Student suicide shocks campus

BY ANNE K. WALTERS
News Editor

An Ithaca College sophomore took his own life last week in Mentor, Ohio. Twenty-year-old Gregory Shoben from Champaign, Ill., was a politics major who transferred to the college from Eastern Washington University last year. He was a graduate of Centennial High School in Champaign.

This year Shoben was to serve on the executive staff of WICB radio as traffic manager. Last year he was a DJ for the station.

Police officers from the city of Mentor found Shoben's body at a Motel 6 in Lake County, Ohio. Lt. Kevin Knight of the Mentor police department said Shoben was found deceased. According to the police report, there were no signs of forced entry to the room and the death was declared a suicide.

Shoben's father, Ed Shoben, a psychology professor at the University of Illinois, said his son had been diagnosed with depression when he was 15 years old. He had undergone treatment.

"We thought he was out of the woods," he said. "But sometimes the woods are deeper than you think."

According to the Lake County coroner's office, no autopsy is being conducted.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Brunner Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Mentor.

A memorial service was held in Shoben's hometown Sunday.

Brian McAree, vice president for student affairs and campus life, announced the death to the community via e-mail Wednesday afternoon. An interfaith memorial service was held at Muller Chapel at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Sexual assault reported Sunday

BY NICOLE GERRING
Staff Writer

A female student has alleged she was sexually assaulted by an off-campus acquaintance in a residence hall, according to a statement released by the Office of Public Information.

Public Safety responded to a call during the early hours of Sunday morning and is currently conducting an investigation.

The name of the alleged perpetrator has not yet been released.

Bob Holt, director of public safety, declined to comment until the investigation is complete.

The victim at this point is undecided whether to pursue this criminally," said Dave Maley, director of public information. "As we do in all such situations, the college is working with the victim to provide her with any support services that she may need."

The resident assistant on duty in the woman's building said he offered to counsel her after being phoned around 2:30 a.m. by one of the victim's male friends.

According to the college's annual security report, there was one reported sexual offense in 2000, two reported offenses in 2001 and three in 2002.

Those seeking counseling information or counseling can call the Center for Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Services hotline at 277-5000. It is a 24-hour, confidential service staffed by trained volunteers.

The center also does advocacy work, holds support groups and performs community outreach. The center's office number is 273-5589.
Bush requests U.N. support in Iraq

In an effort to win broader international support for U.S. policies in Iraq, President Bush decided Tuesday to seek United Nations Security Council approval of a resolution granting the world body greater control over military and peacekeeping forces and a role in forming a new Iraqi government, administration officials said.

The decision marks a major shift for Bush after months in which the administration had strongly resisted granting any significant military or political authority to the U.N. It reflected a growing recognition within the administration that a stronger U.N. mandate was essential to winning greater foreign military and economic help in stabilizing Iraq.

Central to that effort is winning more pledges from foreign governments to send troops to Iraq to ease some of the burden on U.S. forces, who have case under daily attacks that often interrupt efforts to contain a recent outbreak of bombs against installations supporting the U.S. effort.

Activists hope for death penalty decline

Death penalty opponents, encouraged that three Supreme Court justices are ready to consider limiting capital punishment, said Thursday, Aug. 28, they were hopeful the execution of a Texas man who committed murder when he was a teenager might be the last of the Texas

"It's very heartening," said David Elliot of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. "It shows there is a growing momentum to address this issue, even though it came too late for Toronto Patterson," the Dallas man who was put to death Wednesday for shooting three of his relatives when he was 17.

"We are in the last days of the death penalty for juveniles," predicted professor Victor Starch, dean of Ohio Northern University Law School. "Texas is the only jurisdiction in the nation, really the only jurisdiction in the world, carrying out executions of one and a half a youngster shouldn't be allowed to continue it."

Thanks in part to recent Supreme Court rulings, optimism has surged through the ranks of the anti-capital punishment movement this year.

In June, the high court voted 7-2 to end executions of mentally retarded killers, saying that the nation and the world had come to view the practice as cruel and unusual punishment. The 6-3 majority pointed to a wave of state laws exempting mentally retarded people from the death penalty.

U.S. asks China to raise currency value

U.S. Treasury Secretary John W. Snow arrived in Beijing, China's capital Tuesday to press the country's leaders to raise the value of its currency, seeking to provide relief to U.S. manufacturers who complain they are being wiped out by a flood of cheap goods from the world's most populous country.

As Snow held the first of two day's worth of meetings with Chinese officials, the new leader of the Communist Party government has already resolved not to budge on the currency issue, raising the prospect that Snow will return to Washington with little to show for his journey.

At a regularly scheduled news briefing held for the Foreign Ministry shortly after Snow arrived, spokesman Kong Quan said China would react to the value of its curren

News Briefs

Incorporately purchased books must be returned by Friday

Friday will be the last day for students to return incorrectly purchased books to the college bookstore. Returns will be taken from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bookstore buyback window. In order to receive a refund for the textbooks, students will need to bring their receipt and student ID card.

Students who paid for their textbooks in cash will receive a cash refund, and those who paid with a credit card or ID express will hold an open house on Sept. 9 from 5-7 p.m. at the college's student media organizations.

The center encourages students to get involved at the college's student media organizations. This school year is the first time the center will be staffed by a full-time coordinator.

For more information, contact Lisa Mather at 274-7394 or lsmather@ithaca.edu.

Ithaca College String Quartet to premiere local composer

The Ithaca College Ariadne String Quartet will perform the world premiere of a quartet that was written for the quartet by composer and Cornell University professor Christopher Morgan Loy on Sept. 7.

The free concert, which will take place at 7 p.m. in the Hockett Family Recital Hall in the James J. Whalen Center for Music, will feature Loy's "String Quartet No. 1, opus 49." The quartet will also perform Puccini's "Crisantemi" and Debussy's "String Quarte

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The Drug Trade

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Matt, a senior, tried Ritalin this summer after hearing stories about the drug's effects. He also got the pill from a close source. "I got it from my brother," Matt said. "He just gave me one of his. He has a prescription for it." Matt said the experience was a one-time thing. "It's not something I would do again." 

Less frequently, students get the pills through legitimate means. Because there is no objective test or measurement to diagnose diseases like depression or ADD, it is difficult to be certain the diagnosis is accurate, Newman said. Rather than relying on a measurement, the diagnosis relies on a skilled interview and some judgment. "There is a fair amount of subjectivity in it," he said.

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Search and Seizure

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Community center adds value

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said. “Most of the complaints we have had so far have been requests for minor things like replacing light bulbs or fixing the plumbing. For the most part, it’s so far, so good.”

Tormey said she is most excited with the addition of the Community Center to the apartment complex.

“Now students have a place where they can hang out and interact. Having that space is a huge benefit,” she said.

The new center houses 56 washers and dryers, a significant increase from those available last year.

While students wait for their laundry to finish, they can take advantage of the study lounge, complete with plush chairs, ethernet jacks and a television. They can also use the 13 pieces of exercise equipment in the fitness room or play a game of pool.

“I really like the new laundry room because there are more machines and stuff to keep you busy,” said Madeja. “It’s so much better than the little corner the laundry was in last year.”

Besides providing an opportunity to interact with other circle residents, the Community Center also provides some more constructive services.

Tormey said she and her staff have been working closely with Career Services to present programs which will cater to the upperclassmen population of the Circles.

Career Services is holding extended hours at the Community Center Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. to help students interested in building resumes and searching for internships and jobs.

“We have resources here that not only help students be successful here, but also to continue to be successful after they graduate,” she said.

The Community Center and the programs which will be run through it are part of a larger goal to make it easier for Circle residents to interact.

“We don’t have anything similar to that in conjunction with any other housing on campus,” Gockley said. “To have a building that meets so many needs is really exciting.”

Piwonski said the atmosphere at the Circles has changed, even since last year. He said this can be attributed in part to the increased institutional presence, specifically in the form of public safety patrols.

“It seems like the cops patrol the area a lot,” he said. “They want to send a clear message across, especially in the first weeks, that they don’t want a lot of parties up here.”

Bob Holt, director of the Office of Public Safety, said there have been increased patrols this year for the campus as a whole, but no new officers have been hired.

“We haven’t recently hired anybody and we don’t plan on doing that because we feel we’re up to the level where we can cover the pre-campus safely,” he said.

Students interested in securing a Circle apartment next year are invited to attend the Circle Grand Opening Celebration Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.
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NEWS

THE ITHACAN

He’d have done anything for a friend
Shoben leaves behind a legacy of passion for radio and dedication to hard work

BY KATIE MOORE
Assistant News Editor

In the world of radio, where a robust voice is often as important as the music it introduces, Greg Shoben was a quiet leader. Shoben, a sophomore politics major, died Aug. 27.

