Freshmen college largest in history

Freshmen sit at the Convocation ceremony Monday in Ben Light Gymnasium. This year, there are more than 2,000 freshmen.

By ALLISON MUSANTE, MANAGING EDITOR

This year, Ithaca College is learning that success can be costly. To accommodate 2,000 freshmen, the largest class in Ithaca College’s history, the college is spending $1.2 million to hire additional faculty and $3.1 million to provide additional housing. The added cost will significantly cut into the college’s revenue this year and will put pressure on its future budgets.

For the 2009-10 school year, the college was concerned about hitting its target freshman class size of 1,600. It was faced with the national economic downturn, a declining number of applications from the college’s primary feeder states and a previous freshman class under-enrolled by about 200. To hit its target, the administration admitted a higher percentage of applicants, increased tuition by a smaller percentage than usual and increased financial aid packages overall.

A 5 or 10 percent over-enrollment would have been financially beneficial because it would have filled the campus to capacity in terms of housing and class space, said Carl Sgrecci, vice president of finance and administration. But this 25 percent over-enrollment is financially detrimental to the college’s operating budget because the campus requires additional resources to sustain a class above its target.

“There’s a tendency to assume that with the extra students, we’re hating ourselves in extra money,” Sgrecci said. “But the fact is that these students are going to cost us almost everything we’re getting from them.”

The 2009-10 budget approved in February was designed for a target total enrollment of 5,650 students. With tuition at $32,060, the additional 519 students will bring in $166.6 million in tuition and $4.2 million in room and board, but with $10.4 million awarded in additional financial aid, the college will net only $10.1 million, or 4.3 percent of which will pay for all additional housing arrangements, faculty and other expenses.

The remaining $5.3 million is the budget’s “bottom line,” the revenue in excess of expenses, Sgrecci said. It will allow the college to operate without the $25.2 million deficit projected in the 2009-10 budget and may produce a $3.1 million surplus at the end of the year, which would be reinvested in the college.

Anticipating that families would need additional help affording tuition this year, the college offered higher financial aid packages overall. The 2009-10 budget increased tuition by 4.75 percent, the lowest increase in more than seven years, Sgrecci said. It raised the discount rates, the portion of tuition covered by financial aid — 45 percent to freshmen, 38 percent to all students, on average, up from 41 percent for freshmen and 34 percent overall last year.

More than 90 percent of the college’s operating budget comes from tuition; to hit its target, the administration has also increased tuition by a smaller percentage than previous years to use for its necessary expenses, including salaries, which were frozen this year.


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Administration makes staff cuts

By LINDSEY HOLLENBAUGH, EDITOR IN-CHIEF

As a record number of incoming freshmen begin classes this fall, resulting in the hiring of 519 additional people to meet the students’ needs, the Rochon administration has eliminated some staff positions in the name of efficiency and effectiveness.

In addition to eliminating a number of vacant positions, the college has begun terminating employees.

President Tim Koenig said since the middle of the last academic year, 11 occupied positions have been eliminated because of reorganization. Koenig declined to release the areas of the college where those positions were cut.

Rochon said restructuring is not a one-time project. “This is not simply about cutting back expenses,” Rochon said. “It is in every instance about finding ways to be more excellent and doing work more effectively and more efficiently at the same time.”

Rochon said while some occupied positions have been eliminated, there have been no forced retirements. Rochon stated categorically that all retirements were voluntary. “I want to be very clear that no one is ever forced to retire,” he said. “It’s not legal to force someone to retire. Retirement is an individual choice.”

Lillian Tewell worked for the college almost 31 years before she was told on June 8 that her job as manager of Parking and Traffic Services was being eliminated because of office restructuring. She said she was planning on considering retirement after she implemented the new online purchasing permits and citation payments at Parking Services. The 70-year-old is now looking for another job and said she is finally becoming OK with the decision she had to make.

Bernie Rhoades, former director of network and communication services at Information Technology Services, and John Hickey, an archives associate at the library, declined to comment on the circumstances of their recent departures, which were announced on Intercom.

Rochon said the college has forced anyone to retire is not a fair or accurate presentation of the situation. “When asked what choice a person has when faced with losing a job, he said, ‘I guess I don’t think that the college administration should ever be embarrassed when it has treated people with respect and dignity.’”

Rochon said that the college is not offering and will not offer a buyout program for retirees. He said he does not want to...
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Magazine ranks college seventh in Northern region

For the fifth year in a row, Ithaca College ranked No. 7 among master’s universities in the Northern region by U.S. News & World Report. The college also ranked sixth in the “great schools, great prices” listing for the sixth year in a row.

The college is the highest-ranked school in its category in New York state. This is the 15th consecutive year that the college has been ranked in the top 10.

The rankings in the college’s category are based on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. This category includes schools for the baccalaureate, South, Midwest and West. A total of 572 colleges and universities are ranked.

Student organization fair to highlight campus groups

The Office of Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs will host a student organization fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Emerson Suites.

At the fair, students will have a chance to learn about the different clubs on campus. They will also be able to join e-mail lists and meet with club leaders.

Student organizations may sign up to share a table with another organization on IC Link before 5 p.m. Monday. Table spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The event is free, but $5 donations will be welcomed. For more information, contact the Center for Leadership and Multicultural Affairs at rmimat@ithaca.edu.

Local newspaper seeks books for Ithaca youth

The Ithaca Journal is collecting books for the Family Reading Partnership’s “Big Red Bookshelf,” a traveling bookshelf that allows children to select books to read and keep for free.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Family Reading Partnership has set a goal of 10,000 books and $10,000 to help it continue placing books in children’s hands.

Used or new children’s books can be dropped off at 123 W. State St. or donations may be made to the Family Reading Partnership, 54 Gurney Road.

LGBT Center to present films throughout semester

The Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen series at Ithaca College will show eight documentary films this fall on the theme of “LGBT Lives and Stories From Around the World.”

Sponsored by the Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Education, Outreach and Services, the screenings are free and open to the public.

The first showing is at 7 p.m. Monday in Textor 101 and will last until Dec. 1.

The first showing, “Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developing World,” documents the struggles of LGBT people for basic human rights in Egypt, Kenya and Honduras.

For a full list of screenings throughout the semester, visit the college’s Web site.

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Throughout September, there will be multiple classes.

For more information on specific classes, check out the calendar online to see a schedule of classes during the month.

Remembering the senator

Sen. Ted Kennedy speaks about the war in Iraq in September 2004 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Family members announced Kennedy’s death, which was caused by a brain tumor, in a statement yesterday morning. He died in his home in Hyannis Port, Mass.

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WICS/VIC Rush Night at 7 p.m. in Emerson Suites

The Ithacan Rush Night at 8 p.m. in Park Auditorium

28 FRIDAY

Park Productions Information Meeting at 9 a.m. in Park 220

IC*20 Kick-off BBQ from 3 to 6 p.m. on the Campus Center Quad

Shabbat Services at 6 p.m. in Muller Chapel

Shabbat Dinner at 7:15 p.m. in Terrace Dining Hall

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Nondenominational Protestant Service at 11 a.m. in Muller Chapel

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Sand Volleyball Tournament from 2 to 5 p.m. in Hill Center 102

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The organization supports and encourages the role of musical development in children.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 227-2500.
## Union workers protest work on A&E Center

### BY TRISTAN FOWLER

On Sunday and Monday, as students and academic staff arrived on campus to move in, union workers distributed pamphlets at three of Ithaca College’s entrances. Local union workers put out approximately 5,000 pamphlets, which asked readers who should build the $50 million Athletics and Events Center out of town, nonunion contractors or local union contractors?

