencing late Tuesday evening and extending well into Wednesday. In light of this, administrators gathered Tuesday afternoon to discuss options, and, based on the information available to them at the time, determined that it would be

The Cayuga Community College Men's Basketball team broke an eight-game losing streak with a big win over the Red Baron Hoopsters of Corning Community College, last Thursday night, February 3rd, at home. The final score was 78-55. The team needed the win to fuel their desire to rack up more wins to finish off the season. There are four more regular season games. They played home Saturday, February 5th and have only two remaining home games: Wednesday, February 9th (8:00 PM) and Saturday, February 12th (3:00 PM). Here's a look at their season record so far:

11-02-2010	CCC at Fulton-Montgomery CC	L 66-76
11-06-2010	CCC at Roxbury CC	L 66-69
11-07-2010	CCC v. Bunker Hill CC	L 63-74
11-09-2010	CCC at Alfred State College	W 68-62
11-13-2010	CCC v. Niagara	L 69-83
11-14-2010	CCC vs. FMCC	W 74-63
11-16-2010	Mohawk Valley CC vs. CCC	L 64-93
11-20-2010	CCC at Clinton CC	L 44-53
11-22-2010	CCC at SUNY Delhi	L 49-72
11-28-2010	Adirondack CC vs. CCC	W 72-69
11-30-2010	Word of Life College vs. CCC	W 80-75
12-04-2010	CCC at Herkimer CCC	L 66-80
12-11-2010	CCC at Schenectady CC	—
12-12-2010	North Country CC vs. CCC	L 76-81
12-15-2010	Columbia-Greene CC vs. CCC	W 87-85
01-06-2011	Tompkins-Cortland CC vs. CCC	L 71-77 OT
01-08-2011	Onondaga CC vs. CCC	L 78-88
01-11-2011	CCC at Corning CC	L 73-77
01-15-2011	CCC at Jefferson CC	L 59-71
01-19-2011	CCC at Broome CC	L 63-76
01-22-2011	Finger Lakes CC vs. CCC	L 59-71
01-26-2011	CCC at Tompkins-Cortland CC	L 65-74
01-29-2011	CCC at Onondaga CC	L 67-83
02-03-2011	Corning CC vs. CCC	W 78-55

The Cayuga Community College Women's Basketball team was also victorious last Thursday night, February 3rd, beating the Red Barons of Corning Community College, in overtime. Their final score was 77-76. It was their ninth win of the season. They next play at home this Wednesday and Saturday, February 9th and 12th at 6 PM and 1 PM respectively. Come out and support your Spartans!

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Opinions

New York Vs. E-Cigarettes

When New York set out to make our state "smoke-free", they succeeded. They've banned smoking from public venues, and raised taxes to \$4.35/pack. With second-hand smoke as harmful as it is, the former victory at least is wonderful news for all. But now New York is trying to proclaim e-cigarettes (a smoke-free alternative to cigarettes) un-safe and ban all sales of them, and that's just too far.

E-cigarettes are electronic cigarettes that are meant to substitute the real thing. They are the size of real cigarettes, and provide nicotine to the user through a vaporized solution. There is absolutely no smoke or combustion, mainstream or secondhand. They began to be sold in the US in 2005 and have caught on in popularity for many reasons. They are battery powered, and the full-size replaceable cartridges boast as many 'puffs' as a pack of cigarettes. Depending on the brand of e-cigarette you choose, this is still often a savings of \$5/pack. However, they are not FDA approved, as they have been considered in the class of tobacco products. (Which is how cigarettes are on the market, even with being so wildly unsafe as to be absolutely lethal in nature. That's a proven fact, but it's a tobacco product, and considered exempt from inspection from the FDA.)

So, cigarettes are definitely unsafe, yet legal. Yet, e-cigarettes are not proven un-safe in any way, but just because they have not yet been proven safe, New York now wants them pulled from the market. I sense a theme here. First they spike the taxes claiming "We just want people to stop smoking, and this will make them when they can't afford to anymore!" Then when people sensibly buy them on sovereign land they start trying to punish the Native Americans. Now when people do find a much healthier alternative to smoking, (but it doesn't collect that \$4.35/pack tax!) they try to put a

stop to that too.

The worst things about cigarettes are all the toxins and poisons in them, and the fact that you directly smoke them. Even Steve Hagar, Editor of High Times Magazine pointed out that marijuana use wasn't dangerous unless you were smoking it. Even Robert Stutman, former DEA officer had to concede this point on smoking at "The Great Debate" last semester where they debated health concerns and more. Countless people have quit smoking, for good, by switching to e-cigarettes. Some of those users don't even use e-cigarettes anymore, having used them only as a smoking-cessation tool.