Though students may not have heard his voice on-air, Shoben played a key role as traffic manager for WICB, one of the college’s radio stations.

His father, Ed Shoben, said of his son, "He'd have done anything for a friend." He'd have done anything for a friend.

"If he liked something, he gave it his whole heart. And that's what he was doing here at Ithaca, especially with the radio," she said.

Senior Mike Schaffer, director of counseling at WICB, said Shoben's drive and dedication will be missed.

"He wanted to do what was best for the team," Schaffer said. "There's too few people out there like that who are doing it for the greater good."

Schaffer Wheatley, manager of radio operations, said he admired Shoben's manner of approaching the task before him with attention to detail and willingness to make sure everything would work smoothly.

He said he recalls Shoben's performance during the often stressful staff changeover period in the spring of last year, when Shoben quickly made the transition into his new role of organizing the promos and public service announcements for the disc jockeys.

"Greg didn't (try to) see how much he could get away with on the air," Wheatley said. "He was all about how much he could achieve and improve."

Schaffer said he thought Shoben's steady improvement would lead to a bright future.

"He was really poised to shine this coming year," he said. "I thought he had a lot to contribute on-air and off-air."

Wheatley said he had expected to see Shoben make a significant contribution as a leader on the executive staff.

"He had the wins and the smarts. And because of the kind of person he was, he had the respect of his peers," Wheatley said.

Junior Lindsey Kolb and Angela Tuel echoed those sentiments. Both met Shoben while working on a group project for a persuasive argument class and continued their friendship even after the assignment was finished.

Kolb said Shoben's intelligence and humor came across best during in-class debates.

"He was just so intelligent and funny. He could always come up with a response on the spot," she said.

But Tuel said it was Shoben's characteristc concern for others that impressed her the most.

"She said she remembers one instance in particular when Shoben answered a late-night phone call from a friend in need during the middle of a basketball broadcast. She had expected to hear something, "I have to go. I would have done anything for a friend.""

Counseling Center offers aid to grieving students

BY KATIE MASLANKA
Assistant News Editor

For members of the college community struggling to come to terms with Gregory Shoben's suicide, or for students facing their own battle against depression, the college has a message: you're not alone.

"They could not have done something different to prevent it," said Schaffer Wheatley, executive director of the Counseling Center.

Rankins also encouraged students to talk and not be afraid to recall happy memories of those who have died.

Pail Heilman, director of counseling at Cornell University, said that joy and sadness, laughter and tears are all part of the community support meetings the university offers for students coping with the loss of a loved one.

Sharing memories is an important part of the grieving process, he added.

"We listen," he said. "We let them tell the story, as it were."

Rankins offered a list of possible indicators of depression for students who are concerned for their mental health or the health of their friends. The indicators include:

- Verbal cues or direct statements relating to suicide, such as "I'd be better off dead."
- Indirect verbal cues such as, "You don't have to worry about me anymore."
- Jokes about death
- A persistent feeling of sadness
- Lack of energy
- Isolation from friends or purposely pushing friends away
- A change in appearance and sleeping habits
- Withdrawal from and lack of interest in normal activities
- Inability to concentrate or make decisions
- Getting one's affairs in order by giving away valuable possessions or writing a will
- Depression can be brought about by many factors, including sexual or physical abuse, family problems, relationship problems or academic failure

Students who are concerned that they may be depressed are encouraged to call the Counseling Center or the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Service of Tompkins County, which has a 24-hour crisis line at 272-1616.

A STUDENT ENTERS the Counseling Center on Tuesday morning. Counselors are available by appointment for students who wish to get support for personal issues.

Students who are interested in joining the center's after-suicide support group can call 272-1705 for information on how to get involved.

More information concerning depression among college students and a list of past stories on the topic can be found by visiting www.ithaca.edu/ithacan/depression.

DEPRESSION RESOURCES

Students needing support can call the Counseling Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 274-3136. Students can also call 272-1317 for the 24-hour crisis line.

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James McBride recalls childhood

PLAYING HIS SAXOPHONE after a lecture about his award-winning book, author James McBride entertained the campus community Tuesday.

BY STEPHANIE BERGERON
Contributing Writer

Author James McBride offered advice, encouragement and a little night music when he spoke on Tuesday as part of the freshman reading initiative.

McBride, author of "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother," spoke about his personal experiences to around 1,000 students, faculty and community members. The book was the basis of the freshman reading initiative, a new program at the college that provided incoming students with a book to read and discuss as part of continuing orientation.

McBride said that his book was refused by nearly a dozen publishers before it was picked up. Today it is printed in 16 languages and sold more than 1.5 million copies.

“McBride's lecture as he cracked jokes about the audience and his family,” he said.

Despite the early setbacks, McBride said he considered himself a person through the experience. It especially helped his mother by allowing her to reunite with the sister she had abandoned as a teenager, he said.

“You made it here, which demonstrates you can succeed,” he said. “Now study what you like.”

The speech was followed by the performance of McBride's jazz ensemble. He referenced the book many times between songs. His song "Everything is Going to be All Right" was written for his sister Kathy when his stepfather died, he said. At the end of the concert, McBride played a patriotic tribute to the troops in Iraq.

"This is to the freshman class of Ithaca. We are proud of you. You represent our hopes and dreams," he said.

The audience laughed throughout McBride's lecture as he cracked jokes about the audience and his family.

"He defied all the boring lecture rules," said freshman Ashley Allen. "We were entertained, enlightened and didn't want him to stop talking."

Freshman Kristen Sabat also enjoyed the lecture.

"James McBride was such an engaging speaker who was funny and spoke from the heart while also being humorous," she said.

President Peggy R. Williams said she was happy with the success of the speech.

Williams said the speech made the Institutional Plan come to life by involving students from all schools in a common learning experience.

Tanya Saunders, director of interdisciplinary and international studies, has replaced Adrian Sherman as the head of the Office of International Programs. Sherman resigned as the director of the office in June.

Saunders said her main priority right now continues to be the Walkabout Down Under program in Australia. Because of the war in Iraq, the program in Australia had been delayed, but Saunders said it will begin again in the spring semester.

Also for the upcoming school year, Saunders said she plans to maintain the study abroad programs in Singapore and Japan and hopes to start a new one in Africa.

Saunders expects that the new interdisciplinary studies program will include new majors and minors for students to pursue. Her objectives include creating a global studies major and minor, and an Australian studies minor, which could be completed in one semester with the Walkabout Down Under program.

Saunders said that a continued priority with the Office of International Programs is integrating study abroad opportunities for every student in any of the five schools at the college.

“We try to meet the needs of each student and every school," she said.

Saunders hopes that short-term study abroad opportunities can be created for physical therapy and music students with rigid schedules.

The most important thing for freshmen students to realize is that study abroad is possible with any major if you plan ahead and plan accordingly," Saunders said.

Rachel Saunders, the associate director for study abroad, said that study abroad has increased overall, and more Ithaca students than ever before are traveling overseas this semester.

The rise in the number of students interested can be attributed to the popularity of such locations as the London Center, and other affiliated and non-affiliated locations around the world, Cullenen said.

The continued efforts of the Office of International Programs to integrate new study locations for students has also played a key role, she said.
There's a whole new atmosphere in bars and restaurants across New York state. For the first time, anyone who wants to smoke in any public place with a roof, including canopies and tents, is prohibited. This law is designed with the health of employees and customers in mind, and it prohibits smoking in any public place with a roof, including canopies and tents. Some people are open to it and welcome the new ban on smoking.

Senior Katie Kokaoski said that she is happy the ban was put into effect. She said it eliminates the health risk and the scent of cigarettes on her clothing and in her hair. "I like being able to go home from a bar at night and not smell like an ashtray," said Kokaoski.

Tom Yengo, owner of Bench-warmer Sports Bar & Grill, said his establishment hasn't faced any hardships because of the new law. "We've actually seen a substantial increase in our business," he said. "We've seen a lot of new faces as a result of it." Yengo said he thinks the new policy is most attractive to those with families. There have been more families in the restaurant part of the business because they don't have to walk through or sit in a smoky bar and restaurant," he said.

Yengo said that although he expected to see a drop in the number of smokers at his bar, it hasn't happened. "We have regular customers who smoke and I haven't seen any less of them," he said. "They just get up, go out and have a cigarette and come back in. They have voiced some concerns about it, but haven't complained."