The union workers were led by David Marsh, the union steward for Solidarity Thrust Construc- tion Traces Council, and Scott Stringer from the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local No. 5. Stringer and Marsh addressed the incoming class, passersby to classes entering campus, and faculty and staff attending the community picnic on the academic Quad.

Stringer found that the New York State Depart- ment of Labor investigated Rayburn for a wage vio- lation in October 2005. The Department of Labor reported that Rayburn underpaid 68 workers in the total amount of $292,828.84. The project was at the Ontario County Jail in Canandaigua, N.Y. Because this was a public works contract, Rayburn said according to state law, he should have included their prevail- ing wage benefits into the payroll as opposed to removing it and placing it in a pension.

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any staff or faculty to delay the decision to retire in hopes of getting on something that does not exist.

Carl Sgrecci, vice president of finance and administration, said the college tried offering an early retirement program back in the 1990s during an economic downturn but found the incentive plan to be ineffective. While the college is also acknowledging that a number of vacant position will not be filled and some positions that became vacant after retirements were cut, college officials are refusing to divulge the exact numbers because "it's confidential.

When first asked by The Ithacan if the department of human resources could provide the number of staff members not returning in the fall either because of retirement or job eliminations, Mark Coldren, associate vice president of human resources, stated in an email, "It would not be our procedure to provide any information on an individual basis for any colleague who will no longer have a position at the college and provide an overall list."

In a follow-up interview, Coldren said he didn't have the requested numbers but was not going to release them. "As you can understand, this is not a lot of staff members, I think, that when we start reporting numbers, they begin to look over their shoulder and think, 'What's going on at the college,' he said. "That wasn't the message, that everyone should worry about their job."

Since last May, Intercom has announced 11 farewells gatherings for staff members who will be leaving the college because of retirement or other unspecified reasons.

Sgrecci said because of operational streamlining, 16 positions have been eliminated in the Division of Finance and Administration. Of the 16 positions, five were occupied and 11 were vacant. Two of the 11 vacancies were created by retirements, Sgrecci said.

"This was tough," he said. "We had to ask how would we restructure ourselves if we had the opportunity if every position was empty. That's how we know which positions we could do without."

Sgrecci said members of the budget committee decided that all reductions had to be made and they cut 27 positions from their 2009-10 budgets. Sgrecci said each division was given latitude in how the cuts would be made, but decisions had to be reviewed by the president. There were no "guidelines" as to how individual divisions should implement the budget cuts, he said.

"What we did is not going to be forced on anybody," said Sgrecci. "Each division vice president will tailor the program to meet their respective needs."

Coldren said that those whose positions were eliminated were offered various other positions across the college.

In addition to positions being eliminated, some employees have been reassigned to new jobs. Coldren said this could happen to people without a previous consultation.

"Anybody's job can be changed at a given time," Coldren said. "Having a job description is a snapshot of where you are right at that point in time, and at any day a supervisor could call us in and say, 'Look your job is being changed... it could happen to anybody with a job at Ithaca College.'"

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Construction crews build foundation of A&E Center

BY ASHLEY MAY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As classes begin, the foundation work of Ithaca College’s new Athletics and Events Center is under way. Rick Couture, associate vice president of facilities, said creating a base for the upcoming structure is the main focus for the fall semester.

Couture said steel beams will start going up in the next three weeks at the site of the A&E Center, near Boothroyd Hall.

With plans to complete the A&E Center by fall 2011, workers are trying to make the center a reality. Couture said the construction team is trying its best to maintain and keep open all current campus roads and access into Boothroyd Hall. Some campus space, however, will be blocked off to students, especially during work hours, which typically are from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students are urged to be careful around the job site and stay outside of the construction fence.

Since the ground-breaking ceremony on June 16, construction to the A&E Center has been going on all summer and will continue throughout the academic year.

Mike Serventi ’76, chairman of the A&E Center National Committee, said he is hopeful that the construction of the building will progress smoothly. Serventi said he thinks the center will be well worth the 12 years spent planning.

“Our ability to have indoor functions is severely limited,” Serventi said. “[The center] is going to be able to host groups and organizations that we weren’t able to previously house because of lack of size and facilities.”

The center will not only hold guest speakers and entertainment, but it will also provide new equipment attractive to students and coaches.

Paula Miller, head women’s swimming and diving coach, said the facility will open up tremendous opportunities for athletes and teams.

“The swim team will be practicing in a 22-lane pool, compared to the six-lane pool in the Hill Center. “It’s going to impact the team a huge amount but also the campus as a whole because it will be offering more classes,” Miller said.

Sophomore Taylor Hassman, a member of the men’s volleyball club, said the new center is a much-needed upgrade from the current athletic equipment.

“The facilities we have now are horrible,” Hassman said. “The gym is really outdated.” He said he and his teammates have trouble practicing in the Hill Center.

The walls that separate the gyms have massive holes in them, and more than once a volleyball got stuck up in the ceiling,” he said.

The new facility will have a 17,000-square-foot center for volleyball and basketball. This area will have a hardwood surface, indirect lighting and a 2,500-seat spectator area.

Miller said all students can appreciate the center in some way, even for prospective on-campus jobs the building will need to fill.

“The center will open up much greater opportunities for employment, like the opportunities as far as lifeguards,” Miller said.

The center will have a 130,000-square-foot field house, an outdoor stadium with turf field, an aquatics pavilion and an outdoor tennis facility with six regulation-size courts.

Plans include a 22,400-square-foot gymnastics center complete with a 500-seat spectator area. Also, a separate 4,200-square-foot rowing center with rowing tanks will allow athletes to practice inside.

A strength and conditioning center will also be featured in the new facility with weights, cardiovascular equipment and rubber flooring.

Serventi said despite the ongoing construction for the next two years, students should be excited about the progress and the end result.

“It’s going to be two exciting years, and hopefully by 2011 they will have a great facility to use,” Serventi said.

When completed, Serventi said, it will have a great impact on the college.

“This is going to be a hallmark for the whole campus,” Serventi said.

Construction on the Athletics and Events Center continues Monday afternoon near Boothroyd Hall. After 12 years of planning, construction began in early June and will continue this year.
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Enjoying a good read

Hundreds of new students gather to discuss summer reading assignment

By Clara Eisinger  
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This year, more than 800 freshmen filed into Ben Light Gymnasium for the First-Year Reading Initiative, which focused on President Barack Obama’s 1995 memoir “Dreams From My Father.” In the book, Obama chronicles his life from childhood through his early political career.

Obama’s book was not selected in reaction to the current president, she said. “I think it’s really great to know that everybody believes everywhere, that’s a microbiology textbook.”