Well, I'm going to put it to the test myself. Both myself and CCC student Farrah Penird, have ordered our e-cigarettes from www.blucigs.com and eagerly await their arrival.

I stopped smoking for three and a half years only to get sucked back in socially smoking and get hooked and start up full time again. I admit the hardest part for me in quitting is the actual "act" of smoking, and I hear I am not alone in this, which is why I think e-cigarettes are such a great answer for smokers who don't want to smoke.

If you are under the age of 35, your lungs still have a much faster recovery, and research suggests you can gain back the lung health you've destroyed by smoking. Not to mention if you don't care about not smelling like an ashtray, or poisoning yourself and others, it's cheaper! A pack of 'blucigs' cartridges is \$12 and their site offers free shipping, and it's a top rated site - I did my research! This pack of cartridges equals 5 packs of cigarettes. That's \$2.40/pack.

We'll post our updates so keep checking future issues so you can see for yourself how we're liking the e-cigarette switch. So wish us luck, soon we should be smoke free and on our way to health!

—Kat Taylor, Editor-in-chief

Try This on for Size!

CCC Fulton has had a long standing tradition on Wednesdays. Each Wednesday, faculty, staff and students wear CCC clothing to show school pride, boost morale and spirit.

Additionally, dressing on Wednesdays becomes easy by just donning your Cayuga clothing- and you're all set to go.

The tradition was the idea of the author and a significantly smaller Fulton campus staff back in the late 1990's. The Fulton campus was still in its infancy, and with finally gaining a "real" bookstore, everyone wanted to wear college logo clothing. So, CAYUGA Wednesdays was born. It's really a celebration of how much we've grown here in Fulton.

During our modest beginnings, the bookstore used the hallway to sell textbooks and other assorted goods. Then, while at

Holy Family (our 2nd location) we took a glorified storage closet and turned it in to a bookstore, with four walls, doors and shelves!

Over the years the tradition seemed to slip by the wayside BUT in 2010 the tradition was resurrected and is alive and well. Show your pride and school spirit; wear your CAYUGA clothing this Wednesday!

—submitted by Sue Witmer, Director of Fulton Operations, SGO Advisor



Local Non-Profit Needs Your Help; Volunteer Opportunities Available

Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. seeks active volunteers to help fulfill its programmatic needs. Unity House provides housing, rehabilitation, and employment services for adults with developmental disabilities, mental health illnesses, and/or chemical dependencies from which they are recovering. We partner with these individuals to develop their personal skills and potential, enabling them to live more full and independent lives.

Unity House is actively forming a volunteer pool in an effort to fulfill its mission. A range of short-term and on-going tasks are available, including garden projects, painting, future teaching of arts & crafts, etc. If you are seeking a worthwhile community service

activity, please contact Susan Sloan, Volunteer Committee Champion, at 315.282.0297 ext. 107 or email ssloan@unityhouse.com. CCC students and community members alike are invited to learn more, and we will work with you and your class schedule to establish mutually beneficial work hours.

Representatives from Unity House's Volunteer Committee were on campus in November 2010 for the Volunteer Fair. CCC student Brandi O'Hara won a Unity House t-shirt from a drawing when she signed up to learn more about volunteering at Unity House! We hope you'll consider joining us too! Learn more at www.unityhouse.com.

—submitted by Tina Morrissey, Volunteer Committee, Unity House



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IF I RAN CCC, I WOULD...

"...I would make the food better."

—Joe Prue, CCC Freshman

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Send in your answers to: cayugacollegian@gmail.com with the subject "If I ran CCC".

CCC FULTON STUDENTS

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





A Law Against Texting and Walking?

by D.J. DuVall, Associate Editor

Should there be a Law against texting while walking? You may think this sounds absurd but it is a growing problem across the World. Stories are popping up all over the place about people having accidents because their cell phones are distracting them from the simple task of walking.

In 2009 a 15 year old girl in New York City fell face first into a manhole because she was too busy texting to watch where she was going. Luckily the hole was only 4 or 5 feet deep so she escaped with minor bumps and bruises. The mother of the teen even discussed suing the city for the mishap.