Joe Morgan, head chef at Simeon's, also said that some of his customers have expressed their annoyances with the law. "Even though the restaurant business hasn't dropped, late-night drinking business has certainly dropped a little bit," he said. He did say that many of the regular customers do still support the business - they just go outside to smoke.

Located on the Commons, Simeon's offers seating for the restaurant both inside and outside. This might look appealing to regular customers who are used to smoking while dining.

Morgan said the outdoor seating is limited, however, which presents a problem when trying to accommodate customers who smoke. "The outside dining area smoking section has to be less than 25 percent of your entire seating area, so only four of our tables are considered smoking tables," he said.

When junior Matthew Sprague isn't hard at work analyzing molecules or tinkering on computers, he is busy playing his trumpet or enjoying a walk around campus.

This student's fervor for science and the arts has lead him to pursue a double major in chemistry and physics, and, just for kicks, a minor in music. "I love seeing how the world works," Sprague said. "And the thing about chemistry and physics is, when you go down to the molecular level, it's not intuitive of how it works."

It was Sprague's scientific enthusiasm that led him to win the Goldwater Scholarship for the 2003-04 academic year.

The scholarship, established to honor former Sen. Barry Goldwater, is awarded to outstanding students who pursue careers in mathematics, science and engineering. Sprague, the eighth Ithaca College student to receive the scholarship, will be awarded up to $7,500 to be used for tuition and college expenses.

Sprague's scientific fascination has been fueled by his recent research experiences. For the past two summers, he has been working at Sandier National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif. This summer, his goal was to work with a new instrument to expand the range of polyamines found so it could be used in more applications.

"I think it was very successful," he said. "I was able to figure out how to use the instrument ... and the foam density range was expanded."

Blake Simmons, a senior member of the technical staff at Sandier National Laboratory, said he appreciated Sprague's hard work. "Matt was a joy to work with," Simmons said. "He is driven, intelligent and very motivated to achieving the goals set for him this summer. He was one of the best interns I have had the opportunity to work with."

Research has played an important role in advancing Sprague's curiosity in the sciences, and he considers it vital to understanding science.

"Research is so much different from sitting in a classroom and reading a textbook," Sprague said. "You can do that until the end of the world and you'll know all the theory behind chemistry and physics, but you won't know how to go into the lab and actually do it."

This year, Sprague plans to continue his investigation of scientific questions. "I am going to be working with computational chemistry, modeling chemical systems on the computer," he said. Thanks to his experiences as a teaching assistant last year, Sprague looks forward to pursuing a career in teaching after graduation.

"I really love teaching, and I would like to show other students that science is fun," he said.

Junior Gina Placco said Sprague's ability to interact with students makes him well suited for the teaching profession. "Matt is very patient, and he relates well with students," she said.

Sprague said that his research experience has him committed to providing students with similar opportunities. "I want to make sure my students are actively involved in the research I do," he said.

THE BAR AT SIMEON'S has seen a slight drop-off in late-night drinking business since smoking was banned in public restaurants and bars in New York state.

Both Morgan and Yengo said that they have not experienced any problems with customers deliberately trying to break the law.

Yengo, however, said he has had a few instances when customers have forgotten about the newly implemented policy. "We've had a couple isolated incidents where someone has lit up by habit," Yengo said. "Also, one gentleman who was from out of town didn't know the laws and we explained it to him and he put it out and apologized."

Robert Wilson of Whitesboro, N.Y., was dining at one of the outside smoking tables at Simeon's last weekend. He said that he doesn't particularly like the new law. "I'd rather go to restaurants and bars that offer outdoor patios," he said. "When I have to put my drink down at a bar to go outside and smoke, I get really annoyed."

When people report violations of other state laws, they are usually required to submit their name and other personal information.

The Health Department could revoke the business's health permit, making the establishment unable to serve food or alcohol.
Public Safety Log

August 8
• Fire alarm
Location: Hood Hall

August 9
• Fire alarm
Location: Hood Hall
Summary: Fire alarm due to activated smoke detector. Smoke detector believed to be malfunctioning. Zone was disconnected and system was reset. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

August 13
• V&T leaving the scene
Location: E-lot
Summary: Caller reported parked vehicle had been hit between 8:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. by unknown vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

August 18
• Larceny
Location: Dillingham Center
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons attempted to steal a small utility vehicle. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

August 19
• Larceny
Location: Williams Hall
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons took audio/video equipment. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Rich Curtis.

• Motor vehicle accident
Location: L-lot
Summary: CCP reported a two-car MVA.
Patrol Officer Rich Curtis.

August 20
• Accidental property damage
Location: O-lot
Summary: Caller reported a vehicle hit a light pole. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

• Found property
Location: Campus Center
Summary: Car key found and turned over to Office of Public Safety.

• Medical assist
Location: Tower Club
Summary: Caller reported a person having a medical problem. Ambulance transported the person to Cayuga Medical Center. Patrol Officer Craig Reynolds.

August 21
• Unlawful possession of fireworks
Location: College Circle Apartment 21
Summary: Four students judicially referred for possession of fireworks. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Unlawful posting/advertisement
Location: J-lot
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons posted flyers on vehicles. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Erik Merlin.

August 22
• Medical assist
Location: Main campus road
Summary: Officer reported a one-person bike accident. Ambulance transported the person to CMC. Environmental Health and Safety Officer Enoch Perkins.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Apartment 2
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Security Officer Jeffrey Austin.

August 23
• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Apartment 16
Summary: Two students judicially referred in separate incidents of underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Rich Curtis.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Apartment 6
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Apartment 2
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Rich Curtis.

• Conduct code violation
Location: College Circle Apartment 2
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Patrol Officer Jerry Lewis.

• Medical assist
Location: J-lot
Summary: Officer reported a person had sustained a knee injury. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Unlawful posting/advertisement
Location: Terrace 6
Summary: Caller reported people posting flyers. Officer located the individuals, issued a warning and escorted them off campus. Patrol Officer Donald Lyke.

• Motor vehicle accident
Location: Physical Plant parking lot
Summary: Complainant reported a two-car MVA. Investigator Thomas Dunn.

• Unlawful posting/advertisement
Location: East Tower
Summary: Caller reported unknown persons posted flyers. Pending investigation. Patrol Officer Terry O’Pray.

• Conduct code violation
Location: L-lot
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

• Conduct code violation
Location: G-lot
Summary: One student judicially referred for underage possession of alcohol. Sgt. Frederick Thomas.

The complete Public Safety Log can be found at www.ithaca.edu/ithacan.

KEY
ABC — Alcohol beverage control law
CMC — Cayuga Medical Center
DWI — Driving while intoxicated
IFD — Ithaca Fire Department
IPD — Ithaca Police Department
MVA — Motor vehicle accident
RA — Resident assistant
TCSO — Tompkins County Sheriff’s Department
V&T — Vehicle and traffic violation
Quote of the week

"It was just an incredible feeling of exhilaration." — Jackson Knowlton ’69, Page 23

Editorials

We cannot forget

Signs of depression must not be overlooked

Death is tragic, no matter what the circumstances. But, a death that doesn’t lead to any positive change in the order of things is truly self-defeating.

Sophomore Gregory Shoben’s suicide last week leaves a hole in the hearts of his family and all those who knew him during his time here at Ithaca College.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. The rate of suicide among males between the ages of 15 and 24 has tripled in the last 60 years. Among females, the rate has doubled.

If the campus community learns nothing from the loss of Shoben, then his unfortunate death will become just another number.

What would be even more unfortunate is if this tragedy didn’t inspire each of us to become more aware of the symptoms of depression and suicide.

It is not enough to pause for a moment of silence in Shoben’s honor, then return to our daily lives. That quiet reflection won’t do anything to prevent another tragedy like this. It is the duty of every one of us to help prevent suicides among Ithaca College students.

That power includes everything from volunteering in a suicide prevention hotline to simply checking in on a neighbor or friend who might be exhibiting some of the signs of depression.

The college offers countless workshops on suicide awareness and prevention. Take the time to attend one (or just stop by the counseling center and learn more about that topic). Shoben’s death is an inopportune wake-up call to prevent suicides.

We must resist the urge to assume that every person who seems sad or depressed is suicidal. At the same time, though, ignoring the warning signs or simply hoping the student in question will work things out alone is never the solution.

Committed to students

Advising should thrive under new office

A long-awaited step in the right direction in the area of student services has officially been taken this semester. The creation of the Office of Academic Achievement and Advising Services proves that faculty and the administration are committed to working together to make Ithaca College truly a student-centered institution.