One of Stafford’s students, freshman Emily Katz, who attended the lecture and a discussion session held in Friends Hall, said she found the book interesting and intellectual conversations even about a graphic novel.

“Stroper, who teaches the First-year seminar “Writing About Survival,” said his students’ comments indicated to him that the students had read, considered and connected to last year’s choice of the graphic novel “Persepolis.”

“I know that there was some feedback that ‘Persepolis’ was too easy,” she said. “But there was also some positive feedback that said it introduced students to a different genre, and you can still have intellectual conversations even about a graphic novel.”

Sullivan said that he has had good experiences leading first-year initiative discussions in the past, as well as this year, but he believes the program can still be improved. “My hope would be in the future that they’ll make the reading initiative extend further into the year … so it’s not just a day,” Sullivan said.

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Students volunteer in Malawi

BY LAUREN BARBER  STAFF WRITER

While some students were sunbathing and relaxing this summer, seven Ithaca College students were feeding 22 orphaned babies and helping widows in Malawi, a country in southeast Africa.

The students, all Health Sciences and Human Performance majors, traveled through northern and central Malawi from May 19 to June 1 with two nurses, Mary Taylor and Erica Weiss, from the college and received one college credit for their work.

The trip was open to all students on campus, and those interested applied through the Office of International Programs. The seven students who traveled were: seniors Maggie Burgess, Catherine Hegarty, Mike Hopewell and Anna Sumerlin; and juniors Alissa Kersey, Maddie Kennedy and Laura Schoch.

Taylor, a resident nurse at the college, said it had been her longtime dream to go to Africa and help with health care issues. When Janet Wigglesworth, associate dean of Health Sciences and Human Performance, heard Taylor talk of her desire to help in Africa, she encouraged Taylor and Weiss to make the trip a short-term study abroad program.

Wigglesworth said she hopes the trip will become an annual study abroad program for all students on campus.

Taylor and the students worked with the Ministry of Hope, a Malawian organization established to help children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. The Ministry of Hope sponsors crisis-care nurseries and orphan-feeding centers throughout impoverished villages in Malawi. The students also contributed $500 each toward nine "Ready Release" boxes to donate to the Ministry of Hope. Each box was filled with medicine so the organization's medical teams could have the necessary supplies when traveling directly to the villages.

Malawi, a country of 14 million, is home to 1 million orphans. While in Lilongwe, the capital city of Malawi, the students stayed at Marian Medical Center, a dormlike environment created for housing health care volunteers.

Taylor said the students helped the Malawian nannies any way they could. "They jumped right in," she said. "They fed babies, rocked babies and took them for walks."

The students also traveled to a feeding center, a place where orphaned children can go to receive a free meal. At times, children walked more than two miles to consume their only meal of the day.

Burgess said she became attached to the children, even after only spending a short time with them. "It was really hard to leave," Burgess said.

The group also worked closely with Malawian widows, who traditionally are stripped of possessions by their late husband's family shortly after his death. The students purchased three mattresses to donate to widows who were only used to sleeping on cramped, dirty floors.

Taylor said it was difficult for the students to watch the struggles of the country unfold in front of their eyes on a daily basis, from the extreme poverty to the lack of medical equipment. "There was something every day that you would drop your chin and want to cry about," she said.

Schoch, who always wanted to volunteer in poor regions of Africa, said she was most shocked by the poverty in Malawi. "I thought I was prepared for it, but I really wasn't," she said.

Taylor said the people of Malawi showed gratefulness and respect toward the students. "They call Malawi the warm heart of Africa," Taylor said.

Kennedy, who decided to apply for the trip because she had always been interested in volunteer work and Africa, said the upbeat personalities of the children is what she remembers the most. "These kids have nothing, and yet they run around with smiles on their faces," she said. "It was one of the most incredible things I've ever done."
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FIRE ALARM
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BECOMING MORE ACCESSIBLE

New renovations to Dillingham Center are an improvement for accessibility but must be done campuswide.

Dillingham Center was recently given more than $2 million from New York state to help offset the cost of much-needed additional studies, classrooms, and facilities. These renovations will also make the building handicap accessible by adding two elevators in the main lobby – changes that have been a long time coming.

In its more than 40 years on campus, Dillingham has had some work done on it since it was built, but not nearly enough. As one of the oldest buildings on campus, it is crowded and energy-inefficient, and its fountains were once a major attraction. In its more than 40 years on campus, Dillingham has had some work done on it – tune-ups and additions to Dillingham were a smart decision, Dillingham has had some work done on it.

“THE DORMS HAVE NO LOUNGES THIS YEAR, AND THAT’S REALLY FRUSTRATING BECAUSE I’M IN A TRIPLE, IT’S HARD BECAUSE THERE’S NO PLACE TO ESCAPE IN OUR DORM.”

ALISE ZIRILLI ’12 HEALTH EDUCATION

“THE [COMPUTER] LABS ARE GOING TO BE RIDICULOUS BECAUSE WE’VE ALREADY HAD PROBLEMS WITH OVERCROWDED LABS.”

BRIAN KOŁCZYNSKI ’10 WRITING

“DIETING HALLS ARE EVEN WORSE TO FIND TABLES BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE. I FOUND THAT LAST NIGHT AT DINNER, THEY DIDN’T EVEN HAVE TIME TO REPLACE THE FOOD.”

MIKE GAERTNER ’12 MUSIC

“I SAW A LOT OF STUDENTS LOOKING FOR THEIR CLASSES AND STUFF, WHERE IN PREVIOUS YEARS I JUST SAW LITTLE GROUPS. BUT THERE’S BEEN A LOT MORE FRESHMEN I’VE SEEN WALKING AROUND.”

ALLY FATATA ’11 HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

“The only thing that has changed is that the dorms are more crowded. I can’t even imagine how many more people will be in the dorms this year.”

AMELIA BARAN ’11 MUSIC EDUCATION

GET INVOLVED

The Ithacan offers students across campus the opportunity to participate.

Snap Judgment

“Tight squeeze. What changes have you noticed on campus with a larger freshman class?”

The Ithacan offers even more opportunities for students from different disciplines through multimedia, Web design and writing.
Recent graduate reflects on service trip to Cuba

O n Aug. 3, along with 142 other members of the Venceremos Brigade, marched across the Peace Bridge connecting Fort Erie, Ontario, to Buffalo, N.Y. Carved in our crane T-shirt worn with the chants we had spent two weeks in Cuba singing, we bellowed our arrival to the US Customs authorities. That bridge crossing was the culmination of an eye-opening, two-week experience in that time we volunteered alongside Cubans in urban gardens, attended a series of lectures and showed our solidarity by bringing educational and medical supplies to hospitals and schools.

Since 1969, the Venceremos Brigade has been traveling annually to Cuba through Canada in defiance of the travel ban, asserting our constitutional right to travel. In that time, more than 9,000 Americans have seen the island and society. For the last seven years, this act of civil disobedience has been made publicly in an attempt to overturn the travel restriction and bring down the wall.

This act of civil disobedience is underpinned by the long legacy of resistance to unjust laws in our country, the conviction that Cuba has the right to self-determination even in opposition to US-interests and our belief that a mutually beneficial relationship is possible with the Cuban people.