Another incident happened recently when a women wandering through a shopping mall failed to notice a fountain while texting, and embarrassingly flopped head over heels into the water. These accidents

are leading people to wonder, what information is in these texts that people just can't wait to read? A 2009 study showed that teens send and receive over 80 text messages a day, and that number is on the rise. This means that teens are probably texting in situations when their focus should be elsewhere, whether it's in class, in a car, or while walking.

A law taking away something as simple as our right to text may sound ridiculous but if these clumsy accidents continue authorities may sadly have to do something to protect us from ourselves. Next time you are on your way to class and want to send a text, perhaps you should wait until you're standing still or sitting down. Who knows what lies in your path to "come out of nowhere" and make you the next YouTube sensation.

ATTENTION: TRANSFERRING GRADS

The following commencement awards have an approaching application deadline. To be considered, students can obtain applications from the Financial Aid office in Auburn and Fulton, the Cayuga County Community College Foundation office in Auburn, or from the College website:

ACC/CCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD: \$350

Awarded to a graduate who will be transferring to a four-year institution, having completed at least 62 credit hours while maintaining a 3.0 average at Cayuga. Applicants must meet eligibility criteria as per the application form. Application deadline is March 31 of the year in which the student plans to graduate. www.cayuga-cc.edu/pdf/commencement_awards/graduate_student.pdf

Ruth Edwards Carpenter Memorial Award: \$8,000

Awarded to a graduate who intends to continue his/her education at Syracuse University in the field of medicine, nursing or health care and who has demonstrated academic excellence in his/her field. Application deadline is April 15 of the year in which a student plans to

graduate. www.cayuga-cc.edu/pdf/commencement_awards/carpenter.pdf

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Ganey Business Award: \$200

Awarded to a graduating Cayuga County resident who has completed all requirements for a degree in Business Administration or Accounting, has been accepted at a four-year college or university, and has given evidence of participation in community service and/or work. Application deadline is April 1 of the year in which a student plans to graduate. www.cayuga-cc.edu/pdf/commencement_awards/carpenter.pdf

Thomas F. Steenburgh Memorial Award: \$955

Awarded to a graduate transferring to a four-year institution who demonstrates strong academic potential and who possesses and best exemplifies those special qualities that made Professor Steenburgh a charismatic teacher and individual, i.e., sense of humor, personal integrity, strong work ethic, and exuberance for life. Application deadline is April 1 of the year in which a student plans to graduate. www.cayuga-cc.edu/pdf/commencement_awards/steenburgh.pdf

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association will be offering four scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year.

- Two incoming freshmen – graduating high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of a Cayuga (or Auburn) Community College graduate Award is \$500 each.
- One returning full-time sophomore – Award is \$500.
- One nontraditional student – a male or female student age 24 or older, enrolled for at least 24 college credit hours and is returning to college for retraining following job loss due to economic conditions – Award is \$500.

Additional scholarships will be awarded to two graduating Cayuga students who will graduate in May 2011 and transfer to a four-year school. – Awards are \$350 each.

Application deadline is March 31, 2011. Application forms, including eligibility and submission requirements are available from the Alumni office in M238 on the Auburn campus, or by calling 315-255-1743, extension 2224. They are also posted at www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.

School Canceled...FROM PAGE ONE

expected arrival. When students and employees heard of the day off on Wednesday, many went out and celebrated at Big Kahunas where CCC student Christina bartends and sings every Tuesday night for Karaoke night.

"I'm glad school was canceled!" said Farrah Penird, CCC student. "I got to go out and have a good time and know that I didn't have school the next day." Penird is one of the students that took advantage of the snow day to sing some karaoke late Tuesday evening. Another was Donald Merritt, who enjoyed the chance to sleep in late Wednesday. "It was awesome! It was nice to know a day ahead of time so you could prepare for the next day," Merritt stated.

Cayuga Community College isn't the only place that closed early in preparation for the storm that didn't come. Other local businesses including Seneca Cayuga ARC closed, giving employees like CCC

Alum Lydia Soto the day off.

A snow day, that wasn't really a snow day. Rosenthal further explained, "We recognize that forecasting is an inexact science and acknowledge that occasionally, opinions may differ as to the travel conditions. The safety and well-being of all members of our community are of paramount concern, and if we err, it is with your safety in mind that we do so."


Employment Opportunity Fair in Fulton

There will be an Employment/Opportunity Fair on the Fulton Campus on February 15th. The event will take place from 9:30 AM – NOON. Make sure to be there to take advantage of all the career information and possibly even make a connection with a future employer!

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