However, this step is years overdue. The goal to create this centralized office has remained buried in the Institutional Plan since 1999. And last week, David Dresser, coordinator of academic achievement and advising services, said that the college recognized the need for a centralized office for advising, counseling and tutoring in 1995; yet only now is something being done.

Despite its late arrival, the AAA should soon become a powerful force on campus. It is time to realize the power each of us has to help prevent suicides among Ithaca College students.

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Politics do play a role

I have a few questions for the editor who wrote about last year’s commencement speech by Ben and Jerry. Do you really think that politics do not play a role in graduation? Did you look around and see the 30 small flags representing all the countries that our student body represents, or did the shadow cast over them from the predominant and much larger American flag blind you? If politics do not play a role in graduation, why do we start commencement with the American national anthem? What about the other 30 countries our graduates represent? If personal ideals do not play a role in graduation, why is a prayer spoken during the ceremony? Do atheists not graduate?

I did not see anyone personally affected by the ideological and theological underpinnings of the ceremony walk out or boo when these overriding political actions took place at commencement. That would have been immature.

The meaning imparted by this symbolism is that the United States and its mainstream views cast a dominant specter over the graduation ceremony. If for one second you took the time to understand Cohen’s speech, you would have realized that he told the class of 2003 that, re-admissions of this fine learning institution, we should take our (America’s) role of dominance in the world seriously and use it responsibly. In no way was that a “verbal assault on the government,” but great words of wisdom for that class to take into the future.

Letters

Senior classes chose well

“The class of 2004 is well into the process of choosing a speaker for their commencement ceremony in May. This is an important process that has previously yielded lackluster results. With the exception of Maya Angelou, the last five Ithaca College senior classes have compiled an unimpressive list of orators.”

“Excuse me? What year are you in? I highly doubt you even went to my graduation in 2000 where Henry Winkler (the Fonzie) gave an amazing and inspiring speech. You most likely weren’t even an Ithaca College student yet. Or maybe you missed graduation in 2002 because of the snow delay when James Earl Jones spoke so eloquently in his amazing voice. I got to walk by him in Cerraccio Center and was awed by his mere presence. And I didn’t hear Maya Angelou’s speech in 1999 — and I wasn’t as impressed by that as I was by some of the others. With the exception of Gail Sheehy and Ben & Jerry’s controversial speech last year, I don’t think the college has compiled an "unimpressive list of orators.”

The senior class has been very successful in getting good graduation speakers with the limited funds they are given. I think you need to be careful about making assumptions and generalizations.

ERIN STEVENS ’00

SEND A LETTER

The Ithacan welcomes correspondence from all readers. Please include your name, phone number, year of graduation and/or your organization and/or college title/position. Letters must be 250 words or less and signed and submitted in writing or through e-mail by Monday at 5 p.m. for publication in the next issue. Please reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and taste.

RYAN SCHENDELINGER ’02
The uniqueness of "The Color of Water," the college's first freshman reading selection, gives students a vantage point most of them will never experience first-hand. The author tells us what it's like to be a black man growing up with 11 siblings during the Civil Rights movement, unable to comprehend why his skin is one color and his mother's is another. He seems oblivious to the difference.

JAMES McBRIE, author of "The Color of Water," speaks during his lecture Tuesday night in Ben Light Gymnasium.

Initially, the idea of coming to school already having shared 336 pages with my entire freshman class intrigued me. Each student of our fairly diverse class can offer a different perspective on what this book means and how McBride's life story can be applied to his or her own. Through this initiative, any Ithaca College freshman can look into a conversation about his or her observations about how this text works in a larger, global sense and how the lessons it contains can play a role later in our college careers and ultimately our lives.

Or, at least that's how it should work.

I'm sure there were plenty of people who genuinely enjoyed the book and McBride's writing style. But judging from the lack of participation in this discussion, the idea of finding one's self and overcoming adversity extends to people from all walks of life, especially those attending a premier college like ours. The initiative is pretty much the same; it's what you do with it that makes the book worthwhile.

SMOKERS ARE OFTEN left alone and in the dark as their non-smoker friends attempt to avoid second-hand smoke. "discrimination" and are attempting to file lawsuits against it. I understand the health reasons for casting smokers out of public buildings, and think it might help social smokers like me to never truly pick up the habit. But it is entirely unnecessary and unhelpful to ostracize smokers elsewhere.

We'll learn to accept that we've shunned out of our favorite smoking meccas - restaurants, bars, pool halls and diners - but it's hard not to take it personally when non-smokers shun smokers out of their lives entirely.

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11:00am - 4:00pm - Butterfield Stadium
Join the Amani Gospel Singers who will open the game with the National Anthem. Also a great opportunity to meet IC alumni who have returned to support the Professionals Symposium program.

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Finding the Missing PIECES

BY TASHA KATES
Staff Writer

What do Homecoming Weekend, Cortaca Jug, Senior Week and Fountain Day all have in common? They are the only Ithaca College traditions you can think of that at this moment.

The consulting firm Sweger/Thomson researched the traditions of the college in its 2002 Marketing and Communications Plan for the college. It found a lack of traditions at the school despite an extensive campaign to include them in admissions materials. In response, a variety of campus organizations are working on promoting school spirit by starting new traditions and renewing the old.

On Aug. 23, as part of continuing orientation, freshmen wandered into Emerson Suites, nervously clutching as they took their seats. They probably didn't know what they were about to do, but they knew they had something to do with the round tables that took up half of the green-carpeted room. Each table was peppered with magazines, foam shapes, glue and Reese's Pieces.

The students were split into smaller groups to create a piece of a large white banner that read "Class of 2007." Each student received this quote from the freshmen reading initiative book "The Color of Water" by James McBride: "We're all trying hard to be American... not to be kept home, what to leave behind."

The facilitators asked the students to express their interpretations of the quote creatively using the banner pieces. The banner will be hung at future alumni events and reunions for the students to recall what their lives were like as freshmen.

Most groups created collages using the supplies left for them. The collages were littered with pictures of objects they left behind, such as friends, home-cooked food, and words of the future such as "education," "job," "hope" and "Russian Vodka."

The collage-making was one of several activities that made up the newest freshmen program on campus: Providing Ithaca Experiences Connecting Every Student (PIECES).

"We're just really hoping that the program takes off and that the banner becomes a tradition," Doskal-Scalfido said.

"These students will earn a place in the banner, if they want it," Torello said.

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"The banner was unique in its conception, but the execution could have been a bit better," he said.

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The committee reviewed the physical representations of the traditions, such as the Cortaca Jug trophy, as well as the regular events, such as Ford Fest, the music school's annual celebration. Meanwhile, in the Klingenstein and MacDonald lounges, students shuffled around displays about former college presidents in an attempt to figure out who did what and when.

"What we're trying to do as a community is to make people aware of the history," he said. "As a freshman, you join the history of Ithaca College. You are now a part of this institution."

Executive Director of Marketing Communications Tom Torello '87 said that traditions are important both for promoting the school to prospective students and for encouraging alumni to stay in touch.

"They make for a warm feeling, a greater sense of attachment," Torello said.

An alumnus of Ithaca College, Torello came back for Homecoming weekend plenty of times after he graduated. But Homecoming is a fairly universal tradition — not one that is unique to the Ithaca College experience.

"More than anything, what we're interested in is accentuating traditions that already give people a feeling of belonging," he said.

"The students need to do that," Torello said. "We're just really hoping that the program takes off and that the banner becomes a tradition," Doskal-Scalfido said.

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New chef serves up flavor fusion

BY NICOLE GERRING
Staff Writer

Your image of the Tower Club may be of trustees in business suits, chopping on tenderly grilled fillet mignon as chamber music fills the air. But K.C. Rose, the restaurant’s new chef de cuisine, would rather serve trempel rousbi, portobello mushroom sandwiches and chili-orange shrimp while listening to WCBC’s “Jazz Impressions.”

Rose was a vegan for nine years before returning to life as an omnivore and she said she still loves “playing with teuth.”

Tower Club Manager Das Fravil said he chose Rose from a pool of qualified applicants because she brings to Ithaca the best of the West Coast: nutritious, Asian-inspired dishes. She won the position in a taste-off against two other chefs.

“She was the most diversely trained,” Fravil said. “Students and faculty had asked for vegetarian, vegan dishes. Everybody’s eating a little more healthy these days.”

Rose is hoping to excite picky eaters and health-conscious connoisseurs with meals like Bumble Bee pasta with toasted walnuts, cherry tomatoes, corn and spinach in a “roasted garlic sage infusion.”