As a recent graduate of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar program at Ithaca College, I spent much of my undergraduate career learning about the long struggle for social justice in our country and around the world. Thanks to the program, the profound relation that I developed with students and faculty and our international seminars, I became a firm believer that the well-being of people, not economic growth, is the key not only to success when it comes to development. This conviction pushed me to explore alternative societies, like Cuba.

As a student of the.interlaced nature of the economic crisis and the ongoing health care debate, Cuba becomes increasingly important as a living breathing alternative to our current trajectory.

Cuba represents a different approach to the development of a nation and a society — one that we could learn something from if we could overcome the entrenched antagonism that separates our peoples.

Cuba has committed to a socialist model of development — one that emphasizes human development over economic development. Regardless of our political ideology, the point of view available in Cuba should be reason enough for us to pay close attention, especially since our government has failed to provide a fraction of these services, despite our pro-poor political stance.

Studies show that the plethora of social services the Cuban government offers has virtually eliminated homelessness and unemployment. Life expectancy, literacy and happiness levels are all higher than in the US.

Our conflict with Cuba, and socialism in general, is attributed to differences in values. We value democracy and economic and personal freedom.

Socialism, supposedly, is inconsistent with those values. I, too, am a proponent of those values, but being in Cuba forced me to conclude that there are more important foundations upon which freedom and democracy must be built. Without basic economic and living necessities, few jobs that pay a living wage, to health care and education, to housing and basic sustenance — freedom and democracy are moot. The debate between market and state-run economies is an important one, but before we can reach the point of honest debate we must ensure that people can lead healthy, happy and dignified lives in either system.

I did not travel to Cuba in the hope of inspiring a socialist revolution here in the US. My only hope is that we can lift the barriers that prevent our two societies from learning from and supporting one another. In this increasingly globalized world, it is more important than ever to have a vantage point from which to evaluate ourselves, and Cuba is one of the few places left on earth that has developed outside the global capitalist mainstream.

Emily Acevedo ’09 plans to travel to Cuba in the new year with the Venceremos Brigade and can be reached at emilianogmail.com.

FACULTY RESEARCH

Professor studies ties between Islam and sexuality

I ften wondered what it meant when someone shouted, “be a man,” especially a Muslim man. I grew up in a large family that was very much Pakistani at home but grappling with its Scottish society on the outside. I am part of a large family that I’d say was pretty traditional in its outlook on Islam. Going to the mosque (and still is) confusing for me. Seeing only men lead prayers and women segregated sparked my interest in understanding what was and is an Islamic masculinity.

Being a Scotwoman in Ithaca, N.Y., was never my ambition as a young woman growing up in Scotland’s largest city. Glasgow. However, I found myself in that reality as I graduated in 2001 from Glasgow University this summer, having spent the last few years digging away on a thesis. I looked at constructions of masculinities in Islamic texts, traditions and cultures.

Having studied women in traditional Western religions and women in Islam during my studies, I began to see that in traditional Muslim cultures there is a nonexistence of focus on Islamic Studies. It was this question that pushed me towards increasing questions in this field, and they worked through the intersection of masculinity studies that anthropologists and sociologists focus on and the relationship that such studies have on Islamic texts, traditions and cultures.

Of course we cannot forget that Muslim feminists have already started this debate on such matters, but how many Muslim men have added to the debate? I guess the privileged (male) men have no reason to question the status quo. And to make matters more distressing for me, there are numerous examples of gender inequality that are found throughout the world and my experiences in Islamic societies. Communities that I visited when I studied Arabic in France, Syria and Jordan were not dissimilar. I was always unsure about gender roles and the centrality of family in the lives of Muslims, and so I began to question the significance of family to spirituality and submission to God. Such a challenge needed a mighty challenge, so I focused specifically on the Quran, a text rich in stories of men and women. But I wanted to strengthen my theory of Islamic masculinity with lived realities and with my own background from Pakistan, a location that has seen many changes in the last few centuries.

Currently working on my thesis, I have been creating a dialogue about student feminism while challenging her own year-long journey toward fundamental understanding. I’ll talk to the experts to find the kind of money advice students can live by.

EMILIANO ACEVEDO

Members of the Venceremos Brigade protest the U.S. embargo of Cuba during a march across the Peace Bridge that connects Fort Erie, Ontario, to Buffalo, N.Y., on Aug. 3 following a trip to Cuba. CREDIT: EMILIANO ACEVEDO

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Amanullah De Sondy, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, stands at the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, at a theology conference in 2008. CREDIT: COURTESY OF AMANULLAH DE SONDY

Amanullah De Sondy, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, at a dialogue about student feminism while challenging her own year-long journey toward fundamental understanding. I’ll talk to the experts to find the kind of money advice students can live by.

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BY MICHELLE SKOWRONEK
ACCENT EDITOR

Caitlin McAtee worried about three things when she first stepped on Ithaca College’s campus: boys, books and her belly. Not that the now-senior ever had a protruding stomach while at school, she just feared the reality of the “Freshman 15” lurking around the corner.

“I was so worried about the ‘Freshman 15’ that I was super careful,” she said. “I tried to eat at school the same way I ate at home — three healthy meals a day and maybe a small snack or two.”

The freedom freshmen discover entering college comes with a lot of hidden consequences. Suddenly, students can eat what they want when they want, which can lead to gaining weight and developing poor eating habits. But here in Ithaca, there are enough providers of homegrown food to keep students from falling victim to unhealthy cravings.

In a recent article in The Huffington Post, Ithaca was ranked the third best city in the United States for local foods. As the home of the Ithaca Farmers Market and an active “locavore” community, this city hardly ever lacks in fresh produce.

For students living on campus, eating at the dining hall might “save” more money, considering the bill has already been paid and having a meal plan is required. However, dining halls have a tremendous amount of food — healthy, less healthy and sugary — and taste buds they need to cater to. The biggest problem for students is eating too much of the “less healthy” foods, according to on-campus nutritionist Cathy J. Saloff-Coste.

“Particularly freshmen coming in have the hardest time,” she said. “They are completely responsible for all aspects of their scheduling. They have to deal with when they are going to eat, when they go to classes, when they do their homework and when they go to sleep.”

Saloff-Coste said finding the right time to eat is the first step in creating healthy eating habits. But the second step is actually planning out the meals.

“One of the hardest things is having healthy snacks,” she said. “The reason is: If you don’t have it in your backpack, then you go and grab whatever you can find!” Packing a granola bar or some fruit before leaving the room can save students from buying a candy bar at a vending machine to satisfy their hunger.

Michael Welch, editor and publisher of Edible Finger Lakes — a quarterly publication that focuses on the local New York food movement and the green markets that surround the Finger Lakes region — said the best way for students to make sure they have healthy meals is to explore the food culture in Ithaca and visit the Farmers Market.

“It’s a great way for them to not only see local ingredients, but especially with the freshest, best local foods, according to on-campus nutritionist Cathy J. Saloff-Coste. “A lot of times the dining hall doesn’t have as many vegetables that I want,” she said. “Sometimes they only have one made. I like having more options with my food.”

