Hello and welcome back! The folks at the American Democracy Project are excited to get started on what is promising to be our best year yet! This month’s issue will be outlining events that are happening at SUNY Cortland and in the community. If there is an event that you are planning or an event that you would like to see advertised in this newsletter, please send information to Lauren Caruso (newsletter editor) caruso24@cortland.edu or Richard Kendrick (ADP coordinator) at kendrickr@cortland.edu. We at ADP wish you all a fantastic year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Volunteer/Internship Fair September 7th from 4:00 to 5:30 in the lobby of Old Main. Students and faculty have the opportunity to learn about organizations, clubs, and internship possibilities that SUNY Cortland and the community have to offer.

Seymour Hersh on September 13th at 7:30 pm in Brown Auditorium in Old Main. SUNY Cortland will be celebrating National Constitution Day early this year with renowned investigative journalist, Seymour Hersh. Hersh is known for his groundbreaking coverage of the My Lai massacre in 1968, for which he received the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting. Recently, Seymour Hersh has generated much attention and controversy over his report on Abu Ghraib detainees.
NYPIRG’s General Interest Meeting September 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Fireplace Lounge of Corey Union. NYPIRG will be holding their General Interest Meeting. This the time for students to become involved in New York State’s largest consumer rights and environmental protection organization. NYPIRG can teach students valuable organizing skills that can be brought with them on any career path. Please alert your students to this event and encourage them to attend this meeting.

Voting Machine Demonstration October 20th at 7:00 pm in the Cortland County Courthouse, the Board of Elections will be displaying the voting machines that are being considered for certification by New York State for the 2007 elections. This is a perfect opportunity for students and community members to give input as to what voting machine will be used. This is also a chance for students to become more connected with local and state politics. Democracy Matters and NYPIRG are taking a SUNY Cortland bus to the Courthouse in order to transport as many students as possible. More information to come out soon.

Alumni Judges to Visit Cortland October 31st: Seven judges will be visiting Cortland to talk about the importance of being civically involved and to teach students more about the legal system. Keep an eye out for more information about this event.

ADP ACTION GROUPS NEED YOU:

As always, our action groups are busy at work. These groups include Voter Registration and Voter Education, Themed Speakers’ Series, Video Project, Service-Learning Development, Get Out the Word, Student Development and Recognition, and International Dimensions of Service-Learning. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, contact Richard Kendrick at the e-mail address above.