“Many students haven’t ever been up here,” she said, starting out through the floor-to-ceiling windows at the swaying green treetops below.

“She is the height of her profession up on the 14th floor of the East Tower. The Pittsburgh native brings more than 20 years of formal culinary training and daily professional experience to the loft restaurant.

“Sometimes it just kinda gets into your blood and you can’t get away from it — I just love cooking,” Rose said. She’s been cooking since she was nine years old.

She said her two “guiding lights in the kitchen” are her aunt, who managed hotels and restaurants in the Philadelphia area, and the late Barbara Tropp, Tropp, owner of the China Moon Cafe in San Francisco, revolutionized Asian-American cuisine and was the author of several cookbooks.

At the China Moon, Rose employed a now-popular technique called fusion. Fusion involves applying classical training in French or Italian cooking to Chinese dishes. She was immediately promoted for her ability to embrace diverse styles.

“I got right into the work station, which was unheard of,” Rose said.

As Tropp was forming the International Women Chefs and Restaurateurs Association, a networking group that now includes 2,000 members, Rose prepared meals for famous culinary experts.

In California she also worked at a first-service Mexican restaurant. “I just jazzed [their menu] up by adding in Chinese and Latin flavors,” Rose said.

Rose moved from the West Coast to Ithaca a year and a half ago, first working as a cook at a downtown Mexican restaurant. She prepared her first meal for patrons on Saturday, Aug. 23.

“Cafe on the Commons is a new kind of restaurant,” said Intern Cindy Morey, MSW.

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“We just need to do our homework and figure out the menu,” Rose said, staring out through the floor-to-ceiling windows at the swaying green treetops below. Cafe on the Commons is a new kind of restaurant, a scaled-down replica of the solar system, and more characters than a Where’s Waldo scene, nothing beats the Commons! Honestly, the Commons.

CHEF K.C. ROSE prepares a plate of vegan butternut squash ravioli with peppers and onions in red wine sauce. Rose brings West Coast flair to the Tower Club’s lunch menu.
Muse/est blurs lines between artists and fans

The next band, Plastic Nebraska, which sounds the way Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers would if they were a country-rock jam band, got crowds of more than 150 moving on foot and flailing their arms. John Brown’s Body, a much-loved reggae band that has its roots in Ithaca, played for nearly three hours straight.

And then there was the drum dome. By day, it consisted of half a dozen adults absentley patting a man-made dome. As campers from the respective family and free camping areas emerged from tents after this sleepless night, they merged to and a man screaming, “What’s up, little dude?” Jules asked him. The boy said something inaudible to the audience and added, “We don’t have any place for you to wash your hands. Sorry.”

Incidents like this just wouldn’t happen at any other festival, but they occurred all day Saturday at the third annual Musefest.

At most music festivals, scores of security guards form a militant line along the edge of the stage, separating the performers from the audience. Performers finish their sets and then disappear into their trailers. Water bottles are at least $2.50 and you’d never find a woman with free-flowing hair and ungloved hands making grilled cheese sandwiches for a dollar a pop.

At Musefest, performers allow themselves to blend in with the crowd. They follow the same corduroy-and-flannel-shirt dress code, and join in activities with attendees. Jhakeem Haltom, the lead vocalist for Oculus, led festival attendees in a drum circle chant underneath a man-made dome. Sim Redmond of the Sim Redmond Band played bocce with other attendees along the side of the pavilion stage.

The laid back atmosphere of the show became apparent as attendees entered the white tarped check-in area. Volunteers behind dilapidated craftily made tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more a close. Crowds of young people emerged from their tents, and the festival became less like something parents drag their kids to and more.
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Senior Michael Woodruff freshens up his residence hall room, taking advantage of the college’s little-known room painting policy.

A fixer-upper

Student gives his single a face-lift with a fresh coat of light gray paint

By Emily Brown
Accent Editor

Senior Michael Woodruff could tell that it had been a long time since anyone had asked for permission to paint a residence hall room. When he asked his residence director if he could do something about the drab paint job in his Lyon Hall single, maybe paint one wall a really deep color, something dramatic — she had no idea what he was talking about, he said. She had to call her supervisor.

Woodruff got the idea for painting his room from a page on the Office of Residential Life Web site. He had submitted a request to have the room fixed up shortly after he arrived in August, but the physical plant didn’t get around to it right away.

“The room really needed something,” Woodruff said. “It was in such poor repair.”

So he decided to do something about the chipped paint and peeling wallboard himself.

According to the Web site, students may paint either one wall or all four walls without being charged for room damages as long as they follow certain guidelines. Woodruff decided to figure out what those guidelines were.

Now, the physical plant isn’t regularly checking to make sure people are following the guidelines, Woodruff said, but they would provide them if people asked for them, so they couldn’t give them the information.

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The form Residence Director Barbara Gerzits finally found for him “looked like it was 40 years old,” he said. “It’s done on a typewriter. It still says that Res Life is in Egbert Hall.”

Woodruff learned that there is a limited range of approved colors that students can paint with. The college gave him the Sherwin Williams color codes for the acceptable pastel shades of blue, orange, purple, yellow and gray. Woodruff picked gray because it was “the least girly.”

“Thinking back, I’m not sure that I would have painted this gray because it was a lot of work for not too much of a difference in color,” Woodruff said. “During the days with the lights on you can really see the difference in color. At night it’s not that noticeable.”

He had to buy the paint — Sherwin Williams latex semi-gloss — and rollers himself. The total cost came to about $40.

“The only thing they said that they would provide were drop cloths, and then they couldn’t find them, so they couldn’t give them to me,” Woodruff said. “So I kind of just painted without drop cloths.”

He taped up the corners, dismantled and moved his portable wardrobe, took down his posters and got to work. He estimates that the painting itself only took him about an hour and a half total. It was the constant rearranging of his room that was time consuming.

Woodruff got paint on his hands and clothes and a couple times he got dangerously close to staining the carpet, but he ran to the bathroom, soaked a paper towel and scrubbed away any spilled drops before the paint dried.

Woodruff kept the doors and windows open and turned on a fan so that the fumes wouldn’t bother him. He said that the scent wasn’t detectable in the hallway, but people stopped by to see what he was doing anyway.

“Everyone’s big question is, you know, ‘Do you have to paint it back?’” he said. He figures as long as he follows the guidelines, he won’t have to.

He started painting on Aug. 22 and finished the last corner on Monday, Sept. 1. Though the difference wasn’t dramatic, he thought it was less depressing than the yellowing color that was on the walls when he moved in.

“I’m in the process of hanging posters at the moment,” Woodruff said. “The gray, you know, it’s not that colorful. But it’s a nice background.”

Stacey Colburn contributed to this report.
Back Beat
Media bigwigs profit off of queer culture

While I was watching last Thursday's MTV Video Music Awards, something threw me. Folks, right now being gay is the new cool. It's not a revelation of ideas, an examination of our culture or a swift maturation of the young, but a continuation of thinkers' (aged approximately 13-21), It's a new way of marketing and a crafty one, at that.

Here's some evidence. Brittany Spears and Madonna, two of the last two decades' biggest, brightest sex symbols, shared a show-opening, nation-shocking open-mouthed kiss. Yes, they did it for art and no, they're not lovers; but that kiss is representative of our entire situation. It was a hollow, self-edged gesture that barely matched the awards and creates dinner table fodder. Nobody gives a wink who won Best Pop Video. That doesn't matter that kiss.

Here's some more: The abrupt embrace of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "Boy Meets Boy" are obviously the benchmarks here. People are eating these shows for breakfast, despite the fact that half the cast is sold in a commercially synthesized, crap way. "Queer Eye" was featured on the cover of Entertainment Weekly with a back (small) and a history of gay TV inside.

The "Queer Eye" guys also made an appearance at the VMAs lampooning Jimmy Fallon's questionable sexuality. It wasn't very funny, but the audience was lap-dancing that night. My point is: Imagine if those guys gave Jimmy Fallon a makeover. They could do his hair and buy him a suit. Oh, that would be so funny.

No it wouldn't. It would be just as lame and cloying as the rest of this recent cultish phenomenon.

There are other miscellaneous examples of this phenomenon. Showtime's drama series "Queer as Folk" continues strong showings in the cable ratings. This summer's best music video, "Move Your Feet," came from the openly half-gay, half-straight Daughtry duo Junior Senior. I'm sure you've heard the song. It was like a rambunctious Atari game on speed.