Saloff-Coste said the best foods to include in a meal are proteins, complex carbohydrates (like whole grains, oatmeal and potatoes), dairy, fruits and vegetables.

McAtee credits her athletic physique to healthy choices at the dining halls.

“The salad bar saved me,” she said. “I try to eat one once a day.”

Overeating at the dining halls is also an easy habit to develop when students hang around and chat after a meal, according to Saloff-Coste.

“It’s nice to end your meal with some sort of ritual so that you know you have finished your meal.” she said. “Then, try to sit away from the food so it’s not so tempting.”

She recommends having a cup of tea, or giving into cravings once in a while with a part of a healthy diet to enjoy and have pleasure in the foods you eat and to do it in a healthy way.”

Julie Whitten, marketing manager of Ithaca Dining Services, said the dining halls are a great place to eat because of this year’s selection upgrade.

In Towers, a new addition to the Fresh Food Market section makes for an even healthier lunch option, she said. Whitten said the organic station at the Towers Dining Hall is expanding with a special, monthly sustainable menu.

“The salad bar has hydroponic lettuce, which is lettuce that is grown in water and is actually grown here in Ithaca,” she said.

McAtee realized the best way to stay healthy at school was to eat the same way she did at home when her parents cooked for her. She said healthy eating is all about self-control.

“Just because you have unlimited access to food in the dining halls, doesn’t mean that you need to take advantage of it,” McAtee said. “You don’t need to eat everything you see.”

— Photo illustration by Allison Usavage

Recipe for Healthy Eating

Eat within an hour of waking up.
Drink every 3 to 5 hours.
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Address emotional eating.

* Reach Cathy J. Saloff-Coste at the Hammond Health Center (607) 277-2053

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Ithaca roller derby team the Sufforlets competes against the Wilmington City Ruff Rollers at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Cass Park Rink on Taughannock Boulevard. The team is known for its personalized nicknames: “Chairman Meow” and “ShizNiggle” to name a few.

— Allison Waiksnis, The Ithacan

Thursday, August 27, 2009

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Art for Lunch:
Ceramics, an Art Deco exhibition curated by Nancy Green, will run from noon to 1 p.m. in the Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University. Admission is free.

Tango with DJ Jon, free Latin dance lessons, will be from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at Oasis on Danby Road.

friday

Shall We Kiss?, a French romantic comedy, will be shown at 7:15 p.m. in Willard Straight Hall at Cornell University. Tickets are $4 to $6.50.

CTB Welcome Back Party, hosted by Collegetown Bagels on College Avenue, will feature live music, prizes and giveaways from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

saturday

The Big Mean Sound Machine, a new live experimental band, will perform at 9:30 p.m. at Castaways on Inlet Island. Admission is $7.

Club Z Dance Party, hosted by Stacy Scott featuring top-40 dance hits from the ‘80s to today, at 10 p.m. at The Haunt off of Route 13. Admission is $7; for those under 21 and $5 for those 21 and older.

sunday

Cayuga Lake Eco-Cruise, a tour featuring lake ecology activities and weekly guests. Programs are pay-what-you-can. Tours leave at 4 p.m. from the dock past Castaways on Inlet Island.
Students invited to ‘shop’ at community swap meet

BY HANNAH AGATSTON STAFF WRITER

Students all over the city of Ithaca are rummaging around basements, yards sales and the Salvation Army for decorative, yet cheap, items to make their dorms and apartments feel like home. Though individual styles differ, students share a common hope: to fill their rooms with bargain items that will not only last through the school year, but also add pizazz to an otherwise dull living space without exceeding their budgets.

Junior Tucker Ives said he tries to find deals and discounts anywhere possible, specifically through bartering.

“I’ve always been interested in bartering,” he said. “I hear stories about the Mexican marketplace involving a lot of bartering, and I think it is really interesting.”

This interest in a different kind of marketplace — one involving bartering instead of money — can be explored by students from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Share Tompkins Community Swap Meet on Cascadilla Street.

Instead of the usual bargain-hunting, the community swap meet’s focus this year is on students willing to take a chance and barter with other locals.

Shira Golding, organizer of the swap, is a Cornell University graduate who stayed in Ithaca because she enjoys living in a smaller community where people share resources with one another.

“There were already some low-key community swaps taking place; however, they were not happening on a continuous or organized level,” Golding said.

Golding and her partner decided to change the system after seeing other locals create their own businesses, she said.

“It was really inspired by cool things people were doing around town, like a friend of mine who started delivering fresh tortillas to people around town on her bike,” she said.

One evening in early May, Golding held a meeting for people in Ithaca who would be interested in participating, attending or helping organize a community-wide swap.

“The meeting got a great response,” she said. “Over 25 people showed up and were interested.”

The result of that meeting was a monthly, organized community swap event.

Golding said swaps offer the members of the Ithaca community a marketplace where they can exchange, sell, buy and give away goods and services, but a bigger crowd brings the best value.

“The swap is defined by who shows up,” Golding said. “People offer massages, health counseling, graphic design services, fresh food and music.”

Sharing services is something Golding practices every day.

“A few different people happened to be moving in the coming week, and we all helped them move so they didn’t have to rent an U-Haul,” she said.

Because the focus of these swap meets is exchanging, money is not usually exchanged, which distinguishes the Share Tompkins Community Swap Meet from other money-based markets.

The focus is on bartering and sharing,” she said. “The participants of the swap will accept money; however, if money doesn’t have to be involved they would rather leave it out. We have a lot of stuff that we can trade and give away without having to involve money as much, and that can really help people who are short on cash.”

The upcoming swap is expected to be one of Ithaca’s largest in a public place instead of a community member’s house. Golding has plans for another big swap downtown in October, in honor of the Bioneers Conference, an eco-themed festival that is taking place on the Ithaca College campus.

Students are encouraged to come whether it is just to check out the festivities or to barter.

Junior Alex Barbone said she is interested in attending the swap to see a different type of marketplace in action.

“I would absolutely be interested in exchanging bodybuilding services for fresh produce,” she said. Barbone said she hopes her program will want to barter or help her out in the studio for her ICTV or E16 shows she is directing. With other people volunteering their services, she said she is more comfortable with asking for help.

“I feel like when you buy something, you have to lose something to get the goods,” she said. “But if you exchange, then you get to help oth-

er people out and feel better about where you’re obtaining it.”

Every year, the Princeton Review, an American educational preparation company (not affiliated with Princeton University), releases a list of the best college programs, departments and special characteristics, and other categories. This year, the magazine was honored with two nationwide rankings: No. 1 for best college radio and No. 9 for best college theater program.

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**Extraterrestrial flick mirrors social injustices**

**BY JAMES HASSON**

With the unbridled gobbag of mov-  ies traditionally released during the summer, it can be easy to overlook a diamond in the rough like "District 9." The film does not have as much of the hype and popularity that surrounded the previous summer blockbusters "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." What "Dis- trict 9" does have is a seamlessly blend- ed combination of a riveting story and a deep, unsettling insight into many of humanity's most grievous injustices.