There's more solid ground on which to make this argument. The Supreme Court's recent overturning of Texas' sodomy laws and the emergence of presidential candidate Howard Dean, a proponent of legal gay marriage, makes this point more palpable for people who hate television. Vermont's Dean, all of a sudden, is the young hipster's favorite candidate. Though he's admiringly taking a stand on gay marriage (or against Bush, or even against the war), he's only doing so to position himself as a more sensible Ralph Nader — someone who might actually have a shot to win in 2004.

But even the locals are trying to gain entrance into the film world Ireland that exists only in the movies. In play, some of the most exciting actors are dyed. The locals are dyed. As you walk from the set to the next, playing the roles of the people once were. Meanwhile the Americans are desperately trying to make the performance authentic — from the cows to the accents.

But the extras are playing peasants while the American stars are playing the royal owners of the land. And it's no coincidence that Charlie and Jake are dyed. "Extravision," a Blockbuster-like chain store, moved into town. It's just another example of how Hollywood is colonizing the little Irish village.

As the play progresses, the Irish are treated more and more like refugees in their own village. They're kicked out of their own pubs and handled like security risks on their own property.

But the play ends with an affirmation of the real Ireland — the cows, the fields, the denim skies. The fake set with its iridescent green landscape and cerulean skies is rolled back to reveal a background of rocks, dirt and a few hard tufts of grass. Charley and Jake set out to write their own script, in which the stars become the extras and the extras become the stars. "Stones in His Pockets," is, of course, the product of such an endeavor. But it's the ending satisfying if, a little predictable. And Charley and Jake have added a little of their hearts of the audience — from gambling about pretending to be Irish to bouncing and hilarious Irish step dance — that they seem to deserve a happy ending.
**DESPITE FEARLESS STUNTS, Jackie Chan's latest film falls flat with a formulaic, archetypal plot.**

The movie does come close to reinventing itself with its special effects, which add excitement and distract the audience from the far-fetched plot. The effects are oddly similar to those of "The Matrix," but are slightly inferior. If fast action, thrilling stunts and seemingly endless fight scenes can satisfy you, probably enjoy "The Medallion." But if you're looking for substance in plot, you might find yourself crying before the end of one of this.

"The Medallion" was written and produced by Alfred Cheung and directed by Gordon Chan. The film stars Jackie Chan, and Claire Forlani.
Event of the week
The Student Activities Board will hold an involvement fair on the Academic Quad at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Today

**Students In Free Enterprise** — 12 p.m. in Friends Hall.
**Biology Seminar** — 4 p.m. in Center for Natural Sciences 112.
**Equestrian Club Informational Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. in Textor 102.
**Buzzsaw Haircut meeting** — 7 p.m. in Friends 209.

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Friday

**Last Day PASS/FAIL Block One Courses**
**Meditations** — 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. in Muller Chapel.
**Sports**
- Volleyball vs. Susquehanna at 4 p.m. at Bomber Invitational in Ben Light Gymnasium.
- Men's Soccer vs. Pennsylvania State University at 7 p.m. at Cortland's Red Dragon Classic.
- Volleyball vs. Concordia at 5 p.m. at Bomber Invitational in Ben Light Gymnasium.

Saturday

**IC Unbound Auditions** — 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Hill Center Dance Studio.
**Junior Recital** — Allison Weisman, piano, at 4 p.m. in the Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

**Sports**
- Women's cross country at Buffalo State at 11:15 a.m. at Daniel Walker Invitational.
- Men's tennis at Katarah at 11:30 a.m.
- Women's tennis at Nazareth at 12 p.m.

Sunday

**IC Unbound Auditions** — 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Hill Center Dance Studio.

**Habitat for Humanity Meeting** — 4 p.m. in Tuxor 101.
**Senior Recital** — Rebecca Minor, soprano, at 4 p.m. in Ford Hall, Whalen Center.
**Faculty Chamber Music** — Ariadne String Quartet at 7 p.m. in the Hockett Family Recital Hall, Whalen Center.

Monday

**IC Unbound Auditions** — 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Hill Center Dance Studio.
**Sports**
- Volleyball vs. Oswego at 1 p.m. at Bomber Invitational.
- Women's soccer at Geneseo at 3 p.m.
- Men's soccer at Cortland at 7 p.m. at Red Dragon Classic.

**Students for Christ weekly meetings** — 6:30 p.m. in Center for Natural Sciences 112.
**Ithaca College Republicans weekly meeting** — 8 p.m. in Friends 303.
**Students for a Just Peace weekly meeting** — 9:30 p.m. in Friends 303.

Tuesday

**SQA and RHA Elections** — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in various locations.
**SAB Involvement Fair** — 9 a.m. on the Academic Quad.
**Students for a Just Peace weekly Teach-In** — 12 p.m. in Tuxor 103.
**Washington Semester Program Information Session** — 12:10 p.m. in Textor 102.
**Amnesty International Meeting** — 7 p.m. in Friends 203.
**Accounting Association weekly meeting** — 7 p.m. in Friends 308.
**Pre-Med Informational meeting** — 7 p.m. in Center for Natural Sciences 112.
**Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship weekly meeting** — 7 p.m. in Williams 221.
**International Business Association meeting** — 9 a.m. in Williams 221.
**Ithaca College Republicans weekly meeting** — 8 p.m. in Friends 303.
**Students for Life weekly meeting** — 9:30 p.m. in Friends 303.

Wednesday

**Sports**
- Men's soccer at Geneseo at 3 p.m.

**Meditations** — 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. in Muller Chapel
**Eucharist for Peace and Healing** — 1:10 p.m. in Muller Chapel.
**City Rhythms Meeting** — 6:15 p.m. in Campus Center.
**Students for a Just Peace Weekly Meeting** — 7 p.m. in Friends 210.
**Yiddishkayt Opening Reception and Concert** — 7:30 p.m. in Emerson Suites, Campus Center.
**RHA Assembly meeting** — 8 p.m. in the North Meeting Room, Campus Center.
**Sports**
- Field hockey at College of New Jersey at 12 p.m.
- Women's tennis vs. Skidmore at 1 p.m. at Ithaca College Tennis Courts.
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An Ithaca College alumnus hit it big on a long shot named Funny Cide

BY MARIO FONTANA
Senior Writer

Two million dollars. That’s what a horse has earned Jack Knowlton ’69.

Of course, calling Funny Cide just “a horse” would be an injustice. But that’s what the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner of 2003 was to Knowlton when he bought the gelding for a mere $75,000 in March of 2002.

After winning the Derby, Knowlton joked with reporters that Funny Cide was like a $75,000 lottery ticket.

"The business aspect has been intense, but in large part it’s fun,” Knowlton said. "We have a Funny Cide website that carries a variety of products relating to Funny Cide. People really love this horse and want to be a part of it."

Knowlton, who majored in political science at Ithaca College, got into horse racing during his senior year when he and a roommate wagered on the Vernon Downs racetrack near Syracuse. After graduating in May of 1969, Knowlton moved to the Albany area and soon married. His wife’s uncle happened to be a big horse racing fan, which in turn got Knowlton even more interested in the sport.

By 1982, Knowlton was able to purchase a harness horse with some co-workers in the state legislature. In harness racing, the horses pull their jockeys around the racetrack in two-wheeled carts.

Knowlton raced his horses at the Saratoga racetrack from that time on. While Knowlton enjoyed harness racing, he found it difficult to make a financial success. He decided to try making the step up to regular horse racing.

"It’s kind of like the difference between minor league baseball and major league baseball,” Knowlton said.

Knowlton purchased his first horse in 1995 when he and five friends each threw in $5,000. The group then formed the Sackatoga Stable, a place where they could train and race their horses.

Knowlton said the group found Funny Cide in Ocala, Fla., in March 2002, and immediately purchased him. The horse had some early success, winning three races by the end of the year.

Still, coming into the annual Kentucky Derby in May, few gave Funny Cide a chance to come out victorious.

But, Knowlton had a feeling Funny Cide was going to surprise some people. Knowlton told friends he was very confident that Funny Cide would finish in the top four. At the time he said he’d be more surprised if the horse didn’t finish in the top four than if Funny Cide actually won.

Of course, Funny Cide did win, and Knowlton and company were ecstatic.

"It was just an incredible feeling of exhilaration,” Knowlton said. "You come to realize inside the 16th pole that your horse is going to win the best race on earth and it’s great."

All of a sudden, fans from across the nation wanted to learn more about the horse. Knowlton had figured, it would be a big story in the New York area because a third-place finish was the first New York-bred horse to win the prestigious Kentucky Derby.

Many horse racing experts had argued that Funny Cide’s success at the Derby was a fluke.