"District 9" opens like a documen- tary, using interviews and convince- ing (but fictionalized) news footage to tell the story of aliens arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa, and how the slam known as District 9 was created. One subject of the interviews turns out to be the movie's protagonist, Wikus Van Der Merwe (Sharlto Copley), a humbling, so- cially awkward corporate bureaucrat of Multinational United. Van Der Merwe has been assigned the task of leading a group of mercenaries to District 9 to evict the alien residents and move them to a camp farther away from the human population of Johannesburg.

While searching one of the shacks in District 9 for caches of alien weaponry, Van Der Merwe ac- cidently exposes himself to a mys- terious alien technology. The effect of the exposure results in Van Der Merwe becoming hunted by MNU and forced to seek help from the alien residents of District 9.

Director Neill Blomkamp did an excellent job of presenting this story in such a relevant and, there- fore, engaging way. The news clips, interviews and security footage shots that help to move the plot along can make "District 9" appear more like a CNN special report than a fictional summer movie — adding a flavor of realism that exceeds most movies. Blomkamp used actual shacks in a section of Johannesburg to shoot his sci-fi epic. This technique directly connects one of the movie's many social realities to real-world issues.

The many special effects and CGI images used in "District 9" are strategically used in the movie. The aliens move with such a degree of bizarre grace that they appear alive. Even the massive, metallic mother ship of the aliens looks as real as the skyscrapers of Johannesburg it hovers above silently.

In spite of the fact that "District 9" is a work of fiction, it has many controversial issues tied into its story line. The separation, fearful mistrust and prejudice between humans and aliens are reminiscent of old apartheid practices in the very country the film is set in.

Van Der Merwe's work under MNU, and his apprehension by the organization, creates the ruthless and immoral actions many world corporations are willing to take for the sake of profit. MNU's blind desire for the secrets behind the powerful alien weapons personifies mankind's inattingible hunger for the advancement of dangerous military power. Yet these themes never be- come pretentious or overshadow the plot. Instead, they are a critical, inte- gral part of the story.

With so much to offer, "Dis- trict 9" certainly ends the summer blockbuster season on a high note. It's a delightful and sober- ing story that has the potential to become a classic.

"District 9" was written and directed by Neill Blomkamp.

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**Monkeys make a mighty comeback**

UK indie-rockers recover after an unsuccessful album

**BY EVELYN SANTIAGO**

After their EP "Favourite Worst Nightmare" failed to live up to the expectations of many fans, the Arctic Monkeys have returned with the release of "Humbug," demonstrating a complete- ly different musical side than fans may be used to. Instead of continuing to dish out upbeat rock songs, they have gone in a deeper, darker direction, similar to artists like Franz Ferdinand. It is typical for a band to come out with a hit song that tops the charts and then fade forever- more into obscurity. However, the four boys from Sheffield, Eng- land, that make up the Arctic Monkeys have come back with a third album to prove that they were worthy of their 2006 Mercury Award — given to the best album in the United Kingdom and Ireland — which they won after the release of their debut album "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not."

A variety of songs off of the album — including the current singles, "Crying Light- ing" and "My Propeller" — have guitar and drum combinations that work hand in hand to create a ghoulish sound, slowly entrancing the listener and placing them into the dark mood of the album. While there is a stronger emphasis on instrumen- tals, the descriptive lyrical style of the band is not lost in the least. In particular, the song "Cornerstone" details every place in which front man Alex Turner has seen the ghost of his be- loved ex-girlfriend. This song stands out in the album as it accentuates the different vocal direction taken by Turner. The rest of the album has hints of a calmer sound, most apparent in the song "Cornerstone." The serenity of Turner's voice only highlights the dark mood of the album, something that shocking and screaming may have negated completely.

The maturity of the album is apparent, but it still has a track that shows off the quirky catchiness found in past Monkeys' songs. The song "Dangerous Animals" may even nauseate a listener with how quickly they begin to spell out the title of the song. Listeners may have this playing in their heads for hours on end.

The album as a whole is a lot for fans to get assimilated to, but once heard a few times it can be enjoyable on a relaxing night or perhaps even a glassy one. It may not be another Mercury-Prize-winning album, but the Arctic Monkeys have come back to prove that they cannot be forgotten.

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Piven doesn’t deliver the goods

BY WHITNEY FABER

piven

Relentlessly driven, unapologetically loud and intensely controversial — Don Ready (Jeremy Piven) is the quintessential pushy car salesman who will do anything for a sale. Like the character Piven depicts, the new comedy “The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard” will stop at nothing to get a few cheap laughs from the audience. Watching the movie becomes a lot like the experience of buying a used car — phony and unsatisfying.

The film begins with Ben Selleck (James Brolin), the owner of a failing used-car lot, announcing that his cousin, business is a-boomin’. “It’s by Adam Stock and Rick Stempson and directed by Neal Brennan.

BY ALEXANDRA PALOMBO

It’s excessively violent. It’s jam-packed with plot. It’s almost as long as “Lord of the Rings.” It even attempts to change history. But even the most critical moviegoer can’t deny that Quentin Tarantino’s “Inglourious Basterds” is also wildly entertaining.

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Don Ready (Jeremy Piven) is a used-car salesman in “The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard.” COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURE VANGUARD

romantic plotline does little for the story, and their chemistry is not entirely believable.

Although “The Goods” does manage some quick laughs throughout the film, it is an overall disappointment for the high-powered and well-acclaimed cast that it includes. Like a used car on the lot, it looks great on a poster or even in a driveway, but after it starts up, the inner workings start to fall apart.

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Tarantino’s masterpiece.

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Nazi-murdering “Basterds” kill competition

New Tarantino film slices and pushes its way to the top of the box office

Original Pictures

More than a marathoner, Raine’s (Brad Pitt) team viciously take out every enemy in their path. The film’s most striking moments come in the form of a series of flashbacks that leave him with the mind of a 10-year-old. Piven doesn’t deliver the goods one-line zingers that receive a few quick chuckles, but the film relies heavily on Piven, as he tries to recreate his obnoxious characteristics made famous by his quirky role in the HBO series “The Wire.” Although “The Goods” does manage some quick laughs throughout the film, it is an overall disappointment for the high-powered and well-acclaimed cast that it includes. Like a used car on the lot, it looks great on a poster or even in a driveway, but after it starts up, the inner workings start to fall apart.

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Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club prepares for first trek across length of Cayuga Lake

BY KERRY BARGER

Tired of hitting the water in his one-man outrigger, Rusello decided to create a club that would attract people who enjoyed outrigger canoes also.

"I was just bored of paddling alone all the time," Rusello said. "I began contacting as many people as I could, and soon I had a group of 10 or so people that started coming regularly to practices."

The group has grown to about 15 to 20 members, who pay yearly dues for the May to mid-October season. Practices are usually four times a week, and the club competes during the summer as part of the East Coast Outrigger Racing Association.

Ithaca College senior Krista Fieselmann took advantage of this opportunity while working at Cornell University this summer. One of her co-workers introduced her to the COCC. Fieselmann decided to try out the free three paddles the club offers to new members. After her last paddle, she was hooked.

"I never really appreciated Cayuga Lake before; I started to outrigger canoe," Fieselmann said. "It’s such a relaxed sport, but you get such a good workout in, too."

Over the past year, the COCC has taken steps to bring the sport of outrigger canoeing to Cayuga Lake. On Saturday, their respect for the sport will be put to the ultimate test at the first Cayuga Ho’e.

A 14-person team will attempt to paddle the entire length of Cayuga Lake — a total of 39 miles.

"It will definitely be a big challenge," club member Paul Wich said. "It’s all about endurance and technique, and we’ll need both for the Ho’e."

According to the club’s Web site, no individual or team has ever successfully paddled Cayuga Lake in its entirety. The COCC will begin at the northern end at Cayuga Lake State Park and will end at the southern tip at Stewart Park. They anticipate an eight-hour trip.

The canoes only seat six people, so teammates need to rotate every few miles. They will need to perform "water changes." The outrigger will pull up to shore and six people will jump out and a new rotation of paddlers will jump in.

"It’s something that we really need to practice," Rusello said. "The timing can get tricky, so we need to get the hang of it before we can do it at the Ho’e."

Along with executing complicated water changes, Rusello said the COCC will need to focus on the mental aspects of paddling to get them through the 39-mile trek.

"You get more mentally exhausted than anything," Rusello said. "A big part of paddling is concentrating on your technical, and eight hours of that can get really tiring."

The Ho’e is not only an opportunity for the COCC to make Cayuga Lake history, but also gives the club a chance to establish recognition in the Tompkins County community. They are hoping the event will attract attention and offer opportunities for fundraising.

The club is accepting donations online through Amazon Payments and Google Checkout on its Web site.

Currently, the COCC has one outrigger canoe that they use for both competing and practicing, which limits how many people can paddle at one time. Fundraising from the Ho’e will give the COCC a chance to purchase another boat, so they can race and compete against each other at practice.

"We’ve teamed up with the Ithaca Youth Bureau, and they’re helping us to get this event set up," Rusello said. "If everything goes perfectly, we would like to start a youth paddling club in Ithaca, and a second boat would really help us out."

As the club grows, the demand for space will leave Rusello and his crew unable to accept new members to the club.

"Unfortunately, the club has been retaining its size with the restriction of having one boat," said David Makar, member of the COCC and participant in the Ho’e. "It would be nice to have two boats, so the people who missed out on going out the first time could finally just go out paddling with everybody."

The COCC members not only have a passion for their sport, but also a respect to its tradition and culture. The first Cayuga Ho’e will be a testament to their hard work and dedication and will be extended to lifelong paddlers and newcomers, Rusello said.

"We’re just out here doing something that we love," Rusello said. "There’s not a better feeling than paddling out together into that open water."

For more information about the first Cayuga Ho’e go to www.cayugaoutrigger.com.

From left, Julie Carmalt, P.J. Rusello, Paul Wich and David Makar prepare to hit the water in their outrigger Friday at Cayuga Lake in preparation for the First Annual Cayuga Ho’e on Saturday.

ALLISON SAVAGE, THE ITHACAN

Members of the Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club row at practice Friday. The club is preparing for its 39-mile journey across Cayuga Lake in the first Cayuga Ho’e on Saturday.

LUCY VAN CRANENBERGH/THE ITHACAN

BY KERRY BARGER
Few things can be found on the shores of Cayuga Lake early on a Sunday morning. The water is calm apart from a few step waves, and the boats rest peacefully at their docks. P.J. Rusello and his Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club cause the only commotion as they crash through the water.

"We just want to get out there, go fast and have a good time," Rusello said. "We love to paddle, and we’re just glad to get a chance to go out on the lake."

Rusello heads the New York nonprofit organization that uses outrigger canoes — boats that are popular in both the Polynesian and Hawaiian islands. Unlike regular canoes, an "outrigger," or a floating hull, runs parallel to the side of the narrow boat and is attached by two horizontal poles. It provides balance and prevents the canoe from capsizing or flipping over.

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Bombers seek second straight E8 title

BY ANDREW WEISER ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Ending last season with a 1-0 overtime loss to Johns Hopkins University in the NCAA Championship tournament, the men's soccer team is prepped and ready to make another run this season.

As the defending Empire 8 regular-season champions, the Bombers are returning a starting lineup of 10 players, and holding opponents to 14. One significant missing element from last year's defensive-savy squad is the loss of the Bombers' goalie Andy Price '09.

"Every single one of our starting defensive line is coming back, which is a major help with losing our keeper," senior Michael Jordhamo said. "We have those guys prominently back the team and we're willing to step up maybe a little bit more to make up for losing our three-year starting keeper."

Coming off another notably successful season for the program, the team isn't necessarily focusing on just repeating as the Empire 8 regular-season champions but wants to get better across the board.

"I don't think there's any pressure to repeat; we just want to make it our season," junior Jeff Geyer said. "We have a pretty good chance to do exactly what we did last year. We just want to improve on it."

With players that have been involved in the program for several years now, improvement might spring from the team's bond and how smoothly they execute their formations.

"There's a lot of experience and chemistry between us because we've played the last three years together," senior Jeff South said. "Having that experience and also that drive to do well because it's our last year will push us. We have the potential to make it happen."

One aspect of the team that will be a significant piece of its success is the team's speed. From striker to sweeper, the Bombers are fast, which helps them run their offense more efficiently and with better precision. But it's not only about being quick with the ball, it's how the team can control the ball with its speed and still play strategically.

"More of it is just recognizing how every other teammate plays and being able to play them the ball the way they want it played to them," Jordhamo said. "As long as we can keep the ball and keep possession then utilize the speed, it'll work out."

Despite the fact that the team features an experienced upperclassmen roster, the underclassmen will assure that the team has ample talent at every position on the field.

"We have some good incoming freshmen, and our bench will be deep because we have the talent," South said. "So if one of our starters gets pulled out, they'll adequately fill the position from forward, defense and midfield."

But a team can't win on talent alone, and that's why the players understand that their experience will help them prepare more effectively for the grind down the stretch and hopefully into the postseason.

"Whether it's the conference or the NCAA tournament, we all have that late-season experience," Geyer said. "Areas like staying in shape, being used to the game and the weather will help us in the long run."

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Blue and Gold use double sessions to strengthen team

BY CASEY MUSARRA SPORTS & EDUCATION

While the volleyball team only lost one player to graduation in May, the team has lost three other players to personal reasons this season. After a mediocre 17-20 season, the young Bombers, with only four upperclassmen, are looking to bounce back with the new group of players they have assembled.

"We've only been together for a week, and already we've clicked really well," senior Ra- chel Busch said. "We have some new freshmen that fit in perfectly and our bench will be deep because we have the experience, " Geyer said. "As long as we can keep the ball and keep possession then utilize the speed, it'll work out."

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Freshman Marissa Woodcome dives for a ball as senior Rachel Busch looks on during practice Saturday at the Wood Floor Gym in the Fitness Center.

The Bombers' open their season on the road at Keuka College on Tuesday, but they look to improve upon last season's record by using home-court advantage this year, as the team has added a second home tournament in addition to their usual Bomber Invitational. With a 7-4 home record last season, the Blue and Gold hope to con- tinue their run of success at Ben Light Gymnasium.