Knowlton saw the Preakness Stakes as a great place to prove them wrong because it is the second part of the horse racing’s Triple Crown (along with The Derby and the Belmont Stakes). Knowlton was convinced that Funny Cide was a great racehorse, despite what oddsmakers had said.

"As it turned out, Knowlton was right again. Funny Cide pulled out another dramatic victory at the prestigious contest. Though Funny Cide would later fall short of the Triple Crown, with a third-place finish at the Belmont, Knowlton said the horse proved to the world he was a true racehorse and not a one-shot wonder.

"It was pretty incredible and continues to be that way today,” Knowlton said. "I wasn’t prepared for the big national story that it came about, particularly after winning the Preakness.”

Though Funny Cide can’t breed because he is a gelding, the group of owners is focused on continuing to buy New York-bred horses and training them. Sackatoga Stables is hoping to eventually have five quality racehorses. Knowlton will continue to race Funny Cide until the horse can no longer be competitive, and is focusing intensely on the upcoming Breeders’ Cup in October.

Knowlton said he knows that the odds of finding another horse like Funny Cide are slim.

"The likelihood of that happening again is one in a million,” Knowlton said. "Our primary goal is to keep Funny Cide performing at the level he is for a long time. You never know when you’ll get the chance to work with such a great horse again.”

And with Knowlton’s success, there may be more people looking to find those expensive lottery tickets.

More information on Funny Cide is available on the web at www.funnycide.com.

Funny Cide’s Race Wins

Maiden Race, Sept. 8, 2002

* Won by 15 lengths

Bertram Bongard Stakes, Sept. 29, 2002

* Won by 9 lengths

Sleepy Hollow, Oct. 19, 2002

* Won by a neck

Kentucky Derby, May 3, 2003

* Took command at the eighth pole to win by 1/344 lengths

* First gelding since Clyde Van Dusen in 1925 to win the race

* First New York-bred horse to win Derby

* Odds to win: 13:1

Preakness Stakes, May 17, 2003

* Won by 3/4 lengths, the second largest winning margin in Preakness history

* The 31st Kentucky Derby to win the race

Funny Cide’s Lifetime Statistics

* Wins: 57 percent

* Earnings per Start: $177,055

* Lifetime earnings: $650,000

Breeding & Ownership

* Bred at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, owned by William Casner and Kenny Troutt.

* Born in New York at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbred Farm, Saratoga Springs owned by Joe and Anne McMahon.

* Originally purchased at the Fasig Tipton New York breeder yearling sale in Saratoga Springs $22,000 in August 2001 by Tony Eveready.

* Purchased by Sackatoga Stable from New Episode Training Center in Ocala, Fla. for $75,000 in a private transaction in March 2002.

"You come to realize inside the 16th pole that your horse is going to win the best race on earth and it’s great."

—JACKSON KNOWLTON ’69 Co-owner of Funny Cide

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JOCKEY JOSE SANTOS rides Funny Cide to a victory in the 120th annual Kentucky Derby. Funny Cide was a 13:1 long shot to win the race, but won by 1/344 lengths over Empire Maker.

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Poker playing prowess pays for parking pass

Saturday was the classic case of the proverbial good guy coming out on top. I needed $100 for a parking permit. There was no way around it. But I didn’t have the money.

I wound an out. And as Matt Damon says of poker in Rounders, “Always leave yourself outs.”

So I decided to try to try Timberview Casino with my buddy Nils to play some Texas Hold ’em. Hold ’em is a poker game I’m obsessed with. I study it, think about it all the time. I’d try to watch it on TV whenever I could. I figured it was as good an out as any to earn my parking permit, considering it’s less than $1,000 to rent money on anything else in a casino. If you fold your hand, you lose more than a game of let’s and gambles, but still a nice mix. As such, I wasn’t stupid. I knew I was gonna have to play smart poker or do this.

But really, when do the poker gods let you down?

We got to the casino around 3 p.m. We cashed in for $40 and took seats at a fresh table. I earned patience until I got a good hand and won a $20 pot, Nils, on the other hand, crashed and burned. Lacking any form of patience, he decided to bluff an old man who, incidentally, kept re-raising me.

Here, let me interject two things: first, most senior citizens at the lowest-limit table in a casino don’t bluff. It’s against their moral fiber or something. Secondly, no one’s going to be scared away by a lowly $35 pot, so with this in mind, we naturally think that both the old man and Nils have strong hands.

The cards turned over and... Nils had nothing. The old guy, predictably, had a strong hand, but I had the first pick of his money in a short 45-minute later. Kid couldn’t even pay the tip on the ride back. Meanwhile, I was about $40 or so up when I hit a string of bad cards. I mean really bad cards. Like 20 straight hands of bad cards, including at least a few aces. But I still had top pair.

The past four years have bought the pair closer together. These two standbys have shared laughter, shared the sports test their will. Eight members of the Class of 2004 began the team. Now, only three remain.

The races can be very painful,” Cravotta said. “It’s a hand 18-20 minutes, but it’s all going to come together. The rides and the overnight and the dinners together that make everythingworth it.”

Minutes after her nightly run, senior Kristen Cravotta sat at a table at the College Pub in the Campus Center. Stiffly dressed in her navy blue shorts and white tank top, she laughed and dropped the hint of the boredom struggling to find the word to describe senior Amanda Laytham.

“She’s really hard,” she said. “She’s my best friend but I can’t really pick just one.”

After a few moments of silence, she spoke up.

“Amanda is the most determined person with the warmest heart,” Cravotta said of the co-captain and the women’s cross country team. “She is the most dedicated runner I have ever met. It’s inspiring just to watch her.”

Laytham was the first person Cravotta met on her first day of a freshman. They have been the best friends ever since. Cravotta and Laytham will bring their fourth and final cross county season together at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Buffalo State’s Daniel Walker Environmental.

“If it wasn’t for Kristen I think I would have been miserable as a, a freshman,” Laytham remembers arriving on campus and finding anyone. The last year has been a hard year for Laytham. She was the first on her team to qualify for nationals.

The fifth card came down and I figured I still had top pair. Interestingly enough, about three other people were betting pretty heavily in the pot, I played, and the fourth card came down. No help to me, and now I’m worried. The way the others were betting, I figured there had to be at least two of them with two pair to me—which would knock me out. But I was frustrated, desperate and went to look at my hole cards and the dinners together that made everything worth it.”

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“He is kind of a grandfather figure. We call him Wally,” Cravotta said, laughing. “Everyone gets along with him and it’s a lot of fun to be around.”

Ware is starting his 16th season as head coach. A member of the Ithaca College Sports Hall of Fame, he has coached 19 All-American runners to a national championship.

His most recent was Laytham, who earned the honor as a freshman by finishing 10th (the top-35 are named All-Americans) at the national meet. This season Ware hopes Laytham can pull out another All-American performance.

“Hopefully, if she stays healthy, she will do a lot,” he said. “She’s a super kid, everyone looks up to her, and she’s a great student.”

The Bombers lost five out of their top eight runners to graduation. With only three seniors and four freshmen on the team, Cravotta and Laytham are the leaders of a very young team. They are the ones who have to be answered to,” Ware said at last Saturday’s annual Alumni Run. “We’ll start finding out if some of the freshmen, sophomore, and juniors from last year are going to step up.”

This year’s NCAA Division III Champions, in Hannover, Lad and Laytham will be the Bombers’ last chance to win a national championship.

“It was just a huge disappointment to come so close and lose the national title,” said Ware, after missing the top-25 for the sophomore and junior years.

So far, she is running on the right path.

Last Saturday, both the men’s and women’s squads welcomed back 11 of their top runners to graduate school. As the runners emerged from the woods and around the fence which greets Kostrinsky Field, Laytham and Cravotta immediately began to reach the midway point, and her best friend was right behind her.

Jackson Keohoe
Staff Writer

After three years of success with the Bombers, senior captain Mike Styczynski now has something more to add to resume.

This summer he participated in the 27th Annual Joe Stricker Invitational Road Race, finishing as the third American and 25th overall in a field of 8,835 competitors.

Styczynski will no doubt be the leader and top runner for Ithaca this season. A three-time letter winner, Styczynski recorded seven top-10 finishes in 2002, including a seventh-place finish at regionals.

Four runners have lost to graduation, including twin co-captains Dale and Brian Cocca. Filling those shoes is 11 new freshmen and only a handful of returning seniors. Styczynski will be the lone senior this year’s squad.

Styczynski is confident in this year’s squad despite the team’s inexperience.

“It’s going to be tough,” he said. “But we have a strong core of runners that work hard.”

Styczynski also knows that the Bombers won’t be the only team contending with experience.

“There are other teams in the league that last a lot of runners as well,” he said. “It’s all going to come down to who works the hardest.”

A core of four juniors will also be returning to the Bomber roster. They will be led by Shawn Calabrese, one of the three Bombers with experience at the NCAA national meet.

He also recorded three top-10 finishes in 2002.

Senior Mike Styczynski must work with a team full of freshmen this year.

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Bomber Roundup

Men's cross country
Saturday

Senior All-American Michael Styczynski led current and former Bombers with a time of 15:42 at the Alumni Race Saturday. Senior Amanda Laythe led four runners, finishing with a time of 18:55.

Next among undergraduates were junior Bridgette Pilling, 19:55; sophomore Anastasia Kasinthach, 2003; freshman Rachel Blazak, 20:18 and junior Lindsey Daupian, 20:20. The first graduate to finish was Mary Bushollow '93 with a time of 19:22 for second place.

Women's cross country Saturday

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Men's soccer
Saturday

The Blue and Gold beat Salve Regina 3-1 in overtime. Ithaca gave up an early goal to Salve Regi­ non's Eric Zanatta at 2:11 into the match. The Bombers struck back in the second half, though, as senior Nick Accomando netted the game-winner on an assist from freshman Hugo Valencia. It was the first point of Valen­ cia's career. Only five minutes into overtime, with the score tied at 1-1, junior Mike Alexander broke the game open with his first career hat trick.

Women's soccer
Saturday

Ithaca gave No. 8 ranked The College Of New Jersey all they could handle but fell 2-1 in their season opener Saturday at the Blue Jay Classic hosted by Elizabeth­ town. The Bombers' next contest will be Saturday at 3 p.m. versus Farmingdale at 3 p.m.

Volleyball
Friday

The Blue and Gold opened the season with two wins and two losses, placing third in the Monmouth's Greyhound Premier Tournament. The Blue and Gold opened the tournament against George Washington 3-0 (30-27, 30-23) and beating Gallaudet 3-2 (26-30, 30-20, 17-30, 30-26, 15-3) on Friday. Senior Janet Hammond had 16 kills in each match, while sophomore Andrea Blitz added 11 kills in each. Freshman setter Cassie Rowan had 50 assists in the two matches.

Saturday

The Bombers' two-game winning streak was quickly ended on Saturday with losses to Frostburg State and Moravian, 3-2 (20-30, 30-25, 24-30, 30-28, 8-15) and 3-0 (30-26, 30-28, 30-22), respectively.

Hammond pounded 23 kills in four games against Frostburg and added 11 more against Moravian. Junior Julia Roth notched 27 kills and 30 digs in the two losses. Roth was named to the All-Tournament team, leading the Bombers in digs with 52 and stealing only Ham­ mond (66) in kills with 39.

Sports Shorts

Receiver declared ineligible

Peter McCaffrey, Ithaca football's leading receiver from 2002 has been ruled ineligible for the 2003 season. McCaffrey, who transferred from the Air Force Academy, had used up all of his eligibility according to NCAA regulations.

The ruling is a major hit to the Bombers' passing attack, which was to feature the consortium of McCaffrey, ju­ nior Jeff Welch, and sophomore Justin Esposito. With McCaffrey out, the roles for Welch and Esposito will in­ crease significantly.

A two-year varsity receiver, Mc­ Caffrey was a starter on the 2001 play­ off team and led the Bombers in 2002 with 29 receptions, including 4 touch­ downs.
Bombers reach for playoffs

BY BILL D'ELIA
Staff Writer

What's the best way to follow up a state championship?

By taking the next step to the NCAA playoffs, of course.

Fresh off a 2002 season in which the Bombers went 11-8 and captured their first state title since 1997, the team is back and hungry for another title.

“Our goal is definitely to get to the NCAA tournament,” senior tri-captain Heidi Holgate said.

Even though Ithaca is shooting for the NCAA playoffs, the players have made sure that they don’t look too far ahead.

“We want to play intense, we want to play together, we want to improve with every practice, with every game and focus on one game at a time,” coach Tracey Houk said.

The Blue and Gold will look to pick up their inconsistent offense, which last year was the weak link in an otherwise solid team. In the team’s 11 wins, they averaged three goals per game while in eight losses they managed just three goals total.

For offensive firepower, the team will look to its two leading scorers from last year, sophomore Natasha Snowden, who had a monster first season with 11 goals and four assists, and junior Brooke Aldrich, who contributed six goals and six assists.

Rather than concentrating on one area, the Blue and Gold are looking to step it up all around.

“Our goal is to play solid all over the field in every aspect of the game,” senior tri-captain Tamara Payn said.

“If one of the links doesn’t connect then our whole game can fall apart.”

One of the crucial links is sophomore Nicole Blum, who will return to the net for Ithaca this season after posting a record of 8-3 last year with a goals-against average of 2.4.

“She’s been training very hard, and I can definitely see the change from her freshman year into her sophomore year,” Houk said.

The Bombers will also need players to fill the leadership roles vacated by graduated captains Amanda Wood-Friend ’03 and Heather Meyer ’03.

However, the trio of Payn, Holgate and fellow senior captain Meg Hannon are more than ready to take the reins.

“We’re looking to lead our team to a successful season,” Holgate said. “We’re trying to lead by example and by keeping everyone motivated and focused as well as maintaining intensity and encouraging our team until the end.”

Ithaca will begin the journey toward the NCAA playoffs with its season opener Sunday at noon against the College of New Jersey.

“Everyone worked really hard in pre-season, and we are all looking to be on top of our game for the season opener,” Payn said.

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**Bombers ground Soaring Eagles**

**BY MATTHEW EIL**

Staff Writer

When senior Meghan Carroll fell behind 5 games-to-2 in the first set of her singles match against Elmira Tuesday, coach Bill Austin probably wasn't worried about her losing the match. Austin could relax because he knew of Carroll's knack for come-from-behind victories.

"She got down 5-2 and then said enough and turned it on," Austin said. "Megan has a way of figuring out what she needs to do and then doing it."

Carroll's comeback win (7-5, 6-2) over Elmira's Olivia Garcia) put her seven wins away from the Ithaca College women's singles record as the Bombers took down Empire 8 opponent Elmira 9-0. Carroll was glad to have played her doubles match first, one of three that the Bombers won, but that still didn't keep her from getting off to a slow start.

"I guess I was more nervous than I thought I would be for the first match of the season," Carroll said. "I was not going for shots that normally would, but once I started playing my style of play I did ok."

While Carroll was pleased with her win, both she and coach Austin were excited to see the newcomers do well in their first college matches, led by No. 4 singles player freshman Erin Chapman.

Chapman, who like Carroll is a walk-on, won her match in three sets (2-6, 6-4, 6-2) and has surprised more than just Chapman's hometown. Since beginning the season, Chapman knows that she is more confident as their matches progress.

"I was pleasantly surprised when coach told me I was going to play at fourth singles and second doubles," said Chapman.

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"You could see the girls getting more and more confident as their matches progressed," Austin said. "It's a great way to start the season and I think we have a lot of potential, but it's only one match. We have two more big ones this weekend that we have to worry about," he said.

Austin was referring to two opponents that dominated the Bombers last season.

Ithaca meets the Empire 8 champion Nazareth Golden Flyers in Rochester on Saturday. And on Sunday, they will attempt to revenge last year's 9-0 thrashing from Skidmore at home.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Bombers vs. Elmira**

**Tuesday**

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**Invitational (Women's Volleyball)**

**When:**

Friday (4 p.m. and 6 p.m.) and Saturday (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.)

**Cost:** Free

**What:**

Bomber Invitational (Women's Volleyball)

**Where:** Hill Center

**Homecoming Invitational (Men's Volleyball)**

**When:**

Friday (4 p.m. and 6 p.m.) and Saturday (1 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**What:**

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**Where:** Hill Center

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**OTHER EVENTS**

**Friday, 9.12.03**

3:00-6:30 p.m.

Senior Class Happy Hour, Pub/Coffeehouse

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pep Rally and Bonfire, Campus Center Quad

8:30-9:30 p.m.

Alumni Comedy and Magic Show, Pub/Coffeehouse

**Saturday, 9.13.03**

9:00 a.m.

5K Fun Run/Walk, Main Entrance to Phillips Hall

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Alumni Tent, Food, Prizes, Stadium Entrance

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1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game, Ithaca vs. Alfred

10:00 p.m.

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Onward and upward

Last year's state champs strive for national success

Cross country previews
Seniors Amanda Laytham and Mike Styczynski hope to lead the Bombers to the national meet again.