"Last year at our first home tournament we had a lot of fans, and that definitely helped us up the ante," Busch said. "It's such a good feeling to have people there cheering you on and having people support you."

Next Up

SUNY-Gold open their season 9 a.m. Tuesday at SUNY-Genesee in Gensisco, N.Y.

Senior captain Chris Havls makes a pass during the Bombers' practice Monday at Carp Wood Field. Havls ranked sixth on the team in points last season with six and seventh in goals with two.
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Goodemote also helped five other American players get a chance to play basketball overseas but said it can be a struggle to be an American player in Europe. They have jobs, that aren’t professional players, that are going to resent him, they are going to have referees and other players that are going to resent him,” Goodemote said. “The team that he’s playing for, they’re going to have grown men that have real jobs, that aren’t professional players. They have jobs, and they play on this professional team, but also to supplement their income, they do other things.”

Now that Burton, who leaves for London to join the Leopards on Sept. 10, has made it to the second highest division in England, he said he hopes to eventually play in the Premier League, the highest division in England.

Burton said with basketball being one of his biggest passions, his main goal is to make a living out of the game for as long as possible.

“I want to keep playing as long as my body allows me to,” he said. “I just love it so much; I can’t get enough of it.”

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From Ben Light to BIG BEN

Former Bombers’ star point guard signs with British basketball team

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Approaching the green

Following full year of preparation, golf team begins inaugural season

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Head Coach Dan Wood stands on the shaded fringe of the green, the pin held steady in his left hand, watching junior Christie O’Shea and freshman Brooke Lobell prepare their par putts on the eighth green at the Country Club of Ithaca. Wood doesn’t react to their shots, but as they move to the next tee box, he talks to them about remembering the contours of the greens and jokes with them about new clubs they’ve bought over the summer.

As a member of the Professional Golf Association and a former Senior PGA Tour champion, Wood’s insight is important to the team and may be even more so with this being the program’s inaugural varsity season.

“When I sound like I’m lecturing the girls, I’m saying, look, you have a chance to be part of something,” Wood said. “You are the initiators of what we hope will be a well-respected women’s golf program.”

Returning three upperclassmen from last year’s nonvarsity squad — senior Laurel Stinson and juniors O’Shea and Lauren Ryan — the team welcomes the addition of several freshmen to the mix. Doubling the team’s size, freshmen Lobell, Samantha Liberty and Jackie Young give the team depth as well as a solid foundation to build from, which is crucial on a team still looking to add new talent.

“You can tell that Jackie, Brooke and Sam are ready to put in the energy to make Ithaca a good golf team,” Ryan said. “We are all kind of at the same level, so we push each other in a way to do better as a team rather than individually.”

With five positions available in tournament play each weekend and six players competing for a slot, teammates can challenge each other from shot to shot and ultimately increase the level of play.

“I can’t speak for the freshmen, but I know that the three of us who are coming back all have a little bit of a competitive nature,” O’Shea said. “Golf’s more competitive with yourself than others, but now the competition’s up, so I’m curious to see what happens.”

Wood views the roster size as a significant contributor to how the team will eventually take shape and continue to progress in competition.

“What I’m trying to establish this year, as opposed to last year, is a little more coaching for competition,” Wood said. “What we’ll try to gear up for is to get everybody warmed up, healthy and ready to go for Saturday and Sunday.”

In the middle of the fairway, there’s talk between O’Shea and Lobell about which club should be used, before O’Shea selects her newly acquired 3-wood from her bag and drives the ball onto the right side of the green.

“It’s nice that everyone has their different strengths and weaknesses,” Ryan said. “So now we’re all kind of in a circle now, it’s easier to practice and learn.”

Acknowledging that everyone will be an integral part in the team’s expected success, the women are ready to prove that they can be a competitive force despite it being their inaugural varsity season.

“We want to come out and show the other teams we’re serious, even though it’s only our first or second year,” O’Shea said. “We want to be just as competitive as any other team, and I know Coach has that same thing in mind.”

With establishing competitive play as the first and foremost goal, Wood hopes the team will eventually succeed in the Empire 8 Conference and contend with other top Division III programs in the Northeast.

“Christie likes to tease me that I have too much of a Division I mentality, but let’s face it, Ithaca College has been very successful in sports,” Wood said. “Ithaca has a long tradition of excellence, not only academically but athletically, and right now golf is on the bottom of the totem poll.”
Lofty expectations

The Bombers’ special teams unit kicks off at practice on Allen Field on Monday. For the fifth time in six years, the Blue and Gold have been selected as the early favorites in the Empire 8 from the preseason coaches’ poll.

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The number of miles the Cayuga Outrigger Canoe Club will cover in order to travel the length of Cayuga Lake on Saturday.

The number of consecutive 10-win seasons the men’s soccer team has won. See story on page 28.

the foul line

Weird news from the wide world of sports

Dallas Cowboys’ owner Jerry Jones is redefining the meaning of “stadium pricing” for all of professional sports. Around the country, Chicago has the best hotdogs, Philadelphia is famous for its cheesesteaks, and now Dallas can be acknowledged for its pizza. To go along with the brand-new $1.2 billion football stadium and 1,500 square-foot high-definition television, the Cowboys offer luxury suites ranging from $100,000 to $500,000 per year that come with several lucrative menu choices. The most notable option is a 20-inch cheese pizza that can be delivered to any fan that is hungry enough to swallow the $60 price tag. Then if you’re thirsty, to wash it all down, there’s always the option to purchase a $66 12-pack of domestic beer.

— Andrew Weiser

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The number of consecutive 10-win seasons the men’s soccer team has won. See story on page 28.

they said it

“It’s hard to know how to react to it; I was almost laughing. That doesn’t happen. What do you do there?”

Philadelphia Phillies’ second baseman Eric Bruntlett on his game-ending, unassisted triple play against the New York Mets on Aug. 23. It was the first game-ending unassisted triple play in National League history.

in da club

Taking a look at Ithaca’s competitive club sports

This week’s club: Softball

— The Ithaca College Softball Club is also referred to as the “Bomb Squad.”
— Tryouts are typically held during the first week of school, with practices held at Ithaca High School and games played at Kostinsky Field on campus.
— Last season the team finished one game shy of winning their conference and received an at-large bid to the 2008 National Club Softball Association World Series.
— Established in 2004, the roster currently holds 18 to 25 players.

Photo courtesy of Kaitlin Kohlberger
Ithaca College celebrates the start of a new year with the class of 2013 following convocation

Above: Freshman Rochelle Matthews signs the class of 2013 banner at the picnic Monday. Every year, freshmen receive a free gift at the event. This year, freshmen got to keep markers after signing the banner.

Right: Ithacappella member senior Harry Nichols serenades senior David Frederking, drawing a crowd Monday at the campus-wide picnic while trying to spark interest in the all-male a cappella group.

Above: From left, WICB staff members junior Reece Lazarus, sophomore Angelina Castillo and senior Aaron Terkel provide the entertainment Monday by blasting modern rock while people eat.

Right: Dart Alling, an Ithaca Dining Services’ cook, prepares burgers for more than 4,000 people Monday at the picnic. Dining Services’ employees began grilling at 9 a.m. for the Ithaca College community